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**Mass Schedule:** Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Live-Stream Mass:** Apr 03 at 8:00a  
**Reconciliation:** Sat 10a or by appt. **Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9a-4p  
**Website:** www.stmartinvicksburg.org **Facebook:** facebook.com/stmartinofoursofvicksburg  
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### MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- Apr 02 5:30p Mass †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley  
Apr 03 8:00a Mass For the people of St. Martin  
9:30a No Religious Ed or Adult Study  
No Parish Cenacle  
11:00a Mass †Elizabeth Sehy  
by Leo & Devon Swiat  
4:30p **HALOS/Youth** clean church till 6:00p  
6:00p **Penance Service**  
at St Joseph, Kalamazoo  
Apr 05 7:00p **Bishop Barron/Creed** series till 8:30p  
Apr 06 9:00a Mass †Eric Gilbert  
by Leo & Devon Swiat  
6:30p **Adoration & Benediction/Holy Hour**  
at St. Edward! Not at St. Martin this week.  
6:00p **Middle School** meet in Youth Center  
Apr 07 6:00p **Stations of the Cross** at St. Edward  
7:00p **RCIA**  
Apr 08 8:00a **Friday Adoration** till 9:00a  
9:00a Mass †Bonnie Lavelline  
by Dcn Dave & Jane Guido  
6:00p **Stations of the Cross followed by**  
**Soup & bread supper** in Parish Hall  
Apr 09 7:30a **Men's group**  
5:30p Mass †Dennis & Yvonne Boyle  
by Scott & Pat Cline  
Apr 10 8:00a Mass For the people of Cuba in this  
time of suffering by Claudia Hansford  
9:00a **Farmer's Breakfast** till 1:00p  
9:30a **Religious Ed & Adult Study**  
9:30a **Parish Cenacle in Church** till 10:30a  
11:00a Mass For the people of St. Martin  
2:00p **Penance Service** at St. Augustine

**REMINDER** - No Religious Education on Apr 3  
for Spring Break. Have fun, be safe, and God  
bless!  
~Tim McNamara

### WORD OF LIFE

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children,  
we implore your intercession for every child at risk  
of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend  
each and every human life through just laws. In-  
spire us all to bring our faith into public life, to  
speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in  
the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love  
and Mercy itself. Amen."

A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe USCCB  
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*



### LECTOR/USHER/SCRIP SCHEDULE

Apr 09 5:30p Lector: Pam T  
Ushers: Ken & Gail D, Doug & Deb S  
Scrip: Dewolff  
Apr 10 8:00a Lector: Janet K  
Ushers: Joe R, Joe S, Melissa C, volunteer  
Scrip: Koenigsknecht  
Apr 10 11:00a Lector: David S  
Ushers: Walt Z, Mike & Kris B, volunteer  
Scrip: Van Dalen

Then Jesus  
straightened up  
and said to her,  
"Woman, where are  
they? Has no one  
condemned you?"

She replied,  
"No one sir."  
Then Jesus said,  
"Neither do I  
condemn you.  
Go, and from  
now on do not  
sin any more."

*John 8:10, 11*

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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 3, 2022

WATCH

### SYMBOLON - SESSION 6 THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' DEATH AND

Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is Love. In this episode of the Symbolon series, see how Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness.



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## INSIDE OUR PARISH

**FARMERS BREAKFAST NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, APRIL 10 FROM 9:00A—1:00P**

**REMINDER: ADORATION ON WED, APR 6 WILL BE AT ST EDWARD**

**IT'S SPRING AND THE ST. ISADORE GUILD IS PREPARING** to get the garden ready for your enjoyment. We only have a couple of volunteers that work the garden, so we are asking for your assistance. If you can help out in any way, once a week, once a month, spring and fall clean up, whatever time you can donate, we need you! Any day, any time works. We can arrange to offer direction and assistance. No experience necessary! Kids are welcome! Big strong folks who can wield a shovel are really a bonus. Call Sharon 679.5328 for info. Thanks!! *"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."* – Mother Theresa –

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** express another GRAND Thank You to all who have joined us at our fundraisers, namely the Farmer's Breakfasts. Recently, \$700 was donated to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund and \$576 was donated for the cleaning of the Parish Hall chairs.

**LET MI KIDS LEARN PETITION:** Watch a video about this petition on our website at [www.stmartinvicksburg.org](http://www.stmartinvicksburg.org). Please prayerfully consider signing the two required petitions to create the scholarship program and tax credits to improve the education of Michigan's school children. We will be available after this Sunday Masses if you would like to sign these Petitions. You may also stop by the parish office Monday—Friday from 9a-3p. Signatures can also be gathered by parishioners going door to door within their neighborhoods or by going to the homes of fellow parishioners. If you would like to help contact Kathy Laske at 269-649-1629.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alfredo Montes	
Matt Coash	Maureen Montes
Sue Coash	Marge Rice
Jody Cunningham	Susan Sirna
Kassidy Evans	Jennifer Stocki
Karen Garcea	John Trumptower
Ethel Markan	TJ Williams
Fred Maxa	Aiden Woodard

### FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS

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

### PARISH SUPPORT MARCH 27, 2022

Envelopes: 74	Weekly Goal: \$6,730
Collection envelopes:	\$5,335.00
Mailed in envelopes:	\$652.60
On Line Giving:	\$0
Total Collection:	\$5,987.60

Purchase Scrip after all Masses  
and in the Church office M-F 9a-4p

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## NEWS AROUND OUR DIOCESE

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE** CRS Ricebowl: Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally?

Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** meets until April 10. We will pray in front of the Planned Parenthood, 4201 W. Michigan Ave., on the public sidewalk. Join with our brothers and sisters from area churches to help to end abortion in Kalamazoo. Our prayers and fasting make a difference by changing hearts. Please consider signing up for one hour a week. You can sign up online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/kalamazoo> or by emailing [40daysKALAMAZOO@gmail.com](mailto:40daysKALAMAZOO@gmail.com).

**TRAUMA RECOVERY PROGRAM** is a free 10-week program for people dealing with the impact of childhood abuse or neglect, sponsored by the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Participants will gain an understanding of why past traumas continue to affect them and what they can do to get better. Almost 500 people in our diocese have reaped the benefits of this program as they heal from their past. Don't delay – sign up today! In-person TRP group (live) Thursday evenings 6:00-8:30 pm Begins April 21 and ends on June 23 at Visitation Parish (Byron Center) Register by calling 269-459-2121 or email at [TRA@TraumaRecoveryAssociates.com](mailto:TRA@TraumaRecoveryAssociates.com)

**DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO CAREGIVERS CONNECTION** - Now meeting at 2 p.m.! Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? You are invited to a virtual gathering on the first Sunday of the month (when date falls on a holiday weekend we move to the second Sunday) from 2 to 3 p.m. on Zoom. The focus is to build relationships, share faith and experiences, and create a supportive community. To learn more or to register go to <https://diokzoo.org/caregivers> or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at [lisairwin@ccdok.org](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org). Zoom link will be sent to those who register. 2022 dates: Mar. 6., Apr. 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4

**JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE 2022 RETREAT DATES:** May 14-15 Sep 10-11. To register, visit [diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation](http://diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation) Planning to get married in 2022? A marriage formation weekend for engaged couples. The Joy-Filled Marriage process is a comprehensive marriage preparation program rooted in virtues as well as Theology of the Body. The program incorporates rich Catholic theology with sound psychology.

### THE WISDOM THAT COMES WITH AGE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. John 8:7-9

This passage comes from the story of the woman caught in adultery when she is dragged before Jesus to see if He would support her stoning. His response is perfect and, in the end, she is left alone to encounter the tender mercy of Jesus.

But there is a line in this passage that is easily overlooked. It is the line that states, "...beginning with the elders." This reveals an interesting dynamic within human communities. Generally speaking, those who are younger tend to lack the wisdom and experience that comes with age. Though the young may find it hard to admit, those who have lived a long life have a unique and broad picture of life. This enables them to be far more prudent in their decisions and judgments, especially when it comes to the more intense situations in life.

In this story, the woman is brought before Jesus with a harsh judgment. Emotions are high and these emotions clearly cloud the rational thinking of those who are ready to stone her. Jesus cuts through this irrationality by a profound statement. "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Perhaps, at first, those who were younger or more emotional did not allow the words of Jesus to sink in. They probably stood there with stones in hand waiting to start throwing. But then the elders began to walk away. This is age and wisdom at work. They were less controlled by the emotion of the situation and were immediately aware of the wisdom of the words spoken by our Lord. As a result, the others followed.

Reflect, today, upon the wisdom that comes with age. If you are older, reflect upon your responsibility to help guide the younger generation with clarity, firmness and love. If you are younger, do not neglect to rely upon the wisdom of the older generation. Though age is not a perfect guarantee of wisdom, it may be a far more significant factor than you realize. Be open to your elders, show them respect, and learn from the experiences they have had in life.

Prayer for the young: Lord, give me a true respect for my elders. I thank you for their wisdom stemming from the many experiences they have had in life. May I be open to their counsel and be guided by their gentle hand.

Prayer for the elder: Lord, I thank You for my life and for the many experiences I have had. I thank You for teaching me through my hardships and struggles, and I thank You for the joys and loves that I have encountered in life. Continue to pour forth Your wisdom upon me so that I may help guide Your children. May I always seek to set a good example and lead them according to Your Heart.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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