

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JANUARY 28/29, 2023

“Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth.” Zephaniah 2:3a

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146 “Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of Heaven is theirs!”

“God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing.” 1 Corinthians 1:28a

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 5:12a “Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.”

“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.” Matthew 5:6



**Catholic Schools
Week 2023**
January 29–February 4

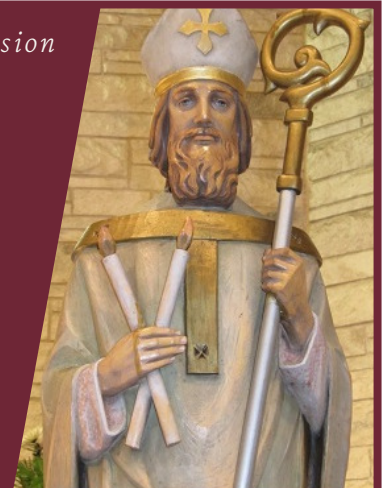
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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD • FEBRUARY 2

*“Through the intercession
of Saint Blaise, bishop
and martyr, may God
deliver you from every
disease of the throat
and from every other
illness: in the name
of the Father, and
of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit.
Amen.”*

Traditional Blessing
of the Throat



SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR • FEBRUARY 3
8:30 AM MASS WITH THE BLESSING OF THE THROAT

**World Day of Prayer for
Consecrated Life**
February 2



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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**. We 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! With questions, email Deacon Carl at dcncarl@st-martha.org.

CCW WOMEN'S DONATIONS:

SHARED PREGNANCY is in need of size preemie to 6-month sleepers; infant washcloths and hooded towels; bibs; flannel receiving blankets; rattles; teething; 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 and address labels, ladies personal items, and general 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 or 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!

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR VICTIMIZED by anyone

representing the Catholic Church, you can contact Cheryl Williams-Hecksel at 888-308-6255 or cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org to make a formal complaint of abuse to the Diocese of Lansing, find support, and arrange for a personal meeting with the Bishop's office. You can also contact the confidential 24-hour Michigan Law Enforcement Hotline by calling 844-324-3374.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: We Pray For ...

All Who Are Sick,	Mike Cook	Jackie LaViolette	Cecilia Roccas
Especially:	Terry Dinning	Rae Leece	Jeffrey Rostek
Michelle Allen	Brian M. Doak	Karah Ley	Joyce Salsbury
Peter Allen	Gilbert Elias	John Llewellyn	Renee Salyers
Larry Avery	Michael Elias	Paul Loconto	Leanne Seguin
MaryAnn Baer	Ruthanne Finn	Jean Lynch	David Showerman
Frank Baldwin	Jackie Fortier	Patricia Marrack	John Stanowski
Robert S. Berman	Chief Richard Freer	Joseph Martyka	Kim Stark
Dr. Charles Bethke	Roberta Fugazzi	Maureen McKelvey	Paul Stevens
Michalyn Bethke	Carol Giacin	Ken Malkowski	Wayne Thelen
Robbie Bethke	Jim Gregg	Ralph Niles	John Wood
Warren Blackburn	Jim Hagan	Peter Noble	All Serving in
Matthew Boersma	Raul Iznaga-Ponce	Sister Marie Pauline	Armed Forces
Carol Buiocchi	Tom King	Susan Peters	And The Repose
Chuck Buiocchi	Joan Krohn	Bob Pichey	of the †Soul of:
Christine Campbell	Norm Krohn	Lawrence Prijoles	†Ron Thelen
Aurora L. Convery	Kristen Kubish	Judi Pressick	

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 A, CYCLE I

OTHER OFFERINGS

Monday, January 30 - Weekday

Readings: Hebrews 11:32-40 / Mark 5:1-20

8:30 am Mass †Geraldine E. Pendergast, *from her family*

Tuesday, January 31 - Saint John Bosco, Priest

Readings: Hebrews 10:1-10 / Mark 3:31-35

8:30 am Mass †Ron Styka, *from H. Hillman*

Wednesday, February 01 - Weekday

Readings: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mark 6:1-6

6 pm Mass †Chuck Willems

Thursday, February 02 - The Presentation of the Lord / World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40

8:30 am School Mass †Jeanne Schaberg, *from D. and B. Martell*

Friday, February 03 - Weekday / Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr / Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Readings: Hebrews 13:1-8 / Mark 6:14-29

8:30 am Mass †Deceased Members of the Fortier Family, *from F. and J. Fortier*

Saturday, February 04 - Weekday; BVM (Day) / Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil (Eve)

Daytime Readings: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 / Mark 6:30-34

Vigil Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16

5 pm Vigil Mass †Michael Wilkinson, *from RA. Gagnon and Family*

Sunday, February 05 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16

8 am Mass †Father Bernard McGiney, *from J. and L. Collom*

10 am Mass All People of Saint Martha

5 pm Mass †Bob McNeely, *from our K of C*

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

Saturday, February 04 - 5 pm

S. J. and S. Saltzgaber
L. J. Zalba, M. L-Krusky, J. Hessinger
A.S. A. Collom, D. Blatnik

Sunday, February 05 - 8 am

S. T. and S. O'Dea
L. Volunteer, S. O'Dea, M. Fletcher
A.S. A. and A. Miller

Sunday, February 05 - 10 am

S. D. and F. Herring
L. D. Herring, T. Muncie, D. Ianni
A.S. R. P-Arredondo, D. Farone

Sunday, February 05 - 5 pm

S. T. and M. Werner
L. C. Wilkins, C. Patton, I. Stines
A.S. B. Doak

EUCARIST TO CARE HOMES

Willows of Okemos V. Mankowski

Brookdale, Medilodge M. Ferrigan

ICMCF Dobie M. Fletcher, D. Ianni

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

January 28/29

February 04/05

**both arrangements
are available**

**THIS WEEK'S SAINTS: VISIT FORMED.ORG
AND CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG**

John (Don) Bosco 08/16/1815 to 01/31/1888;
Canonized 04/01/1934; **Patronage** Christian
apprentices, editors, juvenile delinquents,
magicians, publishers, students, young children;
Brasília (Brazil), Piura (Peru)

The Presentation of the Lord celebrated 40 days
after Christmas commemorating the presentation
of Jesus at the temple; also called Candlemas on
which candles are blessed and used throughout
the year to signify Jesus, the Light of the World

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
instituted in 1997 by Saint John Paul II, Pope for
women and men in consecrated life

Blaise of Sebaste unsure to 316; **Canonized**
pre-congregation; **Patronage** animals, builders,
carvers, choking, drapers, ENT illnesses, healing,
infants, physicians, sickness, stone cutters,
veterinarians, wool industry and workers; several
regions

Ansgar 09/08/801 to 02/03/865; **Canonized**
pre-congregation

Catholic Schools Week

Monday, January 30

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

4:30 pm FF:COTGS

Tuesday, January 31

8 am to 3:30 pm SMS; 7 to LCHS
for retreat

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

9:15 am Women's Bible Study

3:30 pm Girls 7-8 B-Ball

6 pm First Reconciliation

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

Wednesday, February 01

8 am to 3:30 pm SMS

12 pm Evangelization Meeting

3:30 pm Girls 7-8 B-Ball

6 pm FF:1-6

6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

6:30 pm Adoration

7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, February 02

8 am to 3:30 pm SMS; *Choir 8, 4*
at 8:30 am Mass Blessing of
Candles (*Candlemas*)

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

9:15 am FOTS Mom's Group

5:30 pm PPC Meeting

7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 03

8 am to 3:30 pm SMS; 2 pm
Adoration

at 8:30 am Mass Blessing of
Throats (*Saint Blaise feast day*)

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*

9 am First Friday Adoration

9 am First Friday Coffee, Treats

3 pm Benediction

Saturday, February 04

7:30 am Upper Room Men

9 am LITFL Women's Study

1:30 pm First Reconciliation

3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Sunday, February 05

9 am FF:1-6

11 am StVdP Open Meeting

12:30 pm Tubing at Hawk Island

- this event is sold out

6 pm FF:7-9; HSYG

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

4-Week Average
\$19,625.50

Online Giving
December \$66,874
January TD \$40,414

In-Person Giving
January 01 \$16,859
Maintenance \$90
January 08 \$4,659
Maintenance \$270
January 15 \$9,512
Maintenance \$55
January 22 \$7,058
Maintenance \$85

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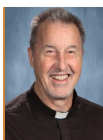
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to support us and for
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events and services.

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FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK:



Next week is Catholic Schools Week. And it's always a fun week for teachers, parents, and students of our wonderful Saint Martha School!

Looking back across long years, it's not hard to summon memories. Like so many Catholics of a certain generation, I was blessed by my parents' decision to give me a K-12 Catholic education. We learned our "three Rs" (four, really, if you count Religion) from amazingly dedicated teachers, most of whom were religious sisters truly living their vow of poverty. They laid the groundwork for a lifetime -- if we were willing to accept their lessons -- of virtuous living and earthly success. Blessed be those saintly women!

Of course, the real story of Catholic schools is not to be found in gauzy memories of bygone days. Though fewer in numbers, today's Catholic schools are strong in every important measure. Elementary schools like the one that you support, and high schools like Lansing Catholic, accomplish amazing things, despite limited resources. It's a familiar story in America that government levels of per-pupil funding have little predictive value as to outcomes. A Catholic school that is free to focus on the whole child -- spiritual, academic, physical, emotional, social -- is also free to give a child a powerful education grounded in love for each uniquely blessed child.

We never promote our own school or any Catholic school by disparaging the public schools. And certainly the public schools of this state have a long history of accomplishing the ends set forth in the Northwest Ordinance that organized this territory, and then restated in section 1 of article 8 of the current constitution of Michigan ("Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."). Still, we can say that, in the current culture and climate, those ends are not always paramount in our local schools.

Catholic schools, by contrast, are havens of free speech, where the Virtues can be named, where the Truth of Jesus Christ can be spoken, and where students can see the love of God expressed in the elegant beauty of Mathematics, the rigor of true Science, and the wonder of humanity's long struggle to attain the Good, the True, and the Beautiful.

If you don't already know, then let me add that, here at Saint Martha, we are blessed with an incredible faculty all the way from pre-K through Grade 8. There just isn't a weak spot anywhere in the lineup.

Under the guidance of principal Andrea Patton, the children who come here truly live out the school motto that they recall when they gather each day in the church for Morning Prayer -- "Here at Saint Martha School, we are loved. With the gift of God's grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we develop our unique abilities and strive to reach our potential. We pray. We study. We serve. We love and are loved. All in the name of Christ. Amen."

If you have a child or a grandchild or a neighbor child for whom, in your love, you truly seek the very best, then come pay a visit. You'll be amazed!

Blessings!

frmike

TO SCHEDULE THE FOLLOWING, 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). There are a available to be scheduled for the living or deceased from January through June of 2024, for \$10 per Mass.

ALTAR FLOWERS: 2 arrangements are available per weekend. Dates are available throughout 2023 for \$80 per arrangement.

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

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If you have not registered your children for class, visit st-martha.org/registration

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

- **Upcoming Classes:** January 30; February 6, 13, 27 (no class February 20)

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

- **Upcoming Sunday Classes:** January 29; February 5, 12 (Whole Family), 26; (no class February 19)
- **Upcoming Wednesday Classes:** February 1, 8, 15 (Whole Family); (no class February 22)

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:** February 5, 19

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

A Bible Study for Women

9:00 TO 10:30 AM

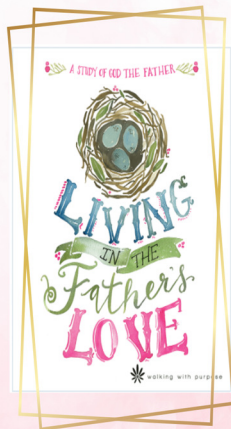
SATURDAYS

JANUARY 7 THROUGH FEBRUARY 18

Books provided!



walking with purpose



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
THURSDAYS FROM FEBRUARY 28 THROUGH MARCH 23

THE SEARCH

FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE

visit st-martha.org/events/the-search-7/20230209
to learn more

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. (If there is an upcoming holiday / holy day that requires different dates, they will be noted.)

<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>
February 04/05	*past	February 25/26	February 13	March 18/19	March 06
February 11/12	January 30	March 04/05	February 20	March 25/26	March 13
February 18/19	February 06	March 11/12	February 27	April 01/02	March 20

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING MEETINGS

If you are in high school, you are invited to join us on:

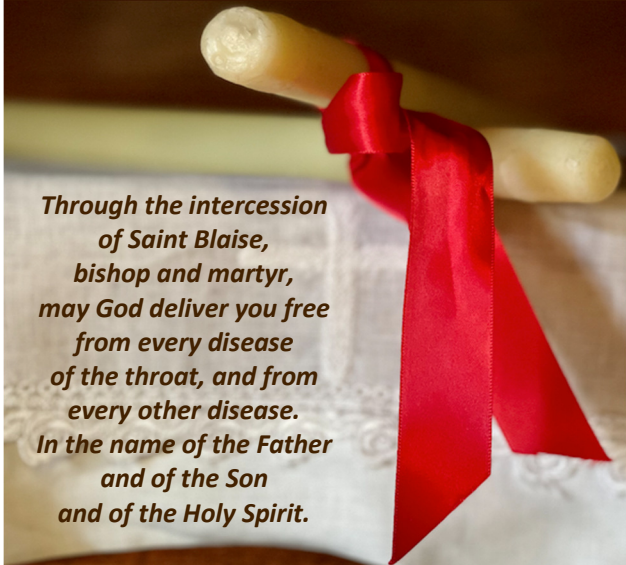
- January 29: Come celebrate the feast day of Saint Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of students downstairs in our Saint Elizabeth Hall from 6 to 8pm.
- February 5: We are continuing to learn about the sacraments of the Church. This month we will explore Sacrament v. Ceremony as we learn about what the **sacrament of Matrimony** really means from 6 to 7 pm downstairs in our Saint Elizabeth Hall.
- February 12: The Legend of Saint Valentine: who was he, what is fact, and what is fiction? Come find out! Meet upstairs in our Blessed Solanus Conference Room from 6 to 8pm for Spaghetti Dinner, games and discussion!
- February 19: Join us for **Game Night** downstairs in our Saint Elizabeth Hall from 6 to 8pm.
- February 26: Join us from 6 to 8pm for **Eucharistic Adoration** in our chapel, with pizza and fellowship to follow downstairs in our Saint Elizabeth Hall.

Check out the youth group page at st-martha.org for more information. You can also be added to the Youth News email list by emailing me at cfountain@st-martha.org!

BLESSING OF THROATS

during 8:30 am Mass on Friday, February 3

In this cold season where many of us have ailments related to the throat, we invite you to join us at this special Mass that includes the traditional blessing of the throats.



*Through the intercession
of Saint Blaise,
bishop and martyr,
may God deliver you free
from every disease
of the throat, and from
every other disease.
In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.*

PANCAKE PALOOZA RETURNS IN-PERSON: SHORT STACK FOR A TALL CAUSE!

8 to 10 am on Saturday, February 25

at 2|42 Community Church (2600 Bennett, Okemos)

You are invited to a great breakfast in support of Haven House! Your donations help them to guide and support families facing homelessness on their paths to stable homes. You can donate to Haven House and help Sister Pat keep her People's Choice award by visiting havenhouseel.org/sisterpat from now through February 25, or send a check with *Sister Pat* written in the memo line to Haven House, 121 Whitehills Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. You can also give her donation checks in person if you would prefer.



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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!

SAINT MARTHA

Youth Group



Join in Our Mission to Empower Teens To ...

Make good Catholic friends who will push you
to be the best version of yourself
and have some laughs along the way!

Have the answers you need to defend our faith
and live it out courageously!

Serve others selflessly

Pursue truth, beauty and goodness
in your everyday life

Live in communion with the Church

Participate fully in the richness of our Catholic faith

Community

Our world needs good and faithful Catholics!
When you surround yourself with positive people,
you will have a great time and
you can be each other's encouragement
through the ups and downs of everyday life!

Education

Grow in faith and relationship with God
by developing a heart for truth and knowledge!
Our God is so good! He has revealed Himself fully
to us through scripture and tradition so that we
may continue to dive deeper into our great Faith.

Service

We are called to love and serve others with our lives.
Learn how to use the gifts you have been given
to minister to others and glorify the Lord
in your everyday life.

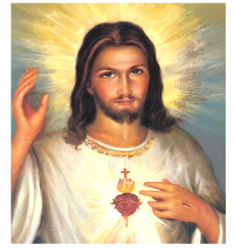


Luke 12:49
*"I have come to set
the earth on fire,
and how I wish it
were already blazing!"*

THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA, 1448

from the Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"Write, speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation] There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated."



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.



Seminarman Paul Keenan; Saint John the Baptist, Ypsilanti

Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. We pray for Your grace to encourage and support Paul as he endeavors to become a priest. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Sister Solana Wegienka; Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R.

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 Solana in her discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS

6:30 pm NEXT Saturday, February 4

at Church of the Resurrection, Lansing

This free concert honors the legacy of Ursula Klein, who served the Resurrection of the Resurrection for over 50 years teaching music to all ages, playing and singing for countless funerals and weddings, and encouraging generations of people to persevere in their musical endeavors. Performing in tribute will be choirs of former and current Resurrection musicians and students along with organists Michael Garnett, Dr. Conrad Donakowski, and Doug Austin. All ages are invited to come and be inspired!

A CELEBRATION OF HOLY MATRIMONY RETREAT

Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 12

at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

All married couples are encouraged to come spend time away from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with their spouse. Facilitators include Father Peter Ludwig, Mike and Lisa Kutas, and more! The cost is \$325 including lodging, materials, food, a vow renewal ceremony and blessing of wedding rings, Mass, inspiring presentations, time to unwind, and cocktail receptions. Visit stfrancis.ws to register for this special retreat highlighting marriage and why it matters!

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

with Father Mike Schmitz

Get to know the Catechism of the Catholic Church in 2023 using Father Mike Schmitz's great podcast, "The Catechism in a Year" This podcast both reads us through the Catechism in 365 days and helps us to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape our daily lives! You can find this podcast on any podcast app, on YouTube, and at ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish.

THE URGENCY OF THE MESSAGE RETREAT

8:30 am to 4 pm on Saturday, February 11

at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

The first in a series of seminars designed for parish ministry staff, small groups, and those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ, this seminar will utilize Father John Riccardo's videos from his recent *Deployed for Mission* presentation. Father Jim Rolph will lead discussions following selected segments of Father John's presentation. Attendees will have time to discuss in small groups or spend some time alone reflecting on the message. To register for Saturday(\$30), Friday overnight (\$80), or Friday and Saturday overnights (\$150), visit stfrancis.ws. All options include materials, meals, and coffee; both overnight options also include lodging.

REFLECT CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR SINGLES

Friday, February 24, through Sunday, February 26
at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Since 2004, these weekend retreats have offered divorced, never-married, or widowed singles in mid-life (mid-30s to 50s) a sense of belonging, the chance to experience healing, and a renewed relationship with the Lord through caring fellowship, planned talks, a Reconciliation service, and Holy Masses. To register for a retreat where you will learn how you make a difference in belonging relationships, form new friendships, and laugh and relax, visit ReflectRetreat.com.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CRAFTSMAN CLUB

8:30 to 11:30 am on Saturday, February 25
at Lansing Catholic High School

This industrial arts program offers students the unique and essential opportunity to gain skills in introductory concepts of carpentry and mechanics. Sessions are fully chaperoned; parents are not required but are welcome. To register your student, visit lansingcatholic.org/craftsmanship. Parents, to assist in the program, email greg.ingle@lansingcatholic.org.

WOMEN OF SPIRIT RETREAT

Friday, March 3 through Sunday, March 5
at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Facilitated by renown author and speaker Sheri Wohlfert, the theme is JOY! Registration options include a private room (\$255) or a shared room (\$195). All materials and meals are included. To register, visit stfrancis.ws.

RESCUE AND RESPONSE RETREATS

For Men: Friday, March 10 through Sunday, March 12
and Friday, April 14 through Sunday, April 16
For Women: Friday, March 17 through Sunday, March 19
and Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 23

To believe and be transformed by the gospel, we must first understand that the gospel is not merely "good" news but explosive, life-changing news. You are invited to this special weekend based on Father John Riccardo's book *Rescued* to learn how he has chosen us all for this purpose! For full details and to register for a weekend, visit stfrancis.ws.

MARRIAGE AND THE BLENDED FAMILY RETREAT

Saturday, May 6 through Sunday, May 7 at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Second marriage couples are invited to come and learn about the blessings and challenges that blended families encounter. This opportunity allows these couples to focus on information and topics they may not have known about or discussed yet, and help them plan how these will be addressed within their new family dynamic. All facilitators have also travelled this road so are uniquely equipped to help these couples. This retreat is required for all prospective remarriage couples seeking a Catholic marriage in our Diocese. Speak with your marriage prep coordinator, then visit stfrancis.ws to register.

MAKING DISCIPLES 101 RETREAT

Monday, March 20 through Thursday, March 23
at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

As leaders, we need to think through in advance how to help all in our parish negotiate the journey to mature discipleship. The issues at stake are extraordinarily high for individuals, for the Christian community, for the Church, and for the world. This retreat is the first in a series that equips priests, deacons, and lay ministers to become leaders who are 'fruit farmers': leading a parish or ministry team that helps people become intentional disciples who bear fruit for the life of the world. This four-day retreat with other leaders in the Diocese of Lansing explores how to be equipped as a Church leader and take important steps toward building parishes of intentional disciples. Led by Sherry Weddell and accompanied by Katherine Coolidge from Catherine of Siena Institute, Craig Pohl, Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Lansing will facilitate the week that includes Mass and the sacraments. The cost is \$200 including lodging, meals, and materials. Visit dioceseoflansing.org/event/making-disciples-101-retreat for full details including a schedule and to register.

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Friday, March 31 through Sunday, April 2
at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

This beautiful Fiat Discernment Retreat is for women ages 18 to 35 who are seeking God's will for their life. Led by a team of lay women from Wichita, KS, consecrated sisters of various religious communities from the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious will give talks, lead small groups, give their testimonies, and provide a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated religious sister. The cost is \$40 and includes Mass, Adoration, Confession, spiritual direction, lodging, and meals. To register, visit fiatministries.org/retreat-lansing.

SAVE THE DATE:

CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD SPRING LUNCHEON

Noon on Thursday, May 4

at Saint Mary Cathedral's parish hall, Lansing

You are invited to come hear from this year's speaker, canon lawyer Edward Peters, a Professor of Canon Law at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Stay tuned for registration details.



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 Parish Office is notified otherwise. Contact the Office to add/update.

Military Individuals for Prayer remain on the list until we are notified they are home. Contact the Parish 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