



**V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**R.** Be it done unto me  
according to Thy word.

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*Hail Mary,  
full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.*

DECEMBER 04/05, 2021

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**PARISH & SCHOOL**

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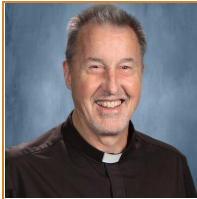
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## FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK



As we journey past Thanksgiving and into Advent, we find yet another reason to give thanks. The numbers are in, following our autumn fundraiser to support our youth ministries (school, religious education, youth group, etc.). The amazing generosity of Saint Martha parishioners was again evident as we surpassed our goal of raising \$75,000. With final numbers nearly settled, it appears that we grossed approximately \$95,781, with about \$3,500 in expenses, leaving a net of about \$92,000. This money will allow us to maintain an affordable tuition in the school, will help us purchase new curricular materials in the school in religious education, will fund additional training as we continue to grow our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and much more. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

And now it's Advent - the rich and rewarding season that is so easy to overlook in a society that celebrates secular "Christmas" beginning sometime in November and ends it just when Christians are actually beginning to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Advent is the time to prepare, to anticipate, to make ready. As we sing the Advent hymn "People Look East," we hear the call to "make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table." We're to "set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming!"

One way to avoid leaping prematurely into the Christmas season is to take full advantage of the joys of the Advent season. As we talked about last week, there are several easy steps: Begin dinner with the lighting of the Advent wreath. For the smallest members of the family, use a Christian Advent calendar to mark progress through the season. Put up your crèche in slow motion, starting with just the outer structure, then take all of Advent to slowly populate it.

Choose among the many Catholic sources of daily reflection (Magnificat, This Day, Word on Fire, Dynamic Catholic, the Catholic Store, Formed, EWTN, etc.) and give yourself a prayerful start each morning. If your schedule allows it, come to daily Mass (or at least sit with the readings each day), sing the Advent hymns, and join Mary and Joseph as they make their way to Bethlehem.

May God bless you!

**To schedule either of the following, visit the Parish Office on Weekdays:**

**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). These can be scheduled for both living or deceased for \$10 per Mass; we are scheduling dates for 2022 (2021 is full).

**2021 ALTAR FLOWERS:** 2 arrangements available per weekend, \$80 each

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR VICTIMIZED** by anyone representing the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to come find support, make a formal complaint of abuse to the DOL, and if you want, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative by contacting Cheryl Williams-Hecksel, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 888-308-6255 or [cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org), or contact the Michigan Law Enforcement Hotline 24 hours a day at 844-324-3374 or [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).



**FEAST DAYS, MASS READINGS, AND INTENTIONS - YEAR B**

**Monday, December 6 - Advent Weekday / Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

**Readings:** Isaiah 35:1-10 / Luke 5:17-26

**8:30 am Mass** Special Intentions of Peggy Malovrh, *from her brother*

**Tuesday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Day) /**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil (Eve) Obligation**

**Daytime Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-11 / Matthew 18:12-14

**Vigil Readings:** Genesis 3:9-15,20 / Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 / Luke 1:26-38

**8:30 am Mass** †Kristen Goldstein, *from the Collom Family*

**6 pm Vigil Mass** †Bryan Smith, *from Ingrid Stines*

**Wednesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Oblig.**

**Readings:** Genesis 3:9-15,20 / Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 / Luke 1:26-38

**7 am Mass** All People of Saint Martha Parish, *from Saint Martha Parish*

**8:30 am Mass with School** †Lynn Jones, *from A. Staples and C. Ishraidi*

**6 pm Mass** †Ed Stines, *from Ingrid Stines*

**Thursday, December 9 - Advent Weekday / Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

**Readings:** Isaiah 41:13-20 / Matthew 11:11-15

**8:30 am Mass with School** Special Intentions of Larry and Cathy Blatnik on their Wedding Anniversary

**Friday, December 10 - Advent Weekday**

**Readings:** Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19

**8:30 am Mass** †Chuck Willems

**Saturday, December 11 - Advent Weekday; Saint Damasus I, Pope (Day) /**

**Third Sunday of Advent Vigil (Eve)**

**Daytime Readings:** Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 / Matthew 17:9a,10-13

**Vigil Readings:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Philippians 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18

**5 pm Mass** †Jerry, †Lee, and †Mike Cvengros, *from R. Cvengros*

**Sunday, December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent / Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Readings:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Philippians 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18

**8 am Mass** †Alexandra M. Duda, *from Dr. and Mrs. A. Duda*

**10 am Mass** All People of Saint Martha Parish, *from Saint Martha Parish*

**5 pm Mass** †Cathy, †Grey, and †Tony Massa, *from J. Massa*

**SACRISTANS AND LECTORS**

**Tuesday, December 7 - 6 pm**

S. N. and M. Bobinski L. I. Stines, IL. Olson, *Volunteer*

**Wednesday, December 8 - 7 am**

L. A. Readett

**Wednesday, December 8 - 8:30 am**

S. D. and F. Herring L. School Children

**Wednesday, December 8 - 6 pm**

S. L. and J. Collom L. P. Kostrzewa, M. Hakim, S. Nowland

**Saturday, December 11 - 5 pm**

S. M. Siminski L. J. Matuszak, D. McAlvey, S. Stanley

**Sunday, December 12 - 8 am**

S. R., J. Robke L. B. Martell, C. Flammini, S. Zayko

**Sunday, December 12 - 10 am**

S. \* L. D. Ianni, *Volunteer, Volunteer*

**Sunday, December 12 - 5 pm**

S. J., P. Riley L. S. Nowland, A. Readett, I. Stines

**ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS**

**December 04/05**

both available

**December 11/12**

In Loving Memory of

†Dean Bachelor, *from*

*M. and M. Jackman*

1 other available

**SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS:**

[VISIT FORMED.ORG](http://VISIT FORMED.ORG)  
[AND CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG](http://AND CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG)

**OTHER OFFERINGS**

**Monday, December 6**

**SMS:** 8:30 am to 3:30 pm; 9:15 am

*Christmas Concert Rehearsal*

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**4:30 pm** FF:COTGS 4-6 years

**Tuesday, December 7**

**SMS:** 8:30 am to 3:30 pm; 9:15 am

*Christmas Concert Rehearsal*

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**9:15 am** Women's Bible Study

**after 6 pm Mass** RCIA

**6:30 pm** GriefShare

**7:30 pm** Men's Pick-Up B-Ball

**Wednesday, December 8**

**SMS:** 8:30 am to 3:30 pm; 9:30 am

*Recording Christmas Concert*

**11 am** ICMCF Dobie Mass *Fr. Mike*

**2 pm** Evangelization Committee

**4:30** FF:1-6

**6 pm** FF:1-6 attend Holy Day Mass

**NO** Adoration or Confession

**7 pm** K of C General Meeting

**Thursday, December 9**

**SMS:** 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**11 am** Prayer Quilt Open Sew

**7 pm** Liturgical Choir Practice

**Friday, December 10**

**SMS:** 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**Saturday, December 11**

**7:30 am** Upper Room Men

**9 am** Saint Joseph Series Pt. 3

**and** Advent Lessons and Carols

Dress Rehearsal

**3:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**6 pm** K of C Adult Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 12**

**9 am** FF:1-6

**at 10 am Mass** Baptism - *Congrats,*

*Dubiel and Kochanny families!*

**2 pm** Advent Lessons and Carols

**6 pm** FF:7-CP; HSYG

**EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES**

**Willows of Okemos** R. Salyers

**Brookdale, Medilodge Okemos** S. Kostaroff

## CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

**4-Week Average**  
\$17,335.27

**Online Giving**  
**October** \$46,810.31  
**November TD** \$51,890

**In Person Giving**  
**November 7** \$10,021  
**Maintenance** \$2,594  
**November 14** \$8,419  
**Maintenance** \$140  
**November 21** \$11,094.05  
**Maintenance** \$80  
**November 28** \$9,011.02  
**Maintenance** \$135

## EASY GIVING ELECTRONICALLY

Visit  
[st-martha.org/howtogive](http://st-martha.org/howtogive)

or Scan this QR Code



with your phone camera  
and click on the internet  
link that pops up

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** Call CATA for Curb-to-Curb at call 517-394-2282. Discounts are available for 62+ and valid ADA card holders.

**TO SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES, VISIT**  
[st-martha.org/stay-in-touch](http://st-martha.org/stay-in-touch)

## VISIT [ST-MARTHA.ORG](http://ST-MARTHA.ORG) FOR OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT US, AND FOR OUR FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SERVICES.

Are you interested in learning more about our Faith? If so, you are invited to attend **RCIA on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:15 pm in our Saint Kateri Room** with leaders are ready to inspire you with testimonies of how and why they entered the Church, explore the teachings of Scriptures with you, and show you the Bible's relevance and the amazing gift our Catholic Sacraments and Traditions are! With questions or if you would like to speak with someone prior to coming, email Deacon Carl at [dcncarl@st-martha.org](mailto:dcncarl@st-martha.org).

Visit our **PARISH LENDING LIBRARY** in our Saint Teresa Room during Weekday Business Hours to borrow books, CDs, and DVDs for all ages that will build your faith and inspire you. There is no cost; simply sign out any loans and return them when you are done!

Visit **FORMED.ORG** for free devotionals, movies, podcasts, books, and many other resources to help build Faith for all ages! Here is just one great example of the quality spiritual opportunities available on [formed.org](http://formed.org): Join Dr. Tim Gray every Tuesday at 7 pm for The Augustine Institute Show!

**SHARED PREGNANCY is in need of the following items for their younger clients:** 12 month to 3T non-skid socks; girls 2T winter pj's; breathable cotton baby seat car covers; hooded baby bath towels; girls and boys 24 month to 3T winter clothes; bottle brushes; baby wash and shampoo; **and for their mom clients:** breastfeeding nipple cream; shampoo and conditioner; body wash/gel. **As always,** any new and gently used baby items are much appreciated, as well as other basic care items for the moms. **HANNAH'S HOUSE can always use:** computer paper; address labels; HP902 ink cartridges; household and ladies personal items. **There are bins** at both entrances for your donations. For larger items, help with delivery, and questions, contact Liz Carls at 517-281-1451 and Soraya Nowland at 517-755-6909.

## 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 Bjornstad  
Matthew Boersma  
Carol Buiocchi  
Chuck Buiocchi  
Marlene Bull  
Christine Campbell  
Bill Cleary  
Aurora Lynn Convery  
Mike Cook  
Taryn DeCicco

Brian M. Doak  
Gilbert Elias  
Michael Elias  
Bruce Everett  
Chief Richard Freer  
Roberta Fugazzi  
Carol Giacin  
Jim Gregg  
Mary Elizabeth Horton  
Raul Iznaga-Ponce  
Mary Kayser  
Joan Krohn  
Norm Krohn  
Allison Leece  
John Llewellyn  
Paul Loconto  
Jean Lynch  
Joseph Martyka  
Joan Mazur

Maureen McKelvey  
Ralph Niles  
Peter Noble  
Mary Ellen O'Doherty  
Lori Olsen  
Ronnie Patoprsty  
Sister Marie Pauline  
Bob Pichey  
Judi Pressick  
Ciney Rich  
Cecilia Roccas  
Jeffrey Rostek  
Alyn Rynbrandt  
Joyce Salsbury  
Carol Schaberg  
Leanne Seguin  
David Showerman  
Ted Spagnuolo  
Kim Stark

Paul Stevens  
Sharon Strus  
Sue Thelen  
Wayne Thelen  
Teresa Tka

### All Serving in our Armed Forces,

**And The Repose  
of the †Souls of:**  
†Martin Stark  
†Jim Yurkinas

**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 your family and their soul to our Prayers.  
**Been on the Sick List** (bulletin or email prayer chain) and are now ready to be taken off.

**IN A LOVING, NURTURING, CHRIST-LIKE ENVIRONMENT, SAINT MARTHA SCHOOL GUIDES EACH STUDENT TO DEVELOP HIS OR HER UNIQUE ABILITY AND POTENTIAL THROUGH PRAYER, STUDY, AND SERVICE.**  
**Andrea Patton, Principal** [apatton@st-martha.org](mailto:apatton@st-martha.org) Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm **Office Hours**  
**Lynn Collom, Secretary** [lcollom@st-martha.org](mailto:lcollom@st-martha.org) Monday through Friday, 8 to 11:30 am **1/2 Day PreK**  
**Contact Us 517-349-3322** Monday through Friday, 8 am to 3:30 pm **Full Day PreK and K through 8**



We are overwhelmed and overjoyed by the support of our parish community, after exceeding our fundraising goal this year. With your support, we are able to provide our students with tech forward classroom enhancements and part-time specialists that help provide additional instruction to students with a variety of learning needs. We can also purchase updated textbooks and curriculum materials and keep up with classroom and building maintenance as needed. Also afforded by your generosity are programs and opportunities that encourage students to grow deeper in their faith and become strong disciples of Christ. We could not effectively live out our mission without your support. On behalf of the staff and students of Saint Martha School, we THANK YOU!

**TO SCHEDULE A SCHOOL TOUR, CALL 517-349-3322 OR GO TO [ST-MARTHA.ORG/VISIT](http://ST-MARTHA.ORG/VISIT)**

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### IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

**All children are invited to join and there are two ways to be included:**

**Join in a rehearsal on Tuesday, December 21 from 5:30 to 7 pm** - This is for children who wish to be Mary, Joseph, Lead Angel, Lead Shepherd, Wise Men, or Narrators. We are also looking for a baby Jesus so if you have a baby just for this, we will need him or her at this rehearsal.

**Just join in on Christmas Eve** - We will meet in the glass hallway behind the church by 3:15 pm, ready to go as an angel, shepherd, or farm animal.

### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND EVENTS FOR DECEMBER:

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3 to 6:** Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm - meet December 6 and 13

**Sundays for Grades 1 to 6:** 9 to 9:50 am - meeting December 5 (Whole Family) and 12

**Wednesdays for Grades 1 to 6:** 6 to 7 pm - meeting December 1, 8 (no class, Holy Day Mass instead), and 15

**Sundays for Grades 7 to 9:** 6 to 8 pm - meeting December 5 and 12

**VISIT [ST-MARTHA.ORG](http://ST-MARTHA.ORG) FOR MORE ON THE FOLLOWING - AND OTHER - UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES:**



### SAINT JOSEPH: HUSBAND, FATHER, WORKER, MAN OF PRAYER

**2 sessions left of this 4-part men's series on Saturday mornings**

**at 9 am on our Blessed Solanus Room NEXT Saturday, December 11 December 18**

As the Year of Saint Joseph winds down, all men of the Parish are invited to join Father Mike for this special 4-part Advent series that examines Saint Joseph as a model of the Catholic husband, father, worker, and man of prayer. All men, young and old, are welcome! No RSVP is necessary, and you are invited to bring other men who could learn from this powerful series.

## K OF C

### ANNUAL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

**7 pm NEXT Saturday, December 11 in Saint Elizabeth Hall**

All Knights and their other halves are invited to this fun party to celebrate the season together! With questions and to **RSVP by this weekend**, contact Joe Vermeesch at [vermeeschjn@aol.com](mailto:vermeeschjn@aol.com) or 248-318-9245.





# Advent Lessons and Carols

2 pm ❄️ NEXT Sunday, December 12  
Open to the Public ❄️ Free Admission



ST. MARTHA  
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All ages are invited for this powerful evening of prayer, song, and Scripture presented by our Liturgical and Children's Choirs

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit our Music Ministries.

## OUR EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS

**FATHER JOHN RICARDO**

**GETTING CLARITY ON THE MISSION**

**7 pm NEXT Monday, December 13 in the Church**



The Realigning Resources for Mission project has been reviewing how the resources of the Diocese of Lansing can be best used to better evangelize all those who live within the bounds of the diocese. Father John Riccardo, a powerful and sought-after speaker, will share how we can fire up our faith and be the evangelists God calls us to be. No RSVP is necessary, and all are welcome!

*Father John was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1996. He is the Founder and Executive Director of ACTS XXIX, a non-profit apostolate that exists to help get God's world back by equipping clergy and lay leaders for the apostolic age in which we live. Father John served as a parish pastor for 15 years, most recently at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth where he was witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in a way that caught the attention of pastors around the country.*

*With questions and for more information on how you can become a part of our Evangelization Committee, email the Parish Office to be connected to Heidi Burkhardt and Mike Siminski, Evangelization Committee Co-Chairs.*

## CCW UPDATES:

### LADIES: PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY MEETING

NEXT Tuesday, December 14

Rosary at 6:15 pm in the Church

Meeting at 6:45 pm in Saint Elizabeth Hall

This year we will enjoy both silent and live Christmas auctions! There will be tasty Christmas treats, along with an abundance of Holiday cheer and merriment! Plan to start the holiday season with an evening of Christmas joy and friendship!

*Did you know that every woman at Saint Martha is an automatic member of the Council of Catholic Women - our CCW?  
We need your spirit, enthusiasm, ideas, and creativity to enrich our council!*



### CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE NOW THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

**We are collecting non-perishable food items for this year's food drive:**

Regular, low-sodium, low-sugar and sugar free, and low-fat and non-fat varieties of soup, cereal, pasta, canned meat and fish, gravy, instant potatoes, canned fruits and vegetables, and other shelf stable items are requested. Bring your donations to the boxes in the upstairs glass hallway during business hours and before/after Masses. Cash donations are appreciated, and can be put in the Collection Boxes on the back posts of the Church.

**We are packing items for delivery at 11 am on Saturday, December 18.**

**Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help with this - it is a great family opportunity!**



**FOR CHRISTMAS - ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**1 to 4 pm on Monday, December 20 - come for all or part of this time at your convenience**

With questions and to sign up to help, contact Brigit Martell at 517-449-1708 or [brigit.martell@gmail.com](mailto:brigit.martell@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

### WINTER COATS NEEDED to benefit St. Luke's Coat Bank and St. Vincent de Paul's Resale Store

Bring your donations of new and gently used winter coats to the black bins located in both of the Church entrances this fall and winter to help those less fortunate stay warm this winter!



### SAINT MARTHA BULLETIN: UPCOMING SUBMISSION DEADLINES

BULLETIN DATE	DUE BY NOON	BULLETIN DATE	DUE BY NOON	BULLETIN DATE	DUE BY NOON
December 11/12	November 24	January 08/09	December 23	February 05/06	January 27
December 18/19	December 02	January 15/16	January 06	February 12/13	February 03
December 25/26	December 09	January 22/23	January 13	February 19/20	February 10
January 01/02	December 09	January 29/30	January 20	February 26/27	February 17

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

VISIT [DIOCESEOFANSING.ORG](http://DIOCESEOFANSING.ORG) FOR MORE ON THESE AND OTHER AREA EVENTS!

FOR INFORMATION ON VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF LANSING, VISIT [LANSINGPRIEST.ORG](http://LANSINGPRIEST.ORG).

### THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA: 534

from the Cenacle of Divine Mercy  
at Saint Mary Cathedral

"A pure soul has inconceivable power before God."



### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

To increase prayers and awareness of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for the next several weeks we will feature a seminarian and a woman in religious formation to be included in your prayers.



Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Diocese of Lansing Seminarian*

*Jonathon Bokuniewicz, St. Augustine, Howell*



Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve your people. Lord, we pray that your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
*Sr. Guadalupe Maria Jones*



### REALIGN RESOURCES FOR MISSION

Do you receive the Diocese's weekly email update charting the progress of the Realign Resources for Mission process? To sign up, visit [dioceseoflansing.flocknote.com/NewsFromTheDioce](http://dioceseoflansing.flocknote.com/NewsFromTheDioce).

### CROSAIRES IS NOW HIRING

for Full and Part Time positions

Crosaires flexible hours are perfect for people who are semi or fully retired, in high school, or in college. Consider joining this progressive thinking organization with a vision of honoring elderhood, by continuously creating a culture of well-being rich in meaning and purpose. Download an application at [www.crosaires.com](http://www.crosaires.com) to apply, or contact owner Todd Walter at 517-898-1715.



### LCHS ACCEPTING TRANSFER STUDENTS into grades 9, 10, and 11

Looking for a better fit for high school that provides more peace of mind and a strong faith foundation?

Lansing Catholic High School welcomes transfer students like you! They will ease your transition through orientation, academic advising, registration assistance, and ongoing support. They have openings in the second semester - it is not too late to transfer in for January 2022! Start the conversation online at [lansingcatholic.org/admissions](http://lansingcatholic.org/admissions).

### AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE MASSES

4:30 pm NEXT Saturday, December 11  
at Saint Gerard Church



All are invited to these special ALS Interpretation Masses; no registration needed. For more details and with questions, contact the Coordinator of Special Needs Ministry Cathy Blatnik by emailing [blatsie63@yahoo.com](mailto:blatsie63@yahoo.com).



### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

4 to 7 pm THIS Wednesday, December 8  
Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery

All families with a loved one buried at Saint Joseph are invited to bring a special ornament to place on the Memory Tree. *After the loss of a loved one, the holiday season brings special memories and moments of sadness. Yet we trust that, through God's healing touch, Christmases yet to come will once again be filled with hope and joy. May God hold you in love and peace during this holiday season and throughout the coming year.*

### MEN ON FIRE MEN'S CONFERENCE

featuring Peter Herbeck and Bart Schuchts

6:30 to 8:30 pm THIS Friday, December 10  
10:30 am to 3 pm NEXT Saturday, December 11

Church of the Resurrection, Lansing

Come and encounter the love of God the Father, reawaken the power of the Holy Spirit in your heart, and step into the dignity and joy of a life lived for Jesus at a day focused on opening ourselves to God's love and empowerment with the Holy Spirit. All men are welcome, and there is no cost to attend. Registration is required at [corlansing.org/posts/menonfire](http://corlansing.org/posts/menonfire).





## JOIN CRAFTSMANSHIP CLUB

8:30 am to 11:30 am **NEXT Saturday, December 11**  
at **Lansing Catholic High School**



All middle and high school students are encouraged to come learn the introductory concepts of carpentry and mechanics. Register your student at [lansingcatholic.org](http://lansingcatholic.org), by emailing [greg.ingle@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:greg.ingle@lansingcatholic.org), or by scanning this QR code. Parents are not required but are welcome, especially those with related knowledge and experience.

## SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

2 pm **NEXT Sunday, December 12**  
at **Saint Francis Retreat Center**

All ages and abilities are invited to celebrate Mass then fellowship and refreshments. **RSVP by THIS Sunday, December 5** with your group's total to the Coordinator of Special Needs Ministry Cathy Blatnik.



## BONFIRE MEN'S GROUP PRESENTS

### MAKING TIME FOR GOD

**Wednesday, December 22**

at **Saint Patrick Parish, Brighton**

All men are invited to come experience the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer, Scripture, praise and worship, group discussion, breakout sessions, sharing, testifying how we can make more time for God on our journey to the kingdom, and fellowship with dinner. To learn more, visit [bonfirecatholic.com](http://bonfirecatholic.com), or contact David Strupa at 734-678-7280 or [bonfirecatholicmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:bonfirecatholicmensgroup@gmail.com).



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# 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.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm

## GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

**Registrations and Information Updates** can be done online via the My Own Church link on our website, 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. We seek to teach as Jesus taught, and to nurture the Faith that you as parents are instilling in your children as their primary educators. We have classes for Pre-K through 12th. To register, contact Jackie Rosalez.

**Intercessory Prayer** individuals remain on the list until the Office is notified otherwise. Contact the Office to be added to the prayers 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 weekend you are wish for publication.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Contact Us:** 517-349-3322

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Full Day PreK to 8:** Monday through Friday, 8 am to 3:30 pm

**Half Day PreK:** Monday through Friday, 8 to 11:30 am

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Baptisms** are celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays each month during Mass, rotating through the 4 different Mass times. Preparation classes are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Marriage Preparation** should begin with the Priest prior to setting a Wedding date. 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 wants to learn more about our Faith. Contact Deacon Carl Boehlert for more information.



**SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS UPDATES AT**  
**[WWW.ST-MARTHA.ORG](http://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 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