



# ST. MARTIN OF TOURS *THE MESSENGER*

Summer  
2022

Help us to generously share the compassion and light of Christ with all we meet

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS / June, July, August

### ADORATION

#### FIRST FRIDAYS

@ 8:00-9:00 a.m. &  
9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

June 3, July 1, August 5

#### ALL OTHER FRIDAYS

@ 8:00-9:00 a.m.

### CARING HANDS

@ 10:00-Noon

June 13, July 11, August 8

### CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

June 18-25

### CONFIRMATION MASS

@ St. Augustine Cathedral

June 19 @ 2:00 p.m.

### GRADUATION MASS

@ 11:00 a.m.

Reception in parish hall follows

### HALOS

No summer meetings.

Resume September 20

@ 1:00 p.m.

### HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION & BENEDICTION

@St Edward

First Wednesday

@6:30-7:30 p.m.

June 1, July 6, August 3

### HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION & BENEDICTION

@St. Martin

Third Wednesday

@6:30-7:30 p.m.

June 15, July 20, August 17

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

@ 7:00 p.m.

June 28, July 26, August 23

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

July 13 @5:30 p.m.

Watch bulletin for details

### MEN'S GROUP

@ 7:30 a.m.

June 4, 11, 18, 25

July 9, 16, 23, 30

(No meeting July 2)

August 6, 13, 20, 27

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSING

Monday July 4

### PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

@10:00 a.m.

June 13, July 11, August 8

### R.C.I.A

Will resume in September

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Will resume in September

### RUMMAGE SALE

August 4, 5, 6

Collection/set-up;

July 24-30

Pricing; August 1, 2, 3

### ST. ISADORE GUILD

Mondays @ 9:00 a.m.

In the Mary Garden

June 6, 13, 20, 27

July 11, 18, 25

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

@ 7:00 p.m.

June 20, July 18, August 15

## Summer Adult Study Opportunity

The Sunday Morning Adult Study Group invites you to join us for a special summer session using *Lectio: Eucharist Discovering the Mass in the Bible* by Dr. Brant Pitre. We will meet in the Manning Center from 9:30 – 10:45a.m. July 3 – Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. This 10 part video series will explore the biblical roots of the Eucharist, from its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament to the Gospels and Apostolic teaching. Discover what familiar terms like “The Lamb of God,” the Bread of Life” and “The Body and Blood of Christ” mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church Teaching. Watch the trailer here: <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-eucharist-with-dr-brant-pitre/season:1/videos/lectio-eucharist-trailer> Contact Linda Crawford 720-2321 or Lisa Irwin 598-2519 for more information.

## Deacon's Corner

We are nearing the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit that Bishop Bradley had called for the Diocese of Kalamazoo to focus on praying for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to be open to the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. This special year wraps up on the feast of Pentecost.

At the Chrism Mass during Holy Week last month, the bishop announced that he would be calling the priests and the whole Church in the Diocese of Kalamazoo to a special "Year of Priestly Spiritual Renewal and Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood."

Each year at the Chrism Mass the priests renew their promises that they made at their ordinations. Bishop Bradley said that he believes that much more is needed than to simply renew their promises. At that Mass, he said,

"I am convinced that each of us priests (and deacons as well) need to recapture the zeal that brought us to the day of our ordinations x-number of years ago. Our calling to be priests is a dynamic, privileged, and challenging position to be "another Christ" for our people in our world. We can get so weighed down with the problems we run into that we lose sight of who we are representing. We can allow discouragement, or criticism, or failures to tempt us to get to the point that we no longer even try; instead, just go through motions. We cannot allow those very human and normal realities to keep us from being who we need to be: the Face of Easter Hope and Joy to a world that so desperately needs Jesus and His Good News. Therefore, I am calling us priests, and the whole Church here in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, to a special Year of Priestly Spiritual Renewal and Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. We desperately need more young men to hear God's calling, which I'm firmly convinced God is making. But we also need us priests to be renewed in our determination and commitment to be priests who are filled with Easter Hope and Joy."

I hope that the parish of St. Martin of Tours will sincerely join the diocese in this special year of prayer. Plans are currently being made at the diocesan level. Wouldn't it be great if our parish could revive the practice of circulating the crucifix for Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood on a bi-weekly basis? I noticed this crucifix is still sitting on the Religious Education table in the narthex just waiting to assist someone's prayer.

Peace be with you,  
Deacon Dave

### **Summer Blessing for Families:**

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.  
May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body. May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Greetings from the Knights of Columbus Council 13305



So much has happened from the last time I wrote here. Our Council has gained three new members and have three more that have filled out the paperwork to join! We have continued with our local efforts at raising and donating funds with all of your help.

Some examples: The Council was able to contribute over \$2,000 to the Catholic Heart Work Camp after the Corned Beef and Cabbage wonderful, combined efforts event (many wonderful hands helping with this, both in the Knights and many others). The Knights of Columbus were also able to donate \$700 to the KofC Ukrainian Relief Fund that is a pass-through fund: 100% of the money raised actually goes to relief efforts. Any "administrative overhead" is absorbed through the use of other money. You may notice that through the combined efforts of the HALOS and the Knights finding and funding a cleaning company, that the folding chairs in the Hall all have a renewed appearance!

We thank all of you for donating to the Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll Drive" for the Mentally Impaired (MI). 20% of that money goes towards Special Olympics and the remainder goes to local organizations that focus on MI efforts.

The K of C Supreme Council has recently provided another wonderful online educational Webinar on Retirement planning that was available to all church members, and we continue to remind all our Knights that the goals of our organization are to ensure that our Knights grow spiritually but also that their Family members are financially cared for through insurance and/or investments.

For those interested in Accounting, Mike Van Noorloos has asked us to find a new Financial Secretary to carry on his excellent and exemplary record of service to our Council. That is one of the only officer positions that actually receive a small financial remuneration for their service to our organization. If you are interested, please contact Bill Zeman to see if that position has been filled.

Karl Kerchief for GK Bill Zeman

## HALOS-SMCCW

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We hope you had fun at the Purse Bingo. We appreciate the donations received from this fund raiser and for the funds from the holiday sale we had in November. Because of these two events, we were able to make some donations as follows: Catholic Charities for The Ark and Project Rachel. We also donated to the St. Isadore group for the Mary Garden. Finally we gave a donation to St. Vincent de Paul.

We are planning a ladies' summer get together to meet for dinner. The date is Wednesday, July 13, 2022. Watch the bulletin for details later in June.

All ladies of St. Martin are members of the HALOS group. We are members of the Council of Catholic Women. Our monthly meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are short. We focus on service and social. If you would like more details or have suggestions for the group, please feel free to ask a current member or leave your name and phone number in the church office.

Kathi Lovell, President

## St. Vincent de Paul

By Mary Wills

Save the afternoon of September 25, 2022 to participate in the annual "St.VdP Walk For the Poor" to be held at the Vicksburg Recreation Park. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

You may start your physical training by jogging to the Donation Box in the church narthex located near the west entrance of the church. Then stretch your arm deep into your pocket for that discretionary cash which may be weighing you down impeding your free movement. After all that strenuous activity, you may be inspired to purchase a piggy bank to store your booty in for the next time you are motivated to jog to the Donation Box. Just think of the good feeling in your heart you will have knowing you were able to contribute to your fellow citizens.

Thanks to all who have already contributed. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Suggested reading: Understanding Poverty by Ruby K. Payne, Ph. D. This reading may give you a new perspective/belief about poverty.

Cold, Hard, figures from January To March 2022:

Friends-in-Need: 18

Requests for Housing, Utilities, Propane, Medical expenses, Funeral assistance.

Assistance given: \$ 2199.99

Amount received in the Donation Box: \$193.51

## St. Martin of Tours 2022 Rummage Sale

Have you been spring cleaning and not sure what to do with all of your extra stuff? We can help! St. Martin's Annual GI-GANTIC Rummage Sale is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, so if you can hang on to your treasures until the end of July, we will gladly take them off your hands.

This is our biggest fundraiser and a huge event for our community. It's an opportunity for families to purchase clothing, jewelry, shoes, linens, dishes, baking & cooking tools, handyman tools, furniture, sporting equipment, home décor, holiday decorations, books, craft items, toys, antiques, collectables and so much more, at prices never seen before! This sale is a blessing and a win-win for all. It's a charitable donation that costs you nothing, while knowing your items are making a difference for those who come to shop. Your generosity makes it possible for our community members to stretch their dollars, especially now when prices on everything seem to be going up! You are also contributing to our parish, making it possible for us to be good stewards of our beautiful church!

Keep an eye on the church bulletin for information regarding this exciting event, and consider donating your items, and sharing your time and your talents to make this our best sale ever! You make a difference!

Debra Stafinski

## ST. MARTIN HAPPENINGS

### Baptisms

Harlow Jean Richardson, daughter of Roy and Megan Richardson  
Judah Charles Triemstra, son of Scott and Monica Triemstra  
Violet Grace Chadderdon, son of Tim and Deborah Chadderdon

### Welcome the following Parishioners and their Families

Christopher and Alynn Allen  
Will and Eve Block  
Henry and Kristin Browning  
James and Heather Mitcavish  
Ryan and Dana Wagner

### Deceased-May They Rest in Peace

Ethel K. Markan  
Otto Decker



### First Communion

Bottom row from left: Terra Benko, William Mattheis, Colette Swager, Kayla Vandalen, Ava Triemstra, Dylan Dugray and Alexander Pora

Top row from left: Teacher Karen Szwaja, Deacon Tom Thamann, Msgr. Tom Martin and DRE Tim McNamara

Hi all!

I hope and pray that this finds you each doing very well! From the world of Religious Education and Youth Ministry, I want to update you on some very special events that we have had in our parish concerning our youth and invite you each to keep the following events in your prayers and to pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to descend down upon the hearts of the souls that are involved in the following:

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist:** We had 7 young souls receive their First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist this past spring, and the joy that was evident in their hearts was alive on their faces and the faces of their parents and families! Two of our seven also got to crown Mary in the Narthex in a most beautiful ceremony. Please continue to pray for these 7 and their families that they may grow deeper in their love of Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist.

**Confirmation Retreat:** This year, St. Martin of Tours is blessed to have 4 young men preparing to receive Confirmation, in which they will complete their formal training in the Catholic faith and live the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for the entire world to benefit. At their retreat, which was held in mid-May, these 4 prayed, discussed ways to live their faith post Confirmation, and served the parish by taking care of some of the various needs around our wonderful facility. The commitment and witness of these 4 is awe-inspiring and should cause each of us to remember our own Confirmation and to inspire us to grow closer in relationship to God by living as His holy daughter or son.

*Please continue to pray for:*

**Graduation Mass/Reception for our High School Graduates:** Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Confirmation:** Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Augustine Cathedral with Bishop Paul Bradley at 2:00 p.m.

**Catholic Heart Workcamp:** June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup> in Cumberland, Maryland

**And truly all of the youth, parents, families, and community of St. Martin of Tours!**

Thank you very much for your prayers and support! Please know of our prayers for you and your family.

God bless, Tim