

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
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As we approach the festive day on which we may receive gifts and guests into our homes, we take a moment to recall that during this season of Advent we are called to prepare to receive Jesus into our hearts. Yes, we receive Him in a most special way at Christmas, the day we celebrate the world receiving Him in the flesh, but we also have the opportunity to receive Him each and every day. Let us humbly ask God to prepare our hearts to receive Him in the Eucharist here today.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH		
Mon. (12/22)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (12/23)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Holy Souls in Purgatory (Irene Goodlaw)
Wed. (12/24)	<u>Christmas Eve</u> 6:00 PM	Mass ☩ Joshua Klein (David Klein & Family)
Thurs. (12/25)	<u>Christmas Day</u> 9:30 AM	Mass For the People
Sat. (12/27)	2:30-3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confession Mass ☩ Byron Moser (The Klein Family)
Sun. (12/28)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People

**WORD OF LIFE**  
“O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.”

.....USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Prayer for Radical Solidarity  
(www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity).....

**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. Martin of Tours (Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:00p);**  
**St. Joseph Kalamazoo (Monday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:00p)**

**A REMINDER TO CHECK IN ON THE “FORMED” WEBSITE!!...Wonderful Catholic Programming AND Materials to help you have a peace-filled Advent Season**  
1. Visit Formed.org  
2. Click Sign up  
3. Select “I Belong to a Parish or Organization”  
4. Find “St. Martin of Tours”  
5. Enter your email and you’re in!!

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

Next Week’s:	Readers	Ushers
Sat. (12/27)	Bonnie Heflin-Moyer	J. Zubryd/K. Wesoloski
Sun. (12/28)	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](http://www.stedwardmendon.org) or the St. Martin of Tours of Vicksburg Facebook Page

To all our family and friends at St. Edward Parish.....  
I wish you a joy filled Christmas and a blessed New Year. Thank you for the many cards and expressions of kindness you’ve extended to me in the Advent/Christmas season. May the Christ child bless you for your generosity and may our parish family continue to grow in His love and grace.....  
.....Msgr. Tom

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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE	
<u>Christmas Eve</u> 4:00 PM - St. Martin 6:00 PM - St. Edward 10:00 PM - St. Martin	<u>New Year’s Eve</u> 4:00 PM - St. Martin
<u>Christmas Day</u> 8:00 AM - St. Martin 9:30 AM - St. Edward	<u>New Year’s Day</u> 9:00 AM - St. Edward

**2026 PARISH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are available today for you to pick up in the vestibule. If you did not receive any and wish to become a registered parishioner, please fill out the form below and return to us.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGE OF ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_NEW PARISHIONER \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 DONATIONS**  
All donations for 2025 must be given to us or postmarked by December 31, 2025 in order for them to be included on your 2025 contribution statement. Many thanks for your generosity to our parish!

Collection: Dec 13-14, 2025	53 Env.	
Weekly:	\$2,517/\$3,193	
Y-T-D Needed:		\$ 79,825.00
Y-T-D Collected:		\$ 86,893.29
Surplus		\$ 7,068.29
Immaculate Conception		\$ 260.00
Retirement Fund for Religious		\$ 2,158.00
Christmas Flowers		\$ 200.00

Merry Christmas!

Altar Servers  
George & Rita Phillip, Paul Klein