

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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During this season of anticipation, we are reminded that Jesus didn't come into the world only once, as a newborn baby over two thousand years ago, but also comes into the world – and our hearts – throughout our lives. Furthermore, as we hear in today's Gospel, he will return to the world without warning on the day of judgment. Therefore, over the Advent season we have a great incentive to prepare our hearts for his coming. May Jesus' words to his disciples resonate with us today: "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH		
Mon. (12/1)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (12/2)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Joshua Klein (Gary & Sandy Klein)
Wed. (12/3)	6:30-7:30 PM	Adoration and Benediction
Thurs. (12/4)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Shirley Sedlarik (Jan Komarck)
	6:00 PM	Mandatory Volunteer Meeting
Sat. (12/6)	2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
	4:00 PM	Mass ☩ Raila Odinga (Irene Goodlaw)
Sun. (11/30)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People <i>Coffee & Rolls after Mass</i>

WORD OF LIFE

“The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.”

.....USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life.....

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – ST. NICHOLAS DAY

Catholic Charities is excited to announce our 4th Annual St. Nicholas Raffle Fundraiser on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Proceeds will benefit the thousands of clients served each year in our nine-county diocese. Tickets are \$20 each for a chance to win \$5,000 Cash!! You don’t have to be present to win.

Purchase your tickets today at www.ccdok.org/stnicholas. This year we are again holding a live auction during the live event to bid on some fantastic items! Join us at the Kalamazoo Country Club on December 6, 2025 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm Event tickets are \$100 per person and include: Food, drinks, dessert, music, raffle ticket, live auction. Help Catholic Charities raise more funds for our services and show your community support. Please visit www.ccdok.org/stnicholas Email us at info@ccdok.org or call 269-381-9800.

“SHARING JOE”

“Sharing Joe” – Men’s Prayer Breakfast – Meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the Month, 5:45am-7:00am. St. Martin of Tours Parish. Our next offering is Thursday, Oct. 16th. A time and place for men to talk to men about our faith and help us grow to become Missionary Disciples. Men need men with similar values to grow and build authentic friend ships. Questions? Contact Ed Lambrix at 734-755-6941 or lambrix@gmail.com

Next Week’s:	Readers	Ushers
Sat. (12/6)	Dale Eickhoff	Bob/Kathy Spence
Sun. (12/7)	Joe Condon	T. Klein/J. Condon

MASS SCHEDULE	
Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:30 AM
Weekdays: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 AM	
Confessions: Saturday, 2:30-3:30 PM	

LIVESTREAMING... Sunday Mass is Livestreamed weekly and alternates between St. Edward at 9:30 AM and the 8:00 or 11:00AM Mass at St. Martin of Tours. Viewing is available at www.stedwardmendon.org or the St. Martin of Tours of Vicksburg Facebook Page

**PARISH VOLUNTEER DIOCESAN POLICY MEETING
FOLLOWING 9:30 AM MASS!!!**

DECEMBER 2ND IS GIVING TUESDAY!

During this Advent season we’ll be participating in #GivingTuesday to support our St. Edward Catholic Church Mendon General Building Fund and Future Cemetery maintenance and grounds needs. Please go to <https://mtyc.co/9mjdjf> for more information and to see the list of our on-going projects.

Let Us Pray For Those Who Are Sick Or Have Special Needs			
Phil Kramer	Oliver Ray	Pat Kramer	Margie Klein

2025 KALAMAZOO AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Advent season to offer a schedule that meets the needs and convenience of many people. Rather than every parish having its own service and trying to find priests to assist at each one, we are going to offer ten services throughout the area, and priests will be available at the end of each service for individual confessions. Everyone is invited to come to the location that suits your needs! The full list of these dates are as follows:

St. Augustine Cathedral (Sunday Nov. 30th @ 3:00p);
St. Thomas More (Monday Dec. 1st @ 6:30p);
St. Catherine of Siena(Wednesday Dec. 3rd @ 6:30p);
St. John Bosco (Sunday Dec. 7th @ 4:30p);
St. Ann Gull Lake (Wednesday Dec. 10th @ 6:30p);
St. Mary Paw Paw (Sunday Dec. 14th @ 3:00p);
St. Ambrose Parchment (Tuesday Dec. 16th @ 6:30p);
St. Monica (Wednesday Dec. 17th @ 6:30p);
St. Martin of Tours (Sunday Dec. 21st @ 3:00p);
St. Joseph Kalamazoo (Monday Dec. 22nd @ 4:00p)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus council will be selling boxes of Christmas cards and “Keep Christ in Christmas” yard signs after weekend Masses for \$10 each. Proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

To add a name or intention to our parish prayer line, please contact DiAnne Riley at (269)279-6004.

Collection: Oct. 22-23, 2025	51 Env.	
Weekly: \$3,299/\$3,193		
Y-T-D Needed:		\$ 70,246.00
Y-T-D Collected:		\$ 73,097.29
Surplus		\$ 2,851.29
Charity of the Parish-St. Vincent de Paul		\$ 230.00

Altar Servers

George & Rita Phillip/Paul Klein