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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR ALL ...

WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Michelle Allen Peter Allen Larry Avery MaryAnn Baer Pat Bailey

Robert S. Berman Dr. Charles Bethke Paula Biornstad

Matthew Boersma Carol Buiocchi Chuck Buiocchi

Marlene Bull

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WHO ARE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES,

AND FOR THE REPOSE OF THE *SOULS OF:

**Toe Fink

WE HUMBLY 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 16 - WEEKDAY / SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Readings: Judges 2:11-19 / Matthew 19:16-22

8:30 AM MASS †Eliza and †Patty Brookover - from K. and M. Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17 - WEEKDAY

Readings: Judges 6:11-24a / Matthew 19:23-30

8:30 AM MASS †Chuck Willems

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 - WEEKDAY

Readings: Judges 9:6-15 / Matthew 20:1-16

6 PM Mass †Charles Gaigalas - from S. and A. Readett

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 - WEEKDAY / SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Readings: Judges 11:29-39a / Matthew 22:1-14

8:30 AM MASS †Frances C. Schweck - from T. and V. Ralph

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 - SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Readings: Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 / II Peter 1:16-19 / Matthew 22:34-40

8:30 AM MASS †Mary Lindich - from S. and A. Readett

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 - SAINT PIUS X, POPE (DAY) / 21ST SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME VIGIL (EVE)

Daytime Readings: Ruth 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17 / Matthew 23:1-12

Vigil Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b / Ephesians 5:21-32 / John 6:60-69

5 PM MASS †Lawrence F. and †Cecilia Blatnik - from L. and C. Blatnik

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b / Ephesians 5:21-32 / John 6:60-69

8 AM MASS †Norah Ann O'Neill - from I. Lawrin

10 AM MASS All People of Saint Martha Parish - from Saint Martha Parish

5 PM Mass †Tamara Jo Holzman - from The Olson Family

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS/FEASTS FORMED.ORG CATHOLIC.ORG

STEPHEN: 975 to 08/15/1038; **CANONIZED** 08/20/1083; **PATRONAGE** against child death; for bricklayers, kings, masons, stonecutters, stonemasons

JOHN EUDES: 11/14/1601 to 08/19/1680; **CANONIZED** 05/31/1925; **FOUNDER** Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists), Order of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge; **PATRONAGE** missionaries; Diocese of Baie-Comeau (Quebec, Canada)

BERNARD: 1090 to 08/20/1153; **CANONIZED** 01/18/1174; **DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** 1830; **PATRONAGE** beekeepers, candlemakers, Cistercians, Knights Templar, Queens College (UK), Speyer Cathedral (Germany); Algeciras (Spain), Burgundy

PIUS X: 06/02/1835 to 08/20/1914; CANONIZED 05/29/1954; PATRONAGE Catechists, emigrants from Treviso (Italy), First Communicants, Patriarchy of Venice, pilgrims, Society of Saint Pius, St. Pius X Seminary (IA, USA); Archdiocese's of Atlanta (GA), Kottayam (India), Zamboanga (Philippines); Diocese's of Des Moines (IA), Great Falls-Billings (MT), Springfield-Cape Girardeau (MO); Santa Lucija (Malta)

"IN THE ASSUMPTION,

preserved forever before the face of God, freed from the corruption of the grave, THIS WEEKEND: 2ARRANGEMENTS AVAILABLE

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ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

Mary not only fulfills her great destiny - but also offers us a beautiful

glimpse of our own." - Deacon Greg Kandra

OTHER OFFERINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

SMS: Staff Development Day

9 AM Reconciliation Fr. Mike

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

SMS K-8: 2 to 6 pm First Day of

School Walk-Through

9 AM Reconciliation Fr. Mike

11:30 AM Joe Fink Visitation

THEN NOON Funeral Mass

7:30 PM Men's Pick-Up B-Ball

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

SMS K-8: 8:30 to 11:30 am

6:30 PM Reconciliation Fr. John

AND Eucharistic Adoration

7:20 РМ Benediction

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

SMS K-8: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

9 AM Reconciliation Fr. Mike

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

SMS K-8: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

9 AM Reconciliation Fr. John

DEACONS PREACH THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 AM Upper Room Men

3:30 PM Reconciliation Fr. Mike

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

6 рм FF:HSYG

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 - 5 PM

S. M. and S. Siminski

L. P. Kostrzewa, J. Matuszak, Volunteer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - 8 AM

S. R. and J. Robke

L. Volunteer, S. Stanley, C. Flammini

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - 10 AM

S.

L. D. McAlvey, Volunteer, Volunteer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - 5 PM

S. S. and L. Elias

L. I. Stines, Volunteer, J. Thelen

EUCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

WILLOWS OF OKEMOS

R. Salvers

BROOKDALE, MEDILODGE OKEMOS K. Mills

CONTRIBUTIONS

4-WEEK AVERAGE \$17,426.58

Online Giving July: \$52,142.91 August TD: \$21,435

In Person Giving July 18 \$7,139.18 Maintenance \$237

July 25 \$4,357 Maintenance \$90 August 1 \$8,402.67 Maintenance \$292

AUGUST 8 \$9,804.62 **MAINTENANCE** \$115

OTHERS WAYS TO SUPPORT US:

EASY ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE AT HTTPS://ST-MARTHA.ORG/HOW-TO-GIVE.

SCRIP: VISIT <u>www.shopwithscrip.com</u> 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 <u>ilolson@st-martha.org</u> 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.

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.

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.

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.

FROM FR. MIKE'S DESK:

This weekend, we are blessed by the presence of Father Michael Sloval, S.O.L.T., the pastor of Saint Ann Indian Mission in Belcourt, North Dakota. The priests and religious sisters of S.O.L.T., along with a strong lay staff, are doing wonderful work among the Native Americans in that part of the high plains.

Please consider a generous gift. Each of us is called to be a disciple, which is basically the same thing as being a missionary disciple. And while not all of us are able to give our time and talent to a venture that is several states away, we can assist nonetheless.

The mission envelopes provide direction on how to make a gift. Note that the first option is to make an on-line offering. If you haven't been making your ordinary Sunday Offering in this way, I strongly encourage you to use this occasion to introduce yourself to our easy, secure system. (I began making on-line parish contributions long before I got to Saint Martha -- the convenience is wonderful, and it assures that steady support is offered, even when I am away.)

The quickest way into the system is simply pointing your phone camera at the QR code (that funny-looking square box) on the mission envelope. Or you can easily get to the on-line system through our webpage -- www.st-martha.org.

We live in challenging times, with Covid, economic uncertainty, political turmoil, and a host of other challenging variables. Please consider a recurring on-line contribution to the parish. It will assure the resources that allow us to be fully present to parishioners and the community, come what may.

God bless you....

frmike

INSIDE OUR DOORS: VISIT 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 <u>st-martha.org/faith</u> to register.

GRIEFSHARE 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 see 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 CHURCHS TAX BREAKS STILL EXIST FOR DONORS WHO DO NOT "ITEMIZE." Donors over age 70-1/2 can make qualified charitable distributions directly from IRAs., allowing you to give stocks and other assets that have gone up in value instead of cash. Another strategy is to make a large, tax deductible gift to a donor advised fund, followed by annual grants to our Parish and Schools Endowment

ACROSS THE DIOCESE: VISIT <u>DIOCESEOFLANSING.ORG</u> FOR MORE ON THESE AND OTHER AREA EVENTS! FOR INFORMATION ON VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF LANSING, VISIT <u>LANSINGPRIEST.ORG</u>.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE IS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME FEMALE OVERNIGHT CAREGIVER. Interested applicants should apply online at motherreresahouse.org; no calls or in-person applications, please. Mother Teresa House is a communion of persons inspired by Mother Teresa, providing home and care for terminally ill people in the greater Lansing area.

LCHS IS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUE TEACHERS FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR. If you are qualified and interested, contact Chris Stolpa at chris.stolpa@lansingcatholic.org or 517-267-2100.

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

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 AT SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER: 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 NEXT Sunday, August 22 to Cathy Blatnik, DOL Special Needs Ministry Co-Coordinator, at blatsie63@yahoo.com or 517-381-1410.

JOBE SYNDROME SEMINAR AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER: Deacon Gene Hausmann's new book Jobe Syndrome and Scientific Evidence for the Existence of God and Evil aims to assist parents, teachers, and young people struggling with reconciling science and religion. Four different lines of scientific evidence are presented to demonstrate how rational our faith in God is. Register at stfrancis.ws or 517-669-8321 for \$25 including lunch.

EXCERPTS FROM GOD: DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA (1601) FROM THE CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY AT SAINT MARY CATHEDRAL: Chosen souls are, in my hand, lights which I cast into the darkness of the world and with which I illumine it. As starts illumine the night, so chosen souls illumine the earth. And the more perfect a soul is, the stronger and the more far-reaching is the light shed by it. It can be hidden and unknown even to those closest to it, and yet its holiness is reflected in souls even to the most distant extremities of the world."



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 2^{nd} Sundays each month after 10 am Mass. Preparation classes are held the 2^{nd} 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