## Second Sunday of Lent

Let Your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in You. Responsorial Psalm

## March 04/05, 2023

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## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: We Pray For ...**

All Who Need Physical and Spiritual Healing, **Especially:** Michelle Allen Peter Allen Larry Avery MaryAnn Baer Frank Baldwin Robert S. Berman Dr. Charles Bethke Michalyn Bethke Robbie Bethke Warren Blackburn Matthew Boersma Carol Buiocchi Chuck Buiocchi Christine Campbell Aurora L. Convery

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Joyce Salsbury Renee Salyers Leanne Seguin David Showerman Kellie Soper John Stanowski Kim Stark Paul Stevens Wayne Thelen John Wood

Jeffrey Rostek

All Serving in Our Armed Forces

And The Repose of the †Soul of: †William Proctor

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. 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: LOOK FOR THE LENTEN BABY CRIB** at the front of the church (near the confessional room). There are tags attached listing items needed for **Shared Pregnancy** and **Hannah's House**. Be sure to return the tag with your donation. Please prayerfully consider how you can donate to these loving and caring ministries during this Lenten season.

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 who represents the Catholic Church**, contact Cheryl Williams-Hecksel by calling 888-308-6255 or emailing <u>cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org</u> 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.

**VISIT FORMED.ORG for free Catholic faith resources:** From films to movies, cartoons, and meditations, you will find great ways to grow in your faith for all ages!

## MARCH 06 TO MARCH 12, 2023

## FEAST DAYS, READINGS, AND INTENTIONS - YEAR A, CYCLE I

Monday, March 06 - Lenten Weekday Readings: Deuteronomy 9:4b-10 / Luke 6:36-38 8:30 am Mass <sup>†</sup>Keith Hall, *from Prayer Quilt Ministry* 

Tuesday, March 07 - Lenten Weekday / Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 / Matthew 23:1-12
8:30 am Mass <sup>+</sup>Carlos Rivera, from K. and I. Ebner

Wednesday, March 08 - Lenten Weekday / Saint John of God, Religious Readings: Jeremiah 18:18-20 / Matthew 20:17-28 6 pm Mass <sup>†</sup>Chuck Willems

Thursday, March 09 - Lenten Weekday / Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10 / Luke 16:19-31
8:30 am School Mass † Michael Wilkinson, from the Gagnon Family

Friday, March 10 - Lenten Wednesday / Fasting, Abstinence Readings: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 8:30 am Mass <sup>†</sup>Clair Gunn, *from E. and L. VanSteel* 

Saturday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday (Day) / Third Sunday of Lent Vigil (Eve) Daytime Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Vigil Readings: Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2. 5-8 / John 4:5-42 5 pm Vigil Mass †Jerry, †Lee, and †Mike Cvengros, from R. Cvengros

#### Sunday, March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42
8 am Mass The <sup>+</sup>Lawrence and <sup>+</sup>Susan Ott Family, *from J. Pirch Family*10 am Mass <sup>+</sup>Kathleen Sue Close, *from Deacon J. and R. Finn*5 pm Mass All People of Saint Martha

## **SACRISTANS AND LECTORS**

Saturday, March 11 - 5 pm S. J. and S. Saltzgaber L. J. Zalba, M. L-Krusky, *Volunteer* A.S. J. MacLachlan, J. O'Leary

#### Sunday, March 12 - 8 am S. J. and L. Collom

**L.** M. Fletcher, C. DeKoninck, B. M-O'Brien **A.S.** M. and A. Collom

Sunday, March 12 - 10 am S. TBD L. L. Nowak, M. Hakim, W. Otlewski A.S. L. and D. Criscuolo

Sunday, March 12 - 5 pm S. S. and L. Elias L. L. VanSteel, *Volunteer*, C. Patton A.S. M. Cole, B. Doak

## **EUCHARIST TO CARE HOMES**

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers Brookdale, Medilodge K. Schwaner

ICMCF Dobie B. and C. Buiocchi

## **ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS**

now through March 25/26 no altar flowers in observance of Lent

## THIS WEEK'S SAINTS TO LEARN MORE, VISIT <u>FORMED.ORG</u> AND <u>CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG</u>

Perpetua and Felicity 182 to 203; Canonized pre-congregation; Patronage butchers, mothers, pregnant mothers, ranchers; Carthage (now Tunisia), Catalonia (Spain)

John of God 03/08/1495 to 03/08/1550; Canonized 10/16/1690; Patronage book sellers, hospitals, nurses, the dying, the mentally ill

**Frances of Rome** 1384 to 03/09/1440; **Canonized** 1608; **Patronage** automobile drivers, widows; Benedictine oblates

### SECOND WEEK OF LENT

## **OTHER OFFERINGS**

Monday, March 06

8 am to 3:30 pm SMS
9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*4:30 pm FF:COTGS
6 pm BLC Choir Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, March 07

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

#### Wednesday, March 08

8 am to 3:30 pm SMS NO ICMCF Dobie Mass Noon Evangelization Committee 6 pm FF:1-6 6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. John* 6:30 pm Adoration 7 pm K of C General Meeting 7:20 pm Benediction

#### Thursday, March 09

8 am to 3:30 pm SMS; Choir 8,6;
9:15 am 6th to LCHS for Cinderella
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, March 10

8 am to 3:30 pm SMS
9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*2:30 pm SMS Stations *J. Collom*4 pm Fish Fry Prep
5 to 7 pm Fish Fry
7 pm Stations *Fr. John*

### Saturday, March 11

7:30 am Upper Room Men
9 am First Communion Retreat
10 am K of C Blood Drive
3:30 pm Reconciliation

#### Sunday, March 12

9 am FF:1-6 Whole Family after 10 am Mass Baptisms Congrats Rusch and Tippett families at 10 am Mass RCIA First Scrutiny 2 pm Parable Project 6 pm FF:HSYG



## FROM HALLIE CARD'S DESK:

The war in the Ukraine. The tragic shooting at Michigan State University. Father Mike's health issue and hospitalization.

These are a few examples of current events that have left us feeling many things - fear, concern, compassion, helplessness, etc. - and wondering, "What can I do? What action can I take? How can I help?"

Pray for the people of the Ukraine.

Pray for Michigan State University.

Pray for Father Mike.

Over the last few years, the phrase "thoughts and prayers" has gotten a terrible reputation. The complaint centers around the idea that "thoughts and prayers" is simply a 'band aid' statement and is not enough. Rather than prayer, people want action.

But we often forget that prayer IS an action. In fact, prayer is one of the most powerful actions we can do as humans. When we pray for people or for situations beyond our control, many things are accomplished. Prayer unites us with God and with each other. It forms a spiritual partnership between humanity and the Holy Spirit. By going to God with our prayer, we are placing our intentions in His loving hands and allowing God to be God.

Much like the men in the gospel that lowered their paralyzed friend through a hole in the ceiling so that he could be in the presence of Christ, we do the same with our petitions when we offer them to our Lord.

Make no mistake about it, praying for the needs of other people is far from a 'band aid'; it is an act of love, and it is from this act of love that blessings flow - blessings of peace, healing, inspiration, endurance, and compassion.

Pray for the people of the Ukraine.

Pray for Michigan State University.

Pray for Father Mike.

Pray. Pray. Pray.



#### **UPDATE ON FATHER MIKE**

Father Mike remains in the hospital and is continuing to make strides towards recovery. At this point, it looks like he will need to have a pacemaker put in place and will be out for a while. He needs his rest in order to heal, so we are asking for no visitors, please. Father Mike loves Saint Martha and wants to extend his deep gratitude for the prayers that are being lifted up on his behalf.

#### There will be an opportunity to sign a "Get Well" card after the Masses this weekend.



## 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD A DAY OF CONTINUAL ADORATION

Friday, March 17 beginning with 3 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and including 4 to 5 pm Reconciliation 7 pm Scriptural Stations 8 to 9 pm Reconciliation

Adoration throughout the night

Saturday, March 18

9 am Rosary for our Parish 10 to 11 am Reconciliation 11 am Divine Mercy Chaplet 2 to 3 pm Reconciliation 3 pm Benediction

Pope Francis has asked us to join him again this year for this powerful way of praying together as a universal Church. Stop in sometime during this 24 hours and spend time with our Lord in the most Blessed Eucharist. To commit to specific times, visit our website and click on 24 Hours for the Lord.

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## **HERE AT SAINT MARTHA:**

#### VISIT <u>ST-MARTHA.ORG</u> FOR MORE ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

## CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

4-Week Average \$16,891.25

Online Giving January \$49,282 February TD \$46,925

#### **In-Person Giving**

February 05 \$10,653 Maintenance \$0

**February 12** \$9,057 **Maintenance** \$70

February 19 \$11,270 Maintenance \$230

February 26 \$5,360 Maintenance \$40

## 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

## Do YOU NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? Call 517-394-2282 CATA Curb to Curb Discounts available for 62+ and ADA cardholders

## Visit <u>ST-MARTHA.ORG</u>

for a variety of ways to support us and for our full Calendar of 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 <u>apatton@st-martha.org</u> Cynthia Farnsworth, Secretary <u>cfarnsworth@st-martha.org</u> Contact Us 517-349-3322 • Office Hours Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

## **MATHCOUNTS!**

MATHCOUNTS is a national program whose mission is to increase enthusiasm for and enhance achievement in middle school mathematics throughout the United States. Our school has been participating in this event for several years, with students in our seventh and eighth grades representing Saint Martha School at the competition that was held at Michigan State University on Friday, February 3. Under the direction of Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Kempel, we prepare for the competition that requires us to use critical thinking skills to solve the very challenging math problem. This year our team placed fifth with Alex McBride being our high scorer! Another highlight of the field trip is lunch on campus. We are already looking forward to next year and making plans to improve our performance. Go Miracles!



## **FAITH FORMATION**

Jackie Rosalez, Director <u>jrosalez@st-martha.orq</u> Claudia Fountain, Youth Ministries cfountain@st-martha.orq

## To register your children for class, visit <u>st-martha.org/registration</u>

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

• Upcoming Classes in our Atrium: March 6, 13, (no class March 27)

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

- Upcoming Sunday Classes: March 5, 12 (Whole Family), 19, (no class March 26)
- Upcoming Wednesday Classes: March 8, 15 (Whole Family), 22, (no class March 29)
- 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: March 5, 19
- High School Youth Group Sundays from 6 to 8 pm.

• Contact Claudia with questions and visit our website for upcoming events!

## 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 with the exception of weekends during Lent (02/26 to 03/26). 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. 7 TO 8:30 PM IN OUR BLESSED SOLANUS ROOM ON THURSDAYS NOW THROUGH MARCH 23



MOTHER-SON BOWLING NIGHT 5:30 pm on Friday, March 10 at City Limits Bowling, Mason Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, and other special mom figures are invited to a fun evening of bowling that includes shoe rental, soda, pizza, and chips for \$20 per mom and

shoe rental, soda, pizza, and chips for \$20 per mom and \$15 per son. *Registration and payment is due by THIS Monday, March 6 to the School Office*. To register, visit st-martha.org/events/m&sbowling. JOIN US FOR THE PARABLE PROJECT! 2 pm on Sunday, March 12 in our Church This talented group of individuals uses drama, improv, and audience participation to bring alive





the stories we know well from the Gospels! All ages are welcome and there is no cost to attend. Come with hearts open and be transformed by God's message for you this Lent!



February 24 March 20, 17, 24, 31 in Saint Elizabeth Hall

visit <u>st-martha.org/fishfry</u> for full menu and prices scan this QR Code for ways you can volunteer to help





SPRING PRAYER CAMPAIGN 2023 Now through April 2 Full Information and Prayer Vigil Sign-Up at 40DaysForLife.com/Lansing

"BEFORE I FORMED YOU IN THE WOMB, I KNEW YOU AND BEFORE YOU WERE BORN, I CONSECRATED YOU." - JEREMIAH 1:5

## In the spirit of Saint Martha we invite you to join our Prayer Quilt Ministry

This ministry promotes the healing power of prayer through the gift of a handmade quilt. Quilts are offered to those that have asked for prayers of comfort or healing. Prayer quilts are tied with a heavy thread and each knot represents a prayer that was said for the person in need. Prayer quilts remind the recipient that God is there in the midst of their struggles, and that many people are praying for them. We like to say, *"It is not about the quilt; it is all about the prayers."* Quilting experience is not necessary to join this beautiful ministry, as there are many ways you can contribute your time and talent:

Add prayer ties into a quilt • Help piece together a quilt top • Hand sew a binding • Attach a label Donate cotton fabric, thread, or batting • Make a monetary donation • Pray for quilt recipients Meetings are held every other Thursday from 10 to 11 am in our Blessed Solanus Conference Room. To learn more, contact Mary Hall at kmmhall@aol.com or join us at one of our upcoming meetings - March dates are March 9 and March 23.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays from March 7 through May 23

6:30 to 8:30 pm in our Blessed Solanus Room

Come and find help, encouragement, and support and support after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. With questions and for more information, contact Lori Rasche at 517-449-3485 or <u>lorimr@aol.com</u>.

SHARE WE KNOW IT HURTS, AND WE WANT TO HELP.



## **SUPPORTING WOMEN AND BABIES IN NEED**

We want to define the post-Roe world as one that supports women in need. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 by Easter. Will you help us? If the answer is YES, and we hope it is, please see below on how to donate.

Checks should be made payable to: Okemos - St. Martha Council #10006

Memo: "Ultrasound Initiative"

GRIEF

#### Mail checks to:

Joe <u>Vermeesch</u> Treasurer – K of C Council #10006 4450 Oak Pointe Ct Okemos, MI 48864







6 to 8 pm in our Blessed Chiara Gym



LADIES: YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR CCW ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER! WEDNESDAY, MARCH15 6:45 PM IN OUR BLESSED SOLANUS CONFERENCE ROOM

Join us for a delicious assortment of soups, fellowship, and fun while we will hear about 'House Blessings' from our Director of Discipleship, Hallie Card.

Did you know that every woman at Saint Martha is an automatic member of our Council of Catholic Women - our CCW?!? We need your spirit, enthusiasm,

ideas, and creativity to enrich our council!





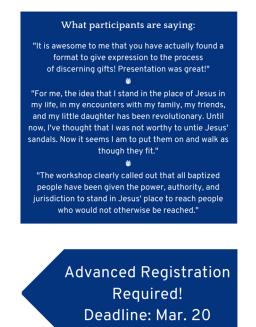
## St. Mary & St. Martha Parishes invite you to a Called & Gifted Workshop

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. You received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come discover the charisms He has given you!

The Called & Gifted Workshop includes: God's Call for Your Life - The Call of the Laity - The Role of the Holy Spirit -Spiritual Gifts Inventory - Discernment Process - Charisms in the Parish, Community & World

Saturday, March 25 at St. Mary Parish in Williamston, 9:30am - 4pm

Learn more & register: stmarywilliamston.org



## **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.)

BULLETIN DATE	DUE BY NOON	<b>BULLETIN DATE</b>	DUE BY NOON	BULLETIN DATE	DUE BY NOON
March 11/12	*past	April 01/02	March 13	April 22/23	April 10
March 18/19	March 06	April 08/09	March 13	April 29/30	April 17
March 25/26	March 13	April 15/16	March 27	May 06/07	April 24

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE: VISIT <u>DIOCESEOFLANSING.ORG</u> FOR THESE AND OTHER AREA EVENTS! For information on Vocations in the Diocese of Lansing, visit <u>lansingpriest.org</u>.

## THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA, 1597

from the Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"My daughter, your struggle will last until death. Your last breath will mark its end. You shall conquer by meekness."



## U.S. CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTHLY AWARENESS REFLECTION

All of us are consumers. Do you know the slave footprint that exists in the chain of work that it takes to create many of the products and food that we consume?

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## **ACROSS THE DIOCESE CONTINED ...**

## **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 Watza; Saint Patrick, Brighton

Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minster 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 Mary Luke Feldpausch; Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma

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

**CATECHISM IN A YEAR** with Father Mike Schmitz

To find the *Catechism in a Year* podcast, search your podcast app or visit ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish

## **PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

#### Coordinator of Communications at Saint Jude, DeWitt

If you have experience with media and marketing, this 19 hour a week position might be perfect for you! Visit dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers and scroll to *St. Jude Parish - DeWitt* to apply and for full details.

## LCHS PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS ROGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA 7 pm on March 3, 10, and 11 • 2 pm on March 4

at Lansing Catholic High School Auditorium, Lansing All ages are welcome! To purchase your tickets for just \$11 each, visit ticketor.com/lchsdrama.

## **ONE-DAY PILIGRIMAGE TO DETROIT** 7 am to 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 9

## departing from Saint Jude, DeWitt

The cost is \$75 and includes lunch, transportation, and a guided visit to the Blessed Solanus Casey Center and National Shrine of the Little Flower. For full details and to register, visit <u>stfrancis.ws/pilgrimage</u> to register.

## STEVE RAY: THE FOOTPRINT OF GOD 1:30 pm on Sunday, March 12 at Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson

You are invited to hear convert and author Steve Ray present *A Day in the Life of the Holy Family* and *The Pain of the Crucifixion* (warning: some details are graphic), followed by a reception. This event is free; no RSVP is needed.

## HEALING THROUGH THE EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION: A RETREAT FOR WOMEN 8 am on Saturday, March 18 at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo

This day begins with Mass and focuses on the Eighth Station of the Cross: Jesus Comforts the Weeping Women. Contact Ann Vrablic 517-812-3727 to register for \$25 including lunch.

## MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CRAFTSMAN CLUB

## 8:30 to 11:30 am on Saturday, March 18 at Lansing Catholic High School

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

## **POST-ABORTIVE DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING** 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on the Saturdays of March 18 • April 15 • May 20

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, contact Eileen at <u>eimcraig@mercytherapy.net</u>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter March 24 through 26 in Saginaw Visit <u>wwme.org</u> or call 517-667-0433 for more information.

## WOMEN'S FIAT DISCERNMENT RETREAT Friday, March 31 through Sunday, April 2 at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

This beautiful weekend is for women seeking God's will for their life. Register for \$40 including Mass, spiritual direction and more at <u>fiatministries.org/retreat-lansing</u>.



## **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  $2^{nd}$  full weekend of the month and rotate through the 4 Mass times. Preparation classes are held the  $2^{nd}$  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