

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

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*In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus declare that He is the light of the world. Later, Saint Paul writes that we should live as children of the light. How appropriate on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, when we are called to take an honest look at ourselves to see our weaknesses and sinful tendencies, that we are reminded how important it is to shine a light on our character and expose it to the light of day. "Live as children of light," Paul writes, "for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." Let us ask God for forgiveness and guidance so that we can go forth shining with the light of Christ.*

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

Mon. (3/16)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (3/17)	9:00 AM	Mass † Joshua Klein (Gary & Sandy Klein)
Thurs. (3/19)	9:00 AM	Mass † Jerome Drosos <i>Anniv. of Birthday</i> (Judy Schaefer-Drosos)
	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Benediction and Soup Supper
Sat. (3/21)	2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
	4:00 PM	Mass † Mel Beebe <i>Anniv. of Birthday</i> (Mercede Beebe)
Sun. (3/22)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People
	10:34-11:45 AM	Religious Education

**WORD OF LIFE**

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (The Gospel of Life 84).

**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. 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

**CRS RICE BOWL**

Please return your Rice Bowl to the church entrance on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. There’s still time for those wishing to make a contribution to CRS Rice Bowl this year. There are several Rice Bowls still available in the church entrance. You can also go to [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more information or to make an online donation!

**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. (3/21)	Bonnie Heflin-Moyer	J. Zubryd/K. Wesoloski
Sun. (3/22)	George/Rita Phillip	Jack/Cindy VanderKley

**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

**Religious Education after Mass today!!**

**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**

There are only two weeks left of our Lenten Lecture Series focuses on “Why Do Catholics Do That?” More information is available in the church entrance.

-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

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Our Altar Society needs you! Nominations are open for our Election of Officers in April. All positions are for 2 years and it’s a great way to grow friendships and do good work for God at the same time. For more information please call Sue at 269-365-2250.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**St. Patrick’s Day Celebration...** Mark your calendars and join us at the 20th Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner at St. Martin! Today: Sunday, March 15th Time: 3:00-5:00PM. Tickets are available at St. Martin.

**Farmers Breakfast at St. Edward**

*The Knights of Columbus will hold a farmer’s breakfast Sunday, March 29th, following 9:30AM Mass.* Funds raised will be donated to the Mendon food Cupboard. Knights of Columbus is now accepting donations through Venmo! You can login and make secure payments at <https://www.venmo.com/u/Knights13305>.

<b>Collection: Mar 7-8, 2026</b>	<b>50 Env.</b>	
<b>Weekly: \$2,158/\$3,193</b>		
<b>Y-T-D Needed:</b>		<b>\$ 118,141.00</b>
<b>Y-T-D Collected:</b>		<b>\$ 129,646.64</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		<b>\$ 11,505.64</b>
<b>Diocesan Priests’ Retirement Fund</b>		<b>\$ 260.00</b>
<b>Masses</b>		<b>\$ 60.00</b>

**Altar Servers**

Stanley & Evelyn Mroczek/Megan Cupp