



**"I am the living
bread that came
down from
heaven; whoever
eats this bread
will live forever;
and the bread that
I will give is my
flesh for the life
of the world."**

John 6:51

AUGUST
7/8,
2021

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR ALL ...

WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Michelle Allen	John Llewellyn
Peter Allen	Paul Loconto
Larry Avery	Jean Lynch
MaryAnn Baer	Joseph Martyka
Pat Bailey	Alice McGowan
Robert S. Berman	Donald Melena
Dr. Charles Bethke	Peter Noble
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WHO ARE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES,

AND FOR THE REPOSE OF THE †SOULS OF:

†Rhonda Henning Dildine †Mac Robb Shirley Seaton

WE HUMBL Y OFFER THESE PRAYERS

in the name of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PLEASE NOTIFY US ...

IF YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE SO THAT WE CAN
add their soul and your family to our Prayers

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ON THE SICK LIST
and are now well and ready to be taken off.

TO SCHEDULE DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING,

VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING WEEKDAY BUSINESS HOURS:

MASS INTENTIONS provide a more prayerful offering for souls, and "contribute to the good of the Church and ... support its ministers and works". (CCC 945 §2)

2021 ALTAR FLOWERS: there are many arrangements available for purchase from now through December (two per weekend and four on Christmas) for \$80 per dedication.

JOIN DR. TIM GRAY EVERY TUESDAY AT 7 PM FOR **THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW** ON **FORMED.ORG**

FEAST DAYS, MASS READINGS, AND INTENTIONS - YEAR B

MONDAY, AUGUST 9 - WEEKDAY / SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR**Readings:** Deuteronomy 10:12-22 / Matthew 17:22-27**8:30 AM MASS** †Chuck Willems**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 - SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR****Readings:** II Corinthians 9:6-10 / John 12:24-26**8:30 AM MASS** †JoEllen Kazmierski - *from P. Kazmierski***WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 - SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN****Readings:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12 / Matthew 18:15-20**6 PM MASS** 21st Anniversary of Clint and Kerry Warren - *from Their Family***THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 - WEEKDAY / SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS****Readings:** Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 / Matthew 18:21 - 19:1**8:30 AM MASS** Birthday Intentions of Alexis, Kyleigh, Harleigh, and Noah - *from Olson's***FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 - WEEKDAY / SAINTS PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS****Readings:** Joshua 24:1-13 / II Peter 1:16-19 / Matthew 19:3-12**8:30 AM MASS** †Juan Balaz - *from S. and R. Patoprsty***SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 - SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR (DAY) / ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY VIGIL (EVE)****Daytime Readings:** Joshua 24:14-29 / Matthew 19:13-15**Vigil Readings:** Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab / I Corinthians 15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56**5 PM MASS** Thanksgiving Intentions for Kip Barker - *from D. Barker***SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 - ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY****Readings:** Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab / I Corinthians 15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56**8 AM MASS** All People of Saint Martha Parish - *from Saint Martha Parish***10 AM MASS** †Gwendolin Sinila - *from D. Sinila***5 PM MASS** Special Intentions of Margo Vuchetich - *from B. and S. King*THIS WEEK'S SAINTS/FEASTS [FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org) [CATHOLIC.ORG](https://www.catholic.org)**TERESA BENEDICTA:** 10/12/1891 to 08/09/1942; **CANONIZED** 10/11/1998;**PATRONAGE** converted Jews, loss of parents, martyrs, World Youth Day; Europe**LAWRENCE:** 12/31/225 to 08/10/258; **CANONIZED** pre-congregation; **PATRONAGE** archivists, chefs, comedians, firefighters, librarians, miners, poor, roasters, students, tanners; San Lorenzo Diakono Mexico Chapel (Pampanga, Philippines); many regions**CLARE OF ASSISI:** 07/16/1194 to 08/11/1253; **CANONIZED** 09/26/1255; **PATRONAGE** bicycle messengers, extrasensory perception, eye disease, goldsmiths, good weather, laundry, needle workers, remote viewing, tv; many regions**JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL:** 01/28/1572 to 12/13/1641; **CANONIZED** 07/16/1767; **PATRONAGE** forgotten people, in-law problems, loss of parents; parents separated from children, widows**PONTIAN:** ? to 10/235; **CANONIZED** pre-congregation**HIPPOLYTUS:** 170 to 235; **CANONIZED** pre-congregation; **PATRONAGE** horses; Bibbiena (Italy), Italy**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE:** 01/08/1894 to 08/14/1941; **CANONIZED** 10/10/1982; **FOUNDER** Militia Immaculatae; **PATRONAGE** amateur radio operators, families, journalists, political prisoners, pro-life movement, recovering drug addicts; Esperantists

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT WEEKEND: ALL ARRANGEMENTS AVAILABLE

OTHER OFFERINGS

*SMS Staff Back to School Week;
Office Open 7 am to 4 pm M-F***MONDAY, AUGUST 9****9 AM** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***7 PM** Baptism Prep Class**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10****9 AM** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***6 PM SMS** Meet the Miracles!**7:30 PM** Men's Pick-Up B-Ball**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11****11 AM** Dobie Rd. Mass *Fr. Mike***6:30 PM** K of C Ofc Installation**6:30 PM** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***AND** Eucharistic Adoration**7:20 PM** Benediction**THURSDAY, AUGUST 12****9 AM** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***6 PM SMS** K Parent Meeting**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13****9 AM** Reconciliation *Fr. John***10 AM** Shirley Seaton Visitation**THEN 11 AM** Funeral Mass**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14****7:30 AM** Upper Room Men**3:30 PM** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***SUNDAY, AUGUST 15****AFTER 10 AM MASS** Private
Baptism *Congrats, Doherty family!***6 PM** FF:HSYG

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 - 5 PM**S. M. Goldynia****L. B. Martell, L. Blatnik, J. Matuszak****SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 - 8 AM****S. J. and L. Collom****L. S. O'Dea, S. Kostaroff, M. Fletcher****SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 - 10 AM****S.****L. M. Hakim, M. Hakim, M. Hakim****SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 - 5 PM****S. J. and P. Riley****L. Volunteer, L. Canfield, S. Nowland**

EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

WILLOWS OF OKEMOS**R. Salyers****BROOKDALE****M. Fletcher**

CONTRIBUTIONS

4-WEEK AVERAGE

\$17,314.69

ONLINE GIVING

JULY: \$52,142.91

AUGUST TD: \$12,815

IN PERSON GIVING

JULY 11 \$9,012

MAINTENANCE \$805

JULY 18 \$7,139.18

MAINTENANCE \$237

JULY 25 \$4,357

MAINTENANCE \$90

AUGUST 1 \$8,402.67

MAINTENANCE \$292

OTHERS WAYS TO SUPPORT US:

EASY ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://ST-MARTHA.ORG/HOW-TO-GIVE](https://st-martha.org/how-to-give).

SCRIP: VISIT [WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to place orders and pay using enrollment code EF575C412L1. Please contact the School Office with questions.

IF YOU HAVE A KROGER CARD, YOU CAN HELP BY LINKING IT TO OUR SCHOOL! Log in to your Kroger Plus account, search for Community Rewards, find Saint Martha School, and click the link to give us 1%. Call Kroger at 1-800-KROGERS with questions.

SHARED PREGNANCY is in need of receiving blankets; boys 24 month to 4T short sleeve shirts, shorts, and footless pj's; size 6 easy-up training pants; hair and baby wash; all sizes of hooded jackets and sweatshirts; infant car seats; new and gently used baby items. **HANNAH'S HOUSE** can use computer paper; address labels; HP902 ink; household and ladies needs items. **THERE ARE BINS AT BOTH CHURCH ENTRANCES FOR YOUR DONATIONS.** For larger items, help with delivery, and with questions, call Liz Carls at 517-281-1451 or Soraya Nowland at 517-755-6909.

PARISH NEED TO KNOWS:

UPPER ROOM MEN'S PRAYER GROUP AT 7:30 AM ON SATURDAYS IN OUR BLESSED SOLANUS CONFERENCE ROOM: All men are invited to this hour of prayer and reflection on the Word of God in the daily readings. For individual prayer needs, email ilolson@st-martha.org with Attention Frank Fortier / Mike Siminski in the subject line.

OUR PARISH LIBRARY IN OUR SAINT TERESA ROOM has books, CDs, and DVDs to help build your Faith! You can browse and sign out items during weekday business hours.

MARTHA'S MEALS: DO YOU KNOW ANYONE IN NEED OF MEALS? To set up home-cooked meals, contact Laura Elias at either 517-230-5218 or lrelias@att.net.

RCIA: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH? We are ready to guide you with stories of how and why your leaders entered the Church, to explore the teachings of Scriptures, and to show you the Bible's continued relevance and the amazing gift our Catholic Sacraments and Traditions are! With questions and to talk to Deacon Carl about attending our upcoming sessions, email dcncarl@st-martha.org.

NEED A RIDE TO MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS? CATA CAN HELP! Call 517-394-2282 for Curb-to-Curb services. Discounts available for 62+ and current ADA card holders.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR VICTIMIZED by anyone representing the Church, come forward and speak out. Find support, make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, and if you want, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative by contacting Cheryl Williams-Hecksel, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org or 888-308-6255 Or report 24 hours a day to the MI Law Enforcement Hotline, 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

FROM FR. MIKE'S DESK:

We'd be nowhere at Saint Martha Parish without our volunteers. In ministry, communications, evangelization, everywhere you turn, you see the talent and energy of our parishioners being generously shared for the good of all of us!

Among the innumerable contributions made by our volunteers is the maintenance of the ground cover in front of the church (surrounding Saint Francis) and in the islands of the parking lot. It's hard work though -- stoop labor that strains backs and knees and shoulders. And none of us is getting any younger.

Recently, some of the wonderful volunteers who tend these areas approached the parish with the gentle suggestion that perhaps we could find a different array for these areas -- perhaps some greenery that would require less weeding, less frequent attention. So the parish is looking at some low-maintenance shrubbery options.

Summer is winding down, and the return of school is approaching. Enjoy these precious days!

frmike

INSIDE OUR DOORS: VISIT [ST-MARTHA.ORG](http://st-martha.org) FOR MORE ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS AND SERVICES!

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR 2021-22 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES! We have classes for children in grades 1 through 9 - and new this year Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3 through 5! Visit st-martha.org/faith to register.

INSIDE OUR DOORS CONTINUED:

JOIN US IN WELCOMING SAINT ANN'S INDIAN MISSION FOR THIS YEAR'S MISSION APPEAL AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 14 AND 15: Saint Ann's Indian Mission has been serving the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and Metis Indians since 1885 through the three Catholic Parishes of Saint Ann, Saint Anthony, and Saint Michael the Archangel. Their vision statement, *"That Almighty God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - be glorified through the salvation of all peoples in the Turtle Mountains"*, and Mission Statement, *"As a Eucharistic family united in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, under the maternal patronage of Saint Ann, we strive to bring the healing Light of Christ to all in need of His Divine Love. Through our commitment to prayerful worship and works of mercy, we share our Catholic Faith so to inherit the Kingdom of God."* are exemplified in their many ministries to the Chippewa and Metis peoples. To learn more, visit stannsmission.org/about-st-annes.

GRIEF SHARE OFFERINGS FOR LOSS OF LOVED ONES IN OUR BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY CONFERENCE ROOM

WITH QUESTIONS AND FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT LORI RASCHE AT 517-449-3485 OR LORIMR@AOL.COM

LOSS OF A SPOUSE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 PM: Are you grieving the death of a spouse, or know someone who is? Your life has changed forever, and the daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at this special seminar, where you will learn what to expect in the upcoming days, weeks, and months after your loss; the surprising emotional, physical, and spiritual effects losing a spouse can cause; the challenges surviving spouses face and how to cope with these; and why it will not always hurt this much.

GRIEF SUPPORT 6:30 TO 8:30 PM ON TUESDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 7 THROUGH DECEMBER 7 (NO CLASS NOVEMBER 2):

This weekly seminar series and support group can help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one, giving you the tools to help you find healing and encouragement. Led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead, they know it hurts and they want to help.

ANNUAL SAINT MARTHA CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: 11:30 AM SHOTGUN START AT MERIDIAN SUN GOLF COURSE, 1018 HASLETT ROAD, HASLETT. Cost of \$70 per golfer includes golf, cart, breakfast and lunch, range balls, prizes, and 50% off a future round with golf cart at Meridian Sun. Men and women teams, and single players welcome! To register yourself/your team, fill out the form found at the Church entrances in full and mail it with payment to Michael Horvath, 4400 Seneca Drive, Okemos, MI 48864; make checks payable to *K of C Saint Martha Council 1006*.

YOUR LEGACY TO THE CHURCH: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF YOUR BEQUEST WILL ASSURE YOUR GIFT IS USED AS INTENDED, and will help us better plan for the future and evaluate the success of our giving program. A short note, email, or telephone call to our office notifying us of your intended support for the Parish and School's Endowment will be much appreciated ... and you will brighten everyone's day!

ACROSS THE DIOCESE: VISIT DIOCESEOF Lansing.ORG FOR MORE ON THESE AND OTHER AREA EVENTS!
FOR INFORMATION ON VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF LANSING, VISIT LANSINGPRIEST.ORG.

BISHOP'S PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT DINNER AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 AT SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER
To register by NEXT Sunday, August 15, visit www.dioceseoflansing.org/bishops-priesthood-discernment-dinner.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 AT SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

All special needs individuals and their families are invited to this beautiful annual Mass with refreshments following in the dining room. RSVP the total number of people in your group by Sunday, August 22 to Cathy Blatnik, DOL Special Needs Ministry Co-Coordinator, at blatsie63@yahoo.com or 517-381-1410.

FIRST ANNUAL MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT THE LANSING CENTER
Outpouring: His Love, Our Hearts, is a day designed to encourage and inspire women to ignite their spirits and grow their faith by hearing from Catholic speakers, engaging in praise and worship music, and celebrating holy Mass with our bishops. Register at michiganawc.org before Monday, September 6 to receive a discounted rate of \$50 per ticket.

EXCERPTS FROM GOD: DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA (1601) FROM THE CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY AT SAINT MARY CATHEDRAL: *If you do not succeed in taking advantage of an opportunity, do now lose your peace, but humble yourself profoundly before Me and, with great trust, immerse yourself completely in My mercy. In this way, you gain more than you have lost, because more favor is granted to a humble soul than the soul itself asks for ..."*



ST. MARTHA PARISH & SCHOOL

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Walking together in Word and Sacrament, the Catholic Community of Saint Martha shares the redeeming love of Christ through acts of faith, hope, and charity.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 am to 5 pm

SUNDAY Currently Suspended

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

REGISTRATIONS AND INFORMATION UPDATES can be done online by following the link on our website to My Own Church, or in person at the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION instills in your children a sense of awe and wonder, and a knowledge and deep commitment to the love of God in Christ Jesus. We seek to teach as Jesus taught and nurture the Faith that parents as the primary educators are instilling in their children. Classes are provided for Pre-K through 12th grades. To register, contact Jackie Rosalez.

PRAYER CORNER individuals remain on the list until the Office is notified otherwise. Contact the Office to be added to the prayer corner/chain and to update names.

MILITARY INDIVIDUALS FOR PRAYER remain on the list until we are notified of their return home.

BULLETIN ARTICLES MUST BE EMAILED to IvyLynn **BY NOON ON THURSDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR** to the date you want them published.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISMS are celebrated the 2nd Sundays each month after 10 am Mass. Preparation classes are held the 2nd Mondays monthly at 7 pm. Contact the Parish Office to register.

ANointing OF THE SICK AND COMMUNION TO SHUT INS are available by contacting the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES must begin to be arranged with the Priest at least 9 months ahead. Contact the Parish Office and speak with the Pastor to begin arrangements.

THE ADULT SACRAMENT OF INITIATION (RCIA) is for any older teen or adult who is considering becoming Catholic or who has questions about our Catholic faith. Contact Jackie Rosalez for more information.



SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS UPDATES AT
WWW.ST-MARTHA.ORG

MASS OPPORTUNITIES

SATURDAY

5 pm

SUNDAY

8 am, 10 am, 5 pm

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

8:30 am

WEDNESDAY

6 pm

SATURDAY 9 am - at Saint Mary Church
157 High Street, Williamston

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
after 8:30 am Mass until all are heard

WEDNESDAY

6:45 to 7:15 pm

SATURDAY

3:30 to 4:30 pm

OTHER TIMES

By Appointment

LENT AND ADVENT

Announced as Scheduled

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY

International Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

TUESDAY

Holy Hour of Reparation Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm Rosary

5:45 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Adoration after 6:30 pm Mass

until 7:30 pm Benediction

FRIDAY

Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

NO RECONCILIATION OR ROSARY ON THURSDAYS
during the School Year