

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began
to send them out two by two
and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

MR 6:7



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Preparing and Serving Dinner with Love to those without homes

Middle School: Wednesday, July 14 (4:00-7:00)

High School: Wednesday, July 28 (4:00-7:00)

All incoming 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for our events! Please take home a Summer Nights flyer from the Youth Ministry easel.

We are still collecting:

Family Fare/Spartan Nash receipts
 scrap metal

empty milk jugs (until July 28-- thank you for the jugs thus far!)

All these will greatly help us as we prepare to provide meals to those without homes and as we raise funds for NCYC 2021 and CHWC 2022. Thank you for your support of our ministries!

MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 10 5:30p †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley
 Jul 11 8:00a †Tom Kelley by Fred Maxa
 11:00a For the People of St. Martin
 Jul 14 9:00a †Pat Pula
 by Nick & Barb Ostrosky
 Jul 16 9:00a †Larry Houghtaling
 by Jackie Houghtaling
 Jul 17 5:30p †Tony Podkol by Toni Dibble
 Jul 18 8:00a †Donald Korte by Family
 11:00a For the People of St. Martin

PARISH SUPPORT JULY 04, 2021

Envelopes: 115 Weekly Goal: \$6,730
 Collection envelopes: \$7,641
 Mailed in envelopes: \$455
 Total Collection: \$8,096

Purchase Scrip M-F 9a-4p in the church office.
 Rebates earned from this weeks scrip sales \$49.

ST. MARTIN'S RUMMAGE SALE

WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS and GREAT DONATIONS to make this our most successful sale ever! Tell your friends and neighbors to start cleaning out those closets, basements, and barns!

Setup: Sunday July 25; Accepting donations: July 26-29 (hours to follow); Price and prep for sales: July 26-August 4; Open for business: August 5-7; Pack remainder and reset Hall: August 8. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex!

BAGS AND BOXES NEEDED – The Rummage Sale committee is asking you to save brown paper bags with handles and cardboard boxes (11X17.5), the size that reams of paper come in. Thank You



Rummage Sale

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

First Wednesday's at St. Edward &

Third Wednesday's at St. Martin.

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

July 14 at St. Martin

Eucharistic



Adoration

A great opportunity to nurture your relationship with God!

CARING HANDS MEETS July 12 at 10a in the Manning Center room. This group creates crafts for the needy. Caring Hands is open to anyone who has a craft idea that embraces the life of the needy. Contact Kathy Lovell at 269-217-2547 with questions.

LADIES NIGHT OUT-post pandemic gathering. Main Street Pub, Wed, Jul 21, 6p. We will be on the new patio if the weather is nice. If it isn't, we will be in the large room. The town is torn up. The best way to get to the restaurant is off of W avenue to Kalamazoo Avenue. The city parking lot is off Kalamazoo Avenue. Come join us and get to reconnect with the ladies. Sign up sheet in the narthex. Please add your name and email address.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jody Cunningham, Cassidy Evans, Patricia Hageman,
 Judy Hansford, Jennifer Stocki, Leo Swiat,
 Aiden Woodard.

To add names email bulltin@stmartinvicksburg.org
 or call the church office at 649-1629.

FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS

please call our parish prayer line at 269-303-8016
 or email deena.christine@yahoo.com

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

“I, the LORD, am your God. . . . You shall not have other gods besides me.” (EX 20:2-3) —CCC, NOS. 2083-2141 The First Commandment calls us to have faith in the true God, to hope in him, and to love him fully with mind, heart, and will. We respond to God, who has created and redeemed us and extends his providential care to us every minute of each day. The First Commandment fosters the virtue of religion that moves us to adore God alone because he alone is holy and worthy of our praise.

Adoring God, praying to him, offering him the worship that belongs to him, fulfilling the promises and vows made to him are acts of the virtue of religion which fall under obedience to the first commandment. (CCC, no. 2135)

All the Commandments call us to practice certain virtues and forbid a number of immoral behaviors. The positive invitation of the First Commandment calls us to practice the Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity by believing in the three Persons of the Holy Trinity, placing all our hope in them, and loving them with our whole heart and mind.

FAITH God has given us the virtue of faith, which is a personal response to the Lord’s Revelation of his holiness, love, beauty, and transcendence. We experience hints of his majesty in creation, traces of his love in the human love we receive, and impulses of his concern for us in our inner life, especially in the movements of conscience. Our faith is also communal, coming to us from our families and parish community. Above all, our faith in God is a gift of grace and is constantly nourished by the Holy Spirit from the moment of our Baptism, through our prayer life, our participation in the Eucharist and the Sacraments, and our Christian witness. While it is the duty of all to worship and serve God, regrettably, there are some who do not believe in him and others who seriously doubt his existence. Some hesitate to believe because they cannot overcome their objections to faith, or are puzzled by the mystery of God. Some of the baptized later lapse into heresy. “Heresy is the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth which must be believed with divine and catholic faith, or it is likewise an obstinate doubt concerning the same” (CCC, no. 2089). Apostasy is a total repudiation of the faith (cf. CCC, no. 2089). Schism is the refusal to submit to the pope’s authority as head of the Church. Christ calls us to have a prayerful, reconciling attitude toward people with difficulties in their faith, to help them toward assent to the truth of faith. **HOPE** God has given us the virtue of hope. Hope fills us with the confidence that God accompanies us on our journey through life and guides us to eternal life with him. If we refuse this gift of hope, we stray into presumption or its opposite, despair. In the sin of presumption, we think we will be saved without any personal commitment to the moral life. In the sin of despair, we lose hope in God’s mercy and believe we cannot be saved. **LOVE** Finally, God has given us the virtue of love, the very love that he has for us. Our Lord asks us to accept this love and respond to him with it. Jesus made the love of God the first of the two greatest Commandments: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Mt 22:37). We sin against this call to love by indifference, ingratitude, lukewarmness, spiritual sloth, and hatred of God (cf. CCC, no. 2094).

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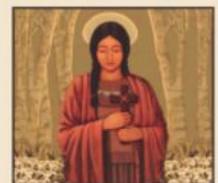
PICK OF THE WEEK

July 11, 2021

TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, otherwise known as the “Lily of the Mohawks,” became our first Native American Saint after her canonization in 2012. During her life, young Kateri suffered much ridicule due to her counter-cultural decision to remain a virgin out of love for Christ. As we celebrate Kateri’s feast day today, enjoy this short audio book that describes Kateri’s.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Lily of the Mohawks



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