

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

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*Water plays a pivotal role in today's liturgy. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Moses bring forth water in the desert when the Chosen People feared dying of thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself as the source of living water, telling the woman at the well that whoever drinks of this water will never thirst again. Today the Church also celebrates the first scrutiny rite with those who are preparing for baptism, where they will receive the water of new life. Whether we have been baptized for many years or are preparing for baptism in just a few weeks, we thirst for the lifegiving water that only our Lord, "the one called the Christ," can provide.*

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

Mon. (3/9)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (3/10)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Victor Princz, Sr. (Mike & Lyn Wilson)
Wed. (3/11)	7:00 PM	Altar Society Meeting
Thurs. (3/12)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Joshua Klein (Sarah Klein)
	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Benediction and Soup Supper
Sat. (3/14)	2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
	4:00 PM	Mass ☩ Joshua Klein, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death (David Klein and family)
Sun. (3/15)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People
	10:34-11:45 AM	Religious Education

**WORD OF LIFE**

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life 28).

**KALAMAZOO AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Lenten 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 best suits your needs.

- **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

**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.

<b>Next Week's:</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Sat. (3/14)	Ed Culp	Cliff/Mary Lou Jepsen
Sun. (3/15)	Barb Hornacek	Mike/Lyn Wilson

**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

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

*St. Martin of Tours is hosting a Penance Service today at 3:00 pm. All are welcome!!*

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

Phil Kramer    Oliver Ray    Pat Kramer  
Margie Klein    Scott Grace

**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. All are welcome!**

**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!**

**ST. MARTIN LENTEN LECTURE SERIES  
TUESDAYS THROUGH 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 10<sup>th</sup>, Customs and Sacramentals "A Deeper Understanding of Catholic Customs and Sacramentals" with Fr. Jim Morris

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

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration...** Mark your calendars and join us at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner at St. Martin! When: Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> Time: 3:00-5:00PM. Tickets are available at St. Martin after weekend Masses or by calling the parish office.

<b>Collection: Feb 28-Mar 1, 2026</b>	<b>58 Env.</b>	
<b>Weekly: \$2,845/\$3,193</b>		
<b>Y-T-D Needed:</b>		<b>\$ 114,948.00</b>
<b>Y-T-D Collected:</b>		<b>\$ 127,488.64</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		<b>\$ 12,540.64</b>
<b>Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund</b>		<b>\$ 4,984.00</b>

**Altar Servers**

Paul Klein/Owen & Miles Klinger