

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time



*A*men, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:18

*y*o les digo: Todo lo que aten en la tierra, lo mantendrá atado el Cielo, y todo lo que desaten en la tierra, lo mantendra desatado el Cielo.

Mateo 18:18

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

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PARISH & MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 10
 8:00 a.m. Mass †Thomas J McGoff by John & Deb McGoff
 11:30 a.m. Mass For the People of St. Martin
 12:30 p.m. Parish Picnic
 12:30 p.m. Youth Car Wash in front of Seton!

Monday, September 11
 6:30 p.m. Bible study with Msgr. Martin

Tuesday, September 12
 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, September 13
 9:00 a.m. Mass †Carol Ankley by Mike & Maureen Gergely
 7:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday, September 14

Friday, September 15
 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Friday Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass †Toni Maxa by the Maxa family

Saturday, September 16
 7:30 a.m. Men's Group
 10:00 a.m.—11:00a.m. Confessions
 6:00 p.m. Mass †Dick Huey by the Thamann family

Sunday, September 17
(Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35)
 8:00 a.m. Mass †Doris Dorough by the Dorough family
 11:30 a.m. Mass For the People of St. Martin

INSIDE THE PARISH AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

ST. MARTIN PARISH PICNIC IS THIS SUNDAY 12:30 P.M.!
FARMERS BREAKFAST IS NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER 17 FROM 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.
SOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES for the month of September will be collecting for following: tuna, crackers, cereal & deodorant. Please note that St. Martin's is not participating with the 'Simple Give' program this year. If you would like to participate in this program you can do so through Meijer until Sep 16.
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL IS IN NEED OF FURNITURE FOR A FRIEND especially household furnishing such as a couch, chair (lounge type for back issues), kitchen table & chairs and bunk beds. Please call Janet Kosacek at 329-1947.
ADULT ED WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17. All are welcome to join us as we study the book First Comes Love by Scott Hahn. In First Comes Love, Hahn turns his attention to the search for a sense of belonging, revealing the intimate connection between the families men and women create on earth and the divine family the Holy Trinity. We meet Sunday Mornings from 10am—11:15am, the same time as Religious Ed classes. Please note we are meeting in the Nursery room this year!

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE THE PARISH COUNCIL meeting has been moved to Sept. 24 at 1pm. *It was originally Sept. 17th.*
FASHION SHOW TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! They can be purchased in the church office or from one of the HALOS. The day is September 30th at 11:30 a.m. and the ticket price is \$10 for the show. Lunch will be served at noon. Tickets will be sold this weekend September 9 & 10 after all Masses.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: We are looking for parishioners to form a Social Committee. This ministry is responsible for managing parish social events, such as our upcoming Parish Picnic on September 10, as well as developing ideas to better engage our parish family in social activities. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact the parish office, or contact Nick & Barb Ostrosky at (269) 459-6271. Find us at the Parish Picnic!

THE KALAMAZOO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND "CHEERFUL GIVERS" SEP. 20 at St. Joseph Church, Kalamazoo. Communion service with Deacon Dean Hermann. Nationally known Keynote speaker, Sheri Wohlfert. Sheri is a motivational humorist with a deep love of God. Round table sharing, Rosary for the Unborn. Cameroon, Africa & water projects update, Catholic Relief Services, Food Safety/Kalamazoo County Health Dept., Priest titles explained, Make it/Take it Medical bracelets-bring your favorite metal. Light breakfast & lunch. Come pray, learn, share, laugh, enjoy! Check in 8:00 a.m. \$20 (some grants avail.) Register no later than Sep. 15. Email carolynmorrison@hotmail.com or 517-617-5682

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SEPTEMBER 27 - NOVEMBER 5, make a difference! Express your commitment to life by standing and peacefully praying for an end to abortion on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood located at 4201 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI. To volunteer to pray 1 hour, or weekly if you are able, please go to www.40daysforlife.com/kalamazoo. If you have any questions, contact Mary Jeske at 40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com or 269-459-1234.

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Do you realize that every time you buy a gift card from Scrip the parish receives a percentage of the card's value back? You are stretching your dollars because you're making your normal purchase and the merchants are making a donation to the parish. It doesn't take long for the donations to become quite large. **These donations are used to pay down our building loan!** Scrip is sold after all Masses each weekend or at the Parish office.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

PARISH SUPPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 03, 2017

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| Envelopes | 129 |
| Collection | \$6,988.00 |
| Weekly Goal: | \$6,827.00 |
| +/- YTD Goal: | (\$5,468.00) |
| Hurricane Harvey: | \$2,508.00 |
| Balance Loan as of August 31 | \$347,384.56 |



THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

An envelope for this collection can be found in the packet of envelopes that are mailed to you bi-monthly.

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

| DATE | MASS | CANDLE-BEARER | CANDLE-BEARER | CROSS-BEARER |
|--------|--------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sep 16 | 6:00p | Max Bleeker | Lily Evans | Janet Haas |
| Sep 17 | 7:30a | Jackson Aguillon | Madison Aguillon | Bret Verner |
| Sep 17 | 11:30a | Jonathan Abel | Joey Loriso | Angelina Loriso |

| DATE | MASS | LECTOR | BODY | BLOOD |
|--------|-------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Sep 16 | 6:00p | Scott Cline | Deacon | Toni Dibble |
| | | Pam Thamann | Pat Cline | Faye Bond |
| | | | Nancy Hilaski | |

USHERS: John Bond, Christy Salisbury, Volunteer, Sue Knudsen

Sep 17 8:00a Kathie Guido Deacon Bob Downing
 Janet Kosacek Jamie Corder Deb Stacey
 Grace Richards

USHERS: Beth & Allie Russell, George Richards, Volunteer

Sep 17 11:30a Kathy Lovell Deacon Amy Swager, Volunteer
 Karen Szwaja Richard Szwaja, Lisa Irwin Volunteer
 Janet Haas

USHERS: Chad, Mary, Madison & Eric Hessling,

NO COFFEE & DONUTS AUGUST 6—SEPTEMBER 17!

YOUTH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YOUTH CAR WASH THIS WEEKEND AT THE PARISH PICNIC!! Anyone interested in participating in the youth come join us at the Parish picnic for a car wash. Donations accepted and will go to help fund the youth ministry program at St. Martins. Come meet Matthew Montgomery our new Youth Minister!

REGISTER ASAP FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations are avail on the Religious Ed table or in the parish office. First Sunday of classes is September 17th. Please register for classes by September 10. If your family should be in need of financial assistance, please contact Clare Zemlick, DRE, at the parish office.

"YOU CAN ALSO NOW REGISTER THROUGH ST. MARTIN'S WEBSITE!

Go to stmartinvicksburg.org/ Parish Life/Religious Education & click on the 3rd or 4th link (in red) near the top of the page for "New" or "Returning" Student. Fill out the forms right there, right then & hit "submit." It's quick & easy & takes HALF the time! Payment is not able to be made through the website at this time, so please be sure to mail or drop off at the parish office. Thank you and looking forward to a wonderful year!"

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY SEP 17

from 10 a.m.—11:15 a.m. for ALL grades K-12 (no pre-school this year) There will be no Wednesday evening classes. Please take note of this important change! We are excited for the start of a brand new year learning the beauty of our Catholic Faith! Please be sure to thank and pray for our wonderful Catechists. Thank you!!

PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR FAITH? LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE?

Please consider being a catechist for the St. Martin of Tours. What does it take to be a catechist? Somebody who loves Christ and His Church and is willing to journey with our youth to discover their purpose in life (to know, love, and serve God) and how to live that out. This is an amazing experience where you get the blessing of being profoundly used by God to shape in the most important way the hearts and minds of our youth. Currently we are in need of an 8th grade catechist and co-catechist for this fall. Any level of experience is welcome. Please contact Clare at the parish office. Married couples are encouraged to teach together!

GENEROUS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITY FOR A FREE COLLEGE VISIT:

Attention high school seniors! Ave Maria University (near Naples, FL) is offering the Michigan Scholarship (\$28,000 over 4 years) and the Michigan Homeschool Scholarship (\$36,000 over 4 years) to local Catholic students, making an authentic Catholic education affordable. Additional institutional and federal aid available is also available. You are also invited to participate in the 2017 AMU Michigan Fly-In, which is a free college visit to AMU November 9-12 including airfare, lodging, food, etc. Limited spots available! For more information or to apply for the Fly-In, visit www.avemariafoundation.org.

WORD OF LIFE

"When people are tempted to see their own lives as diminished in value or meaning, they most need the love and assistance of others to assure them of their inherent worth." USCCB, "To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Assisted Suicide," © 2011, <https://goo.gl/BVQ3dE>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mary Bleeker,
 Dave Curtis,
 Kathi Lovell,
 Frank Penar,
 Jeff Schimp

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel."
 - EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

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 How to contact Lending Hands

Location: 2403 Helen Ave., Portage
 Phone: 269-567-4381
 Hours of Operation:
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 Thursday -- 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
 Saturday -- 9:00 A.M. to Noon
 Closed Tuesday, Sunday and holidays.

Anyone interested in volunteering MUST be background checked BEFORE they start volunteering and, if you are working with children, you must be VIRTUS trained. If you have any questions please contact Clare Zemlick 649-1629 ext 27 or email Clare.Zemlick@stmartinvicksburg.org

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.