

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR  
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**February 22, 2026**

*During the forty-day journey through the desert that we make each Lent, again and again we will find ourselves tempted to do the wrong thing, to overindulge, to lie, to take the easy way out. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit accompanies us to guide us along the right path and lead us back after we lose our way. We recall that filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was able to resist temptation on His journey, even when the devil offered him the whole world. May we be strengthened regularly by his Body and Blood while on our holy pilgrimage.*

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

Mon. (2/23)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (2/24)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Joshua Klein (Gary & Sandy Klein)
Thurs. (2/26)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Vincent Klein (The St. Monica 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2021)
	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Benediction and Soup Supper
Sat. (2/28)	2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
	4:00 PM	Mass ☩ Joseph Nowicki, Sr (Dave & Sharon Leighton)
Sun. (3/1)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People <i>Father/Son Breakfast after Mass</i>

**WORD OF LIFE**

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.”  
.....USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent  
[usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](http://usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection).....

**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.

**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, February 24<sup>th</sup>, The Mass “**A Walk Through the Mass**” with Fr. Jeff Hanley
- Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Church Structure “**From the Pope to the Laity: The Structure of the Church**” with Fr. Max Nightingale
- 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

<b>Next Week's:</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Sat. (2/28)	Dale Eickhoff	Bob/Kathy Spence
Sun. (3/1)	Joe Condon	T. Klein/J. Condon

<b><u>MASS SCHEDULE</u></b>	
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 and Altar Server training after Mass today*

*Thank you to our students who took an active roll in our celebration of the Mass today as readers, gift-bearers, and choir members! We are so grateful for you!!*

<b>Let Us Pray For Those Who Are Sick Or Have Special Needs</b>			
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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**FATHER/SON BREAKFAST**

All men and boys are invited to the Father/Son Breakfast on Sunday, March 1, after Mass. If you don't have a son or he can't attend, you are a son and should join us! Don't forget the grandpas too! A sign-up sheet is in the entrance of the church to aid in planning. Please sign-up or call Sue Opalewski (269)365-2250 by TODAY Sunday, February 22. We hope you are able to join us!

**LENTEN SEASON STATIONAL MASSES**

Inspired by the ancient tradition in Rome where the Pope would lead a daily pilgrimage between churches during Lent, Bishop Lohse has called for weekly Stational Masses, during which we may pilgrim from our own location within the diocese to meet at a Stational Church and join together for the Celebration of the Holy Mass during this Lenten season. The 2026 Lenten Season Stational Mass schedule can be found on the flyer in the church entrance. .

**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>Collection: Feb 14-15 , 2026</b>	<b>54 Env.</b>
<b>Weekly: \$2,728/\$3,193</b>	
<b>Y-T-D Needed:</b>	<b>\$ 108,562.00</b>
<b>Y-T-D Collected:</b>	<b>\$ 121,232.64</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 12,670.64</b>
<b>Three Churches Collection</b>	<b>\$ 420.00</b>

**Altar Servers**

George & Rita Phillip/Paul Klein