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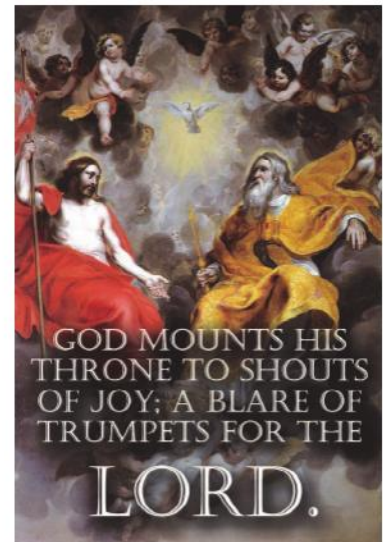
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Mass Schedule: Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Live-Stream Mass:** May 21 at 8:00a
Reconciliation: Sat 10a or by appt. **Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9a-4p
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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

May 20 5:05p **Holy Rosary**
May 20 5:30p **Mass** †Timothy Wolf by Walt Wunderlin
May 21 7:35p **Holy Rosary**
May 21 8:00a **Mass** For the people of St Martin
May 21 2:00p **Confirmation** at the Cathedral
May 21 10:35a **Holy Rosary**
May 21 11:00a **Mass** †Joe Thamann
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann
May 22 6:00p **Bible Study** with Msgr
May 23 7:00p **Knights of Columbus**
May 24 9:00a **Mass** †Larry Houghtaling
by Jackie Houghtaling
May 24 6:00p **Pack the House** dinner & speaker
May 26 8:00a **Friday Adoration** till 9:00a
May 26 9:00a **Mass** †Sandra McPhee
by S. Kim Lee
May 27 **No Men's Group**
May 27 10:00a **Reconciliation** till 11:00a
May 27 5:05p **Holy Rosary**
May 27 5:30p **Mass** †Leo Swiat by Mike & Kathy Walsh
May 28 7:35p **Holy Rosary**
May 28 8:00a **Mass** For the people of St Martin
May 28 10:35a **Holy Rosary**
May 28 11:00a **Mass** †Leo Swiat by the Gilbert family



LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

May 27 5:30p **Lector:** Mike C
Ushers: Ken & Gail D, Doug & Deb S
No **Raise Rite** this weekend
May 28 8:00a **Lector:** Karen S
Ushers: Al & MaryAnn K, Joe S, volunteer
No **Raise Rite** this weekend
May 28 11:00a **Lector:** Michele J
Ushers: Mike & Chris B, Sandy Y, volunteer
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INSIDE OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK, WE TAKE UP THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION to help six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to the poor and marginalized around the world. Please give generously. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

COME AND JOIN YOUR PARISH FAMILY ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH AT 6:00 P.M. FOR DINNER. We are honored to have Toni Newell as a guest speaker at 6:45 p.m. Toni is the new head of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Kalamazoo. The topic of her presentation is "Service as an Expression of our Faith". There are twelve programs that fall under Catholic Charities. I'm sure most of us do not realize the services provided in our Diocese. Be informed! Please sign up for dinner in the narthex. Your Adult Education Committee.

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE Thank you to the 104 families who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so and respond next weekend. Your gift, together with those of others across our diocese, will support essential ministries and programs of our Church in Southwest Michigan. You may place your pledge card in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to the parish office. Additional pledge envelopes are available in the pews. No gift is too large or too small.

FAMILY FARE FUND RAISER PROGRAM DISCONTINUED! We have been informed by Family Fare that they have discontinued the Direct Your Dollars fundraiser program to pursue other endeavors. Thank you all who devotedly brought your Family Fare receipts each week to help us reach our goals. During the time that I've been here we were able to attain \$2,000 from your receipts. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped us record all the receipts for us to collect our checks. God Bless you, Tim McNamara

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!

WE ARE PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY during the month of May before the weekend Masses. 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!

THE GARDENING GUILD OF ST MARTIN'S continues to seek 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!

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WORD OF LIFE

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid" NABRE © 2010 CCD.
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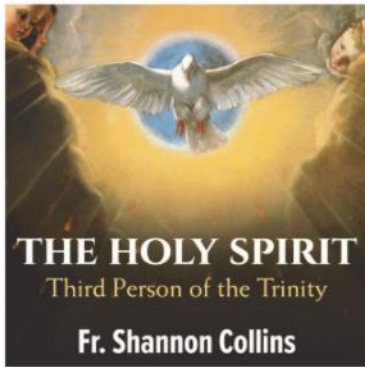
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OFFERING THE HOLY MASS WITH JESUS

Seventh Sunday of Easter When the Ascension was celebrated Thursday

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." John 17:1-2

This passage comes at the conclusion of the Last Supper and at the end of a lengthy discourse by our Lord. During the three previous chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus taught His disciples that He will bestow His peace upon them by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that they must remain united to Him as a branch is attached to a vine and that the world will hate them and persecute them. After those instructions, Jesus raised His eyes to Heaven and prayed a lengthy prayer to the Father. It is His High Priestly Prayer by which Jesus acknowledged that His hour had arrived and that it is an hour in which He will glorify the Father. In this prayer, Jesus asks his Father for the disciples to be kept safe from the evils of the world. He also prays for all who would believe in Him and become His followers. Thus, in this prayer Jesus prayed for you.

Spiritually speaking, this High Priestly Prayer continues today through the celebration of the Holy Mass. Recall that Jesus had just celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and was preparing to offer His life on the Cross for the salvation of the world. Within this holy context, Jesus prays this prayer. It is a prayer that is perpetuated by our Lord every time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

In commenting upon this passage, Saint Augustine notes that this prayer is prayed immediately after Jesus told His disciples that they would encounter trouble within the world. "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." For that reason, Jesus set an example for us on how we are to deal with the troubles we encounter in life. We, too, must turn our eyes to Heaven and pray to the Father. The best way to do so is by our full interior participation in the Holy Mass.

What form of "trouble" do you experience right now in your life? There are many things that fall into that category and are different for each person. As you call your struggle to mind, try to imagine our Lord kneeling next to you, praying this prayer to the Father for you. In reality, this is exactly what Jesus does every time we participate in the Holy Mass. The Mass is His "hour." It is His perfect offering to the Father. It is the one and only source of all grace in our world and in our lives. It is Jesus glorifying the Father and inviting us to share in that glorification by uniting ourselves and our troubles to Him in His offering. It is through this perfect Sacrifice that Jesus bestows "eternal life" upon you and all who turn to Him in their need.

Reflect, today, upon the way in which you celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. When you attend, do you find you become distracted or are inattentive to what takes place? The Mass is your hour each week in which you kneel next to Jesus as He kneels next to you, praying to the Father in Heaven. The power of the Mass is infinite. Within the Mass all the grace you need is given to you, and you are invited to share in the glory of the Son of God. Ponder your participation in the Mass and renew your commitment to pray it with our Lord with the same depth of prayer Jesus had at that first and perpetual offering.

My Eucharistic Lord, in union with You I offer to the Father in Heaven Your Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity for the salvation of the world. Help me to do so with my whole heart and to be attentive to the offering of Your life as it is perpetuated through the Holy Mass. May I bring my life, my troubles and my whole being to every celebration of the Mass so that I may receive from You the gift of eternal life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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