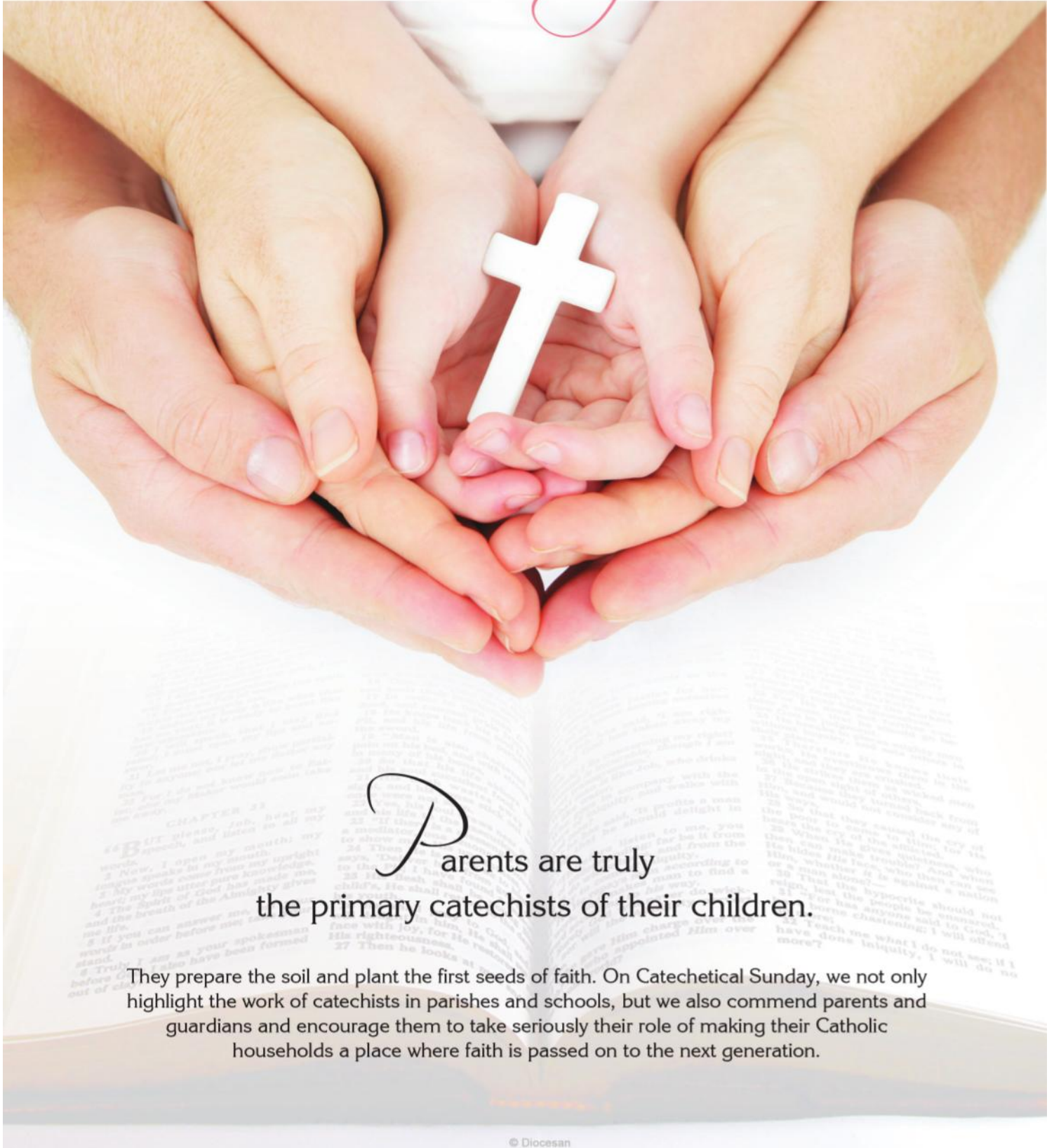


With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves derive from studying and studying the church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in glorifying your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Book of Blessings*

Catechetical Sunday



Parents are truly
the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

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PARISH & MASS SCHEDULE

September 15	Sunday
This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Tom Kelley by Vicki Kelley 	
8:00 a.m. Mass	†Harold Rice by Joe Rice
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Farmer's Breakfast
9:30 a.m.—10:45a.m.	First day of Religious Ed Classes
11:00 a.m. Mass	For the people of St. Martin
12:00 p.m.	Parish Picnic
September 16	Monday
6:30 p.m.	Bible study with Msgr. Martin
7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent DePaul
September 17	Tuesday
6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
7:00 p.m.	H.A.L.O.S.
September 18	Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Mass	†Eddie VanZile by Dave & Sue Maneikis
September 19	Thursday
7:00 P.M.	R.C.I.A.
September 20	Friday
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.	Adoration
9:00 a.m.	†Cathy Rice by Joe Rice
September 21	Saturday
7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
5:30 p.m. Mass	†Rick Ryder by Jack & Christina Kelly
September 22	Sunday
This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Tom Kelley by Vicki Kelley 	
8:00 a.m. Mass	†Judy Wiedler by Leonard Jaworski
9:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
9:30 a.m.—10:45a.m.	Religious Ed classes
11:00 a.m. Mass	For the people of St. Martin
12:00 p.m.	Coffee & Donuts

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 15

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God
"The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life" (National Directory for Catechesis [NDC] [Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005], no. 17).

A HEARTY "THANK YOU"

from the Social Committee to all those who pitched in to make this year's Parish Picnic a great success! We had a great turnout and a number of you pitched in to help set up, clean up, and reset Martin Hall. We couldn't have done this without you. Thank you!!!

SEPTEMBER 15 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Everything I have is yours." (Luke 15:31)

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

NEED HELP IN YOUR YARD OR HOME?

The youth group would love to help out our parishioners and surrounding community. If you (or people you know) are in need of assistance, please call the office or email Shannon Sheets (ym@stmartinvicksburg.org)

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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sophia Bleeker, Judy Hansford, Sarah Kettenbeil, Tony Opalewski, Vicki Pearl, Dan Ramlow, Danny Robinson, Leo Swiat 

SCRIP WORK SCHEDULE SEP 21/22

Sat. 5:30p	Doorlag
Sun 8:00a:	Downing
Sun 11:30a:	Resseguie

SCRIP CARDS

Date	Participating Families	Added to Building Grounds
Sep 03	08	\$42.53
Sep 12	12	\$55.88
Scrip is sold after weekend Masses narthex or in the church office M-F 9a-4p.		

FIRST YOUTH GROUP MEETING OF THE YEAR!

Join us Sunday, September 22 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Youth Center (basement of the rectory) for an evening of food, games, discussion, and prayer. We will be delving into Hot Topics from the YDisciple series in Formed for the next several weeks.

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK SEP 21/22

DATE	MASS	CANDLE-BEARER	CANDLE-BEARER	CROSS-BEARER
Sep 21	5:30p	Volunteer	Kaela Koole	Janet Haas
Sep 22	8:00a	Frankie Loriso	Joey Loriso	Mike Coppens
Sep 22	11:00a	Will Curtis	Jack Curtis	Jonathan Abel
DATE	MASS	LECTOR	BODY	BLOOD
Sep 21	5:30p	Scott Cline	Deacon	Roger VanderBeek
		Catherine Burgess	Pat Cline	Susan VanderBeek
			Jim Burgess	
USHERS: Jim & Monica Rasmussen, Christy Salisbury, Toni Dibble				
Sep 22	8:00a	Kathleen Waldron	Deacon	Nghiem Nguyen
		Amy Swager	Hugh Swager	Mary Nguyen
			Lynn Pruitt-Timko	
USHERS: Al & MaryAnn Koenigsknecht, John Polasek, Don Ruthven				
Sep 22	11:00a	Kathi Lovell	Deacon	Chad Hessling
		Michele Johnson	Sue Stolarz	Mary Hessling
			Samantha Johncock	
USHERS: Abbi & Lili Curtis, Mike & Kris Bryant				

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PLEASE JOIN THE TRI-PARISH PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

for their 6th annual dinner with DR. JANET SMITH. Her presentation on "A Culture of Life vs. A Culture of Death" begins at 7p on 10/17 at St. Philip Catholic Parish Center, Battle Creek. Dr. Smith's books on sale 5p. Free dinner 6p. Reservations by 10/10 to Cathy Hirzel at 269-968-4639 or chirzel@aol.com. Donations accepted for Alternatives of Battle Creek

TRAINING OF SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE

The program, formerly called "sidewalk counseling", uses a peaceful, prayerful, compassionate, woman-oriented, law-abiding method of sidewalk advocacy to help women & men entering the abortion center to choose life & offer more life-affirming options. Info at www.sidewalkadvocates.org or call Mary Jeske at 219-393-0644 or 20mlj13@gmail.com. Next training on 9/24:10a - 3:30p, or 10/1:10a - 3:30p at Mary's home in Oshtemo. The address given upon registration. \$20 payable at door. Refreshments provided. Register morning of the training is allowed.

INSIDE OUR PARISH

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.

PURSE BINGO AT ST. MARTIN'S OCT 26. This fall the HALOS will be hosting purse bingo. They and would like to begin collecting used like new purses. A basket in the narthex will be provided for purse donations.

SECOND ANNUAL "GET THE MARY GARDEN READY FOR WINTER PARTY" Sat, Sep 21 at 9a. 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!

SOUTH COUNTY PANTRY NEEDS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

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

*donations may be placed in the box provided in the narthex.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH. IN OUR AREA, WE WILL HAVE TWO VERY IMPORTANT PRAYER VIGILS TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR THE UNBORN. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN BE A VISIBLE WITNESS TO THE SANCTITY OF LIFE.



Life Chain is always held on the first Sunday of October, and this year it will be on Sunday October 6th from 2:30pm until 3:30pm. St. Martin's and St. Edward's parishioners will meet in our usual spot on S. Westnedge Ave. Please contact Deena

Anderson at (269) 303-8016 for more information.



Sep 25 – Nov 3. Express your commitment to life by standing & peacefully praying for an end to abortion on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood located at 4201 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. The prayer vigil is kept from 8a - 8p, Mon - Fri, with a closing vigil on Nov 3rd. Individuals are asked to fill in as little as a one-hour timeslot, or once a week for six weeks, or more, depending on where the Holy Spirit is guiding you. It is preferable that at least two people pray together at any one time. It is the visible witness of a person praying that will change hearts and save lives. St. Martin's & St. Edward's parishioners have been asked to join St. Catherine's parishioners on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Saturday mornings for prayers at Planned Parenthood. For questions concerning 40 Days For Life, or to sign up to pray for one hour each week, please contact Joe Magalski at (989) 992-6085.

WORD OF LIFE

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)."

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