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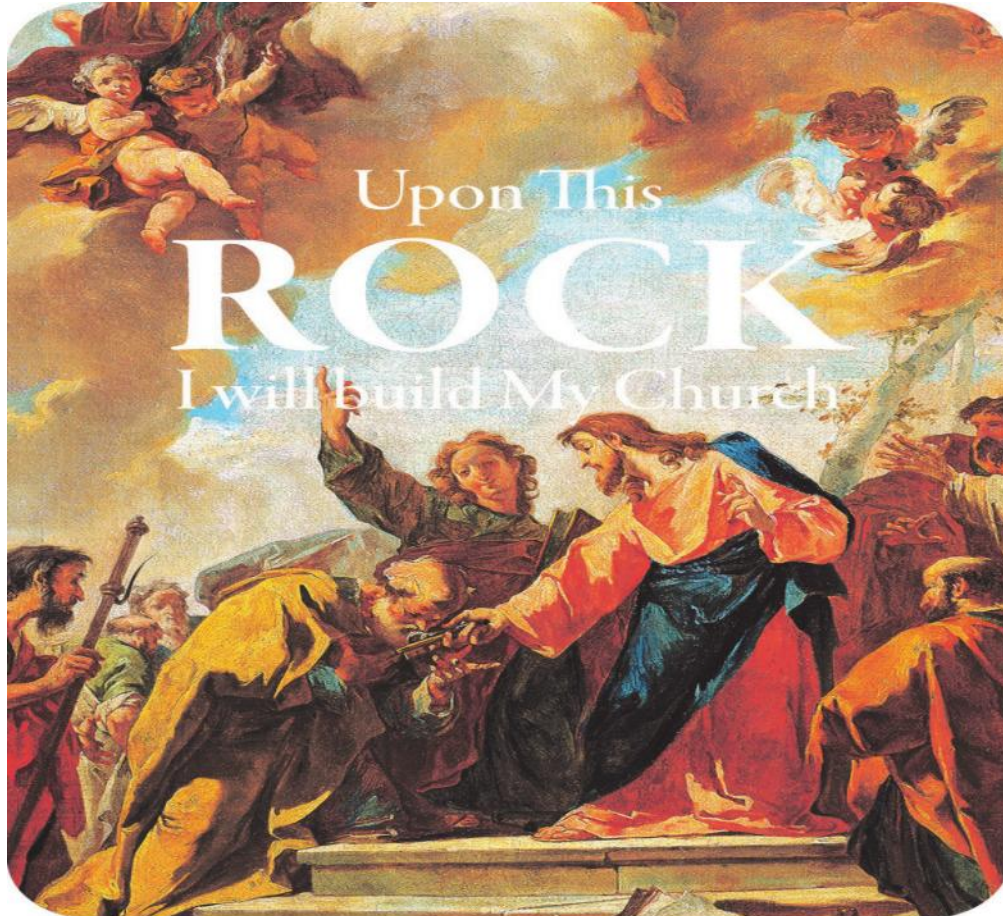
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Pastor: Msgr. Thomas A Martin

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

**Office Hours:** Mon—Thurs 9a-4p and Friday 9a-12p **Website:** [www.stmartinvicksburg.org](http://www.stmartinvicksburg.org)

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## MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- Aug 26** 7:30a Men's Group  
**Aug 26** 10:00a Reconciliation till 11:00a  
**Aug 26** 5:30p Mass †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley  
**Aug 27** 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours  
**Aug 27** 11:00a Mass †Otto Decker by Margot Shick  
**Aug 27** 5:00p Youth Night  
**Aug 28** 6:00p Bible Study with Msgr. Martin  
**Aug 30** 9:00a Mass †Ethel Markan by Dorothy Markan & MariAnn Waite  
**Sept 1** 8:00a Adoration until 9:00a  
**Sept 1** 9:00a Mass †Otto Decker by Devon Swiat  
**Sept 2** 7:30a **No Men's Group**  
**Sept 2** 10:00a Reconciliation till 11:00a  
**Sept 2** 5:30p Mass †Tony Sokolowski by Rita Sokolowski  
**Sept 3** 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours  
**Sept 3** 11:00a Mass †Otto Decker by Devon Swiat

## LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

- Sept 2** 5:30p **Lector:** Mike C  
**Ushers:** Sandy Y, Leandro F, Nick & Barb O  
**Raise Right: None—Labor Day**  
**Sept 3** 8:00a **Lector:** Janet K  
**Ushers:** Larry & Judy L, Melissa C, Joe R  
**Raise Right: None—Labor Day**  
**Sept 3** 11:00a **Lector:** Lisa I  
**Ushers:** Jack C, Lilli C, 2 Volunteers  
**Raise Right: None—Labor Day**

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**THIS WEEK: YOUTH NIGHT (8/27), BIBLE STUDY W/ MSGR @ 6PM (8/28), ADORATION (8AM ON 9/1), HOLY LAND RELIGIOUS GOODS (SOLD AFTER EACH MASS ON 9/2 & 9/3) WANT TO BE A PART? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!**

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**ATTENTION! DURING AUGUST,  
WE WILL BE OPEN FRIDAYS  
FROM 9AM—12PM. THE OFFICE  
IS OPEN 9AM—4PM MONDAY  
THROUGH THURSDAY THANKS!**

**RCIA:** Beginning Thursday September 21 at 7 pm, RCIA is the formalized process for adults to become Catholic and to fully participate in the life of the Church. If you, or someone you know, are interested, please call the Parish Office. God bless!

**PARISH PICNIC! Sun. Sept. 10 after 11am Mass. All are invited to this annual gathering of our community!** The Church will provide the protein but we need your help with the potluck. Sign-up, as well to help prepare and clean-up, is found in the narthex-**PLEASE SIGN-UP SO WE CAN PROVIDE ENOUGH FOR ALL!** There will be music and children's activities, including a magic show from Rich Fisher from New Fab Magic Company, as well as a casual setting for families to catch up with each other. **We hope to see you there!**

**HALOS-**Monthly meeting date for September has been changed to Tuesday, September 12th at 1:00 pm. The reason for the change is to complete details of the Purse Bingo.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Martin Parish** contributes short-term financial support to individuals and families in need. This Conference focuses its efforts on the Vicksburg, Schoolcraft, Scotts, and Mendon areas. On June 24th the Conference hosted a training for thirty members from five southern Michigan parishes. **On Sunday September 24th, we are hosting "Walk for the Poor" at Vicksburg Recreational Area and Trail.** Funds raised here will support the work of our St. Martin of Tours Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. Please visit the parish website for the Registration/Sponsor Form. If you are interested in joining the Society or know someone who may need help, please contact St. Martin at (269) 649-1629 ext. 70 or email us at svdp@stmartinvicksburg.org.

**Coming Soon!—September 2nd/3rd after the Mass,** Sandy from the Holy Land will be in the narthex selling some of the beautiful works of art to commemorate the space where Jesus walked. Crucifixes, Rosaries, and more will be available for purchase.

**Assistance For Those Impacted by Maui Wildfires (from the Diocese of Kalamazoo):** As a community of faith, we are called to come together and provide unwavering support to those who are suffering. It is in times like these that our collective love, faith, and compassion can make a tremendous difference.

In 2008, the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) was established by the Diocese of Honolulu as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to support the parish and school communities in Hawaii. The Foundation has set up a dedicated webpage for donations to go directly to HCCF to support the relief efforts for our fellow community members affected by the Maui wildfires. You can make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the following link: (<https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>) which we have posted on our parish website. Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope.




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**Our Knights of Columbus** are hosting a viewing of “Father Michael McGivney: The Story of the Connecticut Priest Who Founded the Knights of Columbus,” a 57-minute film in our parish hall at 12:30 following Farmer’s Breakfast on Sunday, September 17. Food will be provided. We encourage you to bring the whole family and learn a little more about this candidate for sainthood!

#### ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

**Next Youth Night is August 27th from 5-7pm, dinner included!** Join us for some fun and fellowship! **And thank you to all our volunteers and parishioners who signed up for donations! You are an integral part of our ministry.** Thank you to anyone who participated in our youth ministry kickoff event Sunday, Aug. 13th!

**REMINDER: SCRAP METAL COLLECTION IS STILL ON! PLEASE KINDLY LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS AT THE EAST-REAR PARKING LOT BY THE SIGN. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION!!!**

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**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](http://www.ccdok.org/connections-registration) or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at [lisairwin@ccdok.org](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org). **Upcoming 2023 dates: Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3.**

**On Tuesday, September 12, 2023, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, St Catherine of Siena Parish** will begin the 13-week GriefShare program. This program is for anyone who has lost a loved one and is seeking to learn more about how to successfully navigate the grief journey. We create a sacred space for the work of grieving which is not often found in our everyday lives. The registration fee is \$25.00, includes the workbook, and is payable at the first session. For questions about the program, feel free to contact Paula White, our program leader at 269 330 3762 or [pwhitenc@mac.com](mailto:pwhitenc@mac.com). To register, contact Paula or go online to [www.GriefShare.org](http://www.GriefShare.org).

**Save the Date for “Trivia Night” --- Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:00-8:00 pm, Jac’s Cekola’s Pizza, 9th Street, Kalamazoo, MI --- a fundraiser benefiting our Bread of Life Food Program.** This is a multi-round trivia competition that will test your mind and help feed the hungry! Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each round. Register your team of 4 today for \$100 and bring non-perishable food items (peanut butter, canned tuna/chicken, beef stew) for the chance to win door prizes! Check out our website at [www.ccdok.org/trivia-night/](http://www.ccdok.org/trivia-night/) for more details and to register to participate – space is limited!

**South County Community Services Food Pantry** requests for August: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Oatmeal, Jell-O, Canned Peaches & Pineapple, Toilet Paper & Shampoo. **Thank you for your generous donations!**

#### REFLECTION ON THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*There is a sense in the readings for this weekend that gifts that we receive can bring with them a burden. And receiving the gift of leadership, as we see in the First Reading and the Gospel, brings with it the power to open and shut, to bind and loose. Now, this power to make these decisions has the effect of being freeing to some and burdensome to others. Gifts carry with them a certain burden.*

*Nobody likes burdens. So should we stay away from gifts? No, we like gifts too. Should we hoard gifts and keep them just for ourselves all the time? No, that isn't right either. Rather, we need to strive to keep all things in balance and receive our gifts, and the burdens that come with them, and in love with and in trust of Jesus Christ offer these gifts and burdens to Him. Allowing Jesus to be present with your gifts and burdens allows that which you have received to be in its proper place and thus peace to be present in your life, accompanied with your Savior.*

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