

# 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 11 10:00a** Reconciliation until 11:00a  
**Nov 11 Youth Ministry—Community Leaf Raking**  
**Nov 11 5:30p** Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours  
**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  
**Nov 13 6:00p** Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin  
**Nov 15 9:00a** Mass †Ron Feist by Roger & Suzie Vander-Beek  
**Nov 15 6:30p** Holy Hour of Adoration @ St. Martin  
**Nov 16 7:00p** OCIA  
**Nov 17 8:00a** Adoration until 9:00a  
**Nov 17 9:00a** Mass †Barb Smith by Vickie Kelley  
**Nov 18 10:00a** Reconciliation until 11:00a  
**Nov 18 5:30p** Mass For the People of St. Martin  
**Nov 19 8:00a** Mass †Cathy Rice by Joe Rice  
**Nov 19 9:00a** Coffee & Donuts after each morning Mass  
**Nov 19 9:30a** Sunday Morning Adult Study Group  
**Nov 19 11:00a** Mass †E.J. Shick by Margot Shick  
**Nov 19 5:00p** Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving @ St. Martin of Tours  
**Nov 19 5:00p** Youth Night until 7:00p

## LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

**Nov 18 5:30p Lector:** Marilynne G  
**Ushers:** Jim & Monica R, Carol W, Volunteer  
**Raise Right: DeWolff**  
**Nov 19 8:00a Lector:** Angela P  
**Ushers:** Bill Z, Joe R, Joe S, Volunteer  
**Raise Right: Koenigskecht**  
**Nov 19 11:00a Lector:** Kathi L  
**Ushers:** Coleen V, Cindy J, Volunteers  
**Raise Right: Goldsmith-Moore**

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
*in Ordinary Time*



*The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.*

Matthew 25:3-4

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## INSIDE OUR PARISH

**THIS WEEK: FARMER'S BREAKFAST (11/12), LISTENING SESSION (11/12 @ 12:30P), CARING HANDS (11/13 @ 10A), ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MTG (11/13 @ 6P), ADULT ED MTG (11/14 @ 6P) WANT TO JOIN? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!**

**PARISH SUPPORT NOV 5**

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Christina Kelley	TJ Williams
Bill Loveland	Aiden Woodard
	Connie Zablocki

*IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA*

**LAST CHANCE!!!** The ongoing vitality and strength of our Parish needs you and your input! Please plan to attend our final listening session to share your thoughts on how we can provide laser focus to being a truly engaging witness of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Sunday November 12th from 12:30—2:00 pm we'll be hosting this Listening Session. **All are welcome to attend, even if you didn't complete the survey. THANK YOU ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR PARISH SURVEY, ATTENDED PACK THE HOUSE, AND/OR ATTENDED A LISTENING SESSION!** Please continue to keep this effort in your prayers! God bless!

**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.

**St. Martin's Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree will soon appear! This St. Martin tradition has helped relieve holiday stress for the many families we have adopted from South County Community Services over the years. We try to allocate \$40 for each family member. When we make the gift tags, a family member may receive more than one gift tag that will total the \$40. Please have all gifts and gift cards due back the weekend of December 2nd/3rd. Thank you very much and God bless!



**Knights of Columbus:** Today is the next Farmer's Breakfast and 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: Attention Knights and Knights Families!** 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, 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 having this intentional time together as a Knight of Columbus 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](http://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:** It is often said that this weekend's Psalm 63 is the psalm of priests. But as you read this, it is truly the psalm of each person. Are you looking for peace, fulfillment, happiness? This is your map to finding how to live your life well! **"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.** O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.** Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.** Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.** I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."** Come Holy Spirit, may you and I permit God to quench our thirst for peace, fulfillment and happiness.

### 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](mailto:ym@stmartinvicksburg.org) to register, to gather more information or to learn about more summer opportunities for the youth of our parish! God bless you! **And don't forget... Our next Youth Night is Sunday November 19th at 5 pm!**

**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

**Young Adult Faith Formation & Fellowship (YAFFF):** If you are between the ages of 18 to 35 be sure to join us for YAFFF this year! We have a lot of topics planned including: Mary, Saints, Adoration, Ask the Priest nights and more! There will also be opportunities to ask all your questions and get to know other Catholics your age! Don't forget to let us know you're coming by going to [stphilipbc.org/young-adult-faith-formation-fellowship](http://stphilipbc.org/young-adult-faith-formation-fellowship) and signing up for our flocknotes! You can also follow our Instagram @yafaithformationfellowship.

**Cold Winters Need Warm Hearts!** - This winter is sure to be a time of increased suffering for many people in Southwestern Michigan. Why is providing Energy Assistance so important? In August of 2023 alone, 621,988 Michigan households were 31+ days past due on utility bills., 36% of these are low-income or households/seniors. The Home Heating Assistance Program provides emergency heating assistance, to anyone in the nine counties of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Last season the program aided 272 households, keeping them warm through the cold winter. Please consider making a donation directly anytime at [www.ccdok.org/donate](http://www.ccdok.org/donate) or in the envelope in the annual envelope donation packet/second collection. Thank you for making a difference to those in need in our community!

**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: Dec. 3.**

**Advent Family Gathering** for persons with disabilities and their families, Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 17<sup>th</sup> to Lisa Irwin at 269-381-9800 x 227 or [lisairwin@ccdok.org](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org)

**Catholic Charities** is excited to announce our **2<sup>nd</sup> 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/](http://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/](http://www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/) for more information or contact us at [info@ccdok.org](mailto:info@ccdok.org) or call 269-381-9800.



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