

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Martin  
Pastor  
tmartin@diokzoo.org

332 WEST STATE STREET  
PO BOX 368  
MENDON, MI 49072  
(269)496-3525

Email:stedwardchurch@msn.com  
Website:stedwardmendon.org



December 7, 2025

*“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” So proclaimed John the Baptist as he prepared the world for the coming of the Messiah. We may not be preparing for Jesus Christ’s arrival in the flesh or plunging into the Jordan River, but John’s words apply just as much today as they did then. We must recognize and repent of our sins in order to be prepared for the Lord’s arrival in our lives in any way. And the kingdom of heaven is still at hand, glimpsed when we are reconciled with God and our neighbor. May we hear John’s words as if they were directed to us here and now.*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon. (12/8)	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	6:00 PM	Mass For the People, NO Bible Study
Tues. (12/9)		9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Joshua Klein (Gary & Sandy Klein)
		11:00 AM	In-person Virtus Training for volunteers
Thurs. (12/11)		9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Byron Moser (The Klein Family)
Sat. (12/13)		2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
		4:00 PM	Mass ☩ The Deceased Members of the Riley Family (DiAnne Riley)
Sun. (12/14)		9:30 AM	Mass For the People
		10:35-11:45 AM	Religious Education; K-8

WORD OF LIFE

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn how at [respectlife.org/support-her](https://respectlife.org/support-her).

.....USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”.....

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement,” says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for the Religious. The collection is next weekend, December 13-14.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

All “senior” citizens are invited to a holiday luncheon at Mendon High School on **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM**. Please call the High School at 496-8491 to make a reservation!

MAKING A REPORT OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

To comply with the policies and procedures set forth by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo Office of Safe Environment, the information below is run once per month in parish bulletins: The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General’s investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the report number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General’s office at: 844-324-3374. The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit [ReportBishopAbuse.org](https://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

<b>Next Week’s:</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Sat. (12/13)	Gary Klein	S. Opalewski/D. Riley
Sun. (12/14)	Jim/Jacki Sobieraj	Jim/Jacki Sobieraj

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](https://www.stedwardmendon.org) or the St. Martin of Tours of Vicksburg Facebook Page



*Coffee & Rolls on the lower-level after Mass TODAY!! Please come down and join us for some fun conversation and sweet treats!*

VIRTUS TRAINING

Our in-person Virtus training for volunteers will be **THIS Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 11AM. Please contact Bridget if you are able to attend

GIVING TUESDAY!

There’s still time to support St. Edward through #iGiveCatholic! 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. John Bosco (Sunday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30p);  
St. Ann Gull Lake (Wednesday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p);  
St. Mary Paw Paw (Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00p);  
St. Ambrose Parchment (Tuesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p);  
St. Monica (Wednesday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p);  
**St. Martin of Tours (Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:00p);**  
St. Joseph Kalamazoo (Monday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:00p)

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>New Year’s Eve</b>
<b>4:00 PM - St. Martin</b>	<b>4:00 PM - St. Martin</b>
<b>6:00 PM - St. Edward</b>	
<b>10:00 PM - St. Martin</b>	

<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>New Year’s Day</b>
<b>8:00 AM - St. Martin</b>	<b>9:00 AM - St. Edward</b>
<b>9:30 AM - St. Edward</b>	

<b>Collection: Nov 29-30, 2025</b>	<b>41 Env.</b>	
<b>Weekly: \$6,686/\$3,193</b>		
<b>Y-T-D Needed:</b>		<b>\$ 73,439.00</b>
<b>Y-T-D Collected:</b>		<b>\$ 79,783.29</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		<b>\$ 6,344.29</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>		<b>\$ 300.00</b>

Altar Servers

Luke & Corinne Wilson/Megan Cupp