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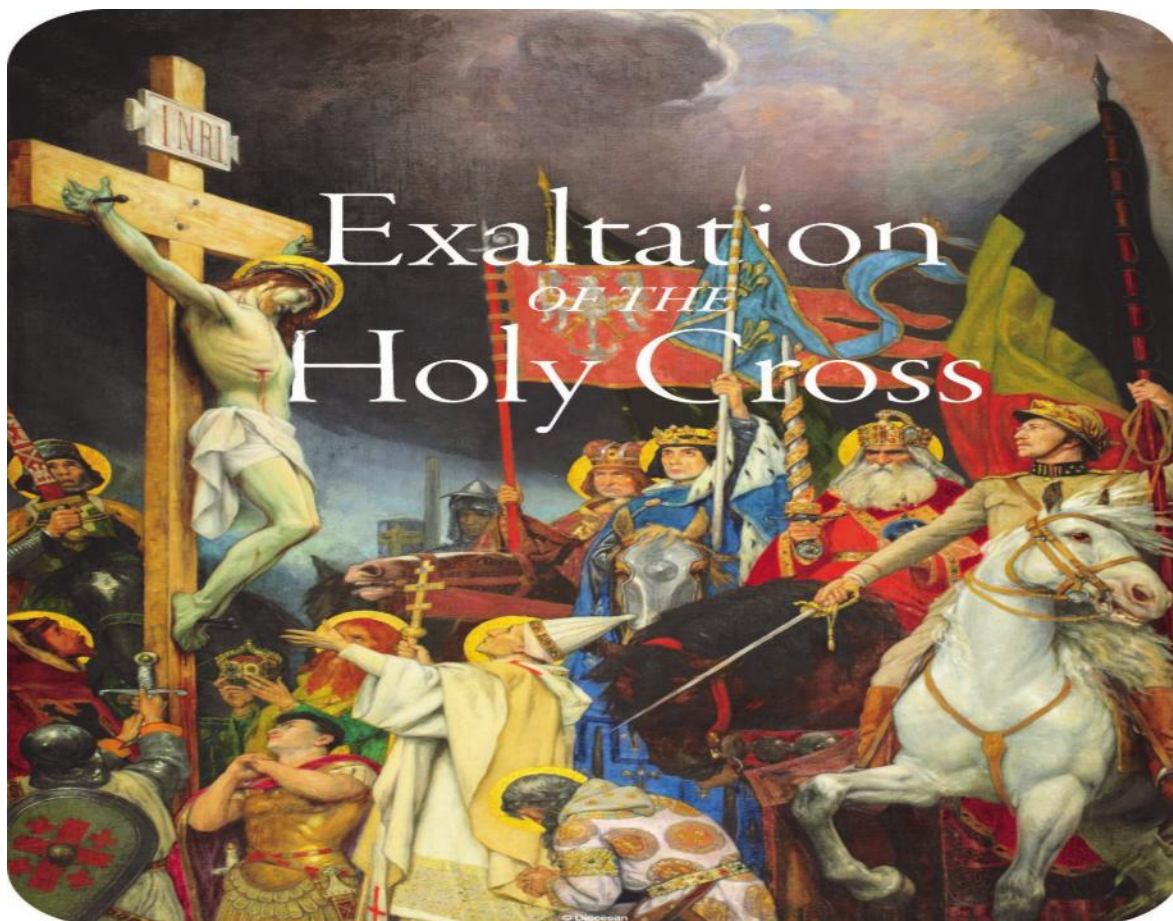
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Pastor: Msgr. Thomas A Martin

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

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9a-4p **Website:** www.stmartinvicksburg.org

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- 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
Sept 10 12:00p **Parish Picnic—All Invited!!!**
Sept 11 6:00p Bible Study with Msgr. Martin
Sept 13 9:00a Mass †Dick Huey by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann
Sept 15 8:00a Adoration until 9:00a
Sept 15 9:00a Mass †Mario & Yolanda Sirotti by Sirotti Family
Sept 16 7:30a Men's Group
Sept 16 10:00a Reconciliation till 11:00a
Sept 16 5:30p Mass †Larry Houghtaling by Jackie Houghtaling
Sept 17 8:00a Mass †Cathy Rice by Joe Rice
Sept 17 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

- Sept 16** 5:30p **Lector:** Roger V
Ushers: Jim & Monica R, Carol W, Brian C
Raise Right: Volunteer
Sept 17 8:00a **Lector:** Richard S
Ushers: Larry & Judy L, Melissa C, Joe S
Raise Right: Bloom
Sept 17 11:00a **Lector:** Kathi L
Ushers: Coleen V, Cindy J, 2 Volunteers
Raise Right: Goldsmith-Moore

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INSIDE OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK: PARISH PICNIC (9/10@12P), CARING HANDS MTG (9/11@10A), ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MTG (9/11@6P), MSGR BIBLE STUDY (9/11@6P), HALOS MTG (9/12@1P), MEN'S GROUP (9/16@7:30A) WANT TO BE PART? CONTACT PARISH OFFICE!

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Jerry Howrigan	Walt Wesoloski
Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs	TJ Williams
Christina Kelley	Aiden Woodard
Amy & her family	Connie Zablocki
Bill Loveland	

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!

PARISH PICNIC! Today, Sun. Sept. 10 after 11am Mass. All are invited to this annual gathering of our community! There will be food, community, 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.

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!**

CSGK Athletic Hall of Fame and Recognition Night is on Sept 28 @ 6P at Kalamazoo Country Club. Tickets are \$35 per person & can be purchased at <https://csgk/awardsnight> or at TZimmerman@csgk.org. This year's honorees: Tim and Sarah Harding, Fr. John Fleckenstein, Celeste Eckrich Crowell, David Butkovich, Hackett's 1968-69 Basketball Team & Hackett's 2002 Women's Soccer Team.

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 nation is in need of prayers to unite and show God's Divine Providence. The Knights of Columbus are 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 today 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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Light of Christ Academy is looking for a Language Arts teacher to teach Great Books to 4th-8th grade students 2 half-days a week. If you have an interest in working with middle school students, we may be a blessing to each other. Contact the school office to hear more about this exciting opportunity. (269) 731-4147, or email: office@lightofchristacademy.org.

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 lsairwin@ccdok.org. **Upcoming 2023 dates: Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3.**

St. Catherine of Siena Parish will be offering the 13-week GriefShare program this fall both in person (Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm beginning Sept. 12th) and virtually (Tuesdays 12:30-2:30 pm beginning Sept. 26th) on Zoom. GriefShare offers support and encouragements to those grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information or to register, go to www.GriefShare.org then search on zip 49024 to find the St. Catherine entries. Please contact Paula White at 269-330-3762 or at pwhitenc@mac.com for questions.

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our readings for this week bring up the uncomfortable question; "How well is my witness—my actions, my words, my thoughts—showing my love for Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church?" I think if I am honest with myself, and perhaps you see yourself here too, I come to realize that there is definite work to be done. And thinking about past opportunities to preach the Gospel with my thoughts, words, and actions, I think how many times I have chosen the comfortable, quiet route as opposed to proclaiming Jesus and Him crucified and risen. But guess what? Hope remains! Each new moment is a chance to invite the Holy Spirit into our minds and hearts and choose Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church and if honest, when we put Him first, the results and blessings are truly amazing, better than the rest!

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