

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.

Office Hours: Mon—Thurs 9a-4p and Friday 9a-12p **Website:** www.stmartinvicksburg.org

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- Sept 2** **No Men's Group (Labor Day)**
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
Sept 4 **No Bible Study with Msgr. Martin (Labor Day)**
Sept 6 9:00a Mass †Otto Decker by Sue & Chuck Opalewski
Sept 8 8:00a Adoration until 9:00a
Sept 8 9:00a Mass †Ethel Markan by Kathi Lovell
Sept 9 7:30a Men's Group
Sept 9 10:00a Reconciliation till 11:00a
Sept 9 5:30p Mass †Leo Swiat by Mike & Kathy Walsh
Sept 10 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours
Sept 10 11:00a Mass †Ethel Markan by Kathi Lovell

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

- Sept 9** 5:30p **Lector:** Nancy H
Ushers: Ken & Gail D, Doug & Deb S
Raise Right: DeWolff
Sept 10 8:00a **Lector:** Angela P
Ushers: Al & MaryAnn K, John P, Mike C
Raise Right: LeVan
Sept 10 11:00a **Lector:** Zachary S
Ushers: Mike & Kris B, 2 Volunteers
Raise Right: Van Dalen

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INSIDE OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK: HOLY LAND RELIGIOUS GOODS (SOLD AFTER EACH MASS 9/2 & 9/3), ADORATION & BENEDICTION AT ST. EDWARD'S (9/6 FROM 6:30—7:30 PM), MEN'S GROUP (9/9 @ 7:30 PM) WANT TO BE A PART? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!

PARISH SUPPORT AUGUST 27

Envelopes:74

Weekly Goal:\$6,826.92

Collection envelopes:

\$6,070.00

Mailed in envelopes:

\$1,206.60

Total Collection:

\$7,276.60

Purchase Raise Right cards Mass and in the Church Office.

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF YOUR GIFT!!!

Our Knights of Columbus are hosting "Father Michael McGivney: The Story of the Connecticut Priest Who Founded the Knights of Columbus," a 57-minute film at 12:30 pm following Farmer's Breakfast Sun, Sept 17. Food, bring the family, learn about a Saint!



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!

FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS

Email

deena.christine@yahoo.com
or Call our parish prayer line at
269-303-8016.

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Jerry Howrigan	Kassidy
Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs	TJ Williams
Christina Kelley	Aiden Woodard
Amy & her family	Connie Zablocki

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 is Tuesday, September 12th at 1:00 pm. We'll 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.

This Weekend after the Mass, Sandy from the Holy Land will be selling Crucifixes, Rosaries, and more to commemorate the space where Jesus walked.

South County Community Services Food Pantry requests for September: Hamburger Helper, canned tomatoes, canned chile, boxed potatoes, crackers, deodorant. Your donations support local families in need! **Thank you!**

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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An offering from the AQUEDUCT INSTITUTE and GRACEFUL PEOPLE



Our nation is in need of prayers to unite and show God's Divine Providence. The Knights of Columbus will be selling signs to "Pray for our Nation" for a \$10 suggested donation. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex at the Picnic (9/10) and the First Farmers breakfast (9/17). Proceeds will support a Military's Assistance Organization.

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

We will be at the Parish Picnic on Sunday September 10th! The Free Throw Contest returns for the 2nd year, with gift card prizes coming to the top performers. Also, our Community Service Day is Sun. Sept. 30, where we will be assisting our local community in need. For more information, please contact Michelle!

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 or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at 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. To register, contact Paula or go online to 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/ for more details and to register to participate – space is limited!

REFLECTION ON THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In our Gospel reading for this week, we hear Jesus give the terms of discipleship. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

This denial of self and losing of one's life are some of the hallmarks that remind you and I that following Jesus and being a Christian is not an easy task and certainly not something that we can fully do on our own. But living that life of authentic charity, truly putting God and humanity ahead of my desire (to live the life of the Saints), is done when we imitate Jesus Christ by following the law of God and the precepts of the Catholic Church. And thanks be to God that our role model is not just a historical figure or a good teacher, but rather the living Son of God Who reaches out to encounter you and I in the Eucharist at Mass and is the "fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it" (Jeremiah 20:9).

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