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Daily Mass Schedule: Wed & Fri 9:00a

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O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!



**DIVINE
MERCY**

St. Edward's Ladies Night In is Wed April 30 at 5:30p in St. Edward's Church lower level. Meat, beverages, and table service provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Topic: Frauds and Scams.

Please sign-up in narthex today April 27.

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

April 26 High School Rescue Project Retreat

April 26 10 - 11a Reconciliation

April 26 5:30p Mass For the People of St. Martin

April 27 8:00a Mass + Darlene Smoker by Phillip Smoker

April 27 9:30a Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

April 27 11:00a Mass †Joe & Alma Thamann by Dcn. Tom & Pam Thamann

April 28 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr.

April 30 9:00a Mass + Rita Sokolowski by Dcn. Tom & Pam Thamann

May 01 7:00p OCIA

May 02 8:00a-9:00a, 9:30a-6:00p Adoration

May 02 9:00a Mass + Marilyn Jeanne Hazelton by S. Kim Lee

May 03 10 - 11a Reconciliation

May 03 5:30p + Frank & Thelma Stafinski by Ken & Gail DeWolff

May 04 8:00a Mass for the People of St. Martin

May 04 9:30a Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

May 04 11:00a Mass + Walt Wunderlin by Michelle Buist

May 04 5:00p Youth Night

This Week at St. Martin:

4/27 - Divine Mercy Sunday

4/27 - First Communion and May Crowning at 11pm

4/28 - Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin at 6:00 pm

5/2 - Adoration at 8:00 - 9:00am, 9:30a-6:00p

5/3 - Confirmation Sponsor Retreat

Want more info? Please contact the Parish!

***Want email/text from St. Martin
about news & events?***

***Sign-up for Flocknote by texting
"STMARTINTOURS" to "84576"***

COLLECTION FOR APRIL 20Envelopes: 130Weekly Goal: \$7,115.38

Collection envelopes:

\$8,172.00

Mailed in envelopes:

\$761.00

Total Collection:

\$8,933.00

Good Friday Holy Land Collection: \$1,926Purchase Raise Right cards Mass
and in the Church Office.**THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY
OF YOUR GIFT!!!****PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BELOW
AND AT THE RIGHT AND FOR THE
REPOSE OF ALL GONE BEFORE US:**

Repose of Pope Francis

Repose of Margot Shick

Jose Jesus Garcia Nonato

Tom Pyret

Kayden Seymour

Karen Szwaja

REQUIEM AETERNAM
(“Eternal Rest”)**POPE FRANCIS**

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Requiem Proper

*IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA***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	

2025 Kalamazoo Area Lenten Penance Services: Everyone is invited to come to the final Penance Service for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this holy season of Lent and Easter. The remaining date for this season is today: St. Mary Paw Paw on Sunday April 27th at 3:00 pm on Divine Mercy Sunday.

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!!!

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!

South County Senior Center for Active Living: The South County Senior Center utilizes space within the Vicksburg United Methodist Church (217 S. Main St., Vicksburg, 49097) to offer a variety of opportunities for personal health and community engagement. Some of these opportunities include: walking groups and beginner pickleball on Tuesdays; cardio drumming and another walking group on Wednesdays; and coffee hour and a FUNctional fitness class on Thursday, as well as special events such as a Medicare presentation given over a lunch and learn on either May 15th or May 22nd. These, and other opportunities, are available with most of these offered free of charge. For the most up-to-date information with dates and times and availability and pricing, please visit www.southcountycs.com or scan the QR code with your smart phone found on the flyers on our two bulletin boards. Thanks & God bless

BISHOP EDWARD M. LOHSE'S STATEMENT ON POPE FRANCIS' PASSING: "I join with all of the faithful in the Diocese of Kalamazoo in offering prayers for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. His impact on the Catholic Church during the twelve years of his pontificate has been immense. While we personally mourn his loss among us, we place our hope in the promise of eternal life, a hope which – as Pope Francis reminded us so many times – does not disappoint. Christ is truly risen.

"Pope Francis will be known for calling the Church to reach out actively to our brothers and sisters who live 'in the periphery', as he was accustomed to say. He will be remembered for his teaching, especially his four encyclicals including *Laudato Si* and his concern for our common home, but most especially I think that he will be remembered for his compassion toward those who find themselves struggling with life or faith or hope.

"We were fortunate in this country to experience his 2015 Apostolic Visit to the United States, with his addresses both to Congress and the United Nations and his presence during the World Meeting of Families. During my years working in Rome, whenever I had the privilege to see or hear Pope Francis in person, his warmth and compassion and fidelity to the faith always came through clearly.

"During these days of mourning in which we find our strength in the Easter message of resurrection and new life, I invite all people of good will to join us in prayer, asking God to welcome Pope Francis into the Heavenly Kingdom and giving thanks for the graces of his pontificate."

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

-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

May 03 5:30p Lector: Nancy H

Ushers: Jim & Monica R, Sandy Y, Carol W

Raise Right: DeWolff

May 04 8:00a Lector: Kathleen W

Ushers: Al & MaryAnn K, Melissa C, Vol.

Raise Right: Koenigsknecht

May 04 11:00a Lector: Audrey S

Ushers: Jack C, Will C, Nick C, Mike L

Raise Right: Goldsmith-Moore

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 today April 27th**

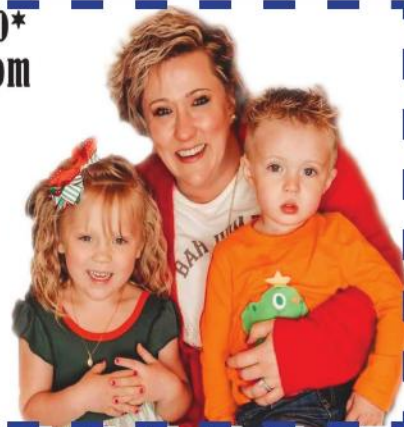
Caregiver Connection: Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? We invite you to join us for our virtual gathering to build relationships, share experiences, and create a supportive community. We'll spend some time getting to know each other and share a brief reflection on the Sunday scriptures. We gather via ZOOM on the first Sunday of the month** from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (** on holiday weekends we shift to the second Sunday - see flyer on bulletin boards for dates) REGISTER ONLINE: diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities Or contact Veronica Rodriguez at 269-349-8714, Ext. 1240 or via Email: vrodiguez@diokzoo.org **Our next gathering is on May 4th. We'd love to have you join us and other caregivers for reflection and support!**

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>.

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: Next week we begin the Bishop's Annual Appeal! As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope, our theme for this year's appeal is "Pilgrims of Hope: Making an Impact Together." Our support of this appeal will benefit both parish and diocesan ministries. Please prayerfully consider how sharing your gifts will benefit many – in our parish and far beyond. We will learn more about the specific programs it supports next week. I look forward to your participation and working together to accomplish more of our Lord's work. Our Bishop's Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend is scheduled for May 3/4, 2025. Thank you each very much and God bless!

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 of each month.

