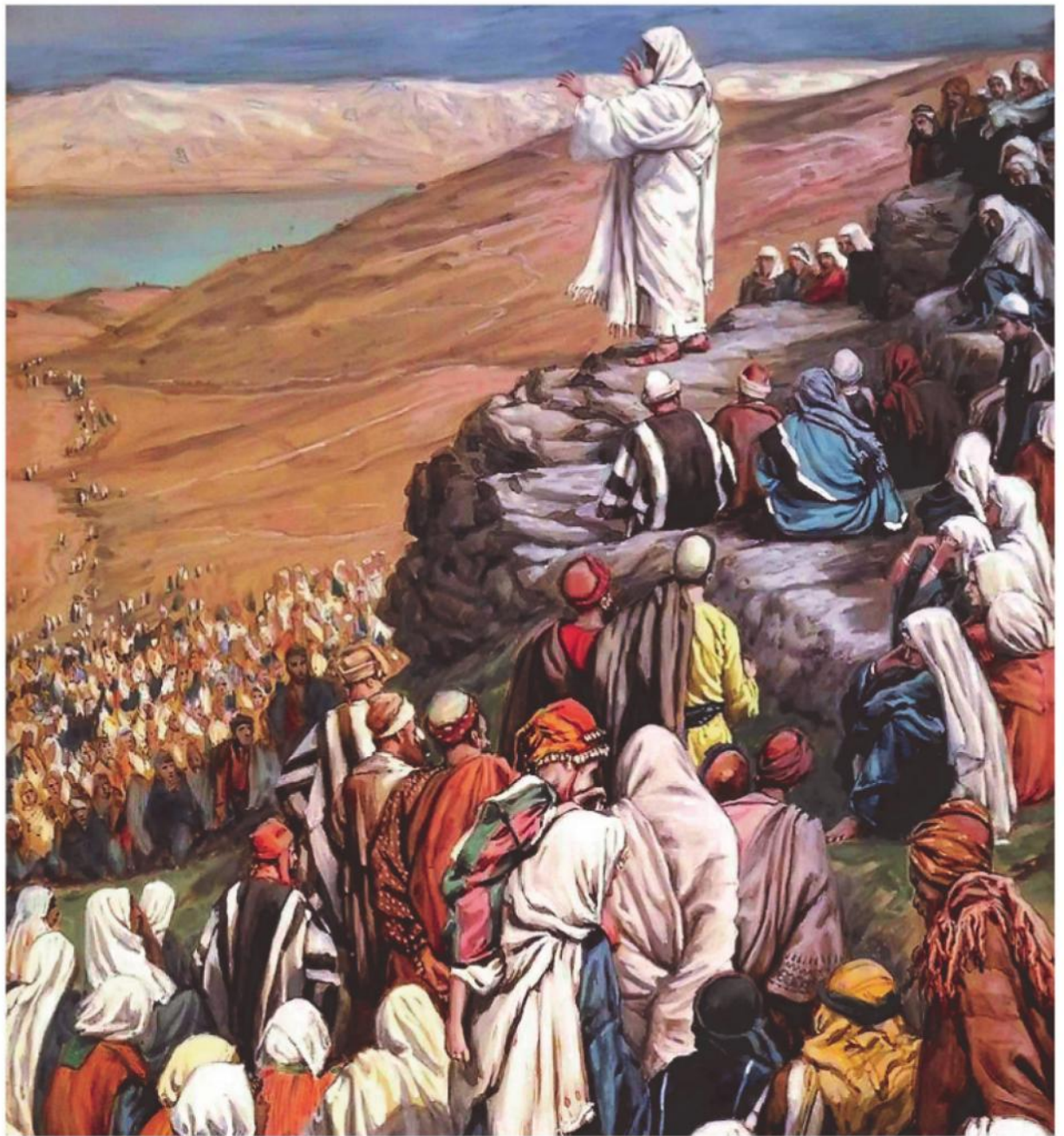


# 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Jn 6:51





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High School: Wednesday, August 11 (6:00-8:00)-- Can you make it out of St. Peter's cell before being executed by the Romans?

Kickball Slip & Slide w/ Sundaes

High School & Middle School:

Wednesday, August 18 (6:30-8:00)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 08 8:00a †Carol Wunderlin  
by Walt Wunderlin  
11:00a For the people of St. Martin  
Aug 11 9:00a †Dick Hughey  
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann  
Aug 13 9:00a †Mary Heinrich  
by Margot Shick  
Aug 14 5:30p †Frank Stafinski  
by Ken & Gail DeWolff  
Aug 15 8:00a For the people of St. Martin  
11:00a †Bob McCowen  
by John & Liz Avink

## PARISH SUPPORT AUGUST 01, 2021

Envelopes: 91 Weekly Goal: \$6,730

Collection envelopes: \$7,373

Mailed in envelopes: \$546

Total Collection: \$7,919

Purchase Scrip M-F 9a-4p in the church office.

Rebates from scrip sales this week \$42.88



**Patricia Hagman**  
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*grant unto her, O Lord*

## FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Jody Cunningham, Kassidy Evans, Karen Garcea, Judy Hansford, Jennifer Stocki, Leo Swiat, Aiden Woodard.

To add names email [bulltin@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:bulltin@stmartinvicksburg.org) or call the church office at 649-1629.

**LECTORS AND USHERS:** New schedules will be prepared soon. Do you anticipate any changes in your availability between Aug 28 & Oct 31? Are you a lector or usher returning after Covid or the summer months & would like to be scheduled again? Please call the office 649-1629 or email Sue at [pastoralcare@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stmartinvicksburg.org) by Aug 11. New volunteers are always welcome!

**HEADS UP!** The Parish office hours for the month of August are a little different. The office will be closing at noon on Fridays.

Monday –Thursday 9:00a-4:00p and Friday 9a-12:00p

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2021 - 2022:** With the calendar switching over to August, it is time to register your Kindergarten through 12th grade child in St. Martin of Tours Religious Education! Registration will open on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sun. Aug 15 & can be accessed at [www.stmartinvicksburg.org/religious-education](http://www.stmartinvicksburg.org/religious-education). Class will begin on Sun, Sep 19 at 9:30a with an all parent & child meeting in the church with a meet your catechist session in your classroom to follow. If you have any questions, are looking for specific info regarding your child's grade level offering this year, or need a paper copy of the registration paperwork, please contact Tim McNamara, Director of Religious Education, at [dre@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:dre@stmartinvicksburg.org). Thank you and God bless!

**SAVE THE DATE!** The St. Martin's "We're Getting Back to Normal" Parish Picnic will be Sunday, September 12 following the 11:00 Mass. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the date.

**FROM THE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13305:** a NEW online Seminar Anyone, not just Knights, can join us on Wednesday, August 18th @ 7:00 PM ET for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan. Joe will discuss "Stress-Free Retirement Planning," including how to plan for your financial future and secure retirement. Joe believes in the mission of the Knights to protect families by providing economic security and stability. Here are some of the topics Joe will cover: Eight steps to financial security; Capital markets explained in 5 minutes; Why long-term care doesn't have to be a financial nightmare; Protecting your loved ones with life insurance, & more. His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values. Register at one of the following links: Thanks! KRK for Bill Zeman, Grand Knight KofC Council 13305.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kpiu-vyPRLeXd1viQka5Lw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kpiu-vyPRLeXd1viQka5Lw)  
OR: This is a bitly link that can also be used for registration: <http://bit.ly/Stress-FreeRetirementPlanning081821>

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

Save the Date! The Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit is returning to St. Mary Parish in Kalamazoo from September 23-26, 2021. The event will take place at Fr. Bart Hall. More details to come!



## SCOTT HAHN – 19TH SUNDAY: JOHN 6:41-51

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us. We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to “murmur” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see Exodus 16:2, 7, 8; 1 Corinthians 10:10). The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur,” to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the “son” of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm. At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see Exodus 3:1–2), touches us.

He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (see Matthew 26:26). This taste of the heavenly gift (see Hebrews 6:4–5) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert. So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see Isaiah 63:10). Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

**WORD OF LIFE** “Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Solace & Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”

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August 8, 2021

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