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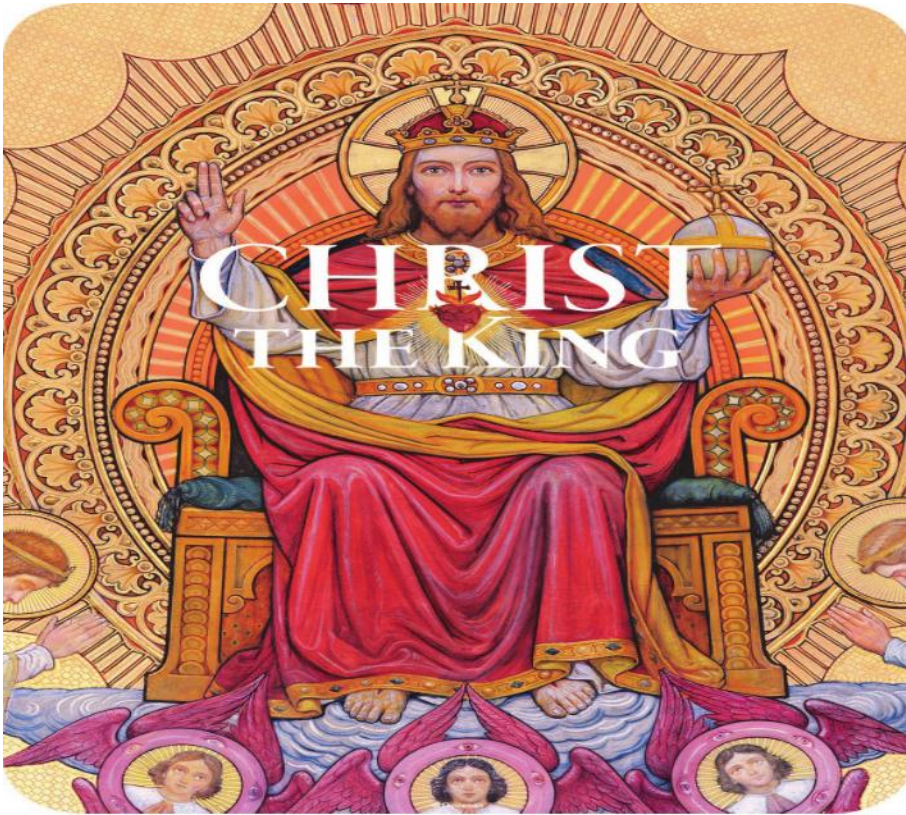
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**Mass Schedule:** Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Reconciliation:** Sat 10a or by apt. **Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9a-4p

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*The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe reminds us that Jesus is truly Lord and Savior of our life! Next Sunday we celebrate the beginning of the new Church year with the First Sunday of Advent. Take this week to explore how you can best enter Advent by inviting Jesus to be a little more central, and thus king, of your life.*

**Lectors and Ushers:** The next schedules for lectors and ushers will be **available in the narthex by the weekend of Dec. 16/17**. Please turn in **any changes of availability to the parish office by no later than Wednesday, December 6th**. The next schedule will cover the time period of January 20, 2024-March 31st, 2024. **Thank you very much! God bless you!**

## MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- 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  
**Nov 27** 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin  
**Nov 29** 9:00a Mass †Gerald Yearling by the Sirotti Family  
**Nov 29** 5:30p **Pack the House with Msgr Martin - Jewish Roots of the Mass**  
**Nov 30** 7:00p OCIA  
**Dec 01** 8:00a Adoration until 9:00a, and again from 9:30a—7:00p  
**Dec 01** 9:00a Mass †Fred Maxa by Vickie Kelley  
**Dec 02** 10:00a Reconciliation until 11:00a  
**Dec 02** 5:30p Mass †Bob Murray by Mike & Maureen Gergley  
**Dec 03** 8:00a Mass †Margaret Rice by Ron & Jan Gingerich  
**Dec 03** 9:30a **Sunday Morning Adult Study Group**  
**Dec 03** 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours  
**Dec 03** 5:00p Youth Night

## LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

- Dec 02** 5:30p **Lector:** Tammy R  
**Ushers:** Jim & Monica R, Brian C, Sandy Y  
**Raise Right: Schedule Not Available At Time of Bulletin Publication**  
**Dec 03** 8:00a **Lector:** Karen S  
**Ushers:** Al & MaryAnn K, Joe R, Bill Z  
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**Dec 03** 11:00a **Lector:** Ellen C  
**Ushers:** Lilli C, Jack C, MeredithC, Volunteer  
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## INSIDE OUR PARISH

**THIS WEEK: BIBLE STUDY W/ MSGR.** (11/27 @ 6P), **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG** (11/28 @ 7P), **PACK THE HOUSE** (11/29 @ 5:30P), **ADORATION** (12/1 @ 8A-9A, 9:30A-7P), **YOUTH NIGHT** (12/3 @ 7P) **WANT TO JOIN? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!**

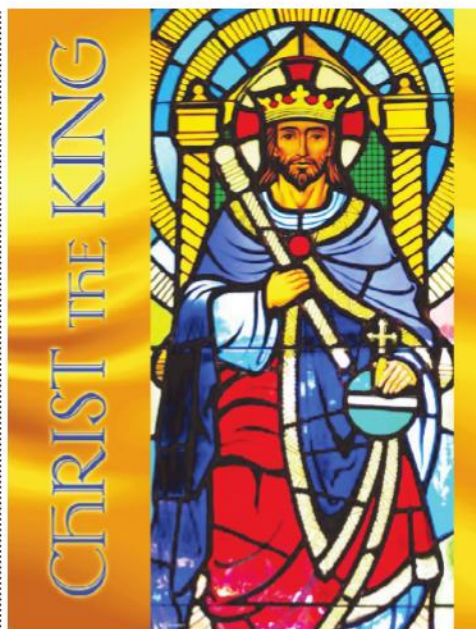
**PARISH SUPPORT**

Financial information was not available at the time this bulletin went to print. We'll catch you up next week!

Purchase Raise Right cards after all Masses in the narthex and in the Church Office

Mon—Fri 9a-4p.

*PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, WHO ARE BEING INSTALLED AFTER THE 11 AM MASS - 12/3*

**FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS**

Email [deena.christine@yahoo.com](mailto:deena.christine@yahoo.com)  
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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 this weekend of December 2nd/3rd. Thank you very much and God bless!



**Knights of Columbus Christmas Party: Attention Knights and Knights Families!** 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](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 December 3 and Christmas Caroling after the 11 am Mass at a Nursing Home on Sunday December 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! This group meets weekly at St. Philip Catholic Central High School on Wednesdays from 6:30—8:00 pm. 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](https://www.instagram.com/yafaithformationfellowship).

**Thank you for all who contribute to the Home Heating Assistance Program!** Your generosity to keep those in your community warm is appreciated. Anyone needing heating assistance should contact the parish for help. The parish heating volunteers will assist all those in need, utilizing all available assistance prior to the home heating funds. The program begins Thursday, January 4th and ends in March or until the funds last. Thank you for your warm hearts!

**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). **Our last date in 2023 is: Dec. 3.**

**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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