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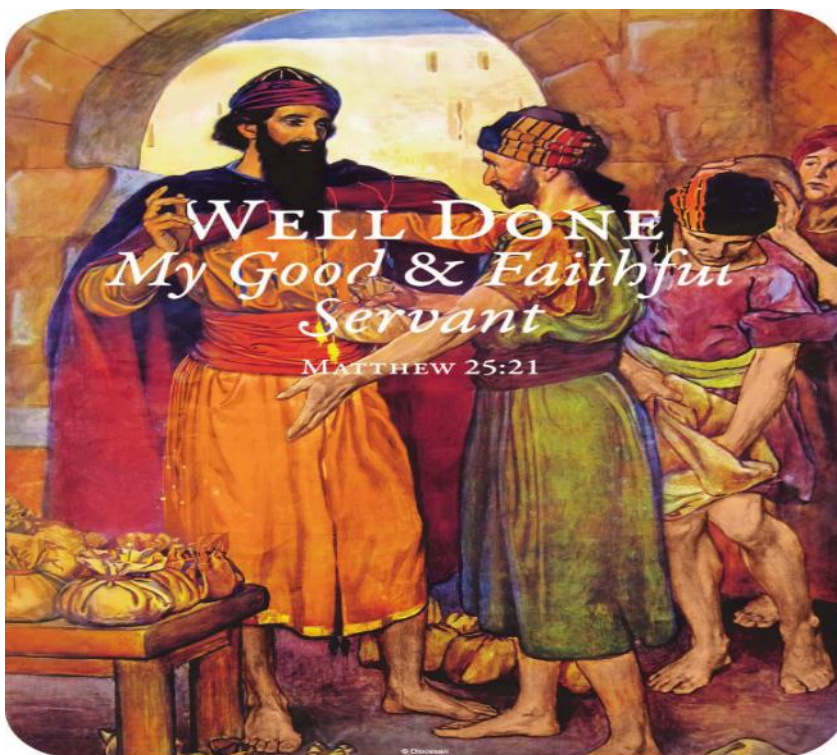
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Pastor: Msgr. Thomas A Martin

Mass Schedule: Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Reconciliation:** Sat 10a or by apt. **Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9a-4p

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 11/23 & 11/24

Nov 18 10:00a Reconciliation until 11:00a

Nov 18 5:30p Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours

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**

Nov 20 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin

Nov 22 9:00a Mass †Kenneth Gorsline by Ron & Janet Gingerich

Nov 23 **NO OCIA (Thanksgiving)**

Nov 24 8:00a Adoration until 9:00a

Nov 24 9:00a Mass †Ron Feist by Ron & Janet Gingerich

Nov 25 10:00a Reconciliation until 11:00a

Nov 25 5:30p Mass For Healing for Thomas Murray by Mike & Maureen Gergley

Nov 26 8:00a Mass †Larry Houghtaling by Jackie Houghtaling

Nov 26 **NO Sunday Morning Adult Study Group**

Nov 26 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Nov 25 5:30p **Lector:** Pam T

Ushers: Nick & Barb O, Sharon Z, Susan K

Raise Right: No Raise Right Thanksgiving

Nov 26 8:00a **Lector:** Sue M

Ushers: Melissa C, Ron & Jan G, Volunteer

Raise Right: No Raise Right Thanksgiving

Nov 26 11:00a **Lector:** Amy S

Ushers: Mike & Kris B, Zachary S, Volunteer

Raise Right: No Raise Right Thanksgiving

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 12-Nov 25 †Jack Kelley by Christina Kelley & Brian Kelley

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INSIDE OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK: ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING (11/19 @ 5P), HALOS (11/21 @ 1P), PARISH OFFICES CLOSED (11/23 & 11/24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!), ADORATION (11/24 @ 8A) WANT TO JOIN? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!

PARISH SUPPORT NOV 12

Envelopes:91

Weekly Goal:\$6,826.92

Collection envelopes:

\$5,657.00

Mailed in envelopes:

\$1,190.00

Total Collection:

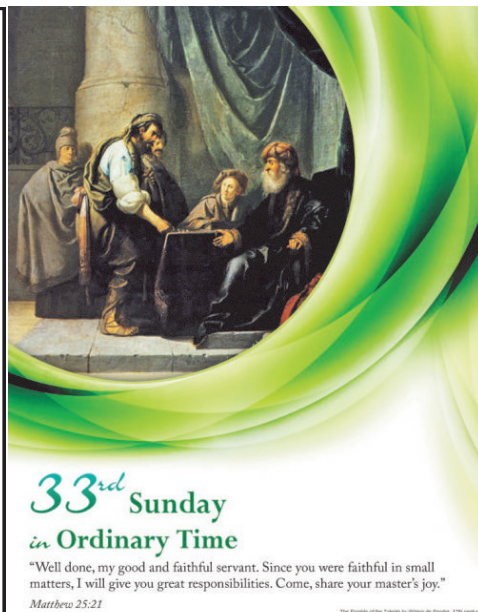
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Savings:

\$930.00

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and in the Church Office.

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Email deena.christine@yahoo.com
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sue & Paul Coash	Kathi Lovell
Jody Cunningham	Marilyn
Jeanie	Loretta Nichols
Karen Garcea	Soltis Family
Meaghan Grohalski & Family	Jennifer Stocki
Frank/Sara/Mike	Kassidy
Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs	Walt Wesoloski
Christina Kelley	TJ Williams
Bill Loveland	Aiden Woodard
	Connie Zablocki

IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA

PLEASE NOTE—OUR BULLETIN EMAIL HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO BE ACCESSED SO ANY UPDATES SENT THIS PAST WEEK ARE NOT REFLECTED IN THIS BULLETIN. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE AND WILL CATCH-UP ON THINGS ONCE WE ARE ABLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOD BLESS!!!

Wednesday November 29th—Pack the House! Please join us as Msgr. Martin will lead us in an enlightening presentation on the Jewish Roots of the Mass. We'll begin with dinner at 5:30 pm followed by Msgr's presentation. Please sign-up in the narthex as you won't want to miss this opportunity from our Pastor!

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 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!

Knights of Columbus: The next Farmer's Breakfast is Sunday December 10th and proceeds from this breakfast will go towards families that are in need. Thank you very much for your support and please continue to keep all families in our parish family community in your prayers. God bless our Knights Council 13305!

2023 Kalamazoo Area Penance Services: Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Advent season to offer a schedule that meets the needs and convenience of many people. Rather than every parish having its own service and trying to find priests to assist at each one, we are going to offer eight services throughout the area, and priest will be available at the end of each service for individual confessions. Everyone is invited to come to the location that suits your needs!

St. Ann Gull Lake - Wed. Nov. 29 at 6:30 pm
St. Augustine Cathedral - Sun. Dec. 3 at 3:00 pm
St. Catherine of Siena - Wed. Dec. 6 at 6:30 pm
St. Martin of Tours - Sun. Dec. 10 at 3:00 pm
St. Thomas More - Mon. Dec. 11 at 6:30 pm
St. Joseph Kalamazoo - Wed. Dec. 13 at 6:00 pm
St. Monica - Thurs. Dec. 14 at 6:00 pm
St. Ambrose Parchment - Tues. Dec. 19 at 6:00 pm

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



REFLECTION: As Catholic Christians, we are given gifts. God the Father gives you and I gifts to use to experience fullness in our life and when we use these gifts for the good, we help to bring joy and peace to others around us. So, if you like to draw and you use your drawing ability to create pictures that are beautiful and you share these drawings with others to brighten their day, you are proclaiming with your gift the glory of God by using this gift for the good. Now, in a similar way, if we don't use the gifts given in the way that we are supposed to, this will draw disappointment and frustration from our loving God for misusing the gifts given to us. Let us each make the choice to use what has been given us by God for the good and thus call attention to God's blessings in and around us.

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! God bless you! **And don't forget... Our next Youth Night is Sun. Nov. 19 at 5 pm, followed by Sun. Dec. 3 and Caroling after the 11 am Mass at a Nursing Home on Sun. Dec. 17.**

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

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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 and signing up for our flocknotes! You can also follow our Instagram @yafaithformationfellowship.

The Special Collection for the Home Heating Assistance Program is today! Volunteers at Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo and the parishes administer the program to maximize its impact. Parishes keep 20% of the funds collected for local use, serving the poor and vulnerable. The remaining 80% is contributed to the Diocesan Home Heating Assistance Fund and given out to families in need. Please consider making a donation directly anytime at www.ccdok.org/donate or in the annual envelope donation envelope/second collection today! Every dollar matters and makes a difference. Your contribution is appreciated. God bless you!

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: Dec. 3.**

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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