

This Week at St. Martin:

9/7 - Parish Picnic at 12:00 pm

9/8 - Caring Hands at 10:00 am

9/8 - Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin at 6:00 pm

9/8 - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at 6:30 pm

9/11 - OCIA Classes Begin at 7:00 pm

Want more info? Please contact the Parish!

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ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH PICNIC!!!

TODAY!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH AFTER 11:00 AM MASS

CHICKEN AND PULLED PORK PROVIDED

BEER, WINE LEMONADE, ICE TEA, WATER PROVIDED

ICE CREAM AND CAKE DESSERT BAR PROVIDED

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

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING W/ SET-UP & CLEAN-UP

-BOUNCE HOUSES & PINATAS FOR THE KIDS

-FREE THROW HOOPS CHALLENGE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND ADULTS

-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

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The **first Farmer's Breakfast of the season** will take place on September 14 at Msgr. Martin Parish Hall from 9am until 1pm. We are focusing on the "Coats for Kids" program this month and proceeds from this breakfast will go to purchase winter coats for the pregnancy center in Kalamazoo. The Knights also have a Venmo account to help with your donation to the Breakfast in case you don't have any cash or checks on hand! Please find the QR code (at left). Thank you very much!

The Rescue Project begins another series for parishioners of St. Edward and St. Martin. Over 70 of your fellow parishioners have participated in the first three series. The next series begins on Sunday Oct. 5 at 4:00 pm at the Msgr. Martin Parish Hall and runs for five consecutive Sundays through Nov. 2. Each session is about 3 ½ hours long and includes dinner, video presentations and discussion time. **There is no cost to you, just a commitment to attend the full five-Sunday series.** You can register by filling out a registration form (available in the entryways at both parishes) and dropping it in the box, or by contacting either parish office.

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COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 31

Envelopes: 88

Weekly Goal: \$7,885.00

Collection envelopes:

\$5,028.00

Mailed in envelopes:

\$524.00

Total Collection:

\$5,552.00

Purchase 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:

Zeke Escamilla, Matthew Izzi, Tom Swiat, Greg VanderBeek

Abbey & peace for her family, Amelia, Aminta, Haley's Baby & Family, Robin, Toni

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns to declare that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the tabernacle. The candle for our Sanctuary Lamp is provided this week in memory of

Sept 7 - Sept 13 † Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley

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 & 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 9:30-10:45am 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.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- 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 S
- Sept 07** 12:00p **Parish Picnic**
- Sept 08** 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin
- Sept 10** 9:00a Mass + Mike Anderson by Jan & Ron G
- Sept 11** 7:00p **OCIA Class Begins**
- Sept 12** 8-9a Adoration
- Sept 12** 9:00a Mass + Mario & Yolanda Sirotti by Jacqueline & David Sirotti
- Sept 13** 10 - 11a Reconciliation
- Sept 13** 5:30p Mass + Dick Huey by Pam & Dcn Tom
- Sept 14** 8:00a Mass + Deb Gangier by Nana Gangier & Family
- Sept 14** **Farmer's Breakfast after each Mass**
- Sept 14** 9:30a **Adult Study & Rel Ed Begins**
- Sept 14** 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

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.

St. Vincent de Paul 5th Annual Walk for the Poor Come join us on Sunday, **September 28 at 1:30** for our 5th 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.

HALOS are collecting **slightly used or new purses**, scarves, jewelry, and new gift items you have not used and would like to regift. The box to donate is by the RE table.

Today's Second Collection: In light of the catastrophic conditions and humanitarian crisis in Gaza, Bishop Edward M. Lohse has requested a second collection and we are collecting this this weekend Sept. 6th and 7th to assist with emergency humanitarian relief aid for the Gaza region. Monies collected will be divided equally to support the on-the-ground efforts of The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Checks should be made out to the parish with a notation written in the reference line for "Gaza Relief Fund". Funds collected will be sent to the Diocese for forwarding to the USCCB. You may also give directly to Catholic Relief Services at crs.org. The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. Thank you much for your generosity!

REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Do you have a plan for your life? Outside of the junior high counselor or your parents asking you this question while you lounge on the sofa in your mid-twenties, this might not be a question that gets considered regularly.

Jesus poses that question to you today. You should take regular time, in prayer and consideration, to consider the plan/direction/goal of your life. How have you been using your God-given gifts? What talents do you have that you share for the betterment of others? Is there anything that you have been given that you hoard? When you constantly invite Jesus into your life and sincerely ask Him to help you use all that you have... Here you are living the life of the disciple. Here your life, your relationships, your talents and blessings will flourish in a way that would make your junior high counselor, your parents, and God the Father Himself most proud!

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. 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.) today on Sept. 7, and our **First Youth Night of the Year** is Sept. 14! Please keep our ministry in your prayers!

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LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Sept 13 5:30p Lector: Tammy R
Ushers: Sue K, Leandro F, Monica & Jim R
Raise Right: Doorlag

Sept 14 8:00a Lector: Kathleen W
Ushers: Judy & Larry L, Joe S, Volunteer
Raise Right: LeVan

Sept 14 11:00a Lector: Laura M
Ushers: Skip M, Kathie & Steve D, 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. 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.

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. Applications due by Sept.15.

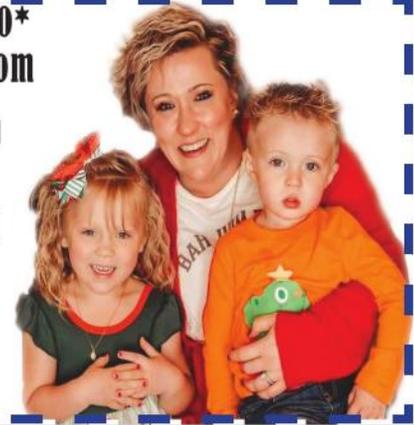
Community Partner Open House - September 18: All are welcome to stop by the Van Domelen Center (1441 S Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49008) on **Thursday, September 18 from 12pm - 3pm** to learn more about the updated services and offerings of Caring Network, Bridges Counseling, the Ark Services for Youth. This open house is a drop-in format; no registration necessary! To learn more about Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo, please visit the website below or call 269-381-9800.

October 5 - Life Chain Sunday. 2:30-3:30pm. The first Sunday in October is **Life Chain** Sunday. Those participating in Life Chain are attempting to prayerfully witness to passers-by that the unborn child is valuable and that there is help for women with unplanned pregnancies. This year we have additional new signs including "Women Deserve Better Than Abortion" and "Choose Life: Love Them Both". Please mark your calendars and make a commitment to join us in praying to change hearts and save lives. Thank you!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OCTOBER 5: The Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries will take place Sunday, October 5 honoring couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th anniversaries. Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine Cathedral at 2 p.m. with a reception following in the Fr. Crowley Center on the Cathedral grounds. Contact Socorro Truchan, struchan@diokzoo.org for more information and to register.

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