

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Today we hear the account of Jesus' transfiguration, when the Lord suddenly shone like the sun in front of his closest disciples, knocking them to the ground in awe. On this second Sunday of Lent, we realize that we still have the opportunity to transform our lives, to become a different person, to shine like the sun and amaze those closest to us. May this celebration of the Eucharist strengthen us to transfigure our lives and make them more closely conform to our Lord's.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon. (3/2)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (3/3)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Joshua Klein (Gary & Sandy Klein)
Wed. (3/4)	6:30-7:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
Thurs. (3/5)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Allan Kramer (Karen Kawa)
	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Benediction and Soup Supper
Sat. (3/7)	2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
	4:00 PM	Mass ☩ Mary Ann Evans (Connie Culp)
Sun. (3/8)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People
	10:34-11:45 AM	Religious Education and Stations of the Cross
	3:00 PM	Penance Service at St. Martin

WORD OF LIFE

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!"
(The Gospel of Life 5)

KALAMAZOO AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Everyone is invited to come to the location that best suits your needs in this effort to have more opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this holy season of Lent. Some of the upcoming dates are:

- St. Augustine Cathedral Sunday, March 1, After 4pm vespers
- St. Catherine of Siena Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 pm
- **St. Martin of Tours Sunday, March 8, 3 pm**
- St. Thomas More Monday, March 9, 6:30 pm
- St. Mary Paw Paw Sunday, March 15, 3 pm
- St. Joseph Kalamazoo Tuesday, March 17, 4 pm
- St. St. Monica Wednesday March, 18, 6 pm
- St. John Bosco Sunday March, 22, 4 pm
- St. Ambrose Parchment Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 pm
- St. Ann Gull Lake Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 pm

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. (3/7)	Dale Eickhoff	S. Opalewski/D. Riley
Sun. (3/8)	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

Next Sunday our Religious Education students will attend Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Exposition/Benediction. Parents and siblings are welcome and encouraged to join us!!

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

Phil Kramer Oliver Ray Pat Kramer Margie Klein

ADORATION DURING LENT

We will be having Adoration and Benediction every Wednesday during Lent from 6:30 - 7:30 PM; all Wednesdays are at St. Martin, except Wednesday, March 4th, which will be at St. Edward. All are welcome at both parishes!

We will again have Stations of the Cross & Benediction followed by a Soup Supper on Thursdays during Lent at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted if anyone can bring a pot of soup for one of the suppers. Thank you very much!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT
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. 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.

**ST. MARTIN LENTEN LECTURE SERIES
FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 24, 2026**

Our 5 Week Lenten Lecture Series focuses on "Why Do Catholics Do That?" Have you ever thought about why we do something or the meaning behind a Catholic Practice? This program series will answer your questions! Lenten Tuesdays start with dinner at 5:30 pm and then a speaker lecture at 6:15pm in the parish hall. Sign-up sheets are available in the church entrance to plan for dinner. Please RSVP for the events you plan to attend.

-Tuesday, March 3rd, Church Structure "**From the Pope to the Laity: The Structure of the Church**" with Fr. Max Nightingale
-Tuesday, March 10th, Customs and Sacramentals "**A Deeper Understanding of Catholic Customs and Sacramentals**" with Fr. Jim Morris

-Tuesday, March 17th, Prayer Types and Forms "**The Importance of Prayer in Our Daily Lives**" with Fr. Dan Hyman

-Tuesday, March 24th, Sacraments and Sacred Time vs. Secular Time "**The Rhythm of Catholic Life**" with Fr. Andrew Schmidt

Collection: Feb 21-22, 2026	51 Env.	
Weekly: \$2,218/\$3,193		
Y-T-D Needed:		\$ 111,755.00
Y-T-D Collected:		\$ 123,450.64
Surplus		\$ 11,695.64
Ash Wednesday		\$ 1,168.00
Preservation Fund		\$ 605.00

Altar Servers

Luke & Corinne Wilson, Olivia Rasmussen