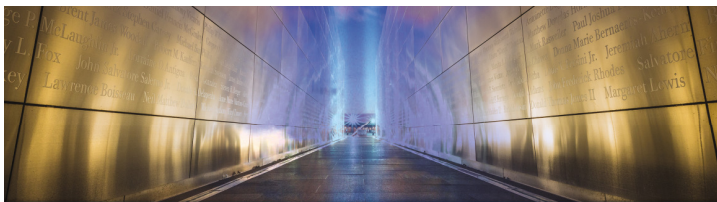


I WILL RISE AND GO TO MY FATHER.

Luke 15:18a

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 10/11, 2022



WE SHALL NEVER FORGET.



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VISIT ST-MARTHA.ORG/STAY-IN-TOUCH
TO RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY NEWS UPDATES BY EMAIL!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH?

Then you are invited to attend consider RCIA at 6 pm every Tuesday in our **Saint Kateri Room**. Our leaders are ready to inspire you with testimonies of how and why they entered the Church, to dive into the teachings of Scriptures with you and show you the Bible's relevance, and to explore with you the amazing gifts of our Catholic Sacraments and Traditions! Email Deacon Carl at dcncarl@st-martha.org with questions and for more information.

SHARED PREGNANCY needs preemie to 6 month footed sleepers; infant washcloths and hooded towels; baby bibs; flannel receiving blankets; baby rattles and teethingers; humidifiers; shower wash, lotion, and shampoo for moms; a full list can be found at amazon.com/registries by searching for *SP Women's Center*.

HANNAH'S HOUSE needs computer paper, address labels, ladies personal needs items, household items. **There are bins** at both entrances for your donations. With larger items, and for delivery and questions, contact Liz Carls at 517-281-1451 and Soraya Nowland at 517-755-6909.

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!

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR VICTIMIZED by anyone representing the Catholic Church, make a formal complaint of abuse to the Diocese of Lansing, find support, and if desired, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop's office by contacting Cheryl Williams-Hecksel at cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org or 888-308-6255, or contact the 24-hour confidential Michigan Law Enforcement Hotline at 844-324-3374.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: We Pray For ...

All Who Are Sick, Especially:

Peter Allen
Larry Avery
MaryAnn Baer
Pat and Roy Bailey
Frank Baldwin
Robert S. Berman
Dr. Charles Bethke
Michalyn Bethke
Robbie Bethke
Paula Bjornstad
Warren Blackburn
Matthew Boersma
Carol Buiocchi
Chuck Buiocchi
Christine Campbell
Aurora L. Convery

Mike Cook
Terry Dinning
Brian M. Doak
Gilbert Elias
Michael Elias
Ryan Fletcher
Chief Richard Freer
Roberta Fugazzi
Carol Giacin
Jim Gregg
Mary Horton
Raul Iznaga-Ponce
Joan Krohn
Norm Krohn
Jackie LaViolette
Rae Leece
Karah Ley
John Llewellyn

Paul Loconto
Jean Lynch
Dennis Mack
Patricia Marrack
Joseph Martyka
Maureen McKelvey
Kayden Michalik
Ralph Niles
Peter Noble
Ronnie Patoprsty
Sister Marie Pauline
Susan Peters
Bob Pichey
Lawrence Prijoles
Judi Pressick
Ciney Rich
Cecilia Roccas
Jeffrey Rostek

Joyce Salsbury
Renee Salyers
Leanne Seguin
David Showerman
John Stanowski
Kim Stark
Paul Stevens
Wayne Thelen
Teresa Tka
Susan Trentel

All Serving in Armed Forces

**And The Repose
of the †Souls of:**
†Robert Goliembski
†Dennis Mack

We offer these prayers in the name of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU ...

Lost a loved one so we can add your family and their soul to our Prayers.
Are on the Sick / Prayer List and are now ready to be taken off.

FEAST DAYS, READINGS, AND INTENTIONS - YEAR C, CYCLE II

Monday, September 12 - Weekday / The Most Holy Name of Mary

Readings: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33 / Luke 7:1-10

8:30 am Mass †Bruce Everett, *from I. Berger*

Tuesday, September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: I Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a / Luke 7:11-17

8:30 am Mass †Father David Hudgins, *from our Holy Hour Rosary Group*

Wednesday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: Numbers 21:3b-9 / Philemon 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17

6 pm Mass †James A. Duda, *from Dr. A. Duda and Family*

Thursday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

Readings: I Corinthians 15:1-11 / John 19:25-27

8:30 am School Mass †Sharon Strus, *from T. and S. Grady*

Friday, September 16 - Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 / Luke 8:1-3

8:30 am Mass †Ron Parzych, *from T. and S. Grady*

Saturday, September 17 - Weekday; Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM (Day) / 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil (Eve)

Daytime Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-29 / Luke 8:4-15

Vigil Readings: Amos 8:4-7 / 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13

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

Catechetical Sunday, September 18 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Amos 8:4-7 / 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13

8 am Mass †Bruce Everett, *from I. Berger*

10 am Mass All People of Saint Martha Parish

5 pm Mass †Kate Riggan, *from J. and L. Collom*

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

Saturday, September 17 - 5 pm

S. M. Goldynia

L. M. L-Krusky, S. Stanley, R. Kostrzewa

Sunday, September 18 - 8 am

S. J. and L. Collom

L. M. Finelli, C. DeKoninck, M. Fletcher

Sunday, September 18 - 10 am

S. D. and F. Herring

L. D. Ianni, C. Flammini, B. Martell

Sunday, September 18 - 5 pm

S. J. and P. Riley

L. I. Stines, C. Patton, A. Readett

**EUCARIST
TO CARE HOMES**

Willows of Okemos

R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge Okemos

S. O'Dea

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

September 10/11 *from J. and C. Vermeesch, In Loving Memory of †Joe and †Esther Vermeesch*

September 17/18 *from D. and B. Martell, With Love for our daughter Clare, and In Loving Memory of †Mary Dupray*

Dedications are available in 2022, for \$80 each. Visit IvyLynn during weekday business hours in our Parish Office to schedule.

OTHER OFFERINGS

Monday, September 12

SMS 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

7 pm HFOB Presents *Fr. B. Lenz*

7 pm Baptism Prep Class

Tuesday, September 13

SMS 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

9:15 am Women's Bible Study

6 pm RCIA

6:30 pm GriefShare Wk. 1

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

Wednesday, September 14

SMS 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8

6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. John and Adoration*

7 pm K of C General Meeting

7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, September 15

SMS 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

7 pm Virtus Training

Friday, September 16

SMS 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**DEACONS PREACHING WEEKEND;
AFTER ALL MASSES IN-PERSON
SIGNUP FOR NEW DIRECTORY**

Saturday, September 17

7:30 am Upper Room Men

3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Sunday, September 18

9 am FF:1-6

after 8 am and 10 am Masses
Catechetical Sunday Pancake
Breakfast

11 am St.VdP Open Meeting

6 pm FF:7-9, H.S.Y.G.

TO SCHEDULE THESE, 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). These can be scheduled for both living or deceased for \$10 per Mass; come into the Parish Office during weekday business hours to schedule dates now available from late June through December of 2023.

ALTAR FLOWERS: 2 arrangements are available per weekend, at \$80 each for various dates in 2022.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

4-Week Average
\$18,779.80

Online Giving
August \$50,802
September TD \$16,833

In Person Giving
August 14 \$7,612
Maintenance \$160
August 21 \$5,891.38
Maintenance \$115
August 28 \$9,718.81
Maintenance \$100
September 4 \$9,700
Maintenance \$240

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

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for a variety of ways
to support us, and for
our full Calendar of
events and services.

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2022 Beacon of Light Fall Campaign
In support of our youth at
Saint Martha School and Parish

ST. MARTHA CELEBRATES

OCTOBER 22, 2022
SAINT MARTHA PARISH

2022 EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Consider becoming a sponsor for our 2022
Saint Martha CELEBRATES in person event!

Scan our QR code or return payment to
Saint Martha Parish Office or School Office
1100 West Grand River Okemos

For more information and to email
your family name or business logo (PNG)
as it should appear on signage, contact:

Cynthia Farnsworth
cfarnsworth@st-martha.org



Gold Sponsor - \$2000.00

- Four event admission tickets
- Gold Sponsor recognition live during the Saint Martha CELEBRATES event
- Social media recognition postings leading up to the Saint Martha CELEBRATES event
- 3 Months - Gold Sponsor recognition of your business logo or family in weekly Saint Martha bulletin (September, October and November)
- Gold Sponsor recognition on Saint Martha video monitors leading up to Saint Martha CELEBRATES event
- Gold Sponsor recognition on signage at Saint Martha CELEBRATES event

Silver Sponsor - \$1000.00

- Four event admission tickets
- Silver Sponsor recognition live during the Saint Martha CELEBRATES event
- Social media recognition postings leading up to the Saint Martha CELEBRATES event
- 2 Months - Silver Sponsor recognition of your business logo or family in weekly Saint Martha bulletin (September and October)
- Silver Sponsor recognition on Saint Martha video monitors leading up to Saint Martha CELEBRATES event
- Silver sponsor recognition on signage at St. Martha CELEBRATES event

Alumni Legacy Sponsor - \$300.00

- Two event admission tickets
- Social media recognition
- Alumni Legacy recognition on signage at Saint Martha CELEBRATES event.

Honor Roll - \$300.00 Current St Martha School and Faith Formation Families

- 2 Event Admission Tickets
- Social media recognition
- Honor Roll recognition on signage at Saint Martha CELEBRATES event

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS: MORE AT FORMED.ORG AND CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG

John Chrysostom 347 to 09/14/407; **Canonized** pre-congregation; **Doctor of the Church** 1568; **Patronage** educators, epilepsy, lecturers, orators, preachers; Constantinople

Cornelius unknown to 06/??/253; **Canonized** pre-congregation; **Patronage** against earaches, epilepsy, fever, twitching; for cattle, domestic animals; Kornelimünster (Germany)

Cyprian 210 to 09/14/258; **Canonized** pre-congregation; **Patronage** Berbers; North Africa

Robert Bellarmine 10/04/1542 to 09/17/1621; **Canonized** 06/26/1930; **Doctor of the Church** 1931; **Patronage** canonists, canon lawyers, catechists, catechumens; multiple schools

HERE AT SAINT MARTHA:

VISIT ST-MARTHA.ORG FOR MORE ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES:



Kicking Off the 2022 Fall Fundraiser

Your generous contribution to benefit the faith formation programs at Saint Martha School, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry are critical toward ensuring the strong formation of every Catholic student and child in this Parish, School, and local area for years to come.

Two Ways to Participate:

1. Make a prayerful financial contribution to the **"Beacon of Light"** fundraiser.
2. Attend the October 22 celebration in the Blessed Chiara Badano Gymnasium.

Q: What should I know about this year's fundraiser?

A: First, whether you contribute \$10 or \$1,000, your contribution is deeply appreciated and will support the growing youth programs at Saint Martha. Next, this year's fundraiser will close-out with an in-person, 21 and over celebration in the Blessed Chiara Badano gymnasium. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a cash bar await those who purchase tickets to the party.

Q: How are parishioner donations used to benefit the youth of Saint Martha?

A: Your resources bolster the faith formation programs conducted by dedicated and faith-filled teachers, catechists, youth, and young adult ministers at the Parish and School. The purchase of chrome books, smartboards, textbooks, Bibles, a firepit, and games now in use are examples of how your past donations have benefitted academics and faith formation.

Q: How do I donate to the fundraiser or buy tickets to the October 22 event?

A: Parishioners will receive in the mail a donation card for the fundraiser and an invite to the October 22 Celebration. Both cards include a QR code; simply hover your phone camera over one of the codes and follow the prompts. You may also write a check and drop it in the mail, the Parish or School Office, or one of the offertory lock-boxes in the Church. Information is also available on the Parish website at st-martha.org/2022Fundraiser.

Parishioner Action Steps for 2022 Fall Fundraiser

- Pray that the Holy Spirit guides the minds, hearts, and actions of the youth of Saint Martha Parish and School, that they grow in holiness, and develop into service-minded leaders.
- Prayerfully consider then donate to the 2022 **"Beacon of Light"** fundraiser, using electronic means through QR codes or by writing a check and noting the purpose in the memo line.
- Visit st-martha.org/2022Fundraiser for more information, to follow links to donate, and to purchase tickets to the October 22 celebration. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$50 at the door. Those 21 and older are welcome to attend. We recommend semi-formal attire.

Special thank you to our Saint Martha Celebrates event sponsors!



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Colleen Serkaian
Parishioner

HERE AT SAINT MARTHA CONTINUED ...

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.

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

Cynthia Farnsworth, Secretary cfarnsworth@st-martha.org

517-349-3322 **Contact Us**

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE FROM MS. MARTHA



First grade is off to a great start! We are quickly learning the new routines and expectations that come with being a first grader. We also have been reviewing the Superkids characters that we met in kindergarten, so we can continue to develop our reading and writing skills this year. In math, we are working on numbers and number words and will be ready to talk about addition and subtraction soon! We are also working on our August/September virtue - affability. We have talked about what being affable looks like and sounds like, and are practicing being affable each and every day. Finally, one more highlight for us was going to the first All-School Mass for the year. We are excited to be going to Mass with the other School kids each week, and continuing to learn about the parts of the Mass and the Church through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd!



FAITH FORMATION

Jackie Rosalez, Director of Faith Formation

jrosalez@st-martha.org

Claudia Fountain, Youth Ministries Director

cfountain@st-martha.org

Faith Formation classes begin the week of September 18, and we are so excited to welcome you back for another year.

If you have not registered your children for class, it is not too late. Just show up the first day, or to register ahead visit st-martha.org/registration! We offer classes for children ages 3 through High School. With questions, contact Jackie.

Preschool and Kindergarten Catechesis of the Good Shepherd meets on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in our Atrium

Grades 1 to 6 We offer two sessions, either Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:50 am or Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 pm

Grades 7 to 9+ These kids meet twice a month on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 pm. Confirmation Prep is a two year process and students must be in at least 8th grade to attend their first Confirmation Prep class.

Our September Calendar is:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd September 19, 26

Grades 1 to 6 Sunday class September 18 (Whole Family in the Blessed Solanus Casey Room), 25

Grades 1 to 6 Wednesday class September 21 (Whole Family in the Parish Hall), 28

Grades 7 to 9+ September 18 & October 2 & 16 (Those students in 9th grade and higher planning on being Confirmed in the spring will meet with their parents for a special class and Confirmation meeting)

High School Youth Group meets every Sunday evening from 6 to 8 pm in Saint Seton Hall. There is no need to register, and all Saint Martha youth are members! We have a lot of fun things planned - so parents, encourage your teen to give it a chance and contact Claudia with questions and for more information.

ACCESS FREE CATHOLIC FAITH RESOURCES FOR EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY ON [FORMED.ORG](http://formed.org)!

Signing up is quick and easy! Just go to formed.org/signup and:

1. Search for Saint Martha by Zip Code - 48864 THEN Click on Saint Martha Parish
2. Register by filling in your name and email address
3. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to click on, to begin using formed.org!

Check out this week's recommendation:

Joseph: Beloved Son, Rejected Slave (<https://watch.formed.org/joseph-beloved-son-rejected-slave>) The thrilling Biblical story of Joseph is told in this high quality 3-D animated feature film for children ages 5 and up. Young Joseph is a dreamer, indulged by his father and resented by his older brothers who soon sell him into slavery without their father's knowledge. Captive in Egypt, he experiences humiliation, hardship, and imprisonment but his faith and gift for interpreting dreams lead him to an exalted position in the kingdom. When his brothers come calling for help, he responds in a surprising way. See his story in the context of God's plan for Israel and the promised coming of the Messiah, powerfully demonstrating God's sovereign hand in all things.

HERE AT SAINT MARTHA CONTINUED ...

OUR HOLY FAMILY OF BETHANY SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS FATHER BRIAN LENZ

7 pm **THIS Monday, September 12** and **NEXT Monday, September 19** in our Church

Excellent presentations are coming from our own Father Brian Lenz - longtime parishioner and graduate of our School! On two upcoming Monday evenings, he will share the richness and beauty of the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church. Father Brian's thoughtful and timely reflections will shed light on aspects of our Faith that, unfortunately, are not well known even among Catholics. We will meet in the Church to pray, listen, and reflect.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

9:15 to 10:30 am on Tuesday mornings starting **THIS Tuesday, September 13** through May 2023 in our Blessed Solanus Room

All women are invited to join in this study of the New Testament from beginning to end, to learn more about the foundations of our Faith as you grow in your relationship with Christ!



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: WE KNOW IT HURTS, AND WE WANT TO HELP.

6:30 to 8:30 pm beginning **THIS Tuesday, September 13** through December 14 in our Blessed Solanus Room

This weekly seminar and support group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. Come find help, encouragement, and support after the death of a loved one at any one or all meetings. With questions, contact Lori Rasche at lorimr@aol.com or 517-449-3485.



FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT MOM'S GROUP

9:30 to 11 am every other Thursday beginning **THIS Thursday, September 15** in our Blessed Solanus Room

You are invited to this community of women walking together in our vocation of mother hood. It is a space for our mother's to gather, laugh, celebrate wins, and reflect on the Words of Christ. We inspire and support each other, as we strive to be filled with the Holy Spirit and live out the *Fruits of the Spirit*. (And we have coffee and muffins!)



SAINT MARTHA ADULT LITURGICAL CHOIR

Next rehearsal: 7 pm **THIS Thursday, September 15** in our choir loft (*use the staircase across from the Church*)

If you are over the age of 16 years and love to sing God's praise, we invite you to join our Adult Liturgical Choir! Only a love for music is required! We hope to see you there!

"Surely, I wait for the LORD; Who ... puts a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God." Psalm 40

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

after 8 am and 10 am Masses **NEXT Sunday, September 18** in our Saint Elizabeth Hall

Everyone is encouraged to join us for a fall kick off breakfast, as we welcome back School, Faith Formation classes, and the other activities, classes, and events that have taken a summer vacation. Plan to come and spend time with old and new friends, and enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, ham, warm cinnamon apple slices, oj, milk, coffee, and tea - all for the low cost of a good-will donation! Volunteers are needed, so contact Jackie Rosalez if you are able to help.



UPCOMING SAINT MARTHA BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

All articles must be sent by email, and received no later than Noon on the Monday 2 weeks prior to the weekend you are requesting in order to be considered for submission. Holidays may require different dates as indicated below.

<u>BULLETIN DATE</u>	<u>DUE BY NOON</u>	<u>BULLETIN DATE</u>	<u>DUE BY NOON</u>	<u>BULLETIN DATE</u>	<u>DUE BY NOON</u>
September 17/18	*past	October 08/09	September 26	October 29/30	October 17
September 24/25	September 12	October 15/16	October 03	November 05/06	October 24
October 01/02	September 19	October 22/23	October 10	November 12/13	October 31



CCW SEPTEMBER WELCOME BACK MEETING!

6:45 pm on Wednesday, September 21 in our Blessed Solanus Room

All ladies are welcomed back to get reacquainted with a door prize, delicious snacks, and great fellowship and conversation! Also on our agenda will be information on this October's Michigan Catholic Women's Conference. Come be part of this great group! *Every woman who is a member of Saint Martha is a member of our CCW - our Conference of Catholic Women!*

Bethany Liturgical Choir (BLC)



PLEASE JOIN US!!
OUR FIRST REHEARSAL IS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26,
6 - 6:45 PM
IN THE CHOIR LOFT

2ND GRADE THRU HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!



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: 1542

from Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"Know then that I want you to unite yourself more closely to Me. I am concerned about every beat of your heart. Every stirring of your love is reflected in My Heart. I thirst for your love."

DELIVERING HOPE OPEN HOUSE

3 to 6 pm THIS Thursday, September 15
at Turner Dodge House, Lansing

Spend an afternoon at the Turner Dodge Mansion listening to pro-life speakers and touring a new mobile medical clinic to serve residents of Lansing and Ann Arbor including college students with free medical, LIFE-based pregnancy counseling and ultrasounds! Learn more at friendsatphc.org/expansion.

ANNUAL WEEKEND RETREATS

at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Rescue and Response: The Gospel's Unexpected News

Upcoming Women's: September 16 to 18; October 21-23

Upcoming Men's: January 13 to 15; January 20 to 22

This year's theme is based on the book *Rescued* by Father John Riccardo. Come and learn how He has chosen us all for to share the Gospel with others! Suggested donation is \$200. Register at stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CRAFTSMAN CLUB

8:30 to 11:30 am at Lansing Catholic High School

NEXT Saturday, September 17 • and Saturdays of
October 29 • November 19 • January 21 • February 25

Sessions are fully chaperoned and teach basic concepts of carpentry and mechanics. Register your student(s) online at lansingcatholic.org/craftsmanship.

THE FOUR LEVELS OF HAPPINESS

NEXT Saturday, September 17 at Saint Johns in Jackson
October 22 at Saint Mary in Durand

Now it is your chance to spend a life-changing day learning from great speakers on how to discover the true happiness you were made for. You will not want to miss this! Register today for just \$15 at fourlevels.org; space is limited.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT SPEED DATING

Friday, September 23 at IHM, Lansing

6:30 pm Check-in / Social Hour • 7:30 pm Speed Dating

If you are 21 to 35 years of age and tired of the dating apps, toss the smartphone and join other Catholic singles for a speed dating event! This fun night will give you a chance to meet 10 to 15 young adults in a 3 minute rotation. Register on-line at www.eventbee.com/v/yadating#/tickets.

GRIEVE WITH HOPE RETREAT

Friday, September 23 to Sunday, September 25
at Saint Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, come experience Christ's love for you, meet others with similar losses, and be transformed by hope at this weekend including Adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, inspirational music and speakers, and small groups separated by type of loss. Register today at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) by searching *grieve with hope*.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a significant anniversary this year (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 50+) or did you in 2020 or 2021? ***If so, contact your Parish to let them know.*** We are so grateful for your faithful witness, and our Diocese wants to particularly honor you on this momentous occasion, so keep an eye out for a personal invitation to this year's:

Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass
4:30 pm on Saturday, September 24
at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

“BEING PRO-LIFE AFTER DOBBS: WHAT THE CATHOLIC TRADITION HAS TO SAY ABOUT WHAT SHOULD COME NEXT” - DR. CHARLIE CAMOSY

6 pm on Saturday, September 24
at Saint Gerard, Lansing

After decades of debate on the issue of abortion, the recent United States Supreme Court ruling has turned the discussion upside down. It can be challenging to find a way forward when different camps make radical claims, often for political gain. Dr. Charlie Camosy helps us answer the question, “What comes next?” by providing clear insight into what the Catholic Tradition has to say about abortion and being pro-life. There will also be an opportunity for Q&A.

THE HEART OF A DISCIPLE PARISH MISSION

7 pm to 8 pm each night with reception following on
Sunday September 25

Come As You Are, the Father is Waiting

Monday September 26

Attitudes and Actions; Living Out Our Discipleship

Tuesday September 27 *The Journey to Jesus*

Using her wonderful sense of humor and deep faith, Sheri Wohlfert encourages people to find the simple ways we can find God doing joyful and amazing things just in our day-to-day lives. Come to hear as many of her talks as you are able. There are also activities for children up to 4th grade (they just asked that the really young ones be fully potty-trained).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

September 30 to October 1 in Petoskey
October 28 to 30 in Wyandotte
November 18 to 20 in Farmington Hills

This weekends have a profoundly positive influence on the health of relationships. To learn more and to apply to attend a weekend, visit wwwme.org or call 517-667-0433.

CALLED AND GIFTED

8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Saturday, October 1
at Saint Mary Cathedral Parish Hall, Lansing

This program helps individuals name and live more fully the charisms that God has given them in baptism. All confirmed Catholics are welcome. Visit stmarylansing.org to register for \$40 including snacks, beverages, lunch, and materials.

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, October 15
at the Lansing Center, Lansing

You can still register for this powerful day of speakers, music, prayer, Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass with our holy Michigan bishops! Visit michigancwc.org to register for \$72 (\$65 for seniors and students) including lunch and materials.

REMARRIAGE RETREAT

Saturday, October 29 to Sunday, October 30
at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

There is a new marriage preparation requirement for couples entering into a second union whether following the death of previous spouse, or divorced with/without a completed nullity. This brings couples together in a non-threatening setting to learn about the challenges they will experience. It is an opportunity to fully focus on unknown information and undiscussed topics that will bring challenges, and to begin the process of sharing with each other how this will be addressed within their new family dynamic. All of the retreat Facilitators have journeyed through the trials and blessings of living in their own blended family, and are willing to share their stories and help with any questions attendees have.

FORGIVENESS RETREAT

10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, November 5
at Saint Andrew the Apostle, Saline

Learn to lighten your load. Let go of unforgiveness, grudges, grievances, bitterness, blame, resentment, self-pity, hatred, and vindictiveness at this practical and prayerful retreat that includes teaching, testimony, prayer, plus opportunities for Mass, confession, and prayer ministry. For full details and to register, visit forgivenessequalsfreedom.eventbrite.com.



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 add/update.

Military Individuals for Prayer remain on the list until we are notified of their return home. Contact the Office to add/update.

Bulletin Articles Must Be Emailed to IvyLynn **by Noon on the Monday 2 weeks prior** to the date you are requesting inclusion.

Mass Announcements Must Be Emailed to IvyLynn **by Noon on the Wednesday of the week prior** to the date you are requesting.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd Sundays during Mass, and rotate through the 4 different Mass times. Preparation classes are held the 2nd Mondays 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 begins with the Priest prior to setting up a Wedding date, and at least 6 months in advance of your ideal date. Contact the Parish Office 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.

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



SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS UPDATES AT
WWW.ST-MARTHA.ORG/STAY-IN-TOUCH

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/ADORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Monday

International Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

Tuesday

Holy Hour of Reparation after 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday

5:30 pm Rosary for the Unborn

5:45 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Adoration after 6:30 pm Mass
until 7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday

8 am Rosary for peace and those suffering from war

Friday

Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

First Friday monthly Adoration after 8:30 am Mass
until 3 pm Benediction