

# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For everyone who exalts himself  
will be humbled, but the one who  
humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 14:11



## This Week at St. Martin:

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

9/1 - Parish Office Closed

9/1 - No Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin

9/3 - Holy Hour of Adoration at 6:00p at St. Edward

**Want more info? Please contact the Parish!**

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH AFTER 11:00 AM MASS

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**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.

**Office Hours:** Mon—Thurs 9a-4p, Fri 9a-12p

**Website:** [www.stmartinvicksburg.org](http://www.stmartinvicksburg.org)

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**COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 24**

Envelopes: 100

Weekly Goal: \$7,885.00

Collection envelopes:

\$5,851.00

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\$1,310.00

Total Collection:

\$7,161.00

Purchase Raise Right cards Mass and in the Church Office.

**THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF YOUR GIFT!!!**

**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 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

**Sept 01** Parish Office Closed

**Sept 01** No Bible Study w/ Msgr.

**Sept 03** 9:00a Mass + Mike Anderson by Roger & Susan Vanderbeek

**Sept 03** 6:30p Holy Hour at St. Edward Mendon

**Sept 05** 8-9a, 9:30a-7p Adoration - First Friday

**Sept 05** 9:00a Mass + Ron Feist by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann

**Sept 06** 10 - 11a Reconciliation

**Sept 06** 5:30p Mass + Teresa Anderson by the Sokolowski Family

**Sept 07** 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

**Sept 07** 11:00a Mass+Stacie Sokolowski by Devon Swiat



**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,

Repose of the soul of John and peace and consolation for his family

Zeke Escamilla, Matthew Izzi,

Tom Swiat, Greg VanderBeek

Amelia, Aminta, Haley's Baby and Family,

Robin, Toni

*IN OUR PARISH AND  
IN OUR AREA*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS**

Email [deena.christine@yahoo.com](mailto:deena.christine@yahoo.com) or Call the prayer line @ 269-303-8016

All Affected by Suicide	Jackie Houghtaling
All Facing Job Loss	Len Jaworski
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Anne	Steve Klein
Cody	Ronan LaGuardia
Dan	Lawrence McNamara
Hannah and Family	Vickie Pearl
Harry	John Polasek
Little Luke and Anna	Kim S
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Maureen	Ed Sehy & Intentions
Melinda	Anne Shank
Ryan	Gerard Shekelton
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Mike Coppens	Karen Szwaja
Barbara Gaddy	Dick Thompson
Gary & Marilynne Gauthier	Carol Whitfield
	Connie Zablocki

**Our 2025 Rummage Sale** has come and gone, and what an event it was! Due to everyone's hard work and diligence, the sale netted approximately \$23,000 which will probably go towards the repair/replacement of some windows in our facility. The September newsletter will have more details about the Rummage Sale, but we offer many thanks to all who signed up and volunteered, all who came on board at the last minute, all who donated meals and snacks, and to the community who donated their unused treasures, and bags and boxes. Special thanks to Printmill Printing, Midwest Fresh, and Caring Network for boxes to assist with the sorting, sales, and recycling efforts. It really "takes a village"!

**St. Vincent de Paul 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for the Poor** Come join us on Sunday, **September 28 at 1:30** for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Walk for the Poor at the **Vicksburg Recreation Area & Trail at 12538 S. Sprinkle Rd, Vicksburg**. Registration starts at 1:00 pm with a welcome by Msgr. Thomas Martin. Our goal is to increase our donations from St. Martin's and St. Edward's by 20%. Please consider coming out for ½ mile to 3 mile walk with us. If you cannot walk, please be part of this worthwhile effort by donating or sponsoring another walker. Pledge sheets are available in the parish office or online [www.stmartinvicksburg.org](http://www.stmartinvicksburg.org).

**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.

**OCIA 2025:** Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Our classes for learning about Catholicism and journeying to Jesus through the Sacraments begins on Thursday September 11th at 7:00pm in the Manning Center.

**REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** It is a pretty common thing to wonder where God is. To have the question of I wonder why I have not heard God's voice or to wonder where is God now in this moment has filled the thoughts and hearts of humans in every time and place. So, to have these kinds of questions about our God, is common and you need not think yourself a bad person for having these!

The important next thing to do when these questions arise is engage in these with humility. What I mean by this is to faithfully restate that God is present, He loves me, and He is working. Here, I turn to God in prayer and worship, asking for His wisdom and guidance to show me the way to the answers to my questions. In humility I acknowledge I don't know and in humility I try to be open to whatever the answer might be. And then, just as Jesus lowers Himself to meet us in our needs, I act as my Savior does before God to receive His truth so that I might understand; perhaps not to understand in full or even in part, but to grow in my understanding of the wonder I have of our loving God Who is present, loving, and working.

### **ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!**

**Another year in youth ministry is starting back up again!** All 6-12 graders are welcome to register with us on St. Martin's website. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Michelle at [ym@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:ym@stmartinvicksburg.org). For any parishioners interested in supporting our ministry (via prayers, food donations, etc.), you can also contact Michelle.

**We are kicking off the year** with our Parish Picnic activities (Hoop Contest, etc.) on Sept. 7, and our **First Youth Night of the Year** is Sept. 14! Please keep our ministry in your prayers!

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/stmartinofoursofvicksburg](https://www.facebook.com/stmartinofoursofvicksburg)

### **LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE**

**Sept 06** 5:30p **Lector:** Marilynne G  
**Ushers:** Don R, Carol W, Sandy Y, Volunteer  
**Raise Right:** DeWolff

**Sept 07** 8:00a **Lector:** Karen S  
**Ushers:** Al & MaryAnn K, Bill Z, Volunteer  
**Raise Right:** Koenigsknecht

**Sept 07** 11:00a **Lector:** Lisa I  
**Ushers:** Mike & Kris B, Zachary S, Mike L  
**Raise Right:** Musselman

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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: [melissacentofanti@ccdok.org](mailto:melissacentofanti@ccdok.org).

**South County Community Services** food pantry requests for September are instant mashed potatoes, oatmeal, boxed spaghetti, condensed cream of mushroom soup, Hamburger Helper, deodorant. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

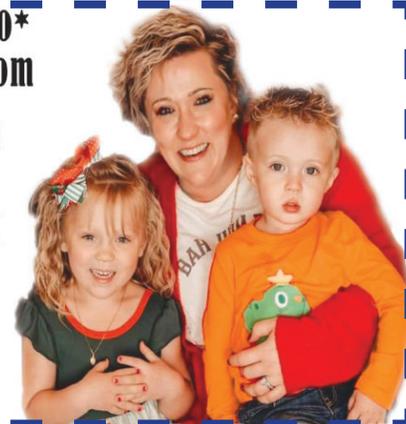
**The Diocese of Kalamazoo is receiving applications for candidates to enroll in the inquiry phase of diaconal formation!** All additional info can be found on the diocesan website at [www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation](http://www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation). Applications due by Sept.15.

**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!**

**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](http://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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