



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH ✧ DECEMBER 25/26, 2021



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ✧ JANUARY 01/02, 2022



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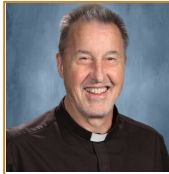
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FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK



Merry Christmas! It's so good to have you here to celebrate the moment the entire universe changed course.

If you are a Saint Martha parishioner, if you are a returning relative, if you are a Catholic visitor from another parish, if you are a neighbor here in one of our townships, if you are a Christian or non-Christian visitor to our church, lift your heart to heavens and hear the angels sing!

Almighty God Himself, after long ages had passed, humbled Himself to come as a helpless infant. And He humbled Himself further by being born into a poor family in a tiny village on the distant fringes of the Roman Empire. His first crib was the food trough of the animals among whom He entered this world. Shepherds -- among the lowest station of workers -- were the first to see Him.

His birth brought light and peace into a violent world. In time, through teaching and example, He would fully reveal Himself as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Thirty-three years later, when He ripped apart the chains of death, the doorway to eternity was opened for each of us.

These astounding events were all marked by the constant reminder that we are not to be afraid, that we are to be at peace. Whether healing the blind or talking with Mary Magdalene near the tomb, His words were ever gentle.

At this holy time of year, let's renew our commitment to being men and women who bring the Light of Christ to all. In a world that scorns those with different opinions, that encourages us to live in dread fear of disease, that seemingly delights in division and rancor, we can be different, we must be different. This nation, this world, needs to turn back to the eternal truths spoken two thousand years ago. We can speak the truth with love, we can be patient and kind. For in Him we live and move and have our being! Acts 17:28.

Merry Christmas to all! And blessings throughout the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two!

frmike



FEAST DAYS, MASS READINGS, AND INTENTIONS - YEAR C

Monday, December 27 - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Readings: I John 1:1-4 / John 20:1a,2-8

8:30 am Mass †Chuck Willems

Tuesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Readings: I John 1:5 - 2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18

8:30 am Mass Special Intentions of Peter and Diana Harrison, *from L. Harrison*

Wednesday, December 29 - 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity; Saint Thomas

Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: I John 2:3-11 / Luke 2:22-35

6 pm Mass †Somaya Siminski, *from P. and J. Weichman*

Thursday, December 30 - 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

Readings: I John 2:12-17 / Luke 2:36-40

8:30 am Mass Birthday Intentions of Kinsley Maxine, *from the Olson Family*

Friday, December 31- 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity; Saint Sylvester I, Pope;

New Years Eve (Day) / The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; **Solemnity of Mary,**

Mother of God Vigil (Eve)

Daytime Readings: I John 2:18-21 / John 1:1-18

8:30 am Mass Anniversary Intentions of Matthew and Melanie Berger, *from I. Berger*

Vigil Readings: Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

6 pm Vigil Mass †Meagan Delaney Monroe, *from Your Family*

Saturday, January 1- The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God Vigil; New Years Day (Day) / Epiphany of the Lord Vigil (Eve)

Daytime Readings: Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

9 am Solemnity Mass All People of Saint Martha Parish, *from Saint Martha Parish*

Vigil Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

5 pm Mass †Bryan Smith, *from I. Stines*

Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

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

10 am Mass †Jeanette Maxwell, *from C. and L. Rasche*

5 pm Mass Special Intentions of Bill and Sue King, *from S. King*

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

Friday, December 31

6 pm S. * L. TBD

Saturday, January 1 - 9 am

S. Volunteer

L. S. O'Dea, S. Kostaroff, I. Stines

Saturday, January 1 - 5 pm

S. Volunteer

L. J. Zalba, S. Stanley, L. Blatnik

Sunday, January 2 - 8 am

S. J., L. Collom

L. B. Martell, Volunteer, M. Fletcher

Sunday, January 2 - 10 am

S. D., F. Herring

L. M. Hakim, Volunteer, Volunteer

Sunday, January 2 - 5 pm

S. S., L. Elias

L. P. Kostrzewa, S. Nowland, I. Stines

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS:

[FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org) AND [CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG](https://www.catholicssaints.org)

John 6 to 100; **Canonized** pre-congregation;

Patronage art dealers, authors, booksellers,

burn victims, editors, examinations,

friendships, love, loyalty, poison victims,

publishers, scribes, scholars, theologians

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs the male children executed under King Herod's order, considered the first Christian martyrs

Thomas Becket 12/21/1119 to 12/19/1170;

Canonized 02/21/1173; **Patronage** secular

clergy; Arbroath Abbey, Exeter College

(Oxford, UK); London and Portsmouth (UK)

Sylvester I unsure to 12/31/335; **Canonized**

pre-congregation; **Patronage** Benedictines,

Sylvestrine Congregation; Feroleto Antico

and Nonantola (Italy)

OTHER OFFERINGS

Holiday Break 12/20 to 12/31

NO SMS or FF these weeks

Monday, December 27

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Mike

Tuesday, December 28

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Mike

6 pm RCIA

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

Wednesday, December 29

8 am Women's Group

6:30 pm Adoration

and Reconciliation Fr. Mike

7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, December 30

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Mike

Friday, December 31

Closed Parish Offices

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Mike

Saturday, January 1

7:30 am Upper Room Men

3:30 pm Reconciliation Fr. Mike

Sunday, January 2

11 am StVdP Open Meeting

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

December 24/25

(Both arrangements)

for the People of Saint Martha Parish,
from an anonymous donor

December 26

†Bernardo and †Lilia Ballesteros,

love your children and grandchildren

In Thanksgiving for our many blessings,

from D. and B. Martell

January 01/02

(Both arrangements)

In Memory of †Meagan Delaney Monroe,
from Your Family

EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

Willows of Okemos

R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge Okemos

K. Schwaner

FEAST DAYS, MASS READINGS, AND INTENTIONS - YEAR C

Monday, January 3 - Christmas Weekday / Holy Name of Jesus

Readings: I John 3:22 - 4:6 / Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

8:30 am Mass †Chuck Willems

Tuesday, January 4 - USA: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Readings: I John 4:7-10 / Mark 6:34-44

8:30 am Mass †Somaya Siminski, *from F. and K. Baldwin*

Wednesday, January 5 - USA: Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Readings: I John 4:11-18 / Mark 6:45-52

6 pm Mass Special Intentions of Donna Gehringer, *from the Olson Family*

Thursday, January 6 - Christmas Weekday / Saint André Bessette, Religious

Readings: I John 4:19 - 5:4 / Luke 4:14-22

8:30 am Mass †Ibrahim Mimassi, *from P. Oricchio*

Friday, January 7 - Christmas Weekday / Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

Readings: I John 5:5-13 / Luke 5:12-16

8:30 am Mass †Patricia Boruszewski, *from G. and G. Louk*

Saturday, January 8 - Christmas Weekday (Day) / Baptism of the Lord Vigil (Eve)

Daytime Readings: I John 5:14-21 / John 3:22-30

Vigil Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 / Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 / Luke 3:15-16,21-22

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

Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 / Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 / Luke 3:15-16,21-22

8 am Mass †Reverend Dr. Timothy J. Dombrowski, *from Father M. Murray*

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

5 pm Mass Special Intentions of Teresa, the Angel of Porta Rosa, *from D., J., R., and MJ. Hirt (those you helped with the taxi)*

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

Saturday, January 8 - 5 pm

S. Volunteer

L. TBD

Sunday, January 9 - 8 am

S. B, J. Robke

L. TBD

Sunday, January 9 - 10 am

S. M., N. Bobinski

L. TBD

Sunday, January 9 - 5 pm

S. J., P. Riley

L. TBD

EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

Willows of Okemos

R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge Okemos

S. O'Dea

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

January 01/02

(Both arrangements)

In Memory of †Meagan Delaney Monroe,
from Your Family

January 08/09

Both arrangements available

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS: VISIT [FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org) AND [CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG](https://www.catholicsaints.org)

Holy Name of Jesus celebrated since the 15th century in commemoration of the naming of the child Jesus at his circumcision on the 8th day after His birth

Elizabeth Ann Seton 08/28/1774 to 01/04/1821; **Canonized** 09/14/1975; **Patronage** Catholic schools, seafarers, widows; Maryland, Shreveport (LA)

John Neumann 03/28/1811 to 01/05/1860; **Canonized** 06/19/1977; **Patronage** Catholic education

André Bessette 08/09/1845 to 01/06/1937; **Canonized** 10/17/2010

Raymond of Peñafort 1175 to 01/06/1275; **Canonized** 04/29/1601; **Patronage** all types of lawyers in Spain, canon lawyers

OTHER OFFERINGS

Monday, January 3

8:30 am to 3:30 pm SMS

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*

4:30 pm FF:COTGS

Tuesday, January 4

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*

9:15 am Women's Bible Study

6 pm RCIA

and Children's Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 5

8 am Women's Group

6 pm FF:1-6

6:30 pm Adoration

and Reconciliation *Fr. John*

7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, January 6

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*

10 am Prayer Quilt Open Sew

Friday, January 7

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Irish*

and First Friday Coffee, Treats

and First Friday Adoration

3 pm Benediction

Saturday, January 8

7:30 am Upper Room Men

10 am to 4 pm Blood Drive

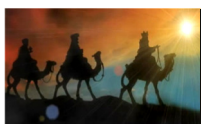
3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

at 5 pm Mass Baptisms *Congrats Turner/Seigo family!*

Sunday, January 9

9 am FF:1-6

6 pm FF:7-CP, YG



"We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage."

- Matthew 2:2 -

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

4-Week Average
\$24,554.60

Online Giving
November \$54,930.11
December TD \$31,817

In Person Giving
December 5 \$18,200
Maintenance \$170

December 12 \$9,671.21
Maintenance \$232

December 19 - January 02
will be reported in the
January 08/09 bulletin

EASY GIVING ELECTRONICALLY

Visit
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

VISIT 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.

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: 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
Chief Richard Freer
Robert Fugazzi
Carol Giacini
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

Sue Thelen
Wayne Thelen
Teresa Tka

All Serving in our Armed Forces,

**And The Repose
of the †Souls of:**
†Bruce Everett
†Sharon Strus

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
Lynn Collom, Secretary lcollom@st-martha.org
Contact Us 517-349-3322

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

Monday through Friday, 8 to 11:30 am **1/2 Day PreK**

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



WE PRAY. WE STUDY. WE SERVE.

Our eighth grade class lives up to our school mission statement every day through prayer, study and service.

Two class members lead the school in prayer each morning as we gather in church to start our day. Midday they pray a blessing before lunch. The day ends with prayer before dismissal as they leave for home. All-school rosaries and prayer services are frequently led by the class.

Eighth graders are serious about their studies. Whether it be writing an expository essay, or reading Johnny Tremain, our students work hard. They recently learned about the presidency

of Woodrow Wilson and his handling of the Federal Reserve Act and our country's entry into World War I.

Service opportunities abound and eighth graders are always willing to volunteer their time. They participate in school Masses as altar servers, lectors, and singers. Many also serve at Sunday Masses and funeral Masses. Each month four class members volunteer at the Williamston Food Bank.

As they say in morning prayer, *"We pray. We study. We serve. We love and are loved. All in the name of Christ."*

TO SCHEDULE A SCHOOL TOUR, CALL 517-349-3322 OR GO TO ST-MARTHA.ORG/VISIT

FAITH FORMATION

Jackie Rosalez, Director of Faith Formation
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Jarrid Thelen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
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VISIT ST-MARTHA.ORG FOR MORE ON THE FOLLOWING - AND OTHER - UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES:



K OF C BLOOD DRIVE to benefit the American Red Cross Blood Bank

10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, January 8 in our Blessed Solanus Room

Donors are greatly needed to combat the ongoing national blood supply shortage. If you are able to help by donating blood, register using Sponsor Code *StMarthaOkemos* online at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 800-733-2767.



WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON OF CCW MEETINGS AND EVENTS!

We look forward to enlightening and spiritual meetings in 2022!

JANUARY MEETING: Tuesday, January 11

Rosary at 6:15 pm in the Church

Meeting at 6:45 pm in Saint Elizabeth Hall

Plans for this meeting are still in progress, and will be added to the monitor slideshow and bulletin as they are confirmed.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FUTURE MEETINGS:

Tuesday, February 8 healthcare speaker **Tuesday, March 8** The Divine Mercy

Tuesday, April 12 Mary Jo Thayer, author of *Close to the Soul*

Tuesday, May 10 Member appreciation and Volunteer of the Year recognition

*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!*



THIS YEAR'S GENEROUS CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS WERE DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Char, Danny, and Patsy	Andrew Duda	Aida Victoria Hirt	Donald R. Melena	Somaya Siminski
Delores Bachelor	James A. Duda	Rudolph & Evelyn Hirt	Terry Moore	Bryan Smith
Norma Berberich	Margaret A. Duda	Hubbell Family	Michael & Sophia Patrick	Mary Smith, beloved sister
Harry & Dorothy Bobinski	Bob Ferrigan	DeKoven & Amy King	Clare Rademacher	Wendell D. Smith Family
David and Cynthia Boyd	Duke & Semira Ford	Clifford & Colleen Kleier	Joseph F. Ralph, Sr.	Thomas Somohano
Ray & Jackie Bratschi	Jim Fletcher	Jack Knapp	Catherine J. Ralph	Ed Stines
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Ed & Laverne Bystry	Helen Gallagher	Robert & Douglas Lenz	Jim Reinders	Carolyn Turner
Vern & Donna Cronk-Day	John Grah	Jeffery M. Liskiewicz	Edward Risley	Van Steel Family
Herbert & Dorothy Dager	Joseph Grubb	Edwin & Natalie Martyka	Mr. & Mrs. Segundo Royo	Vuchetich Family Members
Donald & Carol DeKoninck	Ben Hall	Bob Matthewson	Dale & Agnes Saltzgaber	Casey & Mary Wahoski
Matthew Dexter	Hawkins Family	Mary Jean Maxwell	Santone Family Members	Dick & Cay Warner
Alexandra M. Duda	CJ & Dorothy Hess	Marilyn McFadden	Maralou Y. Searfoss	the Doyle Wilson Family

AND IN HONOR OF: Kip Barker



THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVES

Thank you!

Our CCW would like to extend a warm *Thank You* for another year of generosity to our community families in need. Thank you for the bounty of food and cash donations. Thank you and your children for your time to come sort, box, and deliver food to those most in need. Thank you Two Men And A Truck for generously donating boxes each year. We manage about 100 boxes delivered every year. It does not happen without you! Thank you, Beth Buiocchi & Patty McPhee, CCW Food Basket Committee.



A NOTE FROM OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul conference exists to provide confidential assistance to both parishioners and others in our community who are in need. We assist where possible with rent and utility payments, clothing, furniture, household goods, etc. Your much-appreciated contributions to the our conference may be included with your other contributions to the parish online or in the collection boxes (with notation "for SVDP"). If you are interested in becoming a member of the conference, please feel free to join us for meetings held on the first and third Sundays of the month after the 10 am Mass. Also, if you or someone you know is in need of assistance, you may contact the conference by leaving a voicemail message at 517-349-1763 (option 8).

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
January 08/09	past	February 05/06	January 27	March 05/06	February 24
January 15/16	January 06	February 12/13	February 03	March 12/13	March 03
January 22/23	January 13	February 19/20	February 10	March 19/20	March 10
January 29/30	January 20	February 26/27	February 17	March 26/27	March 17

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.

2022 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, or contact the 24-hour MI Law Enforcement Hotline at aginvestigations@michigan.gov or 844-324-3374.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

VISIT DIOCESEOFLANSING.ORG FOR MORE ON THESE AND OTHER AREA EVENTS!

FOR INFORMATION ON VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF LANSING, VISIT LANSINGPRIEST.ORG.



THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA: 576

from the Cenacle of Divine Mercy
at Saint Mary Cathedral

“My daughter, love has brought Me here, and love keeps Me here. My daughter, if you know what great merit and reward is earned by one act of pure love for Me, you would die of joy.”

THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA: 1017

from the Cenacle of Divine Mercy
at Saint Mary Cathedral

“I want to give Myself to soul and to fill them with My love, but few are there who want to accept all the graces My love has intended for them. My grace is not lost; if the soul for whom it was intended does not accept, another soul takes it.”



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

To increase prayers and awareness of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, please include these young men in your prayers this week:



*Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Josh Luttig, Most Holy Trinity, Fowler*

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.



*Privately vowed & discerner of religious life
Rosemary Battle*

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.



*Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Christian Salata, Christ the King, Ann Arbor*

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*Discerner of Religious Life
Emily Mattson*

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REALIGN RESOURCES FOR MISSION

To begin receiving the Diocese's weekly email update charting the progress of the Realign Resources for Mission process and to view past updates, visit dioceseoflansing.flocknote.com/NewsFromTheDiocese.



A PLACE FOR YOU

at Lansing Catholic High School

If you are considering transferring in January 2021 or joining the Freshman Class of 2026, start your conversation by scanning this QR Code or emailing admissions@lansingcatholic.org. You can also visit lansingcatholic.org/admissions, to arrange a shadow or tour, and jump right into the application!



7TH AND 8TH GRADE DANCE

7:30 to 10 pm on Saturday, January 8
at Lansing Catholic High School

All Diocesan 7th and 8th graders are invited to this fun night! The cost is just \$3 per person and each student must bring a signed permission slip. Contact Ms. DeVries at stacia.devries@lansingcatholic.org to get a permission slip and with questions.

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, how that impacts our daily lives, and seek Him in a personal way via a prayerful walk through the first 10 Chapters of Matthew Kelly's popular book *Rediscover Jesus*. For full details and to register for \$185, visit stfrancis.ws.



OUR DIOCESAN PEN PAL MINISTRY

is in need of volunteers



This group reads and screens letters from Pen Pals and those who are incarcerated, and ensures they are safe (no personal info), proper (no vulgarities), and that they get to the correct recipient. If you think you might be able to go into the Diocesan Offices one Wednesday a month to be a screener, or you know someone else who might, please have them contact Deacon Ken Preiss, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate by calling 517-342-2451 or by emailing kpreiss@dioceseoflansing.org.

SAINT PIO'S CASA USA UPDATE

Catholic Healthcare International has been called to replicate Saint Pio's Home for the Relief of Suffering Hospital: The Casa USA. As Saint Pio built the first Casa on a foundation of prayer, so too is CHI.

Through our first-ever Worldwide Eucharistic Adoration Program, adoration warriors around the globe have committed to pray over 280 hours per week in front of the Blessed Sacrament in their home communities for the work of the Casa USA. 3 Padre Pio Prayer groups have started in the Diocese of Lansing, and a replica of the chapel where Padre Pio received his stigmata is being planned on a prayer campus in Howell. The chapel will be surrounded by miles of prayer trails, inspiration from Saints, and Saint Pio's favorite image - Our Lady of Grace. To join the Adoration team, for more information, and to follow this miraculous journey, visit CHI-USA.com or scan this QR Code:



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,

first disciple of your Son,
and spiritual Mother of us all,
pray for us that we will say yes to life
with the same readiness you did.

Lay us at the feet of Jesus,
and inspire us to treasure
and ponder your Son with you.

Amen.



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 2nd Sundays each month during Mass, rotating through the 4 different Mass times. 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.

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

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