

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 apt. **Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9a-4p

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Nov 04 10:00a Reconciliation until 11:00a

Nov 04 5:30p Mass †Otto Decker by Jack & Christina Kelley

Nov 05 8:00a Mass †Dcn Dean Hermann by Dcn David & Jane Guido

Nov 05 9:30a **Sunday Morning Adult Study Group**

Nov 05 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

Nov 05 12:00p **Youth—Fall Semester Retreat**

Nov 06 **NO BIBLE STUDY WITH MSGR. MARTIN**

Nov 08 9:00a Mass †Ron Feist by Roger & Suzie Vander-Beek

Nov 08 9:30a **Parish Vitality Listening Session**

Nov 09 7:00p **OCIA**

Nov 10 8:00a Adoration until 9:00a

Nov 10 9:00a Mass †Ron Feist by Vickie Kelley

Nov 11 **Youth Ministry—Community Leaf Raking**

Nov 11 10:00a Reconciliation until 11:00a

Nov 11 5:30p Mass For the People of St. Martin

Nov 12 8:00a Mass †Fritz & Rose Coppens by Mike Coppens

Nov 12 9:00a **Farmers Breakfast until 1:00p**

Nov 12 9:30a **Sunday Morning Adult Study Group**

Nov 12 11:00a Mass †Otto Decker by Jack & Christina Kelley

Nov 12 12:30p **Parish Vitality Listening Session**

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Nov 11 5:30p **Lector:** Nancy H

Ushers: Ken & Gail D, Doug & Deb S

Raise Right: Doorlag

Nov 12 8:00a **Lector:** Richard S

Ushers: Larry & Judy L, Volunteers

Raise Right: Bloom

Nov 12 11:00a **Lector:** Lisa I

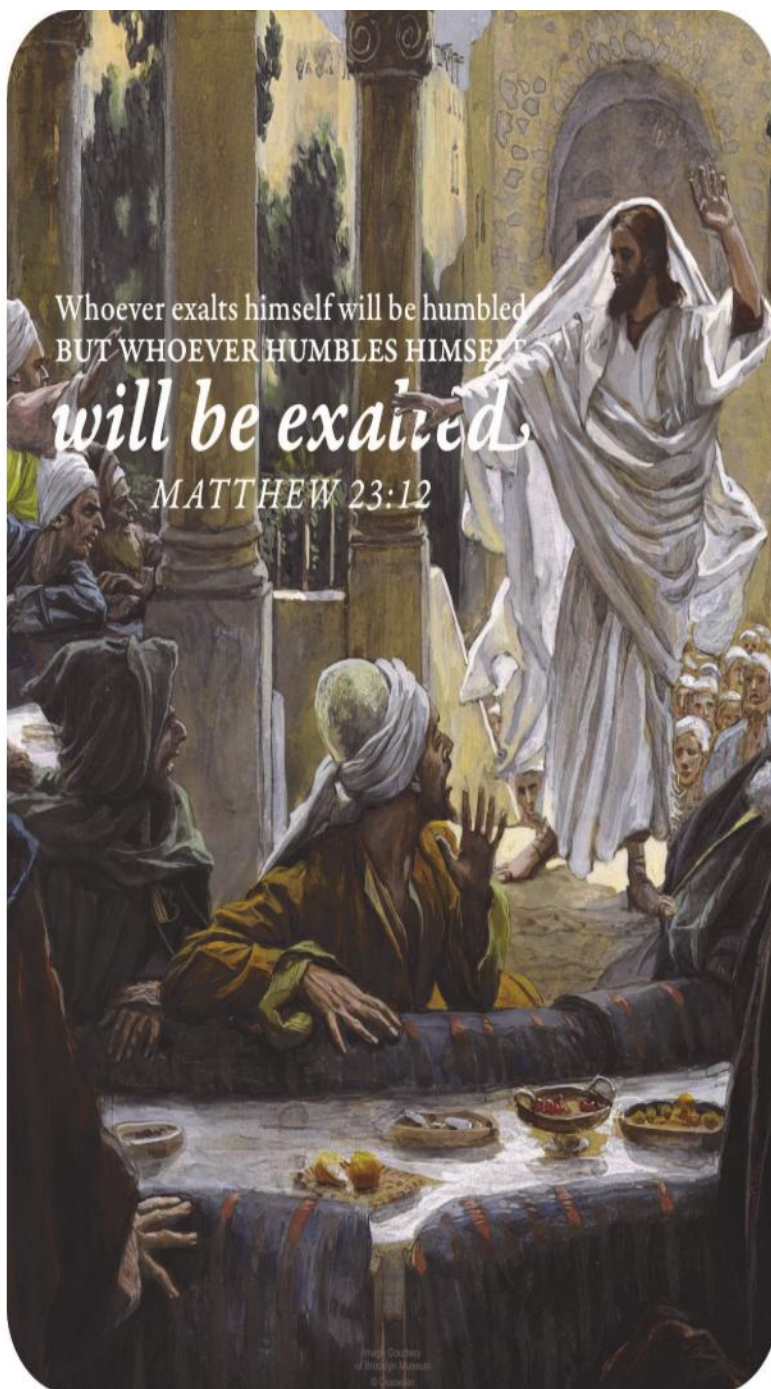
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Raise Right: Van Dalen

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The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns to declare that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the tabernacle. The candle for our Sanctuary Lamp is provided this week in memory of

Nov 5-Nov 11 †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley

INSIDE OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK: YOUTH FALL RETREAT (11/5), NO BIBLE STUDY W/ MSGR (11/6), LISTENING SESSIONS (11/8 @ 9:30A & 11/12 @ 12:30P), YOUTH LEAF RAKING (11/11), FARMER'S BREAKFAST (11/12) WANT TO JOIN? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!

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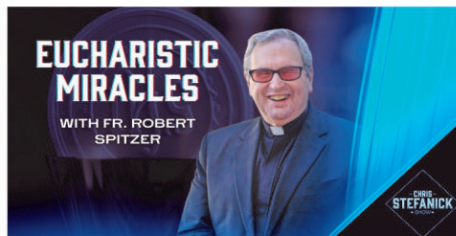
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Christina Kelley	Aiden Woodard
Bill Loveland	Connie Zablocki

IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA

The ongoing vitality and strength of our Parish needs you and your input! Please plan to attend one of our listening sessions to share your thoughts on how we can provide laser focus to being a truly engaging witness of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Continuing Wednesday November 8th from 9:30—11:00 am we'll be hosting these Listening Sessions. **All are welcome to attend the listening sessions, even if you didn't complete the survey.** Our other Listening Session to be offered toward this end will be Sunday November 12th (12:30—2:00 pm). **THANK YOU ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR PARISH SURVEY AND ATTENDED PACK THE HOUSE!** Please continue to keep this effort in your prayers and may God bless you!

South County Community Services Food Pantry requests for November are Stuffing Mix, Jiffy Muffin Mixes, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Jello, Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs) and Toilet Paper. Thank you for your continued support.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil continues in front of Planned Parenthood until Nov. 5. Please join your fellow St. Martin prayer partners at 2:00p on Wednesdays for 1 hour of prayer. If another time is better for you, pick a time at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/kalamazoo>

Surviving the Holidays is a 2-hour program for anyone, parishioner or community member, who has lost a loved one and is looking for help dealing with the holidays in this time of grief. Pre-registration is appreciated (online at www.griefshare.org). Surviving the Holidays will be held on Thursday November 9 from 6:30—8:30 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Fee is \$10 which includes the workbook and is payable to the program. For questions or to register, please contact Paula White, 269-330-3762 or pwhitenc@mac.com.



Knights of Columbus: Mark your calendars for November 12th and the next Farmer's Breakfast as proceeds from this breakfast will go towards the national Knights efforts towards purchasing ultrasound machines in support of the Pro-Life cause. Specifically, for this offering, a local pregnancy center in Eaton County that the Knights from St. Mary's Council #11875 in Charlotte, MI are working with will benefit from your generous support. Thank you very much for your support and please continue to keep the Pro-Life Movement in your prayers. God bless our Knights Council 13305!

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party: Mark your calendars for Sunday December 3rd from 3—6 pm as the whole family is invited to the Knights of Columbus Christmas Party! The evening will feature time to gather as a parish family, enjoy some time and food together, and of course to have the kids visit with Santa and to see a witness of giving a gift to others. More information to come! We look forward to seeing you and your family at this fun event!

Diocesan 50 Wedding Anniversary Mass & Celebration w/ Bishop Edward Lohse will be held Sun, Nov 19, St. Augustine Cathedral, 2p. If you or someone you know is celebrating 50 years of marriage anytime in 2023, we invite you to let your parish know & complete the form on the diocesan website (www.diokzoo.org/50th-anniversary) to receive a personal congratulatory certificate signed by Bishop Lohse. To receive a special certificate signed by Bishop Lohse, please submit the form or mail your name, wedding date, address & contact information to: 50th Wedding Anniversary Diocesan Celebration, 215 N Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Our Knights of Columbus Council wants to show our support for our men and women serving our country. Please contact the Parish Office with the name and address of your relatives serving and the Knights will send Christmas packages to these brave souls. God bless!



REFLECTION: God is God. God is love. These two short phrases we have each heard thousands of times but I am not sure how often I have thought to really think about them. I think one way to consider these phrases, and we get glimpses of this perspective in today's readings, is to remember that God is our creator. He creates you and me. God brings forth life within you and I. Further, God gives us life not because He needs you and I but rather because He loves us. God wants that you and I experience and live the life of the Trinity; a divine life that loves God and loves each other—our neighbors. I think we best love God when we do the good that He wants us to do, serving Him in the sense of an obedient child that follows the will of a parent, knowing that this good will bring the child to a place of success and peace. This obedience reminds us that we are loved (although we aren't just loved because we are obedient!) and are in need of the guidance of God, so as to continue to learn and grow in the divine love that fulfills us. So I think our task is to humble ourselves, allow ourselves to be loved by God, and to follow His good will in child-like trust to peace and fulfillment.

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

CHWC registration is on for our trip to New Castle, Pennsylvania (June 9th—15th 2024)! Please email ym@stmartinvicksburg.org to register, to gather more information or to learn about more summer opportunities for the youth of our parish! Also, our **Fall Youth Retreat is today Nov. 5th and Leave Raking is Nov. 11th.** God bless you!

THE YOUTH ARE STILL COLLECTING POP CANS AND ACCEPTING SCRAP METAL DONATIONS. THANK YOU EACH VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH FAMILY!!!

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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: Nov. 5, Dec. 3.**

The Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy, November 7th at 5 p.m. All are invited to join Bishop Edward M. Lohse in the celebration of the Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy on Tuesday, November 7th at 5 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo.

Michigan March for life prayer event November 8th bus spots still available! The Michigan March for Life is still accepting participants for the bus headed to the November 8th prayer rally in Lansing. The rally will begin at 11 a.m. on the Michigan State Capitol steps. Tickets are still available. Reserve your seat by calling or texting: 269-599-4954 or visit kazoortl.org. The bus will meet at the First Assembly Church parking lot, 5550 Oakland Drive at 7:40 a.m. on November 8th and will depart at 8 a.m.

Aquinas College Open House—Saturday November 11: Aquinas College welcomes all high school students & their families to our Fall Open House on Sat., November 11! Explore academic programs, connect with our supportive faculty, staff & students, chat with admissions & financial aid experts, & tour our scenic campus. Details & registration information can be found at www.aquinas.edu/openhouse.

Advent Family Gathering for persons with disabilities and their families, Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. John Bosco Parish Hall, 23830 Front Ave, Mattawan. Open to persons of all ages and disability types and their families. Advent activities, music, prayer, simple lunch. There is no cost for this event. Please register by Nov. 17th to Lisa Irwin at 269-381-9800 x 227 or lisairwin@ccdok.org

Catholic Charities is excited to announce our 2nd Annual St. Nicholas Raffle Fundraiser **"Be the Giver of a Great Gift!"** On December 6, 2023. Proceeds will benefit the thousands of clients served each year in our nine-county diocese. **Tickets are now on sale at www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/ Win \$5,000 or a prize package! One ticket \$25 or five tickets \$100** The live drawing and dinner at **Fieldstone Grill in Portage on December 6, 2023 at 6pm.** Live event tickets are \$75 each and include a raffle ticket, dinner, drinks, and a visit from St. Nicholas. Help Catholic Charities raise more funds for our services and show your community support. Please visit www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/ for more information or contact us at info@ccdok.org or call 269-381-9800.

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