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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—Thurs 9a-4p, Fri 9a-12p

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Aug 16 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Aug 16 5:30p Mass + Rita Sokolowski by Devon Swiat

Aug 17 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

Aug 17 11:00a Mass + Debra Gaugier by Dcn. Tom & Pam Thamann

Aug 18 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr.

Aug 20 9:00a Mass + Georgia Arcangeli by St. Vincent de Paul Society

Aug 20 6:30p Holy Hour of Adoration at St Martin

Aug 22 Parish Office Closes at Noon

Aug 22 8-9a Adoration

Aug 22 9:00a Mass + Mike Anderson by Roger & Susan VanderBeek

Aug 23 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Aug 23 5:30p Mass + Stacie Sokolowski by Devon Swiat

Aug 24 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

Aug 24 11:00a Mass +Bill Brumleve by Pat Brumleve

This Week at St. Martin:

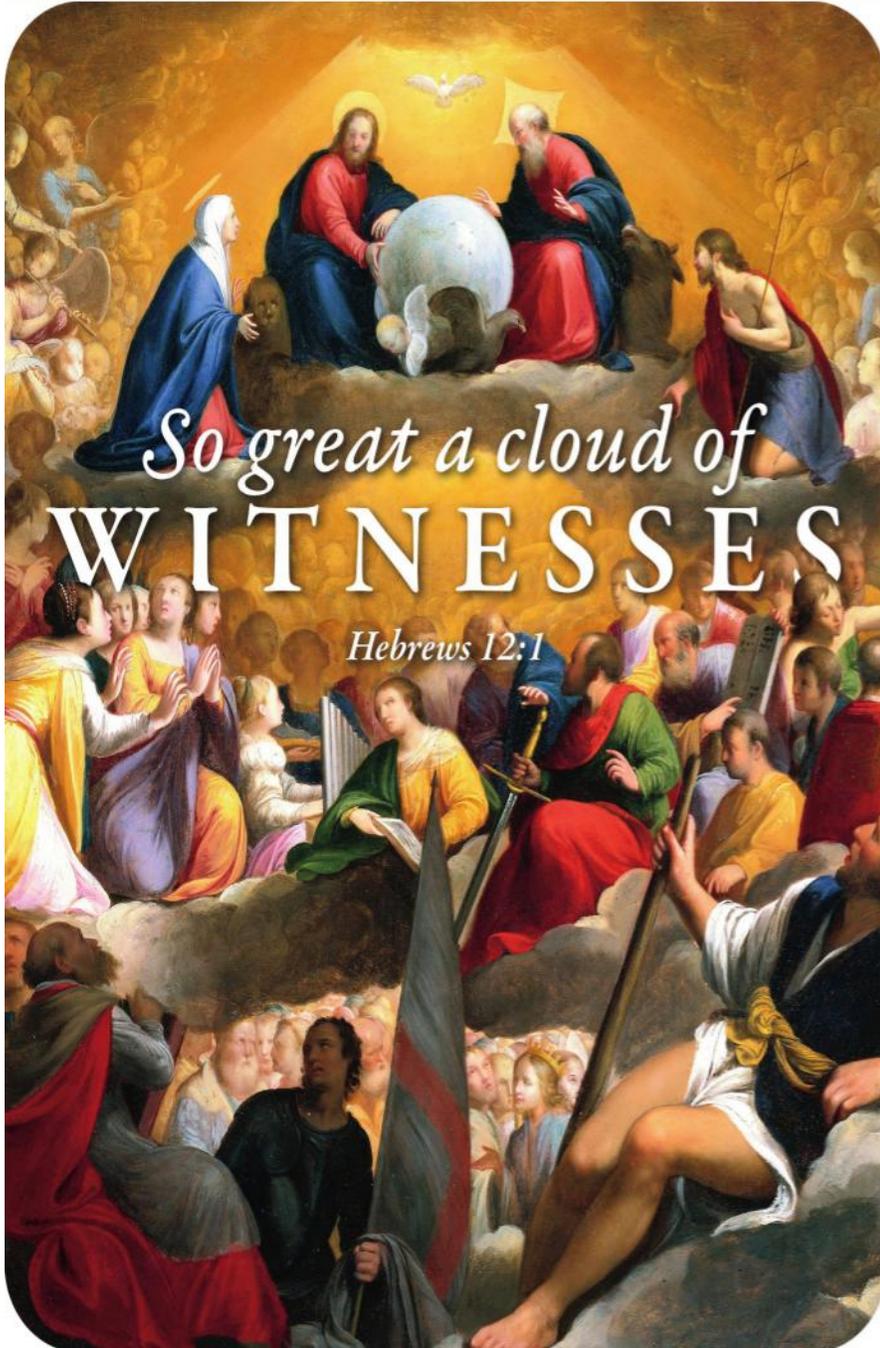
8/17 - Parish Council Meeting at 12:30p

8/18 - Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin at 6:00p

8/20 - Holy Hour at St. Martin at 6:30p

8/22 - Adoration before Mass at 8:00a

Want more info? Please contact the Parish!



THANK YOU FROM THE RUMMAGE SALE!

Please look for our totals and list of benefitting organizations from our Rummage Sale in the bulletin for August 23rd and 24th! Many thanks to those who donated their time, talent and treasure towards making this Rummage Sale so successful!

Thank you!



Rummage Sale

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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 9am - 4pm**



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

Toni, Haley's Baby and Family,
Robin, Matthew Izzi,
Robin and Jeff, Tom Swiat,
Amelia, Greg VanderBeek

Do you speak Spanish? St. Vincent de Paul is in need of translators at the Aleman Center on Tuesday nights in August. The Aleman Center is part of the Diocese' outreach to our brothers & sisters who come to Southwest Michigan to work. For more info, please contact Lisa Irwin at 269-598-2519.

St. Martin of Tours on Facebook! You can see recent photos and videos of parish events and links to activities and info on St. Martin of Tours Vicksburg Facebook and connect with us to stay up to date on this social platform — just search St. Martin of Tours Vicksburg at Facebook.com or type in Facebook.com/stmartinvicksburg

IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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Email deena.christine@yahoo.com
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All Affected by Suicide	Jackie Houghtaling
All Facing Job Loss	Len Jaworski
Anna & Marie & Adolfo	Christina Kelley
Anne	Steve Klein
Cody	Ronan LaGuardia
Dan	Lawrence McNamara
Hannah and Family	Vickie Pearl
Harry	John Polasek
Little Luke and Anna	Kim S
Marlene	Anne Sehy
Maureen	Ed Sehy & Intentions
Melinda	Anne Shank
Ryan	Gerard Shekelton
Mike & Patti Birkhold	Jenni Swager
Mike Coppens	Karen Szwaja
Barbara Gaddy	Dick Thompson
Gary & Marilynne Gauthier	Carol Whitfield
	Connie Zablocki

Adoration at St. Martin of Tours: "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mk 14:34) As we continue celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord, please remember to stay close to the calendar on the front of our bulletin for our opportunities for adoration, and that the church is always open for us to pay a visit to our Lord in the tabernacle (Mondays-Fridays from 9a - 4p). We continue to have adoration once-a-month on Wednesday at St. Martin's (usually the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30p-7:30p) and once-a-month on Wednesday at St. Edward's (usually the 1st Wednesday of the month from 6:30p-7:30p), before Mass at 8:00 am every Friday, and all day on first Fridays (8:00a-9:00a, 9:30a-7:00p). Sign-up sheet in narthex.

South County Community Services food pantry requests for August are canned peaches, canned pears, canned peas, breakfast cereal, muffin mixes, and shampoo & conditioner. Thank you for your generous donations!

Stamp Ministry: The Sisters of the Holy Cross would like to receive your canceled stamps on your incoming mail to help the poor! For more information, including guidelines and examples of beneficial stamps, please see the flyer in the narthex on the Prayer Resource Table or contact Deena Anderson at (269) 303-8016.

HALOS are collecting slightly used or new purses, scarves, jewelry, and new gift items you have not used and would like to regift. There is a box for collection by the education table in the narthex.

Religious Articles on Sale from the Holy Land: On August 30th and 31st, Land of Peace, invites you to a special event. Following all Masses, Noel Alshomali from Land of Peace, a not-for-profit organization will be with us to shed light on the struggles faced by Christians in the Holy Land. This mission aims to bring hope and support to Christian families and churches in the Middle East, who are enduring continuous violence and a decline in tourism. Your participation can help make a profound difference. Available for purchase will be religious articles made from Olive Wood, a material native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem. These items, including crucifixes and rosaries, offer a tangible connection to a land that holds deep spiritual significance. Please help to support this effort. For more information, please visit www.landofpeace.org.

Come join the 20th Annual St. Stanislaus "Back to our Roots" Polish Festival on August 16 & 17 at 1865 136th Ave, Dorr, MI 49323 Saturday-16th: Serving a Polish dinner from 5-7:30 pm along with The "Bill Gruscinski Band" from 6 – 10pm. Sunday-17th: Polka Mass at 10:30am followed by more Polish food including czarnina & dill pickle soups along with Polish pastries. Serving from 11am-3pm. Polka music with "Pan Franek and Zosia & the Polkatowners" from 1-4pm. Beer tent, kids' games, basket raffles and huge raffle with over \$2000 in prizes. See bulletin board flyer for pricing. Questions? Call the parish office @ 269.793-7268 or email at rectory@st-stans.net. Proceeds to benefit St. Stanislaus Catholic Parish & School.

REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Our readings from this particular weekend show us some examples of the stories in the Bible and in some of the teachings of Jesus that when we first read these can make us a little confused. We might think and ask ourselves questions like “why would God allow His chosen prophet Jeremiah to be treated in such a way?” or “I thought Jesus was about love and friendship and not division and giving examples of families fighting against each other?”.

These are good questions to be asking ourselves! I think when we read these kinds of stories and examples from the Bible, it is helpful to go back to the center of our Catholic faith and remember that God wants to be the center of your life. In His love, and when you and I recognize that we truly need His love in order to do life well, you and I need to have God operating in every thought, word, and deed so that we are best operating with His loving and truthful guidance. When you and I do allow God to be at the center of everything, God is proclaimed and then we understand that the divisions that come is ultimately the wrestling match of those around us with God to find a greater truth in their life. You and I, for our part, need to always stay close to God so that we can be close to those around us to show the love God has for them in their struggle and division.

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH! Summer Schedule!

-**Sunday, Aug. 17 Today!** - Youth Rally at St. Monica

-**Youth Ministry Schedule for the Year is coming very soon!!!**

All upcoming 6th graders are welcome to join in! Contact Michelle for more info!

Facebook: facebook.com/stmartinoftoursofvicksburg

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Aug 23 5:30p Lector: Roger V
Ushers: Ken D, Don R, Sandy Y, Brian C
Raise Right: DeWolff

Aug 24 8:00a Lector: Richard S
Ushers: Judy & Larry L, Melissa C, Vol
Raise Right: Volunteer

Aug 24 11:00a Lector: Laura M
Ushers: Jack C, Will C, Skip M, Mike L
Raise Right: Van Dalen

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Make a Difference That Lasts – Volunteer at The Ark Shelter! Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve others and live out your faith? The Ark Shelter, a safe haven for youth in crisis, is seeking volunteers from our parish community to support their mission of healing, hope, and growth. This is a wonderful opportunity to use your time, talents, and passions to make a lasting impact in the lives of young people who need it most. Whether you enjoy organizing, gardening, or sharing a skill or hobby you love, there's a place for you at The Ark. Every act of service—large or small—helps create a space of peace, beauty, and possibility for youth at the shelter.

Current Needs: *Donation Room Support:* Help organize donated items (2 hours every other week, M–F, anytime before 5pm, done by 7pm); *Flower Garden Beautification:* Tend to the shelter's gardens and bring joy through beauty (2 hours every other week, M–F, before 5pm, done by 7pm); *Creative Skill Sharing:* Are you 18 or older and passionate about something creative—music, poetry, arts & crafts, cooking, or another hands-on skill? Share what you love with youth who are eager to learn and grow. Individuals or small groups are welcome! (Evenings after 3pm, Tues/Thurs/Fri). **Let your light shine!** For more information or to sign up, please contact Melissa Centofanti at melissa.centofanti@ccdok.org. Thank you!

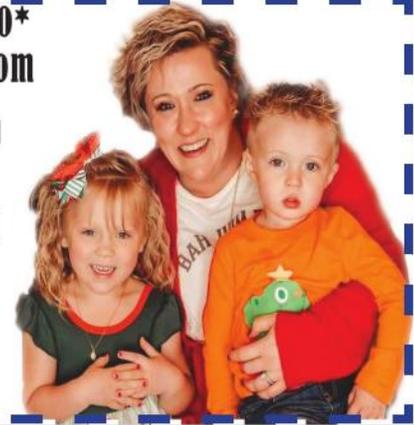
Single and Catholic? Join 400+ singles coming from all over the US (and beyond) at the 20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado on August 22nd-24th, 2025! (Can't travel? Join the virtual option with online socials and small group discussions). This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship and more. (Use the promo code PARISH25 for a discount.) **Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register.**

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: August 27.** For more info, contact Veronica: 269.349.8714, x1240.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo will begin receiving applications for candidates to enroll in the inquiry phase of diaconal formation! Additional information including the timelines, standards, requirements and applications can be found on the diocesan website at www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation. Informational meetings will be scheduled in each Deanery in August (please see bulletin boards) applications due by Sept.15.

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