



"Merciful and gracious is the LORD.  
Slow to anger and abounding in kindness."  
• Responsorial Psalm, from Psalm 130 •

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 18/19, 2023



Ash Wednesday • February 22, 2023

*"Remember you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."*



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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](mailto: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; teethingers; humidifiers; shower and body wash, lotion, and shampoo for moms; a full list is at [amazon.com/registries](https://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.

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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](mailto: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 Need Physical and Spiritual Healing, Especially:

Michelle Allen	Mike Cook	Rae Leece	Joyce Salsbury
Peter Allen	Terry Dinning	Karah Ley	Renee Salyers
Larry Avery	Brian M. Doak	John Llewellyn	Leanne Seguin
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Warren Blackburn	Roberta Fugazzi	Mike McNeely	John Wood
Matthew Boersma	Carol Giacin	Ralph Niles	
Carol Buiocchi	Jim Gregg	Peter Noble	<b>All Serving in Our Armed Forces</b>
Chuck Buiocchi	Jim Hagan	Sister Marie Pauline	<b>And The Repose of the †Soul of:</b>
Christine Campbell	Raul Iznaga-Ponce	Susan Peters	†Arielle Anderson
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	Norm Krohn	Judi Pressick	
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	Jackie LaViolette	Jeffrey Rostek	

**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**

**Monday, February 20 - Weekday / President's Day**

**Readings:** Sirach 1:1-10 / Mark 9:14-29

**8:30 am Mass** †Chuck Willems

**Tuesday, February 21 - Weekday / Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Readings:** Sirach 2:1-11 / Mark 9:30-37

**8:30 am Mass** †Bill Cleary, *from M. Plogman*

**ASH Wednesday, February 22 - Fasting and Abstinence**

**Readings:** Joel 2:12-18 / 2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**7 am Mass** †Deacon Richard Preston, *from our Parish*

**8:30 am School Mass** †Joseph Swanson, *from E. and L. VanSteel*

**12 pm Mass** †Joseph R. Whalley, *from E. and L. VanSteel*

**6 pm Mass** †Eric Heighton, *from R. Brodeur*

**Thursday, February 23 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday / Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Luke 9:22-25

**8:30 am School Mass** †Keith Hall, *from K. and M. Hall*

**Friday, February 24 - Friday after Ash Wednesday / Fasting and Abstinence**

**Readings:** Isaiah 58:1-9a / Matthew 9:14-15

**8:30 am Mass** Birthday Intentions of Kendilyn, Tyller, and Ashley, *from the Olson family*

**Saturday, February 25 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Day) / First Sunday of Lent Vigil (Eve)**

**Daytime Readings:** Isaiah 58:9b-14 / Luke 5:27-32

**Vigil Readings:** Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 / Romans 5:12-19 / Matthew 4:1-11

**5 pm Vigil Mass** Special Intentions of Bob and MaryBeth Lieder, *from B. and J. Sipola*

**Sunday, February 26 - First Sunday of Lent**

**Readings:** Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 / Romans 5:12-19 / Matthew 4:1-11

**8 am Mass** All People of Saint Martha

**10 am Mass** †Ron Styka, *from T. and M. Finelli*

**5 pm Mass** †Deceased Members of the DeRose and Motz Families, *from R. DeRose*

**SACRISTANS AND LECTORS**

**Wednesday, February 22 - 7 am**

L. M. Fletcher

**Wednesday, February 22 - 8:30 am**

**SMS does all**

**Wednesday, February 22 - 12 pm**

L. J. Hessinger, A. Readett, L. VanSteel

**A.S. SMS**

**Wednesday, February 22 - 6 pm**

L. S. Nowland, J. Matuszak, A. Readett

**A.S. H. LaForte, L. and D. Criscuolo**

**Saturday, February 25 - 5 pm**

S. M. Siminski

L. M. L-Krusky, *Volunteer*, J. Zalba

**A.S. A., O., and C. Obinwanne**

**Sunday, February 26 - 8 am**

S. L. and C. Kendall

L. B. M-O'Brien, M. Finelli, M. Fletcher

**A.S. M. and A. Collom**

**Sunday, February 26 - 10 am**

S. J. and K. Ault

L. C. Flammini, W. Otlewski, M. Hakim

**A.S. L. and D. Criscuolo**

**Sunday, February 26 - 5 pm**

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

L. *Volunteer*, C. Patton, L. VanSteel

**A.S. M. Cole, K. Starn**

**ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS**

**February 18/19**

**in celebration of S. and A. Readett's 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**February 25/26 through March 25/26: there are no altar flowers in observance of Lent**

**OTHER OFFERINGS**

**Saint Joseph Icon visits through Thursday, February 23**

**Monday, February 20**

**NO SMS President's Day**

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John*

**NO FF:COTGS**

**Tuesday, February 21**

**NO SMS 3:45 to 8:15 pm P-T Conferences**

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John*

**9:15 am** Women's Bible Study

**2 pm** CCW Board Meeting

**3:30 pm** Girl's B-Ball Practice

**7 pm** Saint Joseph Prayer Service

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

**ASH Wednesday, February 22**

**8 am to 11:25 am** SMS; Choir 8,7,6; 12 to 4 pm P-T Conferences

**3:30 pm** Girls' B-Ball Practice

**NO FF:1-6**

**NO** Reconciliation

**NO** Adoration or Benediction

**7 pm** K of C Officer's Meeting

**Thursday, February 23**

**8 am to 3:30 pm** SMS; Choir 8,1;

*All-School Photo after Mass*

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John*

**9 am** Fish Fry Food Prep

**10 am** Prayer Quilt Open Sew

**5 pm** Girl's Volleyball Practice

**7 pm** The Search

**7 pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 24**

**8 am to 3:30 pm** SMS

**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**2:30 pm** SMS Stations *Fr. Mike*

**4 pm** Fish Fry Prep

**5 to 7 pm** Fish Fry

**7 pm** Stations *Fr. John*

**Saturday, February 25**

**7:30 am** Upper Room Men

**1 pm** Be More Retreat

**3:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**Sunday, February 26**

**9 am** FF:1-6

**at 10 am** Mass Rite of Sending for RCIA

**6 pm** FF:HSYG

**EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES**

**Willows of Okemos** V. Mankowski

**Brookdale, Medilodge** M. Fletcher

**ICMCF Dobie** J. Matuszak, M. Siminski



## FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK:

In a few days, it will be Ash Wednesday, and we will begin again our Lenten journey to the Mount of Calvary and the glory of the Resurrection.

Our friends at Dynamic Catholic are fond of the phrase "Best Lent Ever!" Perhaps this year we can borrow that sentiment and plan a particularly grace-filled forty days for ourselves.

As we all know, the three traditional components of a good Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and the giving of Alms. Of course, our first day of prayer is Ash Wednesday itself. Mass will be celebrated four times that day, with ashes distributed at each Mass. We will have a 7:00 am. Mass for those on the way to work. An 8:30 am Mass will follow - come celebrate with our school children! The next Mass is at 12:00 noon. Then we will conclude with a 6:00 pm Mass. Think about coming to the first convenient Mass that day - the earlier you receive ashes, the greater your witness that day.

As Lent goes along, our prayer can take many forms. Consider daily Mass. Twenty-five minutes of the Word and the Eucharist. Ours is at 8:30 am. most weekdays. Other parishes in the area offer Mass as early as 6:30 am, and at many other times during the day and evening. In my experience, many of the people who regularly attend daily Mass will tell you that they decided to come during some Lent, years ago, and loved it so much they never stopped coming.

Eucharistic Adoration is another wonderful way to be with the Lord. We offer Adoration on Wednesday evenings and First Fridays. There also is evening Adoration (6:00 to 9:00 pm) every day but Saturday at our sister parish up the road -- Saint Mary Williamston. Or, even without the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Monstrance, just come to our church during the day. In the stillness, share your heart with the Lord, and listen to His love as it pours out upon you.

Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday afternoon in Lent at 2:30 pm with the school children, and every Friday evening in Lent at 7:00 pm. If you combine those 7:00 pm Stations with dinner at our Fish Fry, you'll have a nearly perfect evening!!

(And, yes, it's true: Saint Martha does have the finest Fish Fry in North America. Persons who have visited every church, school, chapel, mission, cathedral, basilica, and outpost of the Holy Roman Catholic Church across every state, province, and territory of the United States, Canada, and Mexico have unanimously reported that no one's fish fry is as delicious, and no one's fish fry is marked by such warm fellowship. For real. It's a scientific fact.)

The Friday evening Stations of the Cross take a wonderful turn on March 17 when we will pray the Scriptural Stations of Saint John Paul the Great, accompanied by a four-voice schola leading us in Praise and Worship music! Those Stations are just one element of the 24 Hours for the Lord - begun several years ago by Pope Francis, and carried along ever since here at Saint Martha. Adoration will begin at 3:00 pm on Friday, March 17 and continue until the same time on Saturday, March 18. Confessions will be heard at several points during those 24 hours, and there will be other devotions as well.

Finally, as to prayer, think about adding some lectio divina this Lent. Take one Gospels, and begin reading. Slowly. Very slowly. When something touches your heart, stop. Just prayer over that phrase or sentence. A few minutes in the morning will be an immense enrichment.

Fasting has a few possible components. Of course, there are the required elements of fasting and abstinence: Persons 14 and older must abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. And persons 18 to 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday -- limit themselves to one normal-sized meal and two smaller portions that, together, do not exceed the main meal. (<https://www.simplycatholic.com/fasting-and-abstinence-more-than-laws-of-the-church/>)

Past that, however, we all can tighten up our intake of food and recreational beverages. And we certainly can find other things from which to fast. Perhaps, either entirely or partially, we can think about a fast from social media, or from political news, or from televised sports, or from Netflix or YouTube, or from foul language, or from something else over which we know - being honest with ourselves - we need to regain a measure of control.

The giving of Alms can take several forms. Perhaps give some financial help to an outstanding and truly Catholic school, charity, or religious order. If you haven't already done so, perhaps take that next step and (please) move to a recurring on-line parish contribution.

And, besides the giving of financial alms, consider a contribution of time and talent. At Saint Martha, we have wonderful ministries of all sorts. Ask Hallie or Jackie or me or any of us, and we'll find a rewarding slot for you. And, just down at the other end of Lake Lansing Road, is Cristo Rey Community Center. Under the guidance of our parishioner Joe Garcia (and with the blessed ministry of the Alma Mercy physicians) CRCC can use hands in its food pantry, clothes closet, and all its other Matthew 25 charitable work.

Anything else? Sure, lots more - ask the Holy Spirit where to take your Lent! Maybe catch some of The Search presentations in the Blessed Solanus Casey room on Thursday evenings. And, for sure, get to Confession this Lent. Lastly (and we'll say more when we get closer) it's not too soon to mark your calendars for April 6 to 9 - Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday afternoon, and the Easter Vigil. Along with Easter Sunday itself, these are the most powerful liturgies of the entire Church year.

Blessings on your Lent!!

frmike

## HERE AT SAINT MARTHA:

VISIT [ST-MARTHA.ORG](http://ST-MARTHA.ORG) FOR MORE ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

### CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

**4-Week Average**  
\$21,640.23

**Online Giving**  
January \$49,282  
February TD \$26,596

**In-Person Giving**  
January 22 \$7,058  
Maintenance \$85  
January 29 \$7,672  
Maintenance \$100  
February 05 \$10,653  
Maintenance \$0  
February 12 \$9,057  
Maintenance \$70

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**SAINT MARTHA SCHOOL GUIDES EACH STUDENT TO DEVELOP HIS OR HER UNIQUE  
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To register your children for class, visit [st-martha.org/registration](http://st-martha.org/registration)  
**Preschool and Kindergarten Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm  
• **Upcoming Classes in our Atrium:** (no class February 20), February 27; March 6, 13, 27  
**Grades 1 to 6** Sundays from 9 to 9:50 am or Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm  
• **Upcoming Sunday Classes:** (no class February 19), February 26; March 5, 12 (Whole Family), 19  
• **Upcoming Wednesday Classes:** no class February 22; March 1, 8, 15 (Whole Family), 22  
**Grades 7 to 9+** Twice a month on Sundays from 6 to 8 pm  
• **Students must be in at least 8th grade to attend. This is a 2-year class.**  
• **Upcoming Classes:** February 19; March 5, 19  
**High School Youth Group** Sundays from 6 to 8 pm.  
• Contact Claudia with questions and visit our website for upcoming events!

### ACCESS FREE CATHOLIC FAITH RESOURCES 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 ... Fill in your  
name and email address ... Click on the link in the email you are sent to begin using [formed.org](http://formed.org)

### 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 Masses 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.





### INQUIRY TO THE FAITHFUL:

**James Robert Collom is being considered for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Lansing on May 13, 2023.**

If anyone is aware of a reason that he should not be ordained please contact Deacon Randy Desrochers, Director of Diaconal Formation for the Diocese of Lansing. He can be reached by mail at 228 North Walnut Street Lansing, MI 48933-1122, by calling 517-342-2571, or by emailing [rdesrochers@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rdesrochers@dioceseoflansing.org).

7 TO 8:30 PM IN OUR BLESSED SOLANUS ROOM  
ON THURSDAYS NOW THROUGH MARCH 23



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to learn more

## Saint Joseph Icon Visits

Saturday, February 18  
through  
Thursday, February 23

with a special 7 pm Prayer Service  
on Tuesday, February 21

This special visit is arranged and sponsored  
by our Knights of Columbus Council 10006.



Pilgrim Icon  
Program 

### COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**on Ash Wednesday, February 22**

Your contributions help our St. Vincent de Paul Society continue providing for the many essential needs of those who are less fortunate in our area. Prayerfully consider how you can help them in their mission.

*"Whatever you did for one  
of these least brothers of  
mine, you did for me."*

**Matthew 25:40b**



## Snow Tubing



# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

*"Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted." – Matt 5:4*

## ST. MARTHA CHURCH, OKEMOS

TUESDAY EVENINGS - 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

MARCH 7 THROUGH MAY 23

IN OUR BLESSED SOLANUS CONFERENCE ROOM

QUESTIONS?

LORI RASCHE 517-449-3485, [LORIMR@AOL.COM](mailto:LORIMR@AOL.COM)

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TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) AND [CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG](http://CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG)

**President's Day** U.S. federal holiday honoring past American presidents that, since 1879, specifically honors George Washington; state holidays may include some/all presidents or just Washington; since 1865, in Michigan, it is referred to simply as Washington's Birthday

**Peter Damian** 1007 to 02/22/1072 (or 1073); **Venerated and Doctor of the Church** 09/27/1828; **Patronage** Faenza and Font-Avellano, Italy; **Fast Facts** he was never formally canonized; his body was moved six times before 1898, since which he has rested in the cathedral of Faenza

**Ash Wednesday** opens Lent, a season of prayer and fasting; the wearing of ashes on the head symbolizes the dust from which God made us and originates from the ancient Hebrew tradition of penance and fasting

**Polycarp** 69 to 155 by martyrdom; **Canonized** pre-congregation; **Patronage** earache sufferers; **Fast Facts** he is one of Four Apostolic Fathers, theologians who lived in the 1st and 2nd centuries AD and who are believed to have either personally known some of the Twelve Apostles or were significantly influenced by them; he is recorded to have been a disciple of "John", though there is some debate as to whether it was John the Baptist, John the Beloved, or John the Evangelist

## 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.)

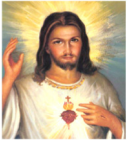
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February 25/26	*past	March 18/19	March 06	April 08/09	March 13
March 04/05	February 20	March 25/26	March 13	April 15/16	March 27
March 11/12	February 27	April 01/02	March 13	April 22/23	April 10



### **THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA, 1146**

**from the Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy**

*"Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of my mercy must pass through the door of my justice."*



#### **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 Thomas Crowley; Church of the Resurrection, Lansing**

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



**Sister Guadalupe Maria Jones; Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

#### **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](http://ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish).

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

**WITH THE DIOCESE OF LANSING**

Resumes are currently being accepted for a Regional Staff Accountants, and an Assistant Director of Building and Property Management. Visit the Diocesan careers page at [dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers) to apply and to learn more about these positions that operate out of our Diocese's downtown offices.

#### **CATHOLIC AREA HOMESCHOOLERS POTLUCK**

**following 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, February 25  
at Saint Therese, Lansing**

This opportunity for Mass and fellowship together is open to all Catholic homeschool families in our area. Contact Kristine Witkowski at [kristinewitkowski@gmail.com](mailto:kristinewitkowski@gmail.com) for more details and to RSVP.

#### **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, lodging, and meals are included. To register, visit [stfrancis.ws](http://stfrancis.ws).

#### **ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO DETROIT**

**for the Solanus Casey Center and  
National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica**

**7 am to 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 9  
departing from Saint Jude, DeWitt**

Mass and confession will be held at the Center with guided tours and shopping at both. The cost is \$75 and includes lunch and transportation aboard a deluxe Dean coach (with restroom!). Visit [stfrancis.ws/pilgrimage](http://stfrancis.ws/pilgrimage) to register.

#### **RESCUE AND RESPONSE RETREATS**

**For Men: Friday, March 10 through Sunday, March 12**

**For Women: Friday, March 17 through Sunday, March 19**

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*. For full details and to register for a weekend, visit [stfrancis.ws](http://stfrancis.ws).



### MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CRAFTSMAN CLUB

8:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturday, March 18  
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, visit [lansingcatholic.org/craftsmanship](http://lansingcatholic.org/craftsmanship).

### POST-ABORTIVE DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING

9: 30 am to 1:30 pm on the Saturdays of  
March 18 • April 15 • May 20

This opportunity for post-abortive healing and reflection through prayer includes Mass, reflection, journaling, tools for healing, adoration, lunch, and small group sharing. There is no charge to attend, and all good-will donations will go to covering program expenses. Sponsored by Entering Canaan, Brighton, their team walks together in prayer and fellowship with those on their journey from the emotional and spiritual pain suffered from abortion to the freedom of God's mercy, forgiveness, and healing. To learn more and for specific location information, contact Eileen Craig at 810-373-2966 or [eimcraig@mercytherapy.net](mailto:eimcraig@mercytherapy.net).

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER UPCOMING RETREAT WEEKENDS

March 24 through 26 in Saginaw  
April 14 through 16 in Grass Lake

Visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call 517-667-0433 for details and to apply for you and your spouse to attend a life-changing weekend.

### WOMEN'S FIAT DISCERNMENT RETREAT

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

This beautiful weekend is for women ages 18 to 35 who are seeking God's will for their life. Led by a team of consecrated sisters of various religious communities from Wichita, KS, registration fee of \$40 includes Mass, Adoration, Confession, spiritual direction, lodging, and meals. To learn more and register, visit [fiatministries.org/retreat-lansing](http://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.

### MARRIAGE AND THE BLENDED FAMILY RETREAT

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

*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](http://stfrancis.ws) to register.* Second marriage couples: come learn about the blessings and challenges that blended families encounter. This opportunity allows couples to focus things they may not have known about or discussed yet, and helps them plan how these will be addressed within their new family. All the facilitators have travelled this road so are uniquely equipped to help.



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# 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 during Mass the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend of the month and rotate through the 4 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