

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

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Mass Schedule: Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Live-Stream Mass:** Sep 04 at 9:30a
Reconciliation: Sat 10a or by appt. **Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9a-4p
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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- Sep 03 7:30a Men's Group**
5:30p **Mass** †Joe Murray
by Michael & Maureen Gergely
 **Holy Land** sales in narthex
This week the Sanctuary candle burns for
†Adele Shook by Steve & Kathleen Waldron
- Sep 04 8:00a Mass** For the people of St. Martin
9:30a **Adult Ed Video Series** Lectio:
Eucharist Discovering the Mass in the
Bible video series - Manning room.
11:00a **Mass** †Bea LeLand by Phillip Leland
Holy Land sales in narthex
- Sep 05**
Happy Labor Day
Parish Office Closed
No Bible study with Msgr. Martin
- Sep 07 9:00a Mass** †Mary VanderBeek
by Barb & Vic Cerll
- Sep 09 8:00a Friday Adoration** till 9:00a
9:00a **Mass** †Janet Haas by Margot Shick
- Sep 10 7:30a Men's Group**
5:30p **Mass** †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley
- Sep 11 8:00a Mass** For the people of St. Martin
11:00a **Mass** †Tony Seh
by the VanderBeek family
12:00p **Parish Picnic**

LECTOR/USHER/SCRIP SCHEDULE

- Sep 10 5:30p** Lector: Roger V
Ushers: Jim & Monica R, Sharon Z, Carol W
Raise Right: DeWolff
- Sep 11 8:00a** Lector: Richard S
Ushers: Al & MaryAnn K, Joe S, volunteer
Raise Right: Koenigsknecht
- Sep 11 11:00a** Lector: Lisa I
Ushers: Mike & Kris B, Walt Z, volunteer
Raise Right: Musselman

Labor Day

Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way; people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport.
~Pope Francis



Daniel Hendrick
Eternal Rest grant
unto him, O Lord

Kenneth Gorsline
Eternal Rest grant
unto him, O Lord

Barb Smith
August 25, 2022
Eternal Rest grant
unto her, O Lord

WORD OF LIFE

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."
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Whoever does
not carry his
own cross and
come after me
cannot be my
disciple.

Luke 14:27



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Jody Cunningham	Steve Vogler
Karen Garcea	TJ Williams
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INSIDE OUR PARISH

THIS WEEKEND, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOLY LAND FAMILY will be selling beautiful hand carved religious art work made from olive wood and mosaics to help the Christian families in the Holy Land who rely on the selling of their religious work to make a living. These families livelihood have been largely affected due to the political conflict in the region. The Christian population in Bethlehem is decreasing and with the support to help these families continue their work, will help maintain their employment so that they stay in their homeland. We invite you to come and browse after each mass, and we greatly thank you for your support! God Bless You.

REMINDER: NO BIBLE STUDY WITH MSGR ON MONDAY, SEP 5TH DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, see you next week.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION at St. Edwards this Wednesday, Sep 7 at 6:30p, all are welcome.

ERROR ON THE SEPTEMBER CALENDAR: The Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction on September 21st will be at St. Martin's, not St. Edwards as shown on the calendar.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving a Farmer's breakfast on Sunday, Sep 18th from 9am until 1pm.

R.C.I.A. CLASSES ARE FORMING NOW. Are you thinking of joining the Church or do you know of a friend or a relative who is considering the Catholic Church? Do you have questions about the Church and would like to know more about our faith? Classes will begin in September and more information will be coming soon. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office (649-1629) and leave your name and contact information.

THE KALAMAZOO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INVITES YOU to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist! On Thursday, September 22. St. Martin of Tours KDCCW will host: "Life and Eternal Life: Abortion Defeated by the Eucharist". Check in and light refreshments begin at 8:15a with a start time of 9a Bishop Bradley will provide the opening keynote presentation on the Eucharistic Revival and our historic moment in time in Michigan to protect pre-born babies! Holy Mass will be celebrated by Father Pinto, Rosary, testimonies and lunch. At 1p Rebecca Kiessling, an international Pro-life Catholic speaker will give her testimony. Lisa Irwin, Catholic Charities, Socorro Truchan, Right to Life and Michigan Catholic Conference will also share presentations. See attached flyer on our bulletin boards located at the east and west entrances. With prayer, education, and action we can defeat abortion in Michigan! Registration fee is only \$20. You pay at the door but must reserve a spot by emailing becky.borglin@gmail.com or call her at 269-325-1354. Please, leave message with who is registering, your Church, city and email address or phone number. There is also a sign up sheet in the narthex. Come share an important event with your Catholic Sisters. If the entire day is too much, come for half of the day. If you are a nursing Mom, please feel free to bring your baby! There is a sign-up sheet in our narthex.

THE PARISH PICNIC next Sunday, Sep 11. The Church will provide the protein and there is a potluck sign-up in the Narthex – PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE SO WE CAN PROVIDE ENOUGH FOR ALL! There will be music and a free throw contest with 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes. Please see the volunteer signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help with preparation and cleanup.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2022 - 2023: Registration can be accessed at www.stmartinvicksburg.org/religious-education. Class will begin on Sunday September 18 at 9:30a. Questions? Please contact Tim McNamara, Director of Religious Education, at dre@stmartinvicksburg.org. Thank you and God bless!

YOUTH MINISTRY SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER: Are you in middle or high school and wanting to connect with other Catholic Christians outside of school? Do you want to experience Jesus' presence and grow in closer relationship with Him? You are invited to join us for the below upcoming events to experience Jesus and the faith. Please consider coming to any or all and feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Tim at dre@stmartinvicksburg.org.

September 11 12-3PM Parish Picnic – Free Throw Contest (See Flyer on Bulletin Boards in the Narthex)

ENCOUNTER FRIDAY SEP 23 FROM 6– 8:00P: Are you looking for a church activity for your family in between Sundays? Are you wanting to learn more about your faith and how to share the faith with your family and others? Encounter is open to all parishioners and offers an intentional time to experience our beautiful Catholic faith outside of the worship we do at Mass or within the religious education classroom. This evening event features a time of food and fellowship, praise and worship music, a presentation with a craft for young kids, and closes with a time of family-friendly adoration. For questions, please reach out to Tim at dre@stmartinvicksburg.org.

FROM OUR DIOCESE

ANNUAL BLUE MASS HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS – Sept. 11 The annual diocesan Blue Mass honoring police, fire, EMT and military personnel will be held Sunday, Sept. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral. A reception will follow in the Crowley Center. To RSVP, contact Fr. Robert Creagan at frcreagan@stakalamazoo.org or 269.345.5147.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN NEW EVANGELIZATION CONVOCATION – OCT 1 Adults from around the diocese are invited to grow in their faith at this year's annual New Evangelization Convocation. The Diocese of Kalamazoo will welcome Fr. Connor Danstrom as the keynote speaker at this year's Eucharist-centered convocation on Saturday, Oct 1, at St. Augustine Cathedral's Crowley Center. Fr. Danstrom is one of several Eucharistic Preachers focused on bringing kerygmatic Eucharistic preaching to dioceses around the country during the USCCB's three-year Eucharistic Revival. He currently serves as Chaplain and Director of the St. John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The Convocation will begin with 8:45 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral, followed by keynotes, small group discussions and more in the Crowley Center. Adoration will be available all day in the chapel and Benediction will conclude the day at 3 p.m. Cost is \$30 and includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit diokzoo.org/convocation.

DIOCESAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Oct. 30 All couples celebrating 50 years of marriage any time in 2022 are invited to participate in the annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration. This year it will be held on Sunday, October 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. To attend, contact your parish, fill out an online form at diokzoo.org/50th-anniversary, or email struchan@diokzoo.org.



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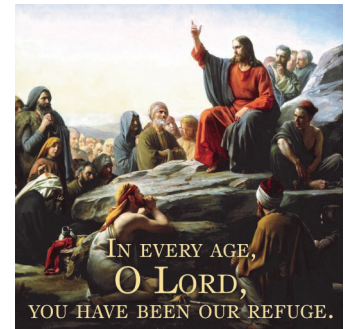
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"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?" Luke 14:28

Are you prepared for all that the Lord wants of you? This short rhetorical question above is Jesus' way of saying that you ought to be prepared. If you were to build a tower you would hopefully be prudent enough to plan ahead, making sure you had enough resources for its completion. So it is with the spiritual life. It is essential that we make sure we have all the resources we need to make the choice to follow Christ.

This raises the question, "What resources do I need to follow Christ?" The answer is simple. Jesus says at the end of this Gospel, "In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). In other words, if we want to have all that we need to fulfill the will of God in our lives, we must surrender everything to God.

Being a disciple of Christ is not something we can do halfheartedly, even though there are many who attempt this. When we choose to follow Him, it must be wholehearted. We must be "all in," so to speak. Otherwise, we will never be able to accomplish all that our Lord asks of us. He is a demanding God in the sense that He wants everything from us. But this demand on the part of our Lord is completely for our own good. We need to give Him everything if we want happiness and fulfillment in life.

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to give every last part of your life to Christ. Are you willing to say "Yes" to Him no matter what? Are you willing to hold nothing back and "renounce all your possessions" if He were to ask? You may possess many things, and even though our Lord may not call you to give up all possessions in a literal and physical way, you must still surrender everything you have and everything you are to Him. Only then can He give you what you need to accomplish His most glorious will.

Lord, my life is Yours. Please give me the grace to surrender everything that makes up my life to You without reserve. I surrender to You my life, my finances, my possessions, my family, my labors and my entire future. All is Yours, dear Lord. Do with me what You will.
Jesus, I trust in You.