



# ANGELUS

*V. And the Word was made flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us.*



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

DECEMBER 11/12, 2021

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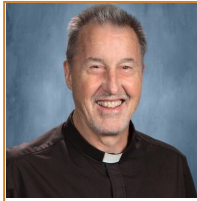
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## FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK

"Nice pink vestments, Father." "They're not pink. They're rose."

You've heard that exchange, I'm betting. Priests wear the rose-colored vestments twice a year, on Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent) and on Laetare Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent). In each instance, the break from penitential purple / violet is a sign that the season is nearing its end. A hopeful sign, like a tulip punching up through some recalcitrant snow.

But not every priest in every parish wears the rose vestments. Technically, they're optional. And some priests opt for another week of purple, sometimes with the explanation, "I just don't look good in pink." This is not to criticize anyone, but that explanation completely misses the point.

The liturgy given to us by the Church is incredibly beautiful and moving. I can't tell you how often, after a funeral or wedding, a non-Catholic will begin to compliment me, personally, as though I had something to do with the framing of the Mass prayers. Yes, they're stirring and thought-provoking and touching, but all I have done is read the words on the page of the Roman Missal. It gives me a chance further to enlighten non-Catholics on the wonder of what they have just experienced.

So, yes, there are five liturgical colors, not four. White, Green, Red, Purple, and Rose. (Many of us came up with seven, and we'll talk about Gold and Black another day.) And the wonderful part is that someone like me, who couldn't pick a proper carpet or paint color if his life depended on it. Simply dresses as the Church directs. White? Red? Rose? Just do as the Church says, and ya can't go wrong.

We can give thanks that, unlike the practice in some earlier decades, seminarians now are taught to respect and honor the liturgy as provided by the Church. For me or any priest to attempt to "improve" the Mass is truly a fool's errand. As we know from Vatican II, the Eucharist is "the source and summit" of the Christian life. And all Catholics have the right to receive the Sacraments in the manner provided by the Spirit acting through the Church.

At Christmas, our non-Catholic visitors will glimpse what we, as Catholics, are privileged to see every Sunday. The music, the words, the gestures, "the smells and bells" will enchant as they have through long ages. Enjoy Thomas Merton, writing of his encounter with the Mass at Corpus Christi Church on 121st Street in New York City --

*The words, songs, ceremonies, signs, movements of worship are all designed to open the mind and heart of the participant to this experience of oneness in Christ. One reason why I am a Catholic, a monk and a priest today is that I first went to Mass, and kept going to Mass, in a Church where these things were realized. ... There was nothing new or revolutionary about it; only that everything was well done, not out of aestheticism or rubrical obsessiveness, but out of love for God and His truth. It would certainly be ingratitude of me if I did not remember the atmosphere of joy, light, and at least relative openness and spontaneity that filled Corpus Christi at solemn High Mass.*

Thanks be to God for the liturgy, in all its marvelous elements!



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

**Monday, December 13 - Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

**Readings:** Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a / Matthew 21:23-27

**8:30 am Mass** †Mary McNeely, *from B. and S. King*

**Tuesday, December 14 - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**Readings:** Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13 / Matthew 21:28-32

**8:30 am Mass** †Alice Duane, *from J. and V. Smith*

**Wednesday, December 15 - Advent Weekday**

**Readings:** Isaiah 45:6b-8,18,21c-25 / Luke 7:18b-23

**6 pm Mass** †Lynn Jones, *from S. Nowland*

**Thursday, December 16 - Advent Weekday**

**Readings:** Isaiah 54:1-10 / Luke 7:24-30

**8:30 am Mass with School** †Chuck Willems

**Friday, December 17 - Late Advent Weekday**

**Readings:** Genesis 49:2,8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17

**8:30 am Mass** Birthday Intentions of Bret, David, Jake, and Nick, *from S. and IL. Olson*

**Saturday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday (Day) / Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil (Eve)**

**Daytime Readings:** Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25

**Vigil Readings:** Micah 5:1-4a / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45

**5 pm Mass** †Steve and †Leslie Dwyer, *from A. and J. Rosalez*

**Sunday, December 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Readings:** Micah 5:1-4a / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45

**8 am Mass** †Gwendolin Sinila, *from D. Sinila*

**10 am Mass** †Jeff Liskiewicz, *from the Liskiewicz Family*

**5 pm Mass** All People of Saint Martha Parish, *from Saint Martha Parish*

## SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS: VISIT [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) AND [CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG](http://CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG)

**Lucy (Lucia of Syracuse)** 283 to 304; **Canonized** pre-congregation; **Patronage** epidemics, martyrs, salesmen, the blind, throat infections, writers; Perugia and Syracuse (Italy), Mtarfa (Malta), Sasmuan (Pampanga, Philippines)

**John of the Cross** 06/24/1542 to 12/14/1591; **Canonized** 12/27/1726; **Doctor of the Church** 1926; **Patronage** contemplative life, contemplatives, mystical theology, mystics, Spanish poets

## SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

**Saturday, December 18 - 5 pm**

S. M. Goldynia L. D. McAlvey, J. Zalba, B. Martell

**Sunday, December 19 - 8 am**

S. T., S. O'Dea L. S. Kostaroff, S. Stanley, M. Fletcher

**Sunday, December 19 - 10 am**

S. \* L. I. Stines, *Volunteer*, M. Hakim

**Sunday, December 19 - 5 pm**

S. D., M. Bartkowski L. L. Canfield, P. Kostrzewa, J. Thelen

## EUCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

**Willows of Okemos** R. Salyers

**Brookdale, Medilodge Okemos** M. Fletcher

## ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

**December 11/12**

One arrangement In Loving Memory of †Dean Bachelor, *from M. and M. Jackman*  
1 arrangement available

**December 18/19**

Both arrangements In Memory of our loving parents, †Sam and †Rosalie Gagliano, and †Bill and Geri Brady, *from B. and D. Brady*

## OTHER OFFERINGS

**Monday, December 13**

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

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John*

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

**7 pm** Baptism Prep Class and Holy Family of Bethany presents Father John Ricardo

**Tuesday, December 14**

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

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John*

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

**6 pm** RCIA

and Children's Choir Practice

**6:30 pm** GriefShare

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

**Wednesday, December 15**

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

**8 am** Women's Group

**11:30 am to 12:30 pm** Offices Closed for Staff Luncheon

**3 to 5:30 pm** Church Closed for Private Wedding

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

**6:30 pm** Adoration

and Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**7:20 pm** Benediction

**Thursday, December 16**

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

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John*

**6 pm** Education Commission

**7 pm** Liturgical Choir Practice

**Friday, December 17**

**SMS:** 8:30 am to 3:30 pm; Christmas Free Dress Day!

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John*

**9:30 am to 5 pm** Organ Tuning in the Church

## DEACONS PREACH THIS WEEKEND

**Saturday, December 18**

**7:30 am** Upper Room Men

**9 am** Saint Joseph Series Pt. 4

**11 am** Christmas Food Packing

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

**Sunday, December 19**

**11 am** SVdP Open Meeting

**6 pm** FF:HSYG

## CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

**4-Week Average**  
\$24,533.55

**Online Giving**  
**November** \$54,930.11  
**December TD** \$22,755

**In Person Giving**  
**November 14** \$8,419  
**Maintenance** \$140  
**November 21** \$11,094.05  
**Maintenance** \$80  
**November 28** \$9,011.02  
**Maintenance** \$135  
**December 5** \$18,200  
**Maintenance** \$170

## 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 Salisbury  
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:**  
†Margaret Beahan  
†Tom Rashid

**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**



### FROM MRS. FINNERTY

What a joy and a privilege it is to teach our 3rd Grade Miracles! They arrive each day eager and ready to learn.

In science, we have learned about the life cycle of seeds and animals. The students grew their own seeds in class. Each student wrote and illustrated the life cycle of a different animal. We also learned about animal adaptations for movement, protection, and getting food.

In celebration of All Saints' Day, they each researched a saint and wrote informative reports about their chosen saint. Their illustrations accurately depict what their saint looked like!

We are excited about the privilege to lead Mass soon. Our students enjoy choosing roles and get the opportunity to grow their confidence as public speakers when they take on the readings. What a wonderful opportunity to serve in our church and lead our school in this beautiful way!

Finally, as Thanksgiving approached, our students are sharing what they are thankful for ... our faith in God, family, friends, pets and school. The children made "thankful turkeys" to let others know about our many blessings!

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

## FAITH FORMATION

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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 13

**Grades 1 to 6** Sundays from 9 to 9:50 am - meeting December 12 Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm - meeting December 15

**Grades 7 to 9:** Sundays 6 to 8 pm - meeting December 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

**last session of this 4-part men's series at 9 am on our Blessed Solanus Room NEXT Saturday, December 18**  
 As the Year of Saint Joseph winds down, all men of the Parish are invited to join Father Mike to examine Saint Joseph as a model of the Catholic husband, father, worker, and man of prayer. All men, young and old, are welcome! No RSVP necessary, and you are invited to bring other men who could learn from this powerful series.

### 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!



# Advent Lessons and Carols

2 pm ❄️ THIS Sunday, December 12

Open to the Public ❄️ Free Admission



All ages are invited for afternoon 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 RICCARDO: GETTING CLARITY ON THE MISSION

7 pm THIS 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.*

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 from spring through December of 2022.

**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 desired, 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 24-hour MI Law Enforcement Hotline at [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov) or 844-324-3374.



## CCW UPDATES:

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

THIS 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!



### SAINT MARTHA GIVING TREE!

Thank you so much to all the parishioners of St. Martha who through the Giving Tree provided over 400 gifts to people in our community! The Parish distributed gifts to a variety of areas, including nursing homes, pregnancy shelters and homeless shelters. We are blessed to put a smile on many faces during this giving season!

*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 THIS 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 NEXT 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 NEXT 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!**

### SAINT MARTHA BULLETIN: UPCOMING SUBMISSION DEADLINES

BULLETIN DATE	DUE BY NOON	BULLETIN DATE	DUE BY NOON	BULLETIN DATE	DUE BY NOON
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
January 08/09	December 23	February 05/06	January 27	March 05/06	February 24

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

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

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



**St. Vincent Catholic Charities**  
PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE.

### VOLUNTEER WITH ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We're looking for volunteers to assist our Refugee Services Program! Here's how you can get involved.

FILL OUT OUR  
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION AT  
[stvcc.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://stvcc.org/get-involved/volunteer)  
TODAY!

**Become a family mentor:** connect with a new Refugee family arrival and determine the new family's needs (examples below)

**Connect** with community resources and recreational activities

**Shop** for various needs

**Tutor** school-age kids

**Assist** parents learn English

**Visit** and answer questions

**Deliver food to a Refugee family:**  
deliver hot meals from restaurants and community kitchens for clients in transitional housing; deliver food pantry boxes to families in permanent housing

**Assist with transportation**

**Assist with housing set-up**

**Deliver holiday gifts or other special deliveries**

**Other occasional special requests**

Please note: while coordinating all activities with case managers, volunteers should be comfortable with limited supervision and very sparse interpretation support.

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TODAY!

### THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA: 309

from the Cenacle of Divine Mercy  
at Saint Mary Cathedral



*"O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you!"*

### 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.



**Seminarian Brett Ivey, Saint Mary, Williamston**

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.



**Sister Mary Luke Feldpausch - Religious Sister of Mercy, Alma**

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.



### 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/NewsFromTheDiocese](http://dioceseoflansing.flocknote.com/NewsFromTheDiocese).

### 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.







## A PLACE FOR YOU AT LANSING CATHOLIC!

Apply online today for LCHS! Whether you are considering transferring at the semester break in January 2021 or joining the Freshman Class of 2026, you can start your conversation online at [lansingcatholic.org/admissions](https://lansingcatholic.org/admissions) or by emailing [admissions@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:admissions@lansingcatholic.org). Arrange a shadow or tour, learn about their next Prospective Family Night, or jump right into the application.



## MEN ON FIRE PRESENTS

### FR. ATHANASIUS FORNWALT, FHS

*Into the Breach: The Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men*

THIS Thursday, November 18

6:15 pm Mass 7 pm Talk 8 pm Refreshments

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Brighton

No RSVP needed; for more details, contact Rory Clark at [Rkclaw@msn.com](mailto:Rkclaw@msn.com). Fr. Fornwalt is an author, and a co-founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit. He serves Saint Mary Redford in Detroit with several joyful FHS Friars. To learn more about the work the FHS Friars do, visit [becomefire.faith](https://becomefire.faith).



## 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, contact David Strupa at 734-678-7280.

## REDISCOVER JESUS AT SAINT FRANCIS

5 pm Friday through 11 am Sunday

For Women: January 7 through January 9

For Men: January 14 through January 16

Come look at what we know about Jesus, who he is, who he said he was, and how that impacts our lives today. Then seek to know Jesus in a personal way via a prayerful walk through the first 10 Chapters of Matthew

Kelly's popular book *Rediscover Jesus*. Suggested donation is \$185. For full information and to register, call 517-669-8321 or visit [stfrancis.ws](https://stfrancis.ws).



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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