In humble remembrance of service given and sacrifices made:
as we set today aside to honor and thank our veterans,
let us be mindful that we should do this every day of the year
and not just one.

Veterans Day
Friday, November 11, 2022

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12/13, 2022

"The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice." • **Psalm 98**

6th Annual World Day of the Poor
Sunday, November 13, 2022

"That is precisely what solidarity is:
sharing the little we have
with those who have nothing,
so that no one will go without."

- Pope Francis -

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Intercessory Prayers: We Pray For ...

All Who Are Sick, Especially:
Michelle Allen
Peter Allen
Larry Avery
MaryAnn Baer
Pat and Roy Bailey
Frank Baldwin
Robert S. Berman
Dr. Charles Bethke
Michalyn Bethke
Robbie Bethke
Warren Blackburn
Matthew Boersma
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Terry Dinning
Brian M. Doak
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Michael Elias
Ruthanne Finn
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Jim Hagan
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Norm Krohn
Kristen Kubish
Jackie LaViolette
Rae Leece
Karah Ley
John Llewellyn
Paul Loconto
Jean Lynch
Patricia Marrack
Joseph Martyka
Dan McKelvey
Maureen McKelvey
Kayden Michalik
Ralph Niles
Peter Noble
Ronnie Patoprsty
Sister Marie Pauline
Susan Peters
Bob Pichey
Lawrence Prijoles
Judi Pressick
Cecilia Roccos
Jeffrey Rostek
Joyce Salsbury
Renee Salyers
Leanne Seguin
David Showerman
John Stanowski
Kim Stark
Paul Stevens
Wayne Thelen
John Wood

All Serving in Armed Forces

And The Repose of the †Soul of:
†Justin Bradbury
†Al Kauffold
†Gerric Walker

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.

Would you like to learn more about our Faith?

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.

Shared Pregnancy is in need of sizes preemie to 6-month sleepers; infant washcloths and hooded towels; bibs; flannel receiving blankets; rattles; teethers; humidifiers; shower and body wash, lotion, and shampoo for moms; a full list is at amazon.com/registries by searching for *SP Women's Center.* **Hannah's House is in need of** computer paper, address labels, ladies personal items, and household items. **There are collection bins** at both entrances for your donations. For help with delivery and for donation of larger items, contact Liz Carls at 517-281-1451 and Soraya Nowland at 517-755-6909.

Visit our Parish Library in our Saint Teresa Room to borrow books, CDS, and DVDs for all ages that will build your faith and inspire you! There is no cost, and you can come in anytime during our Weekday Business Hours. Just sign out any materials you borrow, and be sure to return them!

If you have been abused or victimized by anyone representing the Catholic Church, you can make a formal complaint of abuse to the Diocese of Lansing, find support, and arrange a personal meeting with the Bishop's office by contacting Cheryl Williams-Hecksel by calling 888-308-6255 or by emailing cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org. Or you may contact the confidential 24-hour Michigan Law Enforcement Hotline by calling 844-324-3374.

Feast Days, Readings, and Intentions - Year C, Cycle II

Monday, November 14 - Weekday
Readings: Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5 / Luke 18:35-43
8:30 am Mass †Bruce Everett, *from T. Ternes*

Tuesday, November 15 - Weekday / Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Readings: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 / Luke 19:1-10
8:30 am Mass †Chuck Willems

Wednesday, November 16 - Weekday / Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin
Readings: Revelation 4:1-11 / Luke 19:11-28
6 pm Mass †Father David Hudgins, *from our CCW*

Thursday, November 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Readings: Revelation 5:1-10 / Luke 19:41-44
8:30 am School Mass †Lydia Smith, *from the Smith Family*

Friday, November 18 - Weekday / Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; USA: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Readings: Revelation 10:8-11 / Luke 19:45-48
8:30 am Mass †Ron Parzych, *from S. Bauer*

Saturday, November 19 - Weekday; BVM (Day) / **Christ the King Vigil (Eve)**
Daytime Readings: Revelation 11:4-12 / Luke 20:27-40
Vigil Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 / Colossians 1:12-20 / Luke 23:35-43
5 pm Mass †George Halverson, *from M. Halverson and sons*

Sunday, November 20 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 / Colossians 1:12-20 / Luke 23:35-43
8 am Mass †Mark Foldenauer, *from C. Foldenauer*
10 am Mass †Ralph, †Norma, and the Berberich Family, *from T. and A. Morgan*
5 pm Mass All People of Saint Martha

Other Offerings

Monday, November 14
SMS 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8
9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*
4:30 pm FF:COGS
6 pm B.L. Choir Rehearsal
7 pm Baptism Prep

Tuesday, November 15
SMS 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8
9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*
9:15 am Women's Bible Study
6 pm RCIA
6:30 pm GriefShare
7:30 pm Men's Pick-Up B-Ball

Wednesday, November 16
SMS 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8
2 pm CCW Board Meeting
6 pm FF:1-6
6:30 pm Adoration
then Reconciliation *Fr. John*
7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, November 17
SMS 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8
9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*
10 am Prayer Quilt Open Sew
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 18
SMS 8 am to 3:30 pm PreK-8
9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*
5:30 pm First Reconciliation Family Retreat

Deacon Preaching Weekend

Saturday, November 19
7:30 am Upper Room Men
3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*
at 5 pm Mass *B.L. Choir*

Sunday, November 20
9 am FF:1-6
11 am SVdP Open Meeting
11:15 am Neighborhood Host Meeting
6 pm FF:7-9; H.S.Y.G.

Sacristans and Lectors

Saturday, November 19 - 5 pm
S. M. Goldynia
L. J. Zalba, M. L-Krusky, R. Kostrzewa
A.S. A., O., and C. Obinwanne

Sunday, November 20 - 8 am
S. T. and S. O'Dea
L. S. O'Dea, C. DeKoninck, S. Zayko
A.S. O. Zayko

Sunday, November 20 - 10 am
S. D. and F. Herring
L. D. Herring, M. Hakim, W. Otlewski
A.S. L. and D. Criscuolo, A. Ahearn

Sunday, November 20 - 5 pm
S. H., B., and C. Walton
L. I. Stines, I. Stines, M. Werner
A.S. M. Cole, A. Rubsam

This Week's Saints

Albert the Great 1200 to 11/15/1280; **Canonized** 12/16/1931; **Doctor of the Church** 12/16/1931; **Patronage** medical technicians, natural science cultivators, philosophers, scientists

Margaret 1045 to 11/16/1093; **Canonized** 1250

Gertrude 01/06/1256 to 1302; **Canonized** 1677; **Patronage** West Indies

Elizabeth 07/07/1207 to 11/17/1231; **Canonized** 05/27/1235; **Patronage** bakers, brides, countesses, dying children, exiles, falsely accused, homeless, hospitals, lacemakers, nurses, widows; Third Order of Saint Francis, Archdiocese of Bogotá (Columbia); several regions

Rose Philippine Duchesne 08/29/1769 to 11/18/1852; **Canonized** 07/038/1988; **Patronage** perseverance amid adversity; Diocese of Springfield -Cape Girardeau (MS)

Eucharist to Care Homes

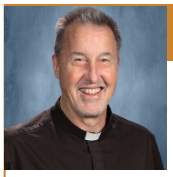
Willows of Okemos R. Salyers

Brookdale M. Fletcher

Altar Flower Sponsors

November 12/13: **In Loving Memory of †Earl and †Angeline Regnier**, *from J. and C. Vermeesch*

November 12/13: **In Loving Memory of †Ben Hall**, *from B. Hall* / **1 Arrangement available**



From Father Mike's Desk:

About a month ago, we went by the sixtieth anniversary of the October 11, 1962 opening of the "Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican," commonly known as Vatican II. Since I find myself traveling to Rome this weekend, it seems an opportune time to glance back.

The word "ecumenical" in the formal name of the council does not have the meaning to which we are accustomed -- in that formal name, it means a council of the worldwide Catholic Church, rather than just a part of the Church. (Adding to the confusion of terminology, ecumenism (with the usual meaning of dialogue among the various branches of Christianity) was a significant topic of the council, and some non-Catholic leaders were invited guests at the council.)

There have been many ecumenical councils of the Church, but this was the second one to have occurred at the Vatican. Thus this was the "Second Vatican Council" or Vatican II. While we moderns might suppose that the Vatican would be an obvious gathering site for any council, remember that the names of many of the most consequential councils of Church history reveal that they occurred elsewhere. Think of the Council of Nicea, the Council of Constantinople, the Council of Ephesus, the Council of Trent, and the several Lateran Councils (held in Rome, but not at the Vatican).

The Council was summoned by Saint John XXIII, and continued by Saint Paul VI. The bishops met during four autumns (1962 through 1965), ending each year on December 8 the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

By the end, the Council had issued sixteen documents. Twelve are called "decrees" or "declarations" and cover such important topics as ecumenism, religious liberty, and the formation of priests and religious. The four principal documents are called "constitutions" and are commonly referred to by the initial words of the Latin in which they were drafted.

The first constitution ("Sacrosanctum Concilium") was issued in December 1963. It concerns the Sacred Liturgy (the Mass) and is the impetus for the changes that older Catholics recall from the late 1960s. Interestingly, the most visible changes in the Mass (the priest facing the people, as he says Mass in English and other local languages) come from later documents, not from this constitution.

The second constitution ("Lumen Gentium" -- Light of the Nations) was issued in November 1964. This is commonly thought to be the most important of the Council documents. It discusses the nature of the Church, its role in the world, the place of each of us within the Church, and much, much more. It is quite rich in content, and I certainly commend it to your reading.

The third constitution ("Verbum Dei" -- the Word of God) was issued in November 1965. It is, paradoxically, both vitally important and largely unread today. That is because its core message -- Catholics need to embrace Sacred Scripture and incorporate it deeply into worship and daily life -- has been so fully accepted that it now seems an obvious point.

The fourth constitution ("Gaudium et Spes" -- Joy and Hope) concerns the place of the Church in the modern world. It reflects an attempt by the Council to understand and respond to some then-current trends. While not as directly prophetic as Saint Paul Vi's famous paragraph 17 in Humanae Vitae -- where, writing in 1968, he described exactly where we would find ourselves today -- the Council offered some compelling reflections.

To find any of the four constitutions, simply do a Google search and then look for the link that begins www.vatican.va. Here, for instance is Lumen Gentium --

Lumen gentium (www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19641121_lumen-gentium_en.html)

Blessings.

frmike

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
November 19/20	*past	**December 10/11**	November 28	**December 31/January 01**	December 12
November 26/27	*past	**December 17/18**	December 05	**January 07/08**	December 19
December 03/04	November 14	**December 24/25**	December 12	**January 14/15**	January 02

Here at Saint Martha:

Visit st-martha.org for more on our upcoming events and services:

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*
Cynthia Farnsworth, Secretary *cfarnsworth@st-martha.org*

Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm Office Hours
517-349-3322 Contact Us

Faith Formation

Jackie Rosalez, Director of Faith Formation *jrosalez@st-martha.org*
Claudia Fountain, Youth Ministries Director *cfountain@st-martha.org*

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 - visit st-martha.org/registration or contact Jackie.

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

- ***Upcoming Classes:*** *November 14, 21, 28*

Grades 1 to 6 Sundays from 9 to 9:50 am or Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm

- ***Upcoming Sunday Classes:*** *November 12, 20 (no class November 17 due to Thanksgiving)*
- ***Upcoming Wednesday Classes:*** *November 16, (no class November 23 due to Thanksgiving), 30 (Whole Family)*

Grades 7 to 9+ We meet twice a month on Sundays from 6 to 8 pm; must be in at least 8th grade to attend; 2-year class.

- ***Upcoming Classes:*** *November 20*

High School Youth Group Sundays from 6 to 8 pm. Contact Claudia with questions, and visit our website for event listings.

Church Directory Ministy Photos

after 10 am Mass THIS Sunday, November 13 in the upstairs glass hallway

Mark your calendars and plan to have your picture taken with other members of your ministry if you are a part the following: *Lectors • Altar Servers • Cantors • Catechists • Extraordinary Ministers • Outreach Ministry*

Thanksgiving Food Drive

NOW through THIS Friday, November 18

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for this year's food drive to benefit those around us in need. Donation boxes will be out beginning this weekend. Cash donations are also appreciated, and can be put in the Collection Boxes on the back posts of the Church.

You are also invited to join us NEXT Saturday, November 19 at 11 am to sort and pack the food. Deliveries will begin immediately after we are done packaging everything. There is no RSVP needed, and helpers of all ages are encouraged to come help! If you are able to help with deliveries, contact Patty McPhee at mpattyo@aol.com.

Christmas Giving Trees

are up NOW at the front of the Church

All gifts must be returned with the tag attached by Saturday, December 4

If you take a tag and find that you cannot buy the gift, contact Kathy Wood at 517-242-2245. And if you have any questions about gifts or tags, contact Kathy.

Bethany Liturgical Choir

upcoming rehearsal: 6 pm THIS Monday, November 14 in the choir loft

Children from 2nd grade through high school are invited and very welcome! We sing at Mass throughout the year, and will begin working on our music for our 4 pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass soon. There is no need to register, just come with a smile!

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

4-Week Average
$20,465.445

Online Giving
October $54,512.70
November $19,068

In Person Giving

October 16 $12,787
Maintenance $40

October 23 $5,979
Maintenance $320

October 30 $5,719.78
Maintenance $39

November 06 $13,194
Maintenance $365

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

Visit
ST-MARTHA.ORG
for a variety of ways to support us, and for our full Calendar of events and services.

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Call 517-394-2282
CATA Curb to Curb rides
Discounts available for 62+ and ADA cardholders

ANNUAL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY SPONSORED BY OUR K OF C

6 pm on Saturday, December 17 in our Saint Elizabeth Hall
RSVP by Saturday, Friday, December 2 to Joe Vermeesch at vermeeschjn@aol.com

Join in Fraternal Fellowship and celebrate the "Reason for the Season" with the Knights! The party is free and open to all Knights and guest, as well as any men of the Parish (and their guest) interested learning more about the Knights in a social and festive setting. This is an adults only evening that includes a full dinner and refreshments, Christmas Music, and Holiday Cheer!

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SPONSORED BY OUR K OF C

6 pm on Saturday, December 10 in our Saint Elizabeth Hall
RSVP by Saturday, December 3 to Deacon Carl at boehlert4421@comcast.net

Our super fun Christmas Party returns for ALL children and their parents, grandparents, etc., with festivities including Christmas music, a kid-friendly supper, games, and more! There is no cost to attend, and if the children are all very good we will arrange for Santa to make a visit! We are asking children to bring a wrapped present to give to Santa for him to give to other kids that may be less fortunate than us. When you RSVP, be sure to let Deacon Carl how many children and adults will attend. We are also looking for a few responsible teenagers to help set up and clean up, serve food, manage the craziness, etc. If no teenagers, we will need adults! If you can help and/or are willing to be substitute in an emergency, contact Deacon Carl.

LADIES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY!

6:45 pm on Wednesday, December 14 in Saint Elizabeth Hall

We need all of our women to help make this year's party a joyful and fun success! Think about what joyful treat you can bring, and start making and collecting your items for both the silent and live auctions. We will have more details on this fun annual party beginning next weekend.

ACCESS FREE CATHOLIC FAITH RESOURCES N FORMED.ORG!

Signing up is quick and easy! Just go to 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!

TO SCHEDULE THE FOLLOWING, VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING 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 either the living or deceased. Dates are available from early September through December of 2023, for $10 per Mass.

ALTAR FLOWERS: 2 arrangements are available per weekend. Dates are available throughout 2022 for $80 per arrangement.

ST. MARTHA PARISH & SCHOOL

CCW POINSETTIA AND WREATH SALE

Support our Council of Catholic Women with their good works in assisting with parish projects. Choose beautiful hearty poinsettias and festive pine wreaths from the Hyacinth House.

PURCHASE FLOWERS AND WREATHS FOR PICK UP AT ST. MARTHA

☐ Red Poinsettias – 8" pot	$28.00 Each x _____	Total $ _____
☐ Pink Poinsettias – 8" pot	$28.00 Each x _____	Total $ _____
☐ Ivory Poinsettias – 8" pot	$28.00 Each x _____	Total $ _____
☐ 22" Pine Wreath with pinecones & bow	$35.00 Each x _____	Total $ _____

DONATE FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR AND WREATHS FOR THE DOORS

☐ Poinsettias – 8" pot	$28.00 Each x _____	Total $_____
☐ 22" Pine Wreath with pinecones & bow	$35.00 Each x _____	Total $_____

Tax deductible

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Total dollar amount of order $ _____

Delivery is available to your home or office for $25.00. To coordinate delivery or make an order of 10 or more items please email Jean Morgan at jbmorgan501@gmail.com.

Sale ends on Sunday, November 20.
Make check payable to Saint Martha Parish with CCW Christmas Sale written in the memo line and deliver to Saint Martha Parish Office or use church pillar drop boxes. You can order online at www.st-martha.org/news/ccwppwsale or scan the QR Code here. Poinsettia and wreath pickup will be after all four masses in Saint Martha's Blessed Chiara Gym on Saturday, December 3 at 6 pm, and Sunday, December 4 at 9 am, 11 am, and 6 pm.

Scan QR Code to order online

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

ACROSS THE DIOCESE: VISIT DIOCESEOFLANSING.ORG FOR THESE AND OTHER AREA EVENTS!
FOR INFORMATION ON VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF LANSING, VISIT 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.*

Seminarian Jon Bokuniewicz; Saint Augustine, Howell
Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minster as priests. We pray for Your grace to encourage and support Jon as he endeavors to become a priest. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sister Alina Marie Nieser; Parish Visitors Mary Immaculate
Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve Your people. We pray for Your grace and love to be enough for Sister Alina Marie in her discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA, 1293

from Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"Know that as often as you come to Me, humbling yourself and asking My forgiveness, I pour out a superabundance of graces on your soul, and your imperfection vanishes before My eyes, and I see only your love and humility. You lose nothing but gain much …"

THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL DESIRE: FREE ONLINE ADVENT COURSE

from Sunday, November 27 to Saturday, December 24

Do you think being holy is impossible or something reserved only for a select few? Have you ever wished for a 'roadmap' to get to heaven - or better yet, a shortcut to holiness? In this fantastic online course, Dr. Ralph Martin shows how achieving holiness is not only possible but something each and every one of us is called to! In short, daily segments he will present the stages of spiritual growth as lived out by some over the great spiritual masters of the Church. Reflecting on their examples, the course covers advice and practical tips for advancing in our journey to God based on Dr. Martin's book *The Fulfillment of All Desire: A Guidebook for the Journey to God Based on the Wisdom of the Saints*. Learn more and register at shms.edu/advent.

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP

sought by Saint Thomas Aquinas/Saint John

Candidates must be a practicing and faithful Catholic, have excellent organizational skills, be proficient in Microsoft Office, and fully understand the liturgies, ministries, and rituals of the Church. ***Candidates must email resume with cover letter of interest by THIS Friday, November 18 to sjsecretary@elcatholics.org.***

THANKSGIVING DINNER DELIVERERS NEEDED

starting at Noon
on Thursday, November 24

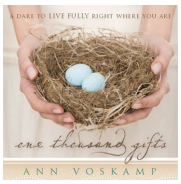
Volunteers are needed to deliver meals from the Lansing Mall to those in need. ***To RSVP to help by THIS Friday, November 18***, visit stgerard.org/community-dinners.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER DELIVERY

on Thursday, November 24
from Saint Gerard

If you are homebound, alone, or unable to cook for yourself, ***call 517-323-2379 by THIS Friday, November 18*** to have a fresh and delicious home-cooked dinner delivered right to your home on Thanksgiving afternoon!

ONE THOUSAND GIFTS WOMEN'S RETREAT



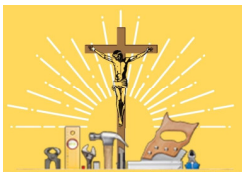
THIS Friday, November 18
to Sunday, November 20
at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Prepare for Advent with this contemplative retreat based on Ann Voskamp's beautiful and practical guide for living a life of joy, *one thousand gifts.* For full details and to register, visit stfrancis.ws/contemplative.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND RETREAT OPPORTUNTY

Friday, November 18 to Sunday, November 2
at the Comfort Inn in Farmington Hills

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



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CRAFTSMAN CLUB

8:30 to 11:30 am
NEXT Saturday, November 19
at Lansing Catholic High School

Sessions are fully chaperoned and teach basic concepts of carpentry and mechanics. Register your student(s) by scanning this QR code, or online at lansingcatholic.org/craftsmanship.

MISCARRIAGE AND CHILD LOSS MASS

2 pm NEXT Saturday, November 19
at Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson

Father Tim Nelson invites families who have lost children to miscarriage or other tragedy, to this special annual Mass of remembrance with a small reception following. To RSVP, visit https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/24ee38ad61dc4451a6ab35fd9eab0bf4.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND LITURGY

sought by Saint Therese, Lansing

The ideal candidate is a faithful and active Catholic with a strong knowledge of Catholic liturgy, a proficiency in organ and piano, good organizational and interpersonal skills, an ability to direct choirs and cantors, and an appreciation of traditional and contemporary music. ***Candidates must email resume with cover letter by Sunday, November 27 to Father John at frfain@sttherese.org.***

WONDERFULLY MADE: GOD'S DESIGN FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Friday, December 2 to Sunday, December 4
at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Young adults ages 18 to 29 are invited to get away for prayer, rest, and fellowship with other young adults, and spend time with great spiritual content based on Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Retreat facilitators are our Diocesan Director of Vocations Father John Whitlock and Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries Dawn Hausmann, who will explore the "how and why" God created us as men and women and "for what" purpose. The weekend includes all meals, small group sessions, Mass on Saturday and Sunday, adoration, individual prayer and quiet time, reconciliation, and prayer ministry. ***To register for $75 (double) or $125 (single), visit www.eventbee.com/v/yadewitt#/tickets by Sunday, November 27.***

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.

Sign Up for E-News Updates at www. st-martha.org/stay-in-touch

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

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