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 THE WORLD**
 The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This Week at St. Martin:

- 9/14 - Religious Education Kicks-Off at 9:30am
- 9/14 - Adult Study Group Kicks-Off at 9:30am
- 9/14 - Farmer's Breakfast after each Mass
- 9/16 - HALOS Meeting at 1:00pm
- 9/18 - Sharing Joe Men's Group at 5:45am
- 9/20 - Garden/Grounds Worker Bees from 9-12pm

Want more info? Please contact the Parish!

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The Rescue Project is returning to St. Martin in October 2025.



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A five-week series beginning Sunday Oct. 5 at 4:00 – 7:30 pm at St. Martin Parish Hall

Sign-ups will begin in September. There is no cost to you, just a commitment to attend the full five-Sunday series.

MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION

Please consider joining us and experience the Gospel like never before! 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. Thank you and God bless!

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

Daily Mass Schedule: Wed & Fri 9:00a

Reconciliation: Sat 10:00a or by apt.

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00a-4:00p

Website: www.stmartinvicksburg.org

Flocknote: stmartinvickburg.flocknote.com



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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!

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COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 7

Envelopes: 114

Weekly Goal: \$7,885.00

Collection envelopes:

\$7,343.00

Mailed in envelopes:

\$915.00

Total Collection:

\$8,258.00

Collection for Gaza: \$749.00

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:

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

For all the children, teachers, families affected by the Annunciation School shooting

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 14 - Sept 20 For 45 years of marriage for Beth & Ed Lambrix

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

Sunday Morning Adult Study Group resumes on Sept 14th. We meet in the east classroom from 9:30-10:45am We'll start with The Mass video series by Bishop Barron. In October we'll start a scripture commentary on the Book of Ezekiel or Sirach. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Lisa 269-598-2519 or Jane 269-370-5657.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

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

Sept 15 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin

Sept 17 9:00a Mass + Fred Janofski by Jan & Ron G

Sept 17 6:30p Holy Hour of Adoration at St. Martin

Sept 18 5:45a Sharing Joe - Men's Group

Sept 18 7:00p OCIA Class

Sept 19 8-9a Adoration

Sept 19 9:00a Mass + Nancy Decker by Jan & Ron G

Sept 20 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Sept 20 5:30p Mass + Rita Sokolowski by Devon Swiat

Sept 21 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

Sept 21 9:30a Adult Study & Rel Ed

Sept 21 11:00a Mass+Rebecca Yonker by Sandy Yonker

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 continues each Thursday night at 7:00pm in the Manning Center.

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!

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 1/2 mile to 3 mile walk with us. If you cannot walk, please be part of this effort by donating or sponsoring another walker. Pledge sheets 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. Also, **tickets for Purse Bingo will be sold after Mass on 9/14, 9/21, and 9/28**. Thanks!

On behalf of Msgr. Martin, he'd like to congratulate our top finishers from the Hoop Contest! Thank you to all who participated, making for such a fun event!

Middle School: 1st Victor Swager, 2nd Nicholas Pora, 3rd Ava Triemstra

High School: 1st Calvin Triemstra, 2nd Colton Sehy, 3rd Chase Johnson

Adults: 1st James Plukas, 2nd Tim McNamara, 3rd Doug Stafinski

REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS:

“With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God”. Our life journey, and the challenges we face during life, make life tough. Complaining against God because of the difficulties of life are a good thing, so long as we don’t lose faith. Holding onto faith, we go to God with the complaint of our life and offer God a way into our life so He can do something about the struggles we face in life.

The Cross, which we exalt and celebrate today, reminds us that God loves you so much that He allows His Son to die for you, me, everyone. This death, if we look at the Cross with faith, is a gift to you and I that is God saying, “if you give Me your struggles, worries, complaints, I will help you with these so that You can regain your life and regain it to the full, able to continue on your journey”.

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Sept 20 5:30p **Lector:** Pam T
Ushers: Gail & Ken D, Deb & Doug S
Raise Right: DeWolff

Sept 21 8:00a **Lector:** Angela P
Ushers: MaryAnn & Al K, Melissa & Dominic C
Raise Right: Koenigsknecht

Sept 21 11:00a **Lector:** Audrey S
Ushers: Kris & Mike B, Zachary S, Volunteer
Raise Right: Goldsmith-Moore

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

First Youth Night this Sunday, Sept. 14! Join us for food, fun, and fellowship from 5-7pm in the Teen Center. *Register your 6-12 grader at our church website!*

A "Youth" Mass is schedule for Sept. 28 at the 11am Mass. Contact Tim or Michelle for sign-ups. A Youth Night is also scheduled for that same evening, all 6-12 graders welcome! **Please keep our ministry in your prayers** as the new year begins. If you are interested in offering us extra support, feel free to reach out to Michelle at ym@stmartinvicksburg.org. Want to support our ministry (via prayers, food donations, etc.), contact Michelle!

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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.

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.

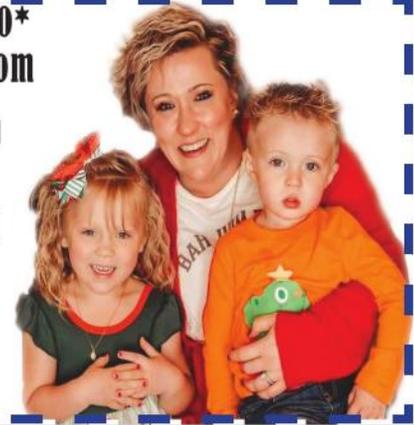
October 5 - Life Chain Sunday. 2:30-3:30pm. The first Sunday in October is **Life Chain** Sunday. Those participating in Life Chain are attempting to prayerfully witness to passers-by that the unborn child is valuable and that there is help for women with unplanned pregnancies. This year we have additional 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.

St. Monica Catholic School is seeking an outstanding, energetic, dedicated and talented individual to fill a Middle School Math position for the 2025-26 school year. The successful candidate will be faith-filled, dynamic, compassionate and willing to work collaboratively in a team environment. Interested candidates please submit a letter of interest, resume and references, to: Jennifer Crawford, Principal St. Monica Catholic School, at jcrawford@stmonicakzoo.org. Questions? Please contact 269-345-2444 Thank you!

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