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This Week at St. Martin:

10/26 - Coffee and Donuts after each Mass

10/26 - The Rescue Project at 4:00p

10/27 - Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin at 6:00p

10/28 - Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00p

10/30 - OCIA for those seeking to be Catholic at 7p

10/31 - Red Cross Blood Drive

Want more info? Please contact the Parish!

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Blessing of the Rosaries

Come to Mass at 11:00 am today Sunday October 26th and then join us immediately after for a Blessing of the Rosaries! This communal blessing is for all adults and children to have your rosary blessed by Msgr. Martin as we continue to celebrate Our Lady, Mother Mary, during October and this month of the Rosary.

Please remember that whichever Mass you attend during October, we are praying the Rosary 25 minutes before Mass. All are welcome to this devote practice of our Catholic faith.

Thank you each 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

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Envelopes: 92

Weekly Goal: \$7,885.00

Collection envelopes:

\$4,673.00

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Total Collection:

\$6,297.00

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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, Bernadette Soyza, Haley's Baby & Family, Larry, Lori Burnham, Matthew Izzi, Merle Shelling, Mike Gergely, Mike H and Wife, Patrice, Robin, Roger VanderBeek, Toni, Zeke Escamilla, Rescue Participants

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

Oct 26-Nov 1 For

Tony Podkol by Toni Dibble

*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 |
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| | Connie Zablocki |

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Oct 25 9:00a - 2:30p Diocesan Policy Meeting

Oct 25 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Oct 25 5:05p Rosary

Oct 25 5:30p Mass + Stacie Sokolowski by Devon Swiat

Oct 26 7:35a Rosary

Oct 26 8:00a Mass + Margot Shick by Pam and Dcn Tom

Oct 26 Coffee and Donuts after each Mass

Oct 26 9:30a Adult Study & No Rel Ed (Catechist PD)

Oct 26 10:35a Rosary

Oct 26 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours

Oct 26 Communal Rosary Blessing after 11:00am Mass

Oct 26 5:00p Youth Night

Oct 27 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin

Oct 29 9:00a Mass + Souls of All Aborted Children by S. Kim Lee

Oct 30 7:00p OCIA Class

Oct 31 8-9a Adoration

Oct 31 9:00a Mass + Gloria Feist by Pam and Dcn Tom

Oct 31 11:00a - 4:45p Red Cross Blood Drive

Nov 01 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Nov 01 5:30p Mass + Rita Sokolowski by Devon Swiat

Nov 02 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

Nov 02 9:30a Adult Study & Rel Ed

Nov 02 11:00a Mass + Alice Mary Annis-Gula by Devon Swiat

Life Chain Review: Many thanks to the five parishioners and countless unseen prayer partners who prayed for the safety and protection of those who participated in Life Chain last weekend, praying for an end to abortion and offering alternatives to those with unplanned pregnancies. We are blessed in Kalamazoo to have two pregnancy resource centers, Caring Network (which is a part of Catholic Charities) and Alternatives (which is directly across the street from Planned Parenthood). If anyone is interested in spending an hour a week (Tuesdays at 11:00 or 1:00) until November 2, participating in 40 Days for Life, a prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, please contact Deena at (269) 303-8016. Thanks!

South County Community Services Oct. food pantry: canned corn, mac-n-cheese, Jello gelatin, Campbell's Chunky soups, canned peaches, & bar soap.

Sharing Joe MPB will be hosting a Holy Hour in the Church on Thursday, October 30th from 6am-7am. All Men of the Parish are welcome to come and spend some time with Our Lord and one another. There will be no breakfast that day.

End of Life: What We Need to Know Wednesday November 12th from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We'll begin with dinner at 5:30 pm followed by Welcome and Introductions from Kathi Lovell and presentations from Mary Smith RN (Hospice & Hospice Home Options), Steve McCowen (General Overview on Funeral Homes), Rob Baas (Funeral Prearrangement Benefits), and Msgr. Thomas Martin (Catholic Traditions). The evening will conclude with a Question and Answer session. Please consider joining us for this event!

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Our popular Gospel story that we hear today gives us an example, from a repentant tax collector, of someone who understands their position with God. God is God, and well, the rest of us are not; we are His beloved creation that are imperfect and prone to making sinful mistakes. The tax collector shows that there is a certain sense of fear that he has with God and realizes the distance between the all-holy God and the less-than-perfect man.

But this fear is not simply being afraid of God; rather it is one of respect for the Divine Creator. Our tax collector lowers himself before God for sure, staying off at a distance (symbolizing the divide between the holy and the sinful) and unable to raise up his head, but he calls out to God with confidence, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." Calling God by name and asking for God's help, that divide is immediately closed up by the invitation from the tax collector and the God who rushes to aid the one who is poor and in a lowly position.

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

-Oct. 26 will be our next Youth Night, usual time of 5-7pm in the Teen Center!

-Our Catholic Heart Workcamp summer trip date and location has been decided: Dover, Delaware from June 13-19. This trip is open to all high school students. Cost is \$275 per person. Contact ym@stmartinvicksburg.org for any questions.

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LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Nov 01 5:30p Lector: Nicole W & Clara W
Ushers: Monica & Jim R, Carol W, Brian C
Raise Right: DeWolff

Nov 02 8:00a Lector: Kathleen W
Ushers: Judy & Larry L, MaryAnn & Al K
Raise Right: Koenigsknecht

Nov 02 11:00a Lector: Lisa I
Ushers: Meredith C, Ellen C, Bill C, Mike L
Raise Right: Goldsmith-Moore

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Surviving the Holidays is a 2-hour program for those grieving the loss of a loved one as we come to the fall holiday season. Tips and coping skills are discussed. Join us on Sunday October 26 at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Fee is \$10 payable at the program. Register online at www.griefshare.org. Questions: Paula White 269-330-3762 or pwhitenc@mac.com.

Singles Late 50s & Above: Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions? Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat! The next weekend is on Oct 31-Nov 2, 2025 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing). Cost is \$240 for meals and a single room. For more info, go to www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renewretreat.mi@gmail.com, or call (517) 323-7012.

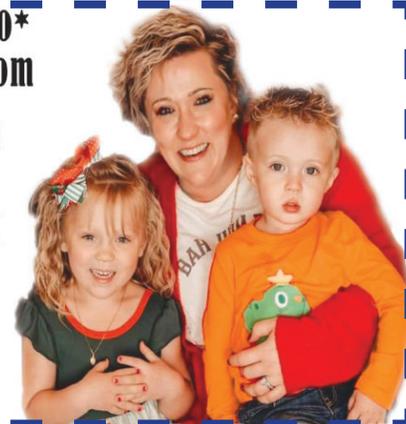
St. Monica Catholic School is seeking an outstanding, energetic, dedicated and talented individual to fill a Middle School Math position for the 2025-26 school year. The successful candidate will be faith-filled, dynamic, compassionate and willing to work collaboratively in a team environment. Interested 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!

Diocese of Kalamazoo Diocesan Pastoral Center Opening - Accountant This position reports to the Chief Finance Officer and is responsible for financial reporting, budgeting, analysis and operations services for diocesan related entities. A minimum of three years of experience is required. Go to www.indeed.com, search for "Accountant" and "Diocese of Kalamazoo" to read the job description and to apply. Please send any questions to: humanresources@diokzoo.org

Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo seeks new board members in 2025-2026. The Board of Catholic Charities is a vibrant community of leaders committed to serving vulnerable people in the nine counties of the Kalamazoo Diocese. The mission of Catholic Charities is: "We are God's hands providing housing, health and hope to His children." In addition to providing leadership and guidance for the overall organization, the Board focuses on current and long-term strategic thinking and planning in the areas of Financial planning, future infrastructure planning, expansion of services, and fundraising. The Board knows that this is God's work and that God will provide the right leaders to meet this moment. Through our own discernment, the Board recognizes that we might benefit from new leaders who 1) have expertise in any of the above areas, 2) are members of an underrepresented minority, 3) live and serve in parts of the Diocese beyond Kalamazoo, and 4) have been recipients of CCDOK services. If you have a heart for service and are attracted to the CCDOK mission and work, we invite you to consider joining us in Board service. For more information, visit our website at www.ccdok.org or contact Toni Newell, Executive Director, at 269-381-9800, ext. 224, or toninewell@ccdok.org

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