FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Matthew structures his Gospel around five lengthy sermons of Jesus and today we hear the beginning of the first of them, the well-known and oft-quoted Sermon on the Mount. It can be a challenge to hear it as the radical departure from conventional thinking that it was when Jesus first spoke these words from the mountaintop. May we ask God for the grace to realign our ideals and realize the kingdom of heaven.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon. (2/2)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (2/3)	9:00 AM	Mass ✞ Joshua Klein (Gary & Sandy Klein)
Wed. (2/4)	6:30-7:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
Thurs. (2/5)	9:00 AM	Mass The Intentions of Akoyi Goodlaw (Irene Good law)
Sat. (2/7)	2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
	4:00 PM	Mass ✞ Vincent Klein (The St. Monica 8th Grade Class of 2021)
Sun. (2/8)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People
	10:35-11:45 AM	Religious Education
	2:00 PM	Parish/Finance Council Meeting

WORD OF LIFE

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

…..Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved…..

ST. MARTIN'S 35TH ANNUAL "ANYTHING GOES PARTY"

Saturday, February 14, 2026, 6:30-9:30 PM in the Monsignor Martin Parish Hall. *Adults age 21 and up are invited*!
Food – beef & chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, corn, salad, and bread & butter.
Entertainment – Bakerdy (aka Jeopardy), karaoke, dancing and a photo booth($5 for a 5x7)
Tickets are $15 per person - $20 at the door and can be purchased after weekend Masses at St. Martin or by contacting the St. Martin Parish Office. We hope to see you there!

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 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.

Next Week's:	**Readers**	**Ushers**
Sat. (2/7)	Gary Klein	S. Opalewski/D. Riley
Sun. (2/8)	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 or the St. Martin of Tours of Vicksburg Facebook Page

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARRIED COUPLES CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY DURING 2025!!

Mike & Lyn Wilson	*55 years*
Joseph & Lee Ann Condon	*35 years*
Wiliam & Amy Klein	*1 year*

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

February 8th and 15th, Deacon Dave will provide Altar Server training during religious education classed for new servers in 5th grade and older. There will be a refresher training after Mass on Sunday February 22nd for all current servers.

Let Us Pray For Those Who Are Sick Or Have Special Needs

Phil Kramer Oliver Ray Pat Kramer Margie Klein

2026 ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCHES IN AFRICA, EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA

The Annual Collection for the Churches in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America supports the needs of the rapidly growing Church in Africa, the recovery and rebuilding of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the strength and stability of the Church in Latin America. *Please give generously to today's second collection.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will hold a farmers breakfast next Sunday, February 8, from 9am until 1pm. Funds raised will be donated to supply wheelchairs to those in need. Cost for each wheelchair is $150 and 100% goes to purchase of the wheelchairs and no administration cost. We will be collecting funds throughout the month of February and will have envelopes available to donate. Knights of Columbus is now accepting donations through Venmo! You can login and make secure payments at https://www.venmo.com/u/Knights13305.

Men's Lenten retreat will be on March 7, 2026, from 8:30- to 3:30 by Fr. Ken Schmidt. A suggested donation of $10 for the retreat with coffee, donuts and lunch to be provided. Sign up sheet will be in the narthex in February. This is open to all men of the parishes of St. Edward and St. Martin and is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 13305.

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

To add a name or intention to our parish prayer line, please contact DiAnne Riley at (269)279-6004 or (616)560-5457.

Collection: Jan 24-25, 2026 52 Env.	
Weekly: $2,505/$3,193	
Y-T-D Needed:	**$ 98,983.00**
Y-T-D Collected:	**$ 111,413.64**
Surplus	**$ 12,430.64**
Preservation	**$ 360.00**
Cemetery	**$ 100.00**
Memorial/Masses	**$ 510.00**

Altar Servers

George & Rita Phillip/Paul Klein