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SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY
(4/17) @ 6:00 PM
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY
(4/18) @ 12:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY
(4/19) @ 9:00 PM
EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY (4/20) @ 8A & 11A

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Mass Schedule: Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a

Daily Mass Schedule: Wed & Fri 9:00a

Reconciliation: Sat 10a or by apt.

Office Hours: Mon—Fri 9a-4p

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

April 12 10 - 11a Reconciliation

April 12 5:30p Mass +Rick Escamilla and Chuy Escamilla by Vickie Kelley

April 13 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

April 13 Farmer's Breakfast after each Mass

April 13 9:30a Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

April 13 11:00a Mass †Jay Smith by Vickie Kelley

April 14 NO Bible Study w/ Msgr.

April 16 9:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

April 16 6:30p Holy Hour of Adoration-St. Martin

April 17 6:00p Holy Thursday Mass at St. Martin

April 18 Parish Office Closed

April 18 NO Adoration

April 18 NO Friday Morning Mass

April 18 9:00a-4:00p Outdoor Stations of the Cross - Behind the Church

April 18 12:00p Good Friday Service at St. Martin

April 19 10 - 11a Reconciliation

April 19 9:30a Easter Egg Hunt

April 19 9:00p Easter Vigil Mass at St. Martin

April 20 8:00a Mass for the People of St. Martin

April 20 NO Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

April 20 11:00a Easter Day Mass at St. Martin

April 21 Parish Office Closed

This Week at St. Martin:

4/13 - Farmer's Breakfast (proceeds benefit the Military Archdiocese and our Servicemen's Chaplains)

4/14 - Caring Hands at 10:00 am

4/14 - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at 6:00 pm

4/15 - HALOS Meeting at 1:00 pm

4/18 - Parish Office Closed

4/18 - Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Want more info? Please contact the Parish!

COLLECTION FOR APRIL 6Envelopes: 122Weekly Goal: \$7,115.38

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\$9,344.00

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\$10,133.00

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BELOW
AND AT THE RIGHT AND FOR THE
REPOSE OF ALL GONE BEFORE US:**

Kayden Seymour
Karen Szwaja

Outdoor Stations of the Cross: Experience a walk with Jesus and his passion while enjoying a peaceful outdoor walk and meditation with the Stations of the Cross. The Knights of Columbus Council 13305 will be setting up an experience on Good Friday (April 18) any time between 9am and 4pm. Meditation cards will be available near the west side parking lot.

PLEASE PRAY FOR**FOR IMMEDIATE AND
CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS**

Email deena.christine@yahoo.com
or Call the prayer line @ 269-303-8016

All Affected by Suicide	Jackie Houghtaling
All Facing Job Loss	Len Jaworski
Anna and Marie	Christina Kelley
Anne	Steve Klein
Cody	Ronan LaGuardia
Dan	Dennis Lorenz
Hannah and Family	Debbie McLoud-Delaney
Harry	Vickie Pearl
Jack	John Polasek
Little Luke and Anna	Mike Q
Marilyn	Kim S
Marlene	Margot Schick
Maureen	Ed Sehy & Intentions
Miguel	Anne Shank
Ryan	Jenni Swager
Mike Coppens	Carol Whitfield
Barbara Gaddy	Connie Zablocki
Gary & Marilynne Gauthier	

IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA

2025 Kalamazoo Area Lenten Penance Services: Everyone is invited to come to the location that best suits your needs in this effort to have more opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this holy season of Lent. The remaining dates for this Lenten season are: today at St. Augustine Cathedral on Sunday April 13th at 3:00 pm and St. Mary Paw Paw on Sunday April 27th at 3:00 pm on Divine Mercy Sunday.

South County Community Services food pantry requests for April are boxed pasta (elbows, penne, etc.), instant mashed potatoes, Campbell's Chunky Soup, crackers, facial tissue. We accept any nonperishable food except home canned items. Thanks for the generous donations!

Easter Egg Hunt is Sat April 19 from 9:30a—11:00a! We are requesting donations of candy! Donations can be dropped off on/by the Religious Education table or in the Parish Office. Thank you very much and God bless!

Hi All! Spring is officially here, and that means Mary Garden time! As always, we are looking for volunteer weeders to keep the gardens looking fresh and lovely for our parish. We have a couple of one-and-done positions available. The shrubs around the church need a nice pruning—a good job for someone with limited volunteer time, and a love of power tools. We also need someone who does not mind working with Round Up to spray the stone pathway leading into the gardens. Once or twice this season should do the trick. Working in the garden is fun, you will meet very nice people and have the satisfaction of being able to grow lovely flowers for our church family. Weeding is done truly whenever you have time. Your children are always welcome - we have happy jobs for them to do also! For more information, please call/text Sharon 269.324.1267. Thank you and God Bless!!!

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The war in Israel has hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them heavily depended on pilgrimages to make a living. But the war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

REFLECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION: Happy Holy Week!

Let us each keep one another in prayer as we seek to walk closer with Jesus on our way to be with God the Father.

The Second Reading from St. Paul in this Palm Sunday liturgy tells us a lot about Jesus and gives us a good idea as to how to walk closer with Him. Jesus empties "himself, taking the form of a slave". Jesus is totally willing to do all that God the Father has planned for Him. When you and I can truly open ourselves up and ask God what it is that He wants from me and to go about this, perhaps in ways that are unexpected, we find that our lives are greatly changed!

Next, Jesus "humbled himself". It is hard to take advice from another. I mean, I know me and I know what is best for me, right? It has been said that when we are humble, we have many sources of wisdom and perspectives; when we are prideful, we only have our self to listen to. Jesus' complete submission to God the Father and through the people at play during His time brought about our salvation from sin and death. Put God first in your life and invite Him into each and every moment and you will be truly great in ways that go beyond anything we can imagine... You'll be modeling your life after God.

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

-Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday April 19th from 9:30a-11:00a. Mark your calendars! We are collecting donations of candy, that can be dropped off either at the Parish Office or on the Religious Education table in the narthex.

-Our High School "The Rescue Project" Retreat is Saturday April 26th from 8:30a - 5:30p. Please RSVP to either Michelle or Tim (contact info is at the right).

-Our next Youth Night is Sunday May 4th from 5:00p-7:00p

Facebook: facebook.com/stmartinofoursofvicksburg

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

April 19 9:00p Lector: Sue M & Nancy H
Ushers: Danny C, Ellen C, Dan C, Meredith C
Raise Right: No Raise Right this Weekend

April 20 8:00a Lector: Roger V
Ushers: Joe S, Volunteers
Raise Right: No Raise Right this Weekend

April 20 11:00a Lector: Laura M
Ushers: Volunteers
Raise Right: No Raise Right this Weekend

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

From [March 5 to April 13](#), you're invited to join other Christians across the globe for **40 Days for Life**. This involves 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of the Planned Parenthood building at 4201 W. Michigan in Kalamazoo on Mondays through Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. When you participate in 40 Days for Life, you are making an appointment with God in prayer. And you are also changing the hearts of people through the Holy Spirit. To sign up: Email to 40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com or Sign up directly at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/kalamazoo>

Circle of Friends is a gathering for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities and a time of fellowship, activities, and reflection on the Sunday readings along with a simple dinner. We gather on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room in the Stanley Center at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Portage (except for November and December when it will be the 3rd Wednesday due to the holidays). All are welcome. Our next date is: April 23. For more info, contact Veronica: 269.349.8714, x1240.

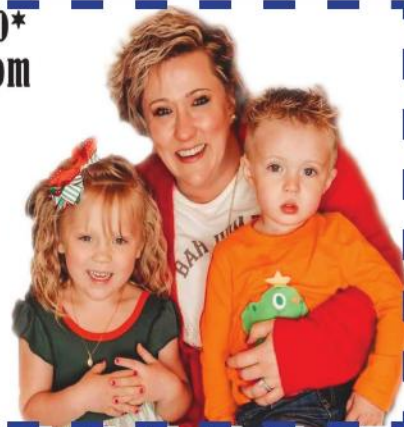
Creative Connections for persons with disabilities: Join us for fellowship, reflection on Sunday's scripture passage and prayer. Each session is at 1:00 pm on ZOOM. We will catch up with each other, have a brief reflection on the Sunday's scripture passage, and end with prayer. Contact Veronica Rodriguez at 269-349-8714, Ext. 1240 or via Email: vrodiguez@diokzoo.org For more information or to RSVP visit: diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities The Zoom link will be sent the week prior to each gathering **Our next virtual gathering will be on April 27th ***Join us for Fellowship*****

Quo Vadis Camp For young men, ages 14-19 years old, you are invited to attend the *Quo Vadis Camp* from August 10th-13th at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, MI. This retreat will entail fellowship, prayer, and opportunities with other young men and Diocesan seminarians discerning God's call for them in their life and to hear from leaders in the Diocese, like Bishop Lohse and other Diocesan Priests. Come and see where the Lord may be calling you! For more information, please visit <https://www.diokzoo.org/quo-vadis-camp>.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT To comply with the policies and procedures set forth by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo Office of Safe Environment, the information below is run once per month in parish bulletins: The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: 844.324.3374 The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

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