

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
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*On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice, for we know that the Lord is near. With eyes of faith, we can sense His presence even as we prepare for the celebration of His coming to us as a newborn infant. With eyes of faith, we can see his coming as well as the prophet Isaiah or the New Testament prophet John the Baptist, who each prepared His people for God's transformative presence. With eyes of faith, let us glory in Jesus' presence right here, right now: in God's word, in the Eucharist, and in those around us.*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon. (12/15)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (12/16)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Jerome Drosos 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniv of Death (Judy Schaefer-Drosos)
Thurs. (12/18)	9:00 AM	Mass The Intentions of Joan Sampson (Irene Goodlaw)
Sat. (12/20)	2:30-3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confession Mass ☩ Jean Brandys (Noreen Androsky)
Sun. (12/21)	9:30 AM 10:35-11:45 AM 3:00 PM	Mass For the People Religious Education; K-8 Penance Service, at St. Martin

WORD OF LIFE

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

.....USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”.....

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. Mary Paw Paw (Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00p);  
St. Ambrose Parchment (Tuesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p);  
St. Monica (Wednesday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p);  
**St. Martin of Tours (Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:00p);**  
St. Joseph Kalamazoo (Monday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:00p)

MID-LIFE SINGLES RETREAT

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Jan 30-Feb 1, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$240 for meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), email [reflect.michigan@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.michigan@gmail.com), or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus council will be selling boxes of Christmas cards and “Keep Christ in Christmas” yard signs after weekend Masses for \$10 each. Proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Next Week's:	Readers	Ushers
Sat. (12/20)	Ed Culp	Cliff/Mary Lou Jepsen
Sun. (12/21)	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

*Religious Education for grades K-8 after Mass today!!*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Farmer's Breakfast is TODAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>. It will benefit Holy Family Radio. Please mark your calendars and remember you can donate at the breakfast with cash or check or now via Venmo.

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

Phil Kramer    Oliver Ray    Pat Kramer    Margie Klein

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>New Year's Eve</u>
4:00 PM - St. Martin	4:00 PM - St. Martin
6:00 PM - St. Edward	
10:00 PM - St. Martin	

<u>Christmas Day</u>	<u>New Year's Day</u>
8:00 AM - St. Martin	9:00 AM - St. Edward
9:30 AM - St. Edward	

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](http://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!!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Women and men religious offer gratitude. “Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next,” says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

Collection: Dec 6-7, 2025	53 Env.	
Weekly: \$4,593/\$3,193		
Y-T-D Needed:		\$ 76,632.00
Y-T-D Collected:		\$ 84,376.29
Surplus		\$ 7,744.29
Cemetery		\$ 116.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 1,363.00
Masses & Memorials		\$ 1,120.00
Christmas Flowers		\$ 345.00

Altar Servers

Owen Klinger/St Stanley & Evelyn Mroczek