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Mass Schedule: Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Live-Stream Mass:** May 07 at 8:00a

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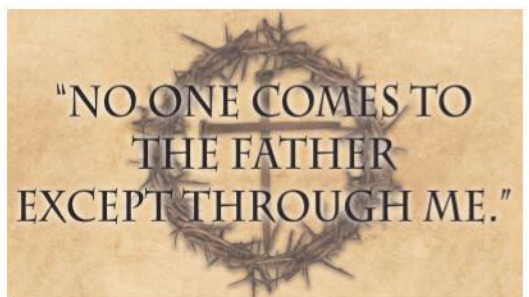
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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- May 06** 5:05p **Holy Rosary**
- May 06** 5:30p **Mass** †Carol Wunderlin by Walt Wunderlin
- May 06** 7:35p **Holy Rosary**
- May 07** 8:00a **Mass** †Cathy Rice by Joe Rice
- May 07** 9:30a **Rel Ed Classes & Adult Study**
- May 07** 10:35a **Holy Rosary**
- May 07** 11:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin
- May 07** 12:00p **May Crowning**
- May 08** 10:00a **Caring Hands**
- May 08** 6:00p **Bible Study** with Msgr
- May 10** 9:00a **Mass** †Fritz VanderMaele
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann
- May 10** 4:00p **Rummage Sale Meeting**/Manning Rm
- May 12** 8:00a **Friday Adoration** till 9:00a
- May 12** 9:00a **Mass** †For the deceased members of the
S. Kim Lee family by S. Kim Lee
- May 13** 7:30a **Men's Group**
- May 13** 10:00a **Reconciliation** till 11:00a
- May 13** 5:05p **Holy Rosary**
- May 13** 5:30p **Mass** †Trisha DeWolff
by Mom, Dad & Jennifer DeWolff
- May 14** 7:35p **Holy Rosary**
- May 14** 8:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin
- May 14** 9:00a **Farmer's Breakfast** till 1:00p
- May 14** 10:35a **Holy Rosary**
- May 14** 11:00a **Mass** †Leo Swiat by Gail Turner



The Sanctuary Lamp burns to declare that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present: body, blood, soul and divinity in the tabernacle. This week the candle for our Sanctuary lamp is provided in memory of †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley



LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

- May 13** 5:30p **Lector:** Nancy H
- Ushers:** Nick & Barb O, Sandy Y, volunteer
- Raise Rite:** DeWolff
- May 14** 8:00a **Lector:** Richard S
- Ushers:** Melissa C, Al & MaryAnn K, volunteer
- Raise Rite:** Bloom
- May 14** 11:00a **Lector:** Meredith C
- Ushers:** Ellen & Sidney C, 2 volunteers
- Raise Rite:** Musselman

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INSIDE OUR PARISH

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! St. Martin of Tours, your parish community where you worship God and receive His Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, wants to celebrate you, along with our recently confirmed students, and your accomplishments with Mass and brunch on Sunday June 4th. Wearing your cap and gowns, we'll process into the 11 am Mass and worship as one and following, along with your family, we'll enjoy a catered brunch served by Maggie's Catering. Please find a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the Religious Education table to let us know that you and your family will be attending. If you have any questions, please let Tim know at dre@stmartinvicksburg.org.

Thank you and God bless you each!

RUMMAGE SALE MEETING MAY 10 in the Manning Center. All are welcome!

WE WILL BE PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY during the month of May before the weekend Masses beginning on Saturday, May 6th. Rosary volunteers are needed to lead us in the prayers. A sign-up sheet for Rosary leaders is in the narthex. Many thanks to our Rosary leaders!

WE WILL HAVE FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION on May 5th from 8-9am and 9:30am until 7pm. There is a new sign-up sheet for those who would like to spend a quiet hour in the presence of our Lord. We have updated the sign-up sheet recently, so even if you have signed up in the past, please do so again. We have many open hours.

FOR OUR LECTORS AND USHERS: Our next schedule will be prepared soon. The new schedule will run from June 10th through August 20th. If you anticipate any change of availability during this time, please call the parish office by no later than Monday, May 8th or you may email Sue Maneikis pastoralcare@stmartinvicksburg.org.

NEXT FARMER'S BREAKFAST IS MAY 14 FROM 9A-1P. The Knights will be donating the proceeds from this breakfast to the Pregnancy centers in the Kalamazoo area.

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THIS WEEKEND WE MAKE OUR PLEDGES TO THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. As Christian stewards we recognize God as the source of everything we are and have. We are grateful for our blessings and seek ways to give back, to return some of these gifts to show our love for the Lord and one another. As disciples of Jesus Christ, all of us share in the mission of the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo. Only when we work together can we accomplish God's work. Please prayerfully consider a very generous gift to this year's appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Consider increasing your last year's gift by a percentage or specific dollar amount in order to meet increased needs in our diocese and beyond. Remember, no gift is too small or too large, and every gift makes the work of Jesus Christ possible.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR, and the Gardening Guild of St Martin's is ready to spruce up the Mary garden for another season of beauty & enjoyment for our parish family. As always, we are in need of volunteers to keep the garden gorgeous. No experience is necessary! Please prayerfully consider volunteering for an hour a week, or an hour or two a month. Children are always welcome! Please call or text Sharon for more details & information-324.1267. God Bless!

ON MAY 21ST, OUR PARISH WILL TAKE UP THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION. Funds help six Catholic agencies aid victims of war and natural disasters, resettle refugees and migrants displaced by violence and poverty, and address the pastoral needs of migrant workers, seafarers, and other people lacking stable parish communities. Your generous gift brings Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

WORD OF LIFE

"Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"Understanding Conscience"

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A TROUBLED HEART

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" John 14:1-2

These consoling and encouraging words, spoken by Jesus to the Apostles at the Last Supper, come immediately after Judas left to betray Jesus and after Jesus told Peter, in the presence of the others, that Peter would deny Jesus three times before the cock crowed. As a result, the Twelve (now Eleven) would have been discouraged, especially Peter. Jesus senses this and says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled..."

Peter was told that he would soon commit a grave sin against Jesus. As we are later told, as soon as Peter committed these sins,

he went out and wept bitterly. Perhaps, as he did, he would have recalled Jesus' words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled..."

Being tempted toward sin can be discouraging. But that can turn into a good thing. If we are not affected by our temptations, then we lack love for God. And if we give into those temptations and fail to experience sorrow, this is even worse. However, discouragement over our sins cannot remain; it must turn into its opposite, the virtue of hope. Hope will result from sin only when we hear and understand Jesus' promise, seen above.

Jesus not only tells the disciples not to be troubled, He also tells them why. Jesus promises them He will prepare a place for them in Heaven and will come to take them to that place in His Father's House, despite their failings. By believing, Peter and the other apostles will be able to dispel the initial discouragement they feel over their failings and turn back to God with the anticipation of Heaven.

Do you get discouraged by your sin? Begin by calling to mind any sin that you regularly struggle with. Habitual sin, especially, will lead to either sorrow, repentance and hope, or to a discouragement that ends in despair and the abandonment of virtue.

Like

Saint Peter, we must strive to weep bitterly over our sins. We must let our sins, and the temptation toward despair, become a motivation to regain hope, courage, and determination. This will only be possible if we always hear Jesus say to us, "Do not let your hearts be

troubled..." We must sense His compassion and tenderness and allow that love to fill us with confidence that we will one day overcome all sin and be welcomed into the Father's House.

Reflect, today, upon any sin with which you regularly struggle. As you do, consider whether your discouragement leads to despair or hope. Hope does not come from your ability to overcome sin on your own. It comes from the compassion of our Lord and His promise to redeem you. If you do have a troubled heart, that is good. It is the starting point for hope. Allow Jesus to lift your troubled heart and to point your eyes to Heaven.

Most compassionate Lord, though I am a sinner, You speak to me with tenderness and call me to repent so that I will always have hope in Heaven. Please give me a true and holy sorrow for my sins and help me to always turn back to You so that You will one day lead me to the fullness of the Father's House. Jesus, I trust in You.

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