



5th Sunday of Easter

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INSIDE OUR PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

May 01: 5:30p † Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley
 May 02: 8:00a For the people of St. Martin
 11:00a † Most Reverend James A Murray
 May 05: 9:00a †Doni & Ben Hoevel by S. Kim Lee
 May 07: 9:00a For the souls in Purgatory by S. Kim Lee

PARISH SUPPORT APRIL 25, 2021

Envelopes: 84 Weekly Goal: \$6,730
 Collection envelopes: \$3,397.00
 Mailed in envelopes: \$1,568.60
 On Line Giving: \$ 0
 Total Collection: \$4,965.60

Rebates earned from scrip sales this week totaled \$43.25. Every time you buy scrip from St. Martin's we receive a rebate. Stop by our office M-F 9a-4p and peek at our long list of participating retailers. Scrip rebates are added to our building fund.

Thank you to all who continue to purchase scrip.

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 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

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UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS:

Graduation Mass is Sunday, Jun 06 at 11a

Please email Shannon if you have a graduating senior and also drop off a 5x7 senior picture in the office or email her a digital copy.

Please join us for our upcoming meetings!

Life Chain: Sunday, May 2 (2:30-3:30) at Walgreens on the corner of Westnedge and Milham (all families invited!)

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

High School: Wednesday, May 12 (6:30-8:00)

LIFE CHAIN TODAY SUNDAY, MAY 2 from 2:30 to 3:30p in front of the Walgreens on Westnedge & Milham Avenues. Signs will be provided. Through our collective efforts, if we can 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 Thank you for your consideration. Contact Deena Anderson at (269) 303-8016 for more details.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY. We will be praying the Rosary twenty-five minutes before each weekend Mass beginning on Saturday, May 1. Volunteer Rosary leaders are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL Thank you to all the parish families who have committed their support to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. To date, 72 families (25%) have pledged \$39,300 toward our goal of \$67,988. Your generosity supports the diocesan spiritual, pastoral, educational, and charitable programs and services from which we all benefit. Please prayerfully consider joining in this important initiative and make your pledge this week. Additional pledge envelopes are available in the parish office and in the narthex. You may also make your pledge online at diokzoo.org

HEADS UP, THE RED CROSS BLOOD will be having a drive here at St. Martin's on Friday, May 14 in the Parish Hall.

THE ST ISADORE GUILD MEETS EVERY MONDAY AT 9A OR is available when you are. If weeding on a Monday morning doesn't fit your schedule, we can be at the Garden whenever you are ready. Weekends or evenings. Stewardship to our Church is available at anytime. Even one Saturday afternoon a month would be helpful in maintaining our beautiful garden. Call Sharon for more information. Please enjoy the garden as a peaceful prayer interlude. We keep the garden free from harmful herbicides so it is safe for families to play and enjoy. (which is a reason the garden always needs weeding!) We look forward to meeting you! Things to bring when weeding: your favorite gardening tools, gloves, water, bucket or tarp, hat. We always bring extra tools, so no worries!

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Schedule is 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!



ON MAY 16TH, OUR PARISH will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the six Catholic agencies the collection funds at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading I

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial Psalm**22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32****I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.****Reading II****1 Jn 3:18-24**

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and

receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel**Jn 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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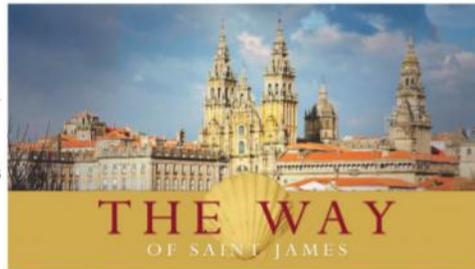
PICK OF THE WEEK

May 2, 2021

WATCH

THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.

**WORD OF LIFE**

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting" © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Persons with Disabilities are invited to a virtual gathering from 1– 2p on Sun, May 16. The focus is to build fellowship and have fun. We'll spend some time getting to know each other and catching up, have a brief reflection on Sunday's scripture passage and end with prayer. To learn more or to register go to <https://www.diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities> or contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lrwin@diokzoo.org by May 13th. Zoom link will be sent to those who register.



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