

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Strive to enter through the narrow door,
for many, I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not be strong enough”

Luke 13:24



This Week at St. Martin:

8/25 - Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin at 6:00p

8/26 - Adult Education Meeting at 6:00p

8/26 - Knights of Columbus Meeting - Email Bill

8/30-31 - Holy Land Sales after each Mass

Want more info? Please contact the Parish!

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH AFTER 11:00 AM MASS

CHICKEN AND PULLED PORK PROVIDED

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PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS!

LAST NAMES OF:

A-F: SALAD

G-M: HOT SIDE DISH

N-S: COLD SIDE DISH

T-Z: DESSERT

CHECK THE NARTHEX FOR VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP
TO HELP WITH SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP

-BOUNCE HOUSES & PINATAS FOR THE KIDS

-FREE THROW HOOPS CHALLENGE FOR MIDDLE
SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND ADULTS (**TIM
MCNAMARA HAS GUARENTEED VICTORY!!! HAHA!**)

-MUSIC PROVIDED BY JOE DEBIAK

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

Daily Mass Schedule: Wed & Fri 9:00a

Reconciliation: Sat 10a or by apt.

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COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 17

Envelopes: 105

Weekly Goal: \$7,885.00

Collection envelopes:

\$4,774.00

Mailed in envelopes:

\$1,575.00

Total Collection:

\$6,349.00

Purchase Raise Right cards Mass and in the Church Office.

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

Repose of the soul of Deacon Carlos Alfaro and peace and consolation of his wife Maria and family,

Repose of the soul of Jeff and peace and consolation of his wife Robin and family,

Zeke Escamilla, Matthew Izzi,

Tom Swiat, Greg VanderBeek

Amelia, Aminta, Haley's Baby and Family,

John, Robin, Toni

*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

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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 |

The Sunday Morning Adult Study Group will resume on Sept 14th. We meet in the east classroom from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. We will start with The Mass video series by Bishop Robert Barron. In October we will start a scripture commentary on either the Book of Ezekiel or the Book of Sirach. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Lisa Irwin 269-598-2519 or Jane Guido 269-370-5657. Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

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

Aug 25 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr.

Aug 27 9:00a Mass + Monica Hughes by Suzie & Roger Vanderbeek

Aug 29 Parish Office Closes at Noon

Aug 29 8-9a Adoration

Aug 29 9:00a Mass + Fred Janofski by Roger & Susan VanderBeek

Aug 30 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Aug 30 5:30p Mass + Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley

Aug 31 8:00a Mass + Bob Pefley by Curtis Family

Aug 31 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

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.

REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” I think this is a fairly common question that you hear and perhaps you yourself have asked. Many have tried to answer this question but even the Church will say that we don’t know the exact number.

One way to consider this question is to make it about yourself and ask, “Lord, will I be saved?” This is a question that we have a chance to answer with more certainty as you have the ability to do your part in it. To put the question in another way, you might ask yourself am I being kind to everyone I meet or am I doing my part to be in relationship with God or am I filling my eyes and ears and mind and heart with God’s Word as read in the Bible and staying away from things that are sinful? When we look at our life and how we have God at the center (or God forbid, don’t have Him at the center), we can then answer will I be saved. **And important to remember, wherever you find yourself in the above questions, the very next moment is an opportunity to update your answer!**

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

-Youth Ministry is officially kicking off on Sunday September 14th! Look for the details and the full schedule for the year from Michelle shortly!

-Also, find Michelle at the Parish Picnic helping with Bounce Houses and our Free Throw Contest for middle and high schoolers on Sunday September 7th.

-All upcoming 6th graders are welcome to join in! Contact Michelle for more info.
Facebook: facebook.com/stmartinoftoursofvicksburg

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Aug 30 5:30p Lector: Nancy H
Ushers: Monica & Jim R, Sue K, Volunteer
Raise Right: NO RAISE RIGHT!

Aug 31 8:00a Lector: Kathleen W
Ushers: Jan & Ron G, Joe S, Volunteer
Raise Right: NO RAISE RIGHT!

Aug 31 11:00a Lector: Jackie P
Ushers: Coleen V, Cindy J, Nick P, Alex P
Raise Right: NO RAISE RIGHT!

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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. 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, please contact Melissa Centofanti: melissa.centofanti@ccdok.org.

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.

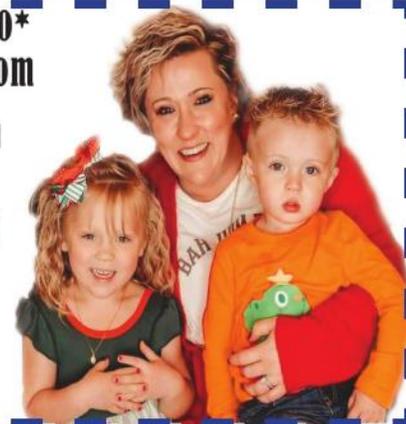
Teardrop Service On Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00pm St. Augustine Cathedral We all know people who were once Catholic, but are no longer attending church or say that they no longer believe in God – our own children, other relatives or friends. So, what would St. Monica do? She gives a beautiful example of praying for them just as she did for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine. Join us at St. Augustine on St. Monica’s feast day for a time of prayer and adoration for those we know so their hearts may be opened to receive the Good News. The Cathedral is at 542 W Michigan Avenue. Kalamazoo, 49007. Please use the Church entrance off of the parking lot.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo is receiving applications for candidates to enroll in the inquiry phase of diaconal formation! All additional info can be found on the diocesan website at www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation. Applications due by Sept.15.

Fall Pro-Life Witness to the Sanctity of Life Opportunities Save the Dates for the fall: 40 Days for Life (Sept 24-Nov 2); Life Chain (Oct 5); Prayer Rally for Life (Oct 12); March for Life (Lansing - Nov 6). More information to follow for each of these!

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