

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

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Pastor: Msgr. Thomas A Martin

Mass Schedule: Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Reconciliation:** Sat 10a or by appt.

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

July 8 7:30a Men's Group
July 8 10:00a Reconciliation till 11:00a
July 8 5:30p Mass †Leo Swiat by Mike & Kathy Walsh
July 9 8:00a Mass †For the Deceased Members of the S. Kim Lee Family by S. Kim Lee
July 9 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours
July 10 6:00p Bible Study with Msgr. Martin
July 12 9:00a Mass †Janet Haas by Mike Coppens
July 14 8:00 a Adoration Until 9:00a
July 14 9:00a Mass †Darlene Smoker by Phillip Smoker
July 15 7:30a Men's Group
July 15 10:00a Reconciliation till 11:00a
July 15 5:30p Mass †Larry Houghtaling by Jackie Houghtaling
July 16 8:00a Mass †Pat Gignilliat by Mike Coppens
July 16 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

July 15 5:30p Lector: Tammy R
Ushers: Nick & Barb O, Carol W, Sandy Y
Raise Right: Doorlag
July 16 8:00a Lector: Mike C
Ushers: Al & MaryAnn K, John P, Volunteer
Raise Right: LeVan
July 16 11:00a Lector: Ellen C
Ushers: Coleen V, Cindy J, Meredith C, Volunteer
Raise Right: Musselman

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INSIDE OUR PARISH

ST. MARTIN'S RUMMAGE SALE Volunteers still needed! Setup: Jul 23. Accepting donations: Jul 24-27. Price & prep for sales: Jul 25-August 2. Sale Days: August 3, 4 & 5. Pack remainder & reset Hall: August 6. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex!

Bags and boxes needed the rummage sale committee is asking you to save brown paper bags with handles and cardboard boxes (11x17.5) The size that reams of paper come in. Please bring in your bags and boxes the weekend of July 22/23, when the set up for the rummage sale begins. Collection of items for the rummage sale will begin Monday, July 24 and run through Thursday, July 27.

Ladies, mark your calendar. Summer Ladies Night Out, Thursday, July 13 at 5:30 pm. We will meet at Cheers 2/Cowboy Up on M-60 in Mendon. All ladies of St. Martin and St. Edward are invited! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the Religious Education table.

Crucifix for Vocations: Our Crucifix for Vocations is available to sign-up for a two week period to pray for religious vocations to come forth from our parish community. The sign-up sheet, along with the crucifix, is located on the Religious Education table in the narthex.

¿Habla español? **St. Vincent de Paul** is looking for a few people who are fluent enough to be able to provide simple translation on Tuesday nights when we volunteer at the Aleman Center in Hartford. We need help in July and August – we leave Vicksburg about 5:30 p.m. and return about 8:45p.m. Please contact Lisa Irwin at lirwin75@gmail.com or 269-598-2519.

Circle of Friends is moving to evening for the Summer! This gathering for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities is a time of fellowship, activities and reflection on the Sunday readings and a simple dinner. We will gather on Wed., July 26 and Wed., Aug. 23 from 6:00 – 7:30p.m. in the Cougar Room at **St. Thomas More Church, 421 Monroe St, Kalamazoo**. Contact Lisa Irwin, lisairwin@ccdok.org or 381-9800 x227 to RSVP or for more information.

Caregiver Connection is a monthly zoom gathering for those caring for a loved one with a disability. Experience community, support and faith sharing. "Joining the Caregiver Connection group provided many blessings in knowing how others were managing the challenges of this role." Caregiver Connection meets on the first Sunday of the month (except on holiday weekends when it moves to the second Sunday) from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **To learn more or to register** go to www.ccdok.org/connections-registration or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at lisairwin@ccdok.org. **Upcoming 2023 dates: July 9, Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3.**

Creative Connections: Persons with Disabilities are invited to a virtual gathering from 1:00 – 2:00p.m. on Sunday July 16, 2023. The focus is to build fellowship, have fun, reflect on the Sunday Gospel and pray together. To learn more or to register go to www.ccdok.org/connections-registration or contact Lisa Irwin at 269-381-9800 x 227 or lisairwin@ccdok.org. Zoom link will be sent to those who register. Upcoming 2023 dates: July 16, Sept. 17, Nov. 19

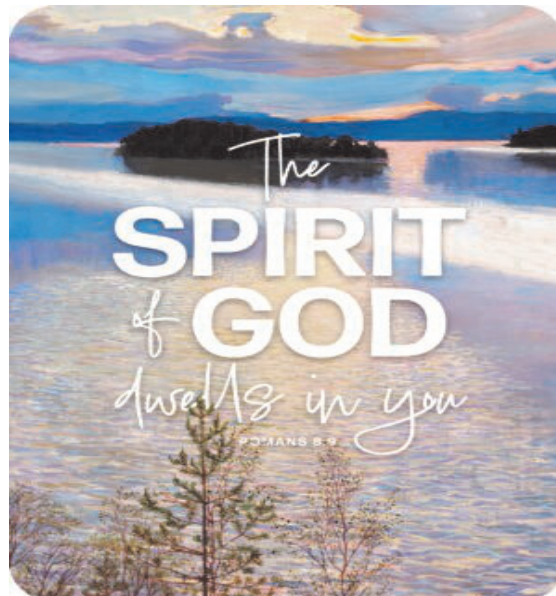
Sunday, July 9, 11:30 a.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebration of the Diocese's 52nd Anniversary (July 21, 2023), presentation of the 2023 Bishop Paul V. Donovan Founder's Award honorees and special thanksgiving for Bishop Bradley's 14 years as our Shepherd. Reception to follow. **All are invited to attend this Mass!**

Cards and well wishes may be sent to Bishop Bradley c/o Office of the Bishop, Diocese of Kalamazoo, 215 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007; officeofthebishop@diokzoo.org

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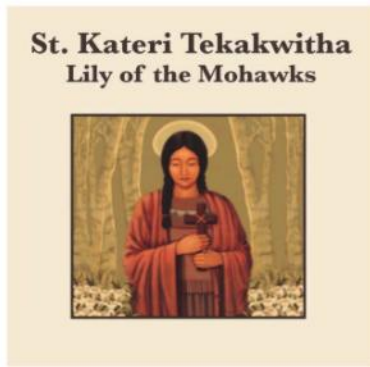


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Parish Vitality Survey: This is the **final day** that responses will be accepted for the Parish Vitality Survey (<https://forms.office.com/r/eEWMEe0Fva>). Please submit your responses no later than midnight July 9. If you would prefer to fill out a paper survey, they are available on the table next to St. Martin of Tours statue in the Narthex and may be returned to a collection box in the same location. Thank you to all who have participated in this effort!



What is this?!?! This QR Code is a quick way to access the Parish Vitality Survey. Simply pull up the camera on your smartphone and aim it at this square and you'll be able to tap on the link to get you to the survey. You can take this survey online or find a paper copy in the narthex.

The **National Association of Catholic Nurses** is pleased to announce the start of a local council in our diocese. The main goals of the council are to provide spiritual nourishment, ethical support, networking and friendship with fellow Catholic Nurses. Join <https://NACN-USA.org> and as a member of the national association you will be automatically enrolled as a member in our local council and will receive updates on council formation. Questions? Contact Janet C. Munday, BSN, RN, Regional Director, at JanetMunday@gmail.com

REFLECTION ON THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God" - Psalm 145

God is truly king of the entire universe. Everything—past, present, and future—belongs to Him. This kingship that God has over heaven and earth is not one of dominance or one of power. Our God is a servant-king, who desires all in this life to participate and live a life of fulfillment. The fulfillment that God offers is such that even in the days and years of our life, we can experience the grace of finding satisfaction that provides us a foretaste of complete fulfillment in our eternal life in Heaven.

But what if we aren't finding fulfillment in this life? Life is downright hard, and stressful, and painful, and lonely, and difficult, just to name a few. None of these are fulfilling and tend to lead to the thought of what kind of king is God anyway? God, through His Son Jesus Christ, says in the Gospel to "come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,...and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." So, be encouraged and in faith, tell God of the things of your life and allow the King of kings to carry your burden with you. This act of faith, of inviting God into your life intentionally, might not yield the answer you want, but will lead you closer to fulfillment.

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