



“All  
**LIFE** has  
inestimable  
value, even the  
**weakest** and most  
**vulnerable**, the **sick**,  
the **old**, the **unborn** and  
the **poor** are masterpieces  
of God’s creation.”

*Pope Francis*

October 01/02, 2022

**Respect Life**

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Then you are invited to attend 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! For more information and with questions, email Deacon Carl at [dcncarl@st-martha.org](mailto:dcncarl@st-martha.org).

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## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: We Pray For ...

|                          |                     |                      |                         |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>All Who Are Sick,</b> | Mike Cook           | Karah Ley            | Jeffrey Rostek          |
| <b>Especially:</b>       | Terry Dinning       | John Llewellyn       | Joyce Salisbury         |
| Peter Allen              | Brian M. Doak       | Paul Loconto         | Renee Salyers           |
| Larry Avery              | Gilbert Elias       | Jean Lynch           | Leanne Seguin           |
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**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

## OTHER OFFERINGS

**Monday, October 03 - Weekday**

Readings: Galatians 1:6-12 / Luke 10:25-37

**8:30 am Mass** †Chuck Willems**Tuesday, October 04 - Saint Francis of Assisi**

Readings: Galatians 1:13-24 / Luke 10:38-42

**8:30 am Communion Service** †A. David King, *from MG. Everett***Wednesday, October 05 - Weekday / Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA Blessed Francis**

Xavier Seelos, Priest

Readings: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 / Luke 11:1-4

**6 pm Mass** †John Rasmussen, *from D. and MB. Anderson***Thursday, October 06 - Weekday / Saint Bruno, Priest; USA Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

Readings: Galatians 3:1-5 / Luke 11:5-13

**8:30 am School Mass** Birthday Intentions of Bret, Jake, David, and Nick, *from the Olson's***Friday, October 07 - Our Lady of the Rosary**

Readings: Galatians 3:7-14 / Luke 11:15-26

**8:30 am Mass** †Katie Dupray Martin, *from D. and B. Martell***Saturday, October 08 - Weekday; BVM (Day) / 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil (Eve)**

Daytime Readings: Galatians 3:22-29 / Luke 11:27-28

Vigil Readings: Hebrews 1:2-3; 3:2-4 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10

**5 pm Mass** †Jerry, †Lee, and †Michael Cvengros, *from R. Cvengros***Sunday, October 09 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19

**8 am Mass** All People of Saint Martha Parish**10 am Mass** †Cecilia Reisner, *from L. Harrison***5 pm Mass** †Donald Melena, *from A. and J. Rosalez***Monday, October 03****SMS** 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John***4:30 pm** FF:COGS**7 pm** BLC Rehearsal**Tuesday, October 04****SMS** 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8**NO** Reconciliation**9:15 am** Women's Bible Study**3:30 pm** School Faculty Mtg**6 pm** RCIA**6:30 pm** GriefShare**7:30 pm** Men's Pick-Up B-Ball**Wednesday, October 05****SMS** 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8;**8:15 am** All School Rosary**Noon** Evangelization Committee**6 pm** FF:1-6**6:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***and** Adoration**7:20 pm** Benediction**Thursday, October 06****SMS** 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***10 am** Prayer Quilt Open Sew**5:30 pm** PPC Meeting**Friday, October 07****SMS** 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8;**2 pm** All School Adoration**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***9 am** First Friday Adoration**and** First Friday Coffee, Treats**3 pm** Benediction**Saturday, October 08****7:30 am** Upper Room Men**9 am** Into the Breach for Men**3:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***Sunday, October 09****at 8 am Mass** Baptism *Congrats, Rogers Family!***9 am** FF:1-6**6 pm** FF:H.S.Y.G.**THIS WEEK'S SAINTS**Visit [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)and [catholicsaints.org](https://www.catholicsaints.org)to learn more about  
this week's amazing Saints!

## SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

**Saturday, October 08 - 5 pm**

S. J. and S. Saltzgaber

L. Volunteer, J. Matuszak, J. Zalba

A.S. A. Gjidoda, N. and E. Jungwirth

**Sunday, October 09 - 8 am**

S. B. and J. Robke

L. S. O'Dea, S. Kostaroff, M. Fletcher

A.S. H. LaForte, M. Collom

**Sunday, October 09 - 10 am**

S. D. and F. Herring

L. Volunteer, M. Hakim, W. Otlewski

A.S. A. and A. Miller

**Sunday, October 09 - 5 pm**

S. H., B., and C. Walton

L. L. VanSteel, I. Stines, Volunteer

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## CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

**4-Week Average**  
\$18,055.75

**Online Giving**  
**August** \$50,802  
**September TD** \$48,182

**In Person Giving**  
**September 4** \$9,700  
**Maintenance** \$240  
**September 11** \$10,095  
**Maintenance** \$195  
**September 18** \$6,449  
**Maintenance** \$125  
**September 25** \$13,262  
**Maintenance** \$390

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## FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK

This weekend you'll find not just one, but two, inserts in the bulletin.

One insert is our parish's Annual Report. Each autumn, we provide a financial summary of the preceding (July to June) fiscal year. As in previous years, we are able to say that our Offertory and parishioner gifts covered our operational expenses. Because of some Covid funds spread over two years and the decision to fix the parking lot, the details are a bit complicated. But, as you will see, the "bottom line" is that we continue to pay the bills and put a little into savings each year.

The other insert is the Focus publication of the Michigan Catholic Conference. It prepares us for the election by noting the Church's positions on a number of issues (Education, Criminal Justice, Care for Creation, and more). In particular, as you would expect, this autumn's Focus deals primarily with Proposal 3.

If you recall back to the weekend of September 10-11, when the Bishop's letter was read at each Mass, you might remember that I offered three thoughts before reading the letter and one afterward. Initially, I offered a reminder that the "separation of church and state" prohibition on church involvement in electoral politics applies only to elections for office (both partisan and nonpartisan). Issue advocacy -- including taking a position on a ballot proposal -- is something the Church has every right to do, and has done in Michigan for decades. Think of it this way: Suppose something poses a moral question. Then suppose political groups begin taking various positions on the moral question. It doesn't thereby cease to be a moral question, nor is it somehow converted into a mere political issue that lacks a moral dimension.

Another preliminary comment concerned the opaque nature of the language that will appear on the ballot. This is a point of vital importance, and the MCC Focus explains it well. Proposal 3 is not a mere reinstallation of what we lived under for the decades of Roe v Wade. It would go way beyond that. Thus, as I mentioned back on September 10-11, the backers of Proposal 3 are working hard to conceal the true nature of this measure, while its opponents only need to make Michigan voters aware of what it really would do.

My third preliminary comment was a reminder of the Bishop's call to prayer and fasting. Please try to say a daily Rosary. Please fast -- if you can't fast from food, perhaps fast from YouTube, or one of your news sources, or from a small part of your preferred daily routine. Of course, fasting from food is the most direct form of fast -- perhaps try living the Lenten rules during the month that remains before the election. But please do pray. And please do fast.

After reading the Bishop's letter on September 10-11, my concluding thought was that this call to protect unborn, vulnerable life in the mother's womb isn't just an isolated position, unrelated to other aspects of the Gospel. All that Christ teaches -- back to front, top to bottom, side to side -- is a unified message. The Savior calls us to a radically kind and gentle way of life -- something the world had hitherto never experienced. And He calls us to a radical degree of trust. Faced with uncertainties of life, He asks us to trust Him more than we trust anyone, including ourselves or our preferred political or social organizations.

As we say each year around election time, we can be all sorts of things -- gardeners, runners, travelers, followers of a political party, fans of a sports team, readers, videogamers. But if we are to be Catholic Christians -- followers of the Risen Savior -- then we need to put Him first, as He says throughout Scripture.

Sometimes, in an election race, a voter must choose between two imperfect candidates, neither of whose positions entirely align with Church teachings. This year, though, our choice is clear. We have a ballot proposal that would short-cut the legislative process by inserting into our state constitution an unlimited right of abortion, wiping out a number of the prudent protections that have been in place during the Roe v Wade era. Please vote No.

## HERE AT SAINT MARTHA:

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Faith Formation classes begin last week, 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](http://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

- **Upcoming Classes:** October 03, 10, 17, 24, 31

**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

- **Upcoming Sunday Classes:** October 03, 09, 16 (Whole Family), 23, 30
- **Upcoming Wednesday Classes:** October 05, 12, 19 (Whole Family), 26

**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.

- **Upcoming Classes:** October 02, 16 (Those 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 at the email above with questions and for more details.

### 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](http://formed.org/signup) and:

Search for Saint Martha by Zip Code (48864) THEN Click on Saint Martha Parish ... Register by filling in your name and email address ... You will receive a confirmation email with a link to click on, to begin using [formed.org](http://formed.org)!

### INTO THE BREACH: A 6-WEEK STUDY SERIES FOR MEN

9 to 10:30 am on Saturdays from October 1 through November 5  
in our Blessed Solanus Room

Dear Men of Saint Martha,

You are encouraged to join in a six-week Study made just for you!

Into the Breach is a series from the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. This study is focused on young men who desire to grow in their Christian Virtues as a means to becoming a better man, husband, and father in this current culture. Men, we are truly "in the fight" to stay true to our values. Having a chance to talk, support, and work together using studies like this one, gives us a powerful advantage.

We have invited other men, just like you, to come and share their experience and wisdom on how to be a strong man of faith.

Each week different presenters will focus on topics such as:

Masculinity Brotherhood Fatherhood Family Spiritual Warfare Prayer Sacramental Life Suffering and more

There is no need to register, just show up and feel free to bring a friend - this is a great study for men of all faiths!







MATTHEW 5:14-16



ST. MARTHA  
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OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE

## Have You Heard What People are Saying About Saint Martha School and Faith Formation Program?

*"Saint Martha School is a place where your child will grow to become the young person that Christ meant your child to be."*  
- Fr. Mike Murray, Pastor

*"My experience in Faith Formation was very loving. I had a great community behind me. You were always encouraged to ask more about what your faith meant to you."* - Samantha S., Faith Formation Alumni

*"I am extremely confident that our children will be well prepared for the next level of education in their lives following their time at Saint Martha."* - Clark M., parent of Saint Martha School students

## DONATE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH OF SAINT MARTHA

*"There's a real sense of community at Saint Martha. Parent involvement is off the charts. It really gives you a feeling of being part of your kids' education. All three of our kids had different educational needs, and Saint Martha stepped up to the plate with each one. The teachers are always willing to go above and beyond."* - Mr. and Mrs. Muzzatti

*"The catechists that I encountered during Faith Formation were all convicted in wanting to guide all of us into a deeper relationship with the Lord."* - Ryan Ferrigan, Parishioner and Seminarian for the Diocese of Lansing

*"Students at Saint Martha take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to their everyday Christian lives. If my sons were of school age I would definitely send them to Saint Martha school."* - Marynia Lorencen, Teacher.



Visit [st-martha.org/2022Fundraiser](https://st-martha.org/2022Fundraiser) to donate or to purchase tickets to the October 22 celebration. Hover your phone camera over this QR code and follow the prompts to donate to the fundraiser.

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### COFFEE AND DONUTS ARE BACK!

after the 8 am and 10 am Masses **THIS Sunday, October 2** in our Blessed Solanus Casey Room  
All are invited for delicious donuts, hot coffee, and fellowship with other parishioners! There is no charge, with good-will donations appreciated to offset the cost.

*This month is sponsored and served by our Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study ladies!*

### BLESSING OF THE PETS

**at Noon THIS Sunday, October 2** in the Church side of our parking lot

This is a family favorite, so be sure to mark your calendar and bring all of your fur babies for their annual blessing!



### ANNUAL DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS

**with Adoration and Rosaries HERE from 6 pm to Midnight on Wednesday, October 12**



From October 9 to 15, churches across our Diocese will join together to offer Perpetual Adoration and hourly Rosary. The Rosary Congress began in Poland in 1970, when the Polish people prayed through Mary's intercession to hasten a visit of Pope Saint John Paul II to his homeland. The First National Rosary Congress in the United States was held in 1988 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Our Diocese has been offering it since 2018.

*We will have Adoration sign up out in the church the week before, so be sure to watch for that.*

### SAINT MARTHA UPCOMING CHOIR REHEARSALS

**in our Choir Loft (use the staircase across from the Church)**

**Adult Liturgical Choir: 7 pm Thursday, October 13**

**Bethany Children's Choir: 7 pm on Monday, October 17**

If you are over the age of 16 years, we invite you to join our Adult Liturgical Choir. And if you in 2nd grade through High School, we invite you to join our brand new Bethany Children's Choir. Only a love for music is required for either choir, so please consider joining us to sing God's praises!

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



### K OF C BLOOD DRIVE

**to benefit the American Red Cross Blood Bank**

**10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 29** in our Blessed Solanus Room

Donors are greatly needed to combat the ongoing national blood supply shortage. If you can help, register using Sponsor Code *StMarthaOkemos* online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling 800-733-2767. *Note: We cannot make appointments through the Parish Office. Walk-in appointments are not available.*

### 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.*

| BULLETIN DATE | DUE BY NOON | BULLETIN DATE  | DUE BY NOON | BULLETIN DATE  | DUE BY NOON |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| October 08/09 | *past       | October 29/30  | October 17  | November 19/20 | November 07 |
| October 15/16 | October 03  | November 05/06 | October 24  | November 26/27 | November 14 |
| October 22/23 | October 10  | November 12/13 | October 31  | December 03/04 | November 21 |



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

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- Social media recognition
- Honor Roll recognition on signage at Saint Martha CELEBRATES event

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

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DISCERNING VOCATIONS

***Father,** You call each one of us by name and ask us to follow You. Bless Your Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know You, and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this in Jesus name, Amen.*

### **THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA, 1361** from Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

*"If you do not succeed in taking advantage of an opportunity, do not lose your peace, but humble yourself profoundly before Me and, with great trust, immerse yourself completely in My mercy. In this way, you gain more than you have lost, because more favor is granted to a humble soul than the soul itself asks for."*



### **Now Hiring**

#### **through Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt**

Positions in housekeeping are now available for evenings and occasional Sundays at various Churches in the Diocese. If you are interested, call Chris at 517-388-1413. Kitchen positions are also available in the kitchen at the Retreat Center for all shifts. Call Lisa at 517-388-5946 if you are interested.

#### **at Mother Teresa House, Lansing**

Full-time and part-time positions beginning at \$14 are both available, caregiving for two terminally ill guests overnight according to the mission and policies of Mother Teresa House. Visit [motherteresahouse.org](http://motherteresahouse.org) for full details and to submit an application with resume.

#### **at the Diocese of Lansing's Central Office, Lansing**

There is a full-time Accounting Manager position available with the ideal applicant being motivated by the mission of our Bishop to make disciples and dedicated to serving the churches in our diocese in a professional capacity. The ability to communicate well with all levels of staff and exceptional interpersonal skills are a must. For full details and to apply, visit [dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers).

### **AQUINAS COLLEGE FALL OPEN HOUSES**

**NEXT Saturday, October 8 and Saturday, November 12**  
**at their campus in Grand Rapids**

These events give high school youth and their families the opportunity to explore academics, scholarships, athletics, and the Dominican pillars - prayer, study, community, and service - that set AQ apart. Visit [aquinas.edu/openhouse](http://aquinas.edu/openhouse) for more.

### **37TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN RED MASS**

**5:15 pm on Wednesday, October 11**  
**at Saint Mary Cathedral, Lansing**

All parishioners and friends of Ron Styka are invited to the annual Mass and dinner event where Ron will be honored with their annual Saint Thomas More Award, given annually to a diocesan lawyer whose service to their community and professional life exemplifies the virtues of the Diocesan Catholic Lawyers' Guild's patron saint. To reserve for dinner, visit [lansingcatholiclawyersguild.com/events](http://lansingcatholiclawyersguild.com/events).

### **SOCK HOP FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

**6 to 9 pm on Saturday, October 29**

**at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Michigan Center**

Music will be provided by Ghost Ride DJ Services, with pizza, dessert, and drinks. **RSVP by Friday, October 14 to Vicki at 517-936-7833.**

### **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 fellowship with other Catholic ladies! Visit [michigancwc.org](http://michigancwc.org) to register for \$72 (\$65 for seniors, students) including lunch and materials.

### **CRISTO REY COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS THEIR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RUN FOR GIVING 5K**

**9 am on Saturday, October 22**  
**at the Lansing River Train**

All runners and walkers are welcome to join this race that supports Cristo Rey's food access, health care, and counseling programs. Register for \$30 by Friday, October 14 or \$35 after at [runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lansing/CristoRey5k](http://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lansing/CristoRey5k).

### **GAME ON MEN'S RETREST**

**Friday, October 28 to Sunday, October 30**  
**at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt**

Come learn more about the battle Jesus came to win for us, watch the MSU/UM game on Saturday, and experience a bourbon tasting with Deacon Bob Bauer, a certified Bourbon Steward. To register, visit [stfrancis.ws/gameon](http://stfrancis.ws/gameon).

### **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 or without a completed nullity. Register online at [stfrancis.ws/remarriageretreat](http://stfrancis.ws/remarriageretreat).

### **FORGIVENESS RETREAT**

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

Let go of unforgiveness and the emotions that accompany it at this practical and prayerful retreat. For full details and to register, visit [forgivenessequalsfreedom.eventbrite.com](http://forgivenessequalsfreedom.eventbrite.com).

### **CONTEMPLATIVE WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**Friday, November 18 to Sunday, November 20**  
**at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt**

Prepare for Advent with a quiet retreat based author Ann Voskamp's beautiful and practical guide to living a life of joy, *One Thousand Gifts*. Visit [stfrancis.ws/contemplative](http://stfrancis.ws/contemplative) for full details and to register for \$200 (includes lodging, meals, and all materials). This retreat is facilitated by Bert Schomberger.



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays during Mass, and rotate through the 4 different Mass times. Preparation classes are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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