

I know that there is nothing
better for people than to be happy
and to do good while they live.
That each of them may eat and
drink, and find satisfaction in all
their toil - this is the gift of God.



Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Labor Day

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PARISH & MASS SCHEDULE

September 01	Sunday	
	This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Tom Kelley by Vicki Kelley	
8:00 a.m. Mass	For the people of St. Martin	
11:00 a.m. Mass	†Agnes Wingerter by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann	
September 02	Monday	
	No Bible study with Msgr. Martin	
	Parish office closed	
September 03	Tuesday	
6:30 p.m.	Choir practice	
September 04	Wednesday	
9:00 a.m. Mass	†George & Vickie Gembis by Judy Moore	
September 05	Thursday	
September 06	Friday	
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.	First Friday Adoration	
9:00 a.m.	†Dennis Boyle by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann	
9:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.	First Friday Adoration	
September 07	Saturday	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Group	
5:30 p.m. Mass	†Arthur Mcciante by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann	
September 08	Sunday	
	This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Tom Kelley by Vicki Kelley	
8:00 a.m. Mass	†Dennis Boyle by Leo & Devon Swiat	
11:00 a.m. Mass	For the people of St. Martin	
12:00 p.m.	Parish Picnic	

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30p Sunday 8:00a & 11:00a Wed. & Fri. 9:00a
Reconciliation on Saturdays 10:00-11:00a
Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00a-4:00p

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Msgr. Thomas A. Martin
Deacons: Thomas Thamann and David Guido
Administrative Assistant: Colleen Takacs
Bookkeeper: Bobbie Appelgren
Director of Religious Education: Tim McNamara
Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Shannon Sheets
Pastoral Care/Liturgy/Receptionist M-W-F: Sue Maneikis
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**FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION
AT ST. MARTIN'S
SEPTEMBER 06
8:00 —9:00 A.M.
9:30 A.M.—7:00 P.M.**

PARISH MISSION:

To develop a growing Christian community by responding to the Spiritual and Temporal needs of the people of St. Martin of Tours Parish; To instill the living faith in our children; and to be a beacon of light to the larger community that Christ may be better known to all.

REMINDER:

**St. Martin's
Parish Picnic is
next week
Sunday,
September 8.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sophia Bleeker, Judy Hansford,
Sarah Kettenbeil, Vicki Pearl,
Dan Ramlow,
Danny Robinson,
Leo Swiat



PARISH SUPPORT AUGUST 25

Envelope	126
Collection	\$5,180.60
Weekly Goal:	\$6,923.00
Mission Collection	\$2,668.00

SCRIP CARDS

Date	Participating Families	Added to Building Grounds
Aug 26	07	\$53.25
Scrip is sold after weekend Masses narthex or in the church office M-F 9a-4p.		

SCRIP WORK SCHEDULE

SEP 07/08
Sat. 5:30p:
DeWolff
Sun 8:00a:
Koenigsnecht
Sun 11:00a:
Goldsmith



PARISH NEWS

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT There will be a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development on the weekend of Sep 14 & 15. There will be an insert about this campaign in next weeks bulletin.

R.C.I.A. THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION will begin soon.

These classes are for adults who are interested in joining the Catholic faith, for those who need to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, or for any Catholic who is interested in enriching their knowledge of our Catholic faith. If you are interested or if you know of someone who is, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and telephone number and someone will call you back. We are tentatively beginning classes on Thur. Sep. 19 at 7p.

ALTAR SERVERS: The next schedule will be ready by the weekend of Sep. 21/22. It will run from October 5 through Dec. 25. We need your changes of availability if any, for this time period no later than Sep. 16. Change of status forms can be found in the narthex.

LECTORS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION New schedules will begin on Sep 28. Please turn in any changes of availability no later than Sep 9. The new schedules will be available in the narthex on the weekend of Sep 14/15.

STEWARDSHIP

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

Stewardship, quite simply, is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and being grateful & generous with those gifts. This week our featured Ministry at St. Martin of Tours is:

ST. ISIDORE'S MINISTRY

This group of people tends to our parish grounds and Mary Garden. Please see this weeks announcement below to see how you can share your gift of gardening.

SECOND ANNUAL "GET THE MARY GARDEN READY FOR WINTER PARTY" Sat, Sep 21. Sponsored by the St. Isidore Ministry.

All are invited! No gardening experience necessary. On the job training! Bring shovels, pruners, and a willingness to have a great time working in the gardens. Refreshments will be provided! Begins at 9am.

SOUTH COUNTY PANTRY NEEDS FOR THE MONTH

OF SEPTEMBER: canned corn, canned peas, cereal, boxed potatoes, tuna, tooth paste, tooth brushes. Thank You

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tim McNamara 269-649-1629 ext 1003
dre@stmartinvicksburg.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2019-2020 continues this weekend after the Masses. We'll have registration materials in the narthex and on-line at our parish website. Please mark your calendars and as a reminder, we offer classes for all students (5 years old and up) to assist you as parents in teaching, living, and handing on the Catholic faith to your children. For any questions, please email Tim at dre@stmartinvicksburg.org. Thank you and God bless!"

ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION AND POST

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: The Parish Picnic (Sunday Sep 8 at 12p) is looking for young volunteers and leaders to assist with planning and directing the young children of our church in age appropriate games at the Picnic. Great for seeing Jesus Christ in our children and thus for any service hours you might need! Please contact Tim at dre@stmartinvicksburg.org to say you can help.

NEW YOUTH MINISTER

Shannon Sheets 269-649-1629 ext 1001
ym@stmartinvicksburg.org

MEET AND GREET

Come meet our new Youth Minister as we prepare for an amazing year of learning, service and prayer. Shannon Sheets will be at the parish picnic on Sep 08 to meet all youth in grades 6-12. If you are not able to come to the parish picnic and have a question please email Shannon at ym@stmartinvicksburg.org. Shannon will be in the office on Tuesdays beginning Sep 10.

Welcome to St. Martin of Tours. If you would like to register, change your address, or have a question about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to St. Martin of Tours, P.O. Box 264, Vicksburg, MI 49097



Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

I would like to enroll as an active parishioner.

Please change my address to the one shown above.

Please change my phone to the one shown above.

Please change my email to the one shown above.

I would like to learn more about parish activities.

I would like to register for religious education classes.

I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

I would like to speak with a priest about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK SEP 07/08

<u>DATE/MASS CANDLE-BEARERS</u>		<u>CROSS-BEARER</u>	
Sep 07:5:30p	Volunteer Volunteer	Sue Maneikis	
Sep 08:8:00a	Madison A., Jackson A.,	Dave Montgomery	
Sep 08:11:00a	Wyatt Walton, Shelby Walton	James Swager	
<u>DATE/MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>BODY</u>	<u>BLOOD</u>
Sep 07:5:30p	Marilynne Gauthier	Deacon	Mike Anderson
	Dan Kettenbeil	Gary Gauthier	Deena Anderson
		Stan Pochron	
USHERS: Nick & Barb Ostrosky, Toni Dibble, Volunteer			
Sep 08:8:00a	Priscilla Swiat	Deacon	Grace Richards
	Hugh Swager	Judy LeVan	Andrew Daly
		Lynn Pruitt-Timko	
USHERS: Bill Z., Marv Thomas, George Richards, Bob Callahan			
Sep 08:11:00a	Chad Hessling	Deacon	Richard Szwaja
	David Sirotti	Mary Hessling	Karen Szwaja
		Samantha Johncock	
USHERS: Abbi & Lilli Curtis, Coleen VanderHorst, Cindy Johnson			

SEPTEMBER 2019

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30PM
8:00 and 11:00 AM
Sunday W,F 9:00AM

Reconciliation: 10:00-11:00AM Sat. or by appointment
First Friday Adoration: 8-9AM, 9:30AM-7:00PM
Other Fridays: 8:00-9:00AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	2 Labor Day Parish office Closed No Bible Study	3 St. Gregory the Great 6:30PM Choir Practice	4	5	6 First Friday Adoration: 8-9AM, 9:30AM-7:00PM	7 7:30AM Men's Group
8 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 12PM Parish Picnic	9 St. Peter Claver 10AM Caring Hands of St. Martin 6:30PM Bible Study with Msgr. Martin	10 6:30PM Choir Practice	11	12 The Most Holy Name of Mary	13 St. John Chrysostom Adoration 8-9:00AM	14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7:30AM Men's Group
15 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9AM-1PM:Farmer's Breakfast 9:30AM-10:45AM First Day of Religious Ed. Classes	16 SS. Cornelius & Cyprian 6:30PM Bible Study with Msgr. Martin 7PM St. Vincent DePaul	17 St. Robert Bellarmine 6:30PM Choir Practice 7PM HALOS	18	19 St. Januarius 7PM R.C.I.A.	20 SS. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions Adoration: 8-9:00AM	21 St. Matthew 7:30AM Men's Group
22 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time After Masses: Coffee and Donuts 9:30AM-10:45AM Religious Ed. Classes	23 St. Plus of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) 6:30PM Bible Study with Msgr. Martin	24 6:30PM Bible Study with Msgr. Martin 7PM Knights of Columbus	25	26 SS. Cosmos and Damian 7PM R.C.I.A.	27 St. Vincent DePaul Adoration 8-9:00AM	28 St. Wenceslaus St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions 7:30AM Men's Group
29 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30AM-10:45AM Religious Ed. Classes	30 St. Jerome 6:30PM Bible Study with Msgr. Martin					

DIOCESE NEWS

YOU ARE INVITED

to join us for an important pro-life prayer service taking place in Kalamazoo on Saturday, September 14.

On that day, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

I hope that you will join us for the memorial service taking place in our community as part of the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children:

Event: Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

When: Saturday, September 14 at 9:30 am

Location: Mt. Olivet Cemetery Mausoleum

Address: 2003 Mt. Olivet Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49004

This solemn memorial service will last approximately one half hour. Fr. Francis Marotti, pastor of St. Ann Augusta, will conduct the service. There is a memorial stone near the mausoleum dedicated to children who have died that the caretaker tells us has always been understood to be a pro-life memorial.

Please come out for this important pro-life event, prayerfully witnessing to the humanity of our unborn brothers and sisters, together with our fellow pro-lifers throughout the country. Please share this invitation with the pro-life group at your church.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Our Lord promised us: "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

On September 14, we seek that divine comfort as we mourn for the victims of abortion. Let us never forget their precious lives as we continue to work and pray for an end to abortion.

Questions? Call Julia Marino, St. Ann Respect Life Group 269-312-8271

THE KALAMAZOO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF WOMEN

invites you to share **Faith, Family Friends**. Sep 19 at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 718 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, MI. 8:15a check in, 8:30a Rosary 9:00a Mass with Fr. Don Klinger & Fr. John Peter MSFS.

Topics include:

"Always Remember to Kiss me Goodnight" by Louis Crist

Widows and Singles by Fr. Klinger,

Bringing Catholics Back Home by Socorro Truchan

Developing Spiritual Friendships.

Newman's Bookshope Commission tables, Book exchange, raffle.

Please bring Thanksgiving foods to be donated to St. Mary of the Lake Thanksgiving baskets for shut ins. Register by Sep. 15: Carolyn Morrison, carolynmorrison@hotmail.com. Or 517-617-5682 (include the Church & location you attend) \$20 (payable at the door) (grants available) Come share an insightful and fun day with Catholic Sisters.

"CELEBRATING WORKERS OF MERCY"

Mass followed by speaker and simple dinner, Friday, Sept. 27, 2019. Bishop Bradley invites all those engaged in works of mercy and charitable outreach throughout the diocese to attend. Msgr. Michael Hazard will give a short reflection after dinner. Event will be at St. Mary Parish, 939 Charlotte Ave, in Kalamazoo. Please RSVP by Sept. 20th to 269-903-0147 or jjaconette@diokzoo.org. We give thanks for those who bring the love, mercy and forgiveness of God to those in need!

ADULTS WITH COGNITIVE/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

are invited to participate in a Day of Reflection on Saturday, September 28, 2019. The theme is "Keeping God at the Center of our Lives: Learning from the example of St. Vincent de Paul." The gathering will take place at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in the Stanley Center, 1150 W. Centre Ave., Portage, MI from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00p.m. Cost is \$15 (scholarships are available). For more information and registration forms contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org. Registration deadline is Sept. 20th. The event is sponsored by the Diocese of Kalamazoo Ministry to Persons with Disabilities.

GENEROUS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITY

for a Free College Visit: Attention high school seniors! Ave Maria University (near Naples, FL) is offering the Michigan Scholarship (\$28,000 over 4 years) and the Michigan Homeschool Scholarship (\$36,000 over 4 years) to local Catholic students, making an authentic Catholic education truly affordable. Additional institutional and federal aid are available. You are also invited to participate in the 2019 AMU Michigan Fly-In, which is a FREE college visit to AMU TH, Oct. 1 – SUN, Nov. 3, including airfare, lodging, food, etc. Limited spots available! For more information or to apply for the Fly-In, visit www.avemariafoundation.org.



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"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." (Luke 14:13-14)

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

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