

# 32nd 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:** Nov 6 at 8:00a

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### MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- Nov 05** 7:30a **Men's Group**  
5:30p **Mass** †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley
- Nov 06** 8:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin  
9:30a **Rel Ed & Adult Study** group till 10:45a  
11:00a **Mass** †Bill Brumleve  
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann
- Nov 07** 6:00p **Bible Study** with Msgr
- Nov 09** 9:00a **Mass** †Fritz & Rose Coppens  
by Mike Coppens
- Nov 10** 7:00p **RCIA**
- Nov 11** 8:00a **Adoration** till 9:00a  
9:00a **Mass** †Bishop Murray  
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann  
11:00a **Red Cross Blood Drive** till 4:45p
- Nov 12** 7:30a **Men's Group**  
5:30p **Mass** †Greg Pula by Nick & Barb Ostrosky
- Nov 13** 8:00a **Mass** †Leo Swiat by Dave & Jane Guido  
9:00a **Farmer's Breakfast** till 1:00p  
11:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin

### WORD OF LIFE

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

The Sanctuary candle burns this week for



†Tom Kelley  
by Vickie Kelley

### LECTOR/USHER/SCRIP DONUT & COFFEE SCHEDULE

- Nov 12** 5:30p **Lector:** Catherine B  
**Ushers:** Nick & Barb O, Sandy Y, Leandro F  
**Raise Right:** Doorlag
- Nov 13** 8:00a **Lector:** Priscilla S  
**Ushers:** Joe R, Joe S, Melissa C, volunteer  
**Raise Right:** Levan
- Nov 13** 11:00a **Lector:** Lisa I  
**Ushers:** Coleen V, Cindy J, 2 volunteers  
**Raise Right:** Musselan

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### Can God Heal Human Divisions?

A tragic consequence of sin is human division, something we all face in one way or another. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we can invite Christ into those situations of brokenness.

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Christina Kelley	Aiden Woodard

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 our parish prayer line at  
 269-303-8016.

**INSIDE OUR PARISH**

**FARMER'S BREAKFAST 9A-1P NEXT SUN NOV 13** Proceeds will be placed in a family fund for St. Martin & St. Edward parishes.

**SOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD PANTRY** is in need of the following items: Canned Chili, Mayonnaise, Pancake syrup, Breakfast cereal, Cake Mixes & Frosting, Household supplies: Bar soap & Paper Towel

**IN OCTOBER, PARISHIONERS GENEROUSLY DONATED** 347 lbs. of food & household supplies! Thank you for keeping the shelves stocked at our local food pantry. If you are in need of food, please call 269-649-2901 for assistance. The pantry is located at 606 Spruce St. in Vicksburg & is open 10a - 12p Mon - Thur. The pantry serves south county residents (Schoolcraft, Vicksburg, Fulton, Climax, Scotts) so your donations are helping your neighbors!

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY RAFFLE -- THANK YOU** to all who bought tickets for the Catholic Charities' Fundraising Raffle. If you were unable to buy tickets last weekend, & are still interested or would like more info, Catholic Charities' <http://www.ccdok.org/stnicholas>, or contact Lisa Irwin at (269) 598-2519. Tickets will be on sale until Dec 1. The raffle will be held Dec 6.

**COLD WINTERS NEED WARM HEARTS!** The Diocesan Home Heating Assistance Program provides emergency heating assistance, to anyone in the nine counties of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. The program is integral in helping at-need households in our community defray heating expenses and obtain heating resources. 16% of Michigan households have energy burdens at or above 20%, leaving only 80% of an already strained income to spend on things like rent, medicine, transportation, etc. Many times, families must choose between heat/electricity and other basic survival needs. Your parish collection is so important this year! Will you open your heart and wrap a family in warmth this season by donating? Donations can be made directly anytime at [www.ccdok.org/donate](http://www.ccdok.org/donate) or {in the special envelope in the annual envelope donation packet / Home Heating Assistance} the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19 & 20. Your contribution is both needed and appreciated. God bless you!

**THIS IS OUR 7TH & FINAL WEEK TO REVIEW** the actual language of Proposal 3 (the "Reproductive Freedom for All" proposal). Unsurprisingly, the proposal violates Church teaching about the sacredness of all human life beginning at conception. Shockingly, the proposal also authorizes minors to obtain abortions & sterilizations without parental consent or even notice, effectively allows abortion on demand through 9 months of pregnancy, prevents the State from protecting unborn life or stopping discrimination based on a baby's sex, race, or disability, effectively exempts abortionists from health & safety regulations, & permits non-medical professionals to assist with abortions while potentially absolving abortionists from medical-malpractice lawsuits. Is it any surprise that Proposal 3's supporters did not publish the proposal's full text on their website until after petition signature gathering was over? There are plenty of additional provisions of Proposal 3 that we could address, but we only have time for one more. Subsection (2) says that the "state shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right." The Michigan Supreme Court has previously held that Michigan can limit taxpayer funding for abortions. But supreme courts of Alaska, California, Massachusetts, Minnesota, & New Jersey have all held that an independent state constitutional right to abortion means the state cannot restrict public funding of abortions. And Proposal 3's anti-discrimination law makes it a near certainty the same will happen here. So not only will abortion on demand be the law in Michigan, but all of us will likely have to pay for it—even if it violates our deepest religious beliefs about the value & dignity of unborn, human life. No matter how a voter feels about abortion, Proposal 3 is terrifying. This extreme proposal would make Michigan an outlier, not only in the United States but around the world. And the Michigan Legislature & courts would have very few tools to do anything to combat the proposal's language, which appears intentionally overbroad. Please tell everyone you know: vote "NO" on Proposal 3 on November 8.

**YOUTH ENCOUNTER!** Encounter is open to all middle & high school aged students & 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 & fellowship, praise & worship music, a presentation with small group discussion, & closes with a time of adoration. Please mark your calendars for Fri Nov 18 (and Dec 16) from 6:00 – 8:00p in the Parish Hall & get ready to encounter our Lord Jesus Christ! For questions, please reach out to Tim at [dre@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:dre@stmartinvicksburg.org).

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH - Service Day!** Beginning with the 11 am Mass, we'll gather to help some of our parishioners in the local community to do lawn care and such. Please contact Tim ([dre@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:dre@stmartinvicksburg.org)) for questions and more info.

## AROUND OUR DIOCESE

**THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS** in Michigan together with the dioceses in this state are calling on all Catholics to **vote no on Proposal 3** on the November election ballot. **The proposal would give legal immunity to a school worker or anyone who helps a teen get an abortion without the parents' consent.** For more information about the proposal and how to help defeat it, please see our parish website or go to <https://supportmiwomenandchildren.org/>

**AQUINAS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE** – Saturday, November 12 Aquinas College welcomes any high school students and families to our Open House on Saturday, November 12! Choose your own path throughout the day to get the inside scoop on academics, athletics and scholarships, as well as our Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service! Details and registration information can be found at [aquinas.edu/openhouse](http://aquinas.edu/openhouse).

### THE DEAD WILL RISE

*“That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called ‘Lord,’ the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.” Luke 20:37-38*

As we draw close to the end of this Church year, our readings begin to focus more clearly upon the final things to come. The following is an excerpt from My Catholic Faith!, Chapter 5, regarding the resurrection of the dead:

The third & final coming is when Jesus returns to Earth in splendor and glory. It will be “the end of the world as we know it.” It will be a time when His permanent Kingdom is established. There is much to say about this moment in history and it is actually quite fascinating to reflect upon.

If you were to read the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs #671-677, you would discover that it almost reads as a deeply intriguing futuristic science fiction mystery novel. The only difference is that it's all true, it's all glorious, and it's all beyond any mystery we will ever be able to comprehend until it actually takes place. And it will take place at one definitive moment in time to come!

So what does this all mean? It means that Jesus will be returning in all His splendor and glory. He will physically return to Earth one day radiant and glorious. We will see Him, and the world as we currently know it will come to an end. At that moment in time God will establish His permanent Kingdom and both Heaven and Earth will be united as one. It will be “a new Heaven and a new Earth” (Revelation 21:1). The former Heaven and Earth will pass away and the new order will be established.

But that's not all! At that moment in time all the dead shall rise. That's right, all people who have ever died will rise. This means that everybody who has been “laid to rest” in a cemetery or elsewhere will be brought back to life, given a new glorified body, & that body will be rejoined to his or her soul.

The Catechism also states: When he comes at the end of time to judge the living and the dead, the glorious Christ will reveal the secret disposition of hearts and will render to each man according to his works and according to his acceptance or refusal of grace. (#682)

This is a fascinating thought, & a bit scary, too! It means that all that is hidden will come to light. This can be good or bad depending upon what is hidden. The thought should both fill us with a bit of holy fear, and it should also fill us with a holy joy. The holy fear is actually a gift from God to help us eliminate any secret and hidden sin we have now or have struggled with in the past. Since it will in fact all come to light one day, we might as well deal with it now so that our sin is no more. If we do, even our sin is turned into virtue and grace. And then, at the end of time, that grace and virtue is what will be made manifest. This manifestation of our virtue will be the cause of holy joy not only for us but also for others to whom it is manifested.

We will be judged, then, based on what is there within our conscience. It will no longer just be exterior. We will not be able to put on a good face and pretend we are someone we are not. The full truth will come out and will be made manifest for all to see in accord with God's plan.

Another thing to note is that at the Final Judgment even those who are in Hell will rise. Why? Because as humans we are meant to eternally be united with our bodies. We are, in essence, body and soul. So even the dead will receive their bodies back. But sadly, they will then suffer eternally not only spiritually but also physically. What this actually entails we do not know. But it will be a real pain of loss. Loss of God and loss in that the body and soul will not be able to share in life with God. This can seem harsh and unfair but we should remind ourselves that God is perfectly just and perfectly loving and however this eternal loss and eternal suffering is lived, it is right and just.

What will this new life look like for those who share in the Resurrection to new life? It will be life with God, physically and spiritually, as well as life with each other. The Book of Revelation speaks symbolically of this new life as a city where God is on the throne in the center of the city. Light shines forth from Him so there is no need for the sun or moon. The streets are gold. The gates filled with precious stones. And so much more. This symbolic language should not be taken literally, rather, it should be seen as imagery that helps us understand the beauty, splendor, and magnificence of the life that awaits us. It's the new Heavens and new Earth.

Lord, may I always be ready to greet You when You come. I thank You for Your perfect promise of raising all from the dead and bringing forth new life. Use me to gather many into this future and glorious Kingdom, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.

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