

Saint Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Marine City, MI

March A.D. 2024

"God provides the wind, but man must raise the sails." – St. Augustine

The Ship's Log



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BAPTISMS

Arrangements should be made by calling the Church Office. A Baptismal preparation session of parents and godparents is held prior to the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance (one year for non-members and inactive parishioners). Pre-marriage classes are required. Marriages are not solemnized during Advent, Lent, or Holy Week.

NEWSLETTER

Items for the monthly newsletter are to be submitted to the Church Office by the third Sunday of the month.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.

Track IV Adult Discussion Group, Monday at 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Church Offices are CLOSED on Friday and Saturday

DOWN RIVER BREAD OF LIFE NUTRITION CENTER

FOOD PANTRY

First two Mondays of the month (except holidays)
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Monday afternoons at 5:30 p.m.

A.D. 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

President

Nancy Spiekhout, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2024

Vice President

John Pizzo, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2024

Council Secretary

Kathy Pizzo, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2025

Treasurer

Heather Fordt, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2026

Financial Secretary

Sandy Youngert, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2026

Fellowship Committee

Katie Gutschow, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2024

Health Ministry

Kay Rau, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2024

Memorials Committee

Nick Pizzo, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2025

Missions Committee

Tamara Howes, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2024

Parish Education Committee

Tracie Wilke, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2026

St. Martin's Pilots

Tony Meldrum, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2024

Property Committee

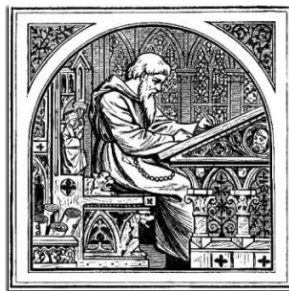
Bill Stieler, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2025

Stewardship Committee

Caryann Kaatz, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2024

Worship Committee

Roberta Darling, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2024



From the Pastor . . .

March A.D. 2024

Dear Members and Friends of St. Martin's,

WHILE I realize it is not unusual, it still feels odd to me that March begins with the Third Sunday of Lent and ends with Easter Sunday. I much prefer when Easter falls in April. This says to me two things: there is a LOT to accomplish in March, and March will seem to go very quickly! With that in mind, I would simply like to encourage all of us this month to keep up with and participate in all the many ways that March will “bloom” (Spring begins on March 19) with reminders of all that Our Lord has accomplished for us in His Passion, suffering, death, and Resurrection.

Laetare Sunday is March 10, marking the half-way point through Lent. The rose-colored paraments and vestments of the day suggest our joy as we anticipate the coming festival. In his book *The Church's Year*, Leonard Goffine writes of this Sunday and our preparation for Easter:

If we would sing a joyful Alleluia with the Church on the festival of Easter, we must fulfil her desire, and prepare ourselves to celebrate it worthily. Therefore, we should shun improper, clamorous meetings, and retire often to pray in solitude, especially to meditate on the bitter sufferings of our Savior, for when man is alone, God speaks to his heart (Hosea 2:14). We should carefully examine our conscience, and consider how we stand before God, for upon this day shall be the expiation for you, and the cleansing from all your sins: you shall be cleansed before the Lord; for it is a Sabbath of rest, and you shall afflict your souls, that is, by fasting, watching, and praying (Lev. 16:30-31). From this Sunday until Easter we should fast more strictly, give more alms to the poor if we are able, or if poor ourselves, bear our poverty more patiently, offering it to Christ in union with His poverty, His hunger, thirst, *etc.*; we should make a sincere and contrite confession, and purify our heart from the old leaven of iniquity, that we may keep the Easter meal with Christ in the unleavened bread of purity and truth (1 Cor. 5:7-8). For this end we should incite ourselves to holy desires, rise from sin, which is the death of the soul.

Passiontide begins the next week with Passion Sunday, March 17. From this day until Easter, all crosses, statues, and pictures of Christ are draped in purple in memory of Our Lord's having hid Himself from the Jews until His entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, no longer showing Himself in public (Jn. 11:54). Also from this day in the Church's liturgies, the *Gloria Patri* (Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, *etc.*) is omitted because in the Person of Christ, the Holy Trinity was dishonored.

Finally, the Church enters into the holiest week of the year, Holy Week, beginning on Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday. Every day from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we are invited to gather for worship and meditation on Our Lord's Passion, all of which He underwent for our salvation. Each day of the week has its own emphasis, and throughout the week we have opportunity to hear the readings of the Lord's Passion from each of the four Gospels.

Holy Week culminates in the three holiest days of the Church's Year, the sacred *Triduum* of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday. On Thursday we commemorate the institution of the Blessed Sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood, participate in the *Mandatum*, the washing of feet. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Altar is stripped, to show that Jesus took off, as it were, at the time of His Passion, His Divine glory, and yielded Himself up to utter humiliation into the hands of His enemies to be crucified, and that at the crucifixion He was forcibly stripped of His garments, which the soldiers divided among them, as foretold in the Twenty-second Psalm, which is used during this ceremony. The church remains open throughout the evening until 9 a.m. on Good Friday morning for anyone who wishes to come and spend time in prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday begins with the ecumenical Cross Walk at 10 a.m. This walk has been happening for many, many years, and is a wonderful way to meditate on the Seven Last Words of Our Lord as we stop at area churches (active and vacant) with our brothers and sisters in Christ from other churches to pray and sing the praises of Our Lord. At 1:00 p.m. we gather at the church for the Solemn Afternoon Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord. This liturgy includes the Solemn Veneration of the Cross wherein all present are invited to make an outward gesture of their gratitude and love to the sign of our redemption, the Cross. We conclude this solemn day with evening Tenebrae devotions, with its familiar and startling sound of the *strepitus*, a loud bang which symbolizes the closing of the tomb.

On Saturday evening we gather back at the church for one of the most ancient and beautiful of the Church's rites, the Easter Vigil. It is a wonderful evening full of darkness and light, readings and chants, renewal of Baptismal vows, the Litany of the Saints, and the first Mass of Easter. For the first time since Septuagesima Sunday on January 28, Alleluias will once again resound in the church, marking the beginning of our joyful celebrations of Our Lord's Resurrection. We gather after the Vigil for a brief potluck *hors d'oeuvre* reception in the education wing kitchenette to begin the joyful feasting at the conclusion of the

great Lenten fast!

Our Easter celebrations begun on Saturday night continue into Sunday morning as we gather together for a delicious Easter breakfast and fellowship hosted by the Parish Education and Fellowship Committees beginning at 8 a.m. The feasting continues as we gather together for the Mass of Easter Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Our Alleluias continue, expressing our joy at the Resurrection of Christ, and the hope of eternal happiness which He has obtained for us.

Again, looking back over it, it seems like a LOT to ask of March! Considering the fully packed schedule of events for the month, it is easy to feel tired and overwhelmed before any of it even begins! Still, I am reminded of the words of the Apostle St. Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:24: "He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it." The same God Who calls us together in worship and fellowship for what remains of this Lent, and into Passiontide, Holy Week, and Easter, is the same God Who I know will bless us and see us through it for His honor and glory. I invite and welcome you, therefore, to heed His call and continue the journey with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Wishing you a blessed remainder of Lent, Spring, Passiontide, Holy Week, and Easter (all in March!), I remain . . .

Yours in the friendship of Christ and St. Martin,

Rev. Troy G. Waite
Pastor

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY: March 24, 2024

The Mass of Palm Sunday with the Blessing & Distribution of Palms at 10:15 .m.

HOLY MONDAY, HOLY TUESDAY, HOLY WEDNESDAY: March 25-27, 2024

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 6:45 p.m.

The Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: March 28, 2024

The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

All Night Prayer Vigil at the Altar of Repose, 9:00 p.m. - Good Friday, 9:00 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY: March 29, 2024

Ecumenical Cross Walk at 10:00 a.m. (Begins outside of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church)

Solemn Afternoon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 1:00 p.m.

Evening Tenebrae Devotions at 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY: March 30, 2024

The Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

Potluck *Hors d'oeuvre* Reception follows in the education wing kitchenette

EASTER SUNDAY: March 31, 2024

Easter Breakfast in St. Martin's Fellowship Hall, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The Mass of Easter Sunday at 10:15 a.m.


✠ Scheduled to Serve in March A.D. 2024 ✠

Altar Guild: Caryann Kaatz and Sandy Youngert

03 March	3rd Sunday of Lent
Assisting Minister	Rachel Strate
Acolytes	Alexa Fordt and Brooklyn Pizzo
Lector	Heather Fordt
Ushers	Don Dean and John Pizzo
Counters	Mike Kizer and Chris Lewis
10 March	Laetare: 4th Sunday of Lent
Assisting Minister	Sandy Youngert
Acolytes	Nolan Clemente and Rachel Strate
Lector	Evelyn Ikera
Ushers	Jason Dean and Bill Stieler
Counters	John and Kathy Pizzo
17 March	Passion Sunday
Assisting Minister	Roberta Darling
Acolytes	Ryan and Trenton Dean
Lector	Carol Joyner
Ushers	Charles and Joyce Frank
Counters	John and Kathy Pizzo
24 March	Palm Sunday
Assisting Minister	Joyce Frank
Acolytes	Derek Kierszykowski and Hope Meldrum
Lector	Karen Liuzzo
Ushers	Mike Kizer and Tony Meldrum
Counters	Bill Stieler and Pam Dueweke
31 March	EASTER SUNDAY
Assisting Minister	Evelyn Ikera
Acolytes	Alexa Fordt and Brooklyn Pizzo
Lector	Kathy Pizzo
Ushers	Roy and Cheryl Smith
Counters	Bill Stieler and Pam Dueweke

Servant Opportunities

If you have been considering serving as an Assisting Minister, Acolyte, Lector, or Usher, there is no time like the present! Please contact Pastor Waite and let him know that you are interested in serving in one of these areas. If you would like to serve as a Counter (one who counts the weekly offerings after worship), please contact the Financial Secretary, Kristine Welser.

 <p style="text-align: center;">MARCH A.D. 2024</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</p> <p>06 Roy Smith 21 Robert Paul 30 Evelyn Ikera 31 Frank Clemente Clifton Lewis</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!</p> <p>18 Frank & Erin Clemente</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>08 Carol Joyner 18 Evelyn Ikera 21 Roy Smith 23 Hope Meldrum 28 Connie Duchane 30 Carol Rivard ?? Jean Koch</p>

Easter Lilies

St. Martin's Altar Guild will be taking reservations for one or more of the thirty-three Easter lilies which will adorn the Altar this Easter beginning on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Each reservation is \$12, and plants may be taken home after worship on Easter Sunday, or left to be used in the church throughout the Easter season. Reservation forms will be available in the narthex. Completed forms and payment may be returned to Caryann Kaatz or any member of the Altar Guild. The deadline for making your reservation is Palm Sunday, or when all thirty-three plants have been reserved. Contact Caryann Kaatz with any questions.



Requiescat in Pace: Jackie Quick

December 27, 1923 - February 17, 2024



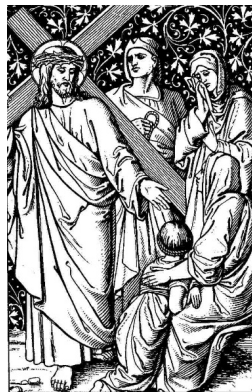
Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of Jackie Quick who entered eternal life on Saturday, February 17, 2024. A very special thank you to all who went to visit Jackie while she was at MediLodge. And a very special thank you, as well, to all who sent her birthday cards the month prior to her one hundredth birthday. They meant the world to her! **A memorial service will be held**

for Jackie at St. Martin's on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. May Jackie's soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace, and may Light Perpetual shine upon them. *Amen.*

The Stations of the Cross:

St. Martin's Altar Guild

St. Martin's Altar Guild will be praying and walking the "Stations of the Cross" on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. prior to the midweek Lenten Soup and Bread Supper. Everyone is welcome to join with us. Please join with us in prayer as we walk and reflect upon the Passion of Our Lord. Contact Caryann Kaatz with any questions.



MID-WEEK LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

continue through March 20, 2024

12:00 Noon: Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m.: Soup & Bread Supper

7:00 p.m.: Lenten Devotions

**thank
you!**

Food Pantry: THANK YOU!

St. Martin's Food Pantry received over 1,000 cans of soup from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Casco, MI as a result of their soup collecting campaign in January, culminating on February 11,

SOUPER Sunday. Our continued heartfelt thanks to St. Paul's for their ongoing support. Their gifts of cash and food are appreciated. A hearty thanks for their work as they collect and deliver items to us, and a thank you to those who helped unload the soup and carry it to the Pantry. Thank you, Caryann Kaatz.



St. Martin's Fellowship and Parish Education Committees cordially invite you to attend this year's

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:00 - 9:45 a.m.

St. Martin's Fellowship Hall

Pancakes
French Toast Sticks
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Fruit
Milk
Juices
Coffee

Feel free to bring a special sweet treat to share, if you wish. Join us as we celebrate our risen Lord and Savior!



Daily Scripture Readings
March A.D. 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Jeremiah 5:1-9 Romans 2:25--3:18 John 5:30-47	2 Jeremiah 5:20-31 Romans 3:19-31 John 7:1-13
3 3rd Sunday of Lent Jeremiah 6:9-15 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Mark 5:1-20	4 St. Lucius I, BpM Jeremiah 7:1-15 Romans 4:1-12 John 7:14-36	5 Jeremiah 7:21-34 Romans 4:13-25 John 7:37-52	6 Sts. Perpetua & Felicitas, Mm Jeremiah 8:4-7, 18--9:6 Romans 5:1-11 John 8:12-20	7 St. Thomas Aquinas, CD Jeremiah 10:11-24 Romans 5:12-21 John 8:21-32	8 Jeremiah 11:1-8, 14-17 Romans 6:1-11 John 8:33-47	9 Jeremiah 13:1-11 Romans 6:12-23 John 8:47-59
10 Laetare: 4th Sunday of Lent ; Forty Holy Martyrs Jeremiah 14:1-9 (10-16) 17-22 Galatians 4:21--5:1 Mark 8:11-21	11 Jeremiah 16:(1-9) 10-21 Romans 7:1-12 John 6:1-15	12 St. Gregory the Great, BpCD Jeremiah 17:19-27 Romans 7:13-25 John 6:16-27	13 Jeremiah 18:1-11 Romans 8:1-11 John 6:27-40	14 Jeremiah 22:13-23 Romans 8:12-27 John 6:41-51	15 Jeremiah 23:1-8 Romans 8:28-39 John 6:52-59	16 Jeremiah 23:9-15 Romans 9:1-18 John 6:60-71
17 Passion Sunday ; St. Patrick, BpC Jeremiah 23:16-32 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 Mark 8:31--9:1	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, BpCD Jeremiah 24:1-10 Romans 9:19-33 John 9:1-17	19 ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the BVM, C Jeremiah 25:8-17 Romans 10:1-13 John 9:18-41	20 Jeremiah 25:30-38 Romans 10:14-21 John 10:1-18	21 St. Benedict, Ab Jeremiah 26:1-16 (17-24) Romans 11:1-12 John 10:19-42	22 The Seven Sorrows of the BVM Jeremiah 29:1 (2-3) 4-14 Romans 11:13-24 John 11:1-27 <i>or</i> John 12:1-10	23 Jeremiah 31:27-34 Romans 11:25-36 John 11:28-44 <i>or</i> John 12:37-50
24 Palm Sunday ; St. Gabriel the Archangel Zechariah 9:9-12 <i>or</i> Zechariah 12:9-11; 13:1, 7-9 1 Timothy 6:12-16 Matthew 21:12-17	25 Monday in Holy Week Jeremiah 11:18-20; 12:1-16 (17) Philippians 3:1-14 John 12:9-19	26 Tuesday in Holy Week Jeremiah 15:10-21 Philippians 3:15-21 John 12:20-26	27 Wednesday in Holy Week; St. John Damascene, CD Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-17 (18) Philippians 4:1-13 John 12:27-36	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY Jeremiah 20:7-11 (12-13) 14-18 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32 John 17:1-11 (12-26)	29 GOOD FRIDAY Wisdom 1:16--2:1, 12-22 <i>or</i> Genesis 22:1-14 1 Peter 1:10-20 John 13:36-38 <i>or</i> John 19:38-42	30 HOLY SATURDAY Job 19:21-27a Hebrews 4:1-16 Romans 8:1-11
31 EASTER SUNDAY Exodus 12:1-14 Isaiah 51:9-11 Luke 24:13-35 <i>or</i> John 20:19-23						

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