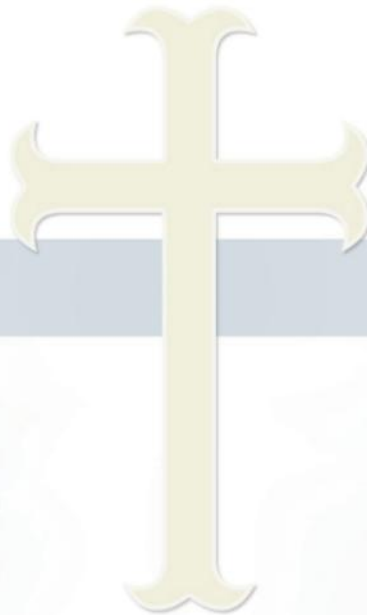


# CONFIRMATION

**Jackson Aguillon, Tyler Bogen, Meredith Chenier,  
Abigail Curtis, Grace Flanagan, Eric Hessling, Sydney Kaiser,  
MacKenzie McCowen, Cadence Podolsky, and Audrey Schau**



First Communion

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**Reconciliation** Sat 10-11a or by appointment  
**Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9a-4p  
**Pastor:** Msgr. Thomas A Martin

## INSIDE OUR PARISH

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

- April 24: 5:30p † Most Reverend James A Murray  
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for  
†Tom Kelley by Vicki Kelley
- April 25: 8:00a †Joe & Alma Thamann  
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamman  
11:00a For the people of St. Martin
- April 28: 9:00a For America to remain one nation under God  
by S. Kim Lee
- April 30: 9:00a †Larry Houghtaling by Jackie Houghtaling

### PARISH SUPPORT APRIL 18, 2021

Envelopes: 92 Weekly Goal: \$6,730  
Collection envelopes: \$4,122  
Mailed in envelopes: \$1,752  
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Total Collection: \$5,730

Scrip can be purchased in the church office M-F 9a-4p.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Jody Cunningham, Kassidy Evans,  
Judy Hansford, Gina Hygema, Jennifer Stocki, Leo Swiat and  
Aiden Woodard. To add names here email  
[bulltin@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:bulltin@stmartinvicksburg.org) or call the church office at 649-1629.

### FOR IMMEDIATE & CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS

please call our parish prayer line at 269-303-8016 or  
email [deena.christine@yahoo.com](mailto:deena.christine@yahoo.com)

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Tim McNamara** 269-649-1629 ext 1003 [dre@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:dre@stmartinvicksburg.org)

### YOUTH MINISTER: Shannon Sheets

269-649-1629 ext 1001 [ym@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:ym@stmartinvicksburg.org)

### UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS:

Please join us for our upcoming meetings! When weather permits,  
we enjoy outdoor sports, games, and activities; during inclement  
weather, we meet in the youth center.

High School: Wednesday, April 28 (6:30-8:00)

Life Chain: Sunday, May 2 (2:30-3:30) at Walgreen's on the corner  
of Westnedge and Milham (all youth and parents invited!)

Middle School: Wednesday, May 5 (6:30-8:00)



### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

will continue after Easter on a bimonthly basis:  
the first Wednesday of the month at St. Edward and  
the third Wednesday of the month at St. Martin.

Join us from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

May 05 at St. Edward & May 19 at St. Martin

A great opportunity to nurture your relationship with God!

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** This week we make our pledges to the  
Bishop's Annual Appeal. As Christian stewards we recognize God as the  
source of everything we are and have. We are grateful for our blessings and  
seek ways to give back, to return some of these gifts to show our love for the  
Lord and one another. As disciples of Jesus Christ, all of us share in the mis-  
sion of the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo. When we work together can we  
accomplish God's work. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to this  
year's appeal. Our parish goals are 100% participation and \$67,988. With  
your gift we can achieve them. Last week 28 parishioners pledged \$19,250 to  
the appeal. A heart-felt thank you to everyone who made a pledge or  
contribution! Remember, no gift is too small or too large, and every gift makes  
the work of Jesus Christ possible.

**IF, THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS**, we change one person's  
mind about the evils of abortion, and save one baby's life, our time is well  
spent. We invite each of you to consider spending one hour on Sun, May 2,  
standing up for the unborn, standing up for the defenseless. Please join us  
from 2:30 to 3:30 p, once again in front of the Walgreens on Westnedge &  
Milham Avenues. Signs will be provided. Thank you for your consideration.  
Contact Deena Anderson at (269) 303-8016 for more details.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ST ISADORE GUILD** is available when  
you are? If weeding on a Monday morning doesn't fit your schedule, we can be  
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### WORD OF LIFE

"Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. ...  
People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion],  
especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and  
funded, in some instances, by the government."

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann,  
Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, "Priorities at the Polls"

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Reading I

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

## Responsorial Psalm

118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

**The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

## Reading II

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's

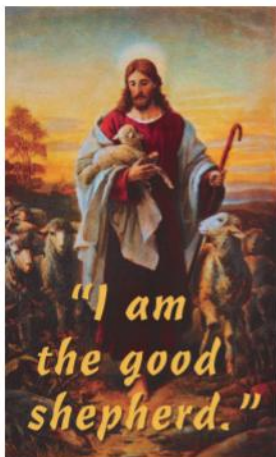
## Acts 4:8-12

children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

## Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."



**In Loving Memory of  
Louis W Gula  
April 16, 2021**



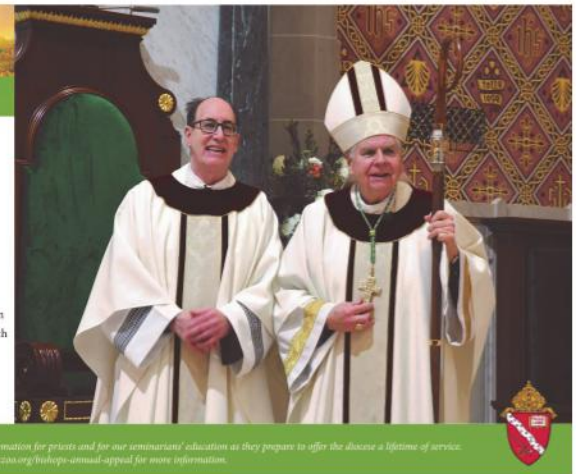
**In Loving Memory of  
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April 18, 2021**

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL | 2021

**FOSTERING  
PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**

- The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides funds for:
  - Seminary Education
  - Office of Vocations
  - Priest Retreats & Workshops
  - Diaconate Formation
- \$55,000 = the average cost of 1 year of seminary education
  - This education supports a **lifetime of work** in the church
- December 19, 2020 - Fr. David Pinto was ordained
  - On May 22nd 2021, seminarian Jacob Thomas will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps fund continuing formation for priests and for our seminarians' education as they prepare to offer the Eucharist a lifetime of service. Visit [diocesan.org/bishop-annual-appeal](http://diocesan.org/bishop-annual-appeal) for more information.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**BISHOP BRADLEY'S  
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY:**

On May 1, 2021 our Shepherd, Bishop Paul J. Bradley, celebrates his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. To help make this momentous anniversary special we would love to surprise Bishop Bradley with notes and cards of thanksgiving and congratulations. Mail to:

Bishop Bradley, c/o Diocesan Pastoral Center,  
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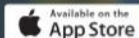
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