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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
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Mike Cook
Terry Dinning
Brian M. Doak
Gilbert Elias
Emma Elias
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Jim Gregg
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Ralph Niles
Peter Noble
Ronnie Patoprsty
Sister Marie Pauline
Susan Peters
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Judi Pressick
Cecilia Roccos
Jeffrey Rostek
Joyce Salsbury
Renee Salyers
Leanne Seguin
David Showerman
Kellie Soper
John Stanowski
Kim Stark
Paul Stevens
Wayne Thelen
John Wood

All Serving in Our Armed Forces

And The Repose of the †Soul of:
†All our deceased loved ones

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 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.

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!

Feast Days, Readings, and Intentions - Year A, Cycle I

Monday, March 20 - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
8:30 am Mass †Daniel Gunn, *from E. and L. VanSteel*

Tuesday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday
Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 / John 5:1-16
8:30 am Mass †All the Souls in Purgatory, *from M. Siminski*

Wednesday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday
Readings: Isaiah 49:8-15 / John 5:17-30
6 pm Mass Special Intentions of Bishop Steven Chow, *from L. Harrison*

Thursday, March 23 - Lenten Weekday / Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Readings: Exodus 32;7-14 / John 5:31-47
8:30 am School Mass †Maria Zborowska, *from P. Kazmierski*

Friday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday / Abstinence
Readings: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
8:30 am Mass †Chuck Willems

Saturday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord (Day) / **Fifth Sunday of Lent Vigil (Eve)**
Daytime Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38
Vigil Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45
5 pm Vigil Mass †Carolyn Stasa, *from M. Ferrigan*

Laetare Sunday, March 26 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45
8 am Mass All People of Saint Martha
10 am Mass †Jeanette Kearney Maxwell, *from A. and S. Kearney*
5 pm Mass †Angelo Perazza, *from S. and A. Readett*

Sacristans and Lectors

Saturday, March 25 - 5 pm
S. D. and L. McAlvey
L. J. Hessinger, *Volunteer,* M. L-Krusky
A.S. M. and M. Johnston

Sunday, March 26 - 8 am
S. T. and S. O'Dea
L. C. DeKoninck, M. Fletcher, M. Finelli
A.S. A. and A. Miller

Sunday, March 26 - 10 am
S. J. and K. Ault
L. M. Hakim, T. Muncie, *Volunteer*
A.S. A. Gjidoda

Sunday, March 26 - 5 pm
S. J. and P. Riley
L. C. Patton, L. VanSteel, I. Stines
A.S. B. Doak

Eucharist to Care Homes

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge M. Ferrigan

ICMCF Dobie M. Fletcher, D. Ianni

Altar Flower Sponsors

March 25/26
no altar flowers in observance of Lent

April 01/02
both arrangements available

Dedications for 2023 are available for $80 each. To schedule dates, visit IvyLynn in our Parish Office during weekday business hours.

Free Catholic Faith Resources

Sign up at formed.org/signup
Search by Zip 48864
Choose Saint Martha, Okemos
Enter your info
Click the link they email you and enjoy!

This week's formed.org recommendation
Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession at watch.formed.org/forgiven This 9-episode series explores the grace and healing offered in Confession, using Scripture and a step-by-step examination of the Sacrament itself.

Other Offerings

Monday, March 20
8 am to 3:30 pm SMS*; pajamas or comfy free dress*
9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*
4:30 pm FF:COTGS

Tuesday, March 21
8 am to 3:30 pm SMS
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, March 22
8 am to 3:30 pm SMS*; report cards posted*
2 pm CCW Board Meeting
6 pm FF:1-6
6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. John*
6:30 pm Adoration
7 pm K of C Officer's Meeting
7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, March 23
8 am to 3:30 pm SMS*; choir 8,4*
9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*
10 am Prayer Quilt Open Sew
5 pm Girl's Volleyball Practice
7 pm The Search
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7 pm Education Commission

Friday, March 24
8 am to 3:30 pm SMS*; Spirit Wear free dress*
9 am Reconciliation *Msgr. Reilly*
2:30 pm SMS Stations *J. Collom*
4 pm Fish Fry Prep
5 to 7 pm Fish Fry
7 pm Stations *Fr. John*

SMS and FF Spring Break from March 25 through April 2

Saturday, March 25
7:30 am Upper Room Men
9:30 am to 3 pm Church Closed *for private wedding*
3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. John*

Sunday, March 26
9 am NO FF
at 10 am Mass RCIA 3rd Scrutiny
11 am MSYG-HSYG Consecrated Vocations Presentation *in church*

From Father Mike's Desk:

As I've said to some of you, the recent outpouring of support, encouragement, and -- most importantly, by far -- prayer has been absolutely wonderful and deeply humbling. The February 24 episode at the MAC was bad -- some good people had to work hard to get my heart beating again, and the aftermath includes both a surgically implanted pacemaker and some strong drugs to which I still must become accustomed. I'm physically back at the rectory and certainly am looking forward to resuming my role in the life of this wonderful parish. But it still will be a while before you see much of me.

By God's mercy, you can give praise and thanks for a Lent less interesting than mine. Yet each of us, in our own fashion, is moving ahead through Lent, approaching the mercy of the Cross and the glory of the Resurrection. I hope that each of us has taken the opportunity for quiet reflection on how elements of Prayer, Fasting, and Alms-Giving can be built into our Lent.

Before my recent adventure, I offered a few Lenten suggestions. Certainly daily Mass and some slow reading of Scripture (*lectio divina*) can enhance our prayer. Or we can pledge a short period at the beginning of each day to offer to the Lord the blessings and challenges that lie ahead. We can fast from chocolate or bacon, of course, but perhaps the Lord is calling us to gain greater control over a non-food aspect of life (a fast from political "news"? a daily break from checking the phone?). With regard to alms, there are myriad ways in which our time, talent, or treasure can better be shared with those around us.

As everyone knows, Lent began on Ash Wednesday. It's sometimes said, though, that Lent really begins the first time we are seriously tempted to stray from our intended Lenten observances. So, by now, we've all had several chances to stumble. And, if we have, then we've had several chances to get back up.

As we think back to the familiar readings of Ash Wednesday, we recall their power and beauty. In some ways, though, the first reading of the following day (the Thursday after Ash Wednesday) can guide our Lent, just as it can guide our efforts to live the Christian life.

The passage is Deuteronomy 30:15-20. It begins with Moses telling the people, *Today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and doom.* After explaining the blessings that come from loving God and neighbor, and the travails that always accompany an unruly life, Moses continues with these familiar words, *I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life ...*

When we encounter this passage, we normally -- and properly -- understand it as a call to protect the unborn, the elderly, the weak, the vulnerable. But the Lord, speaking through Moses, has something else to say to us, as well.

Just as we cannot learn any particular truths unless we understand that there really is such a thing as Truth (we don't just get to make things up and declare them to be "our truth"), likewise we can't make good choices unless we understand that a satisfying, productive life is the product of real and consequential choices.

We sometimes reflect on the words of the great Italian Catholic philosopher, Lawrence "Yogi" Berra, who famously said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." So often, we are tempted instead to just pause at the break in the path, clinging to both possibilities. But we must choose.

Bishop Robert Barron memorably made this point about the Christian life in the very opening sentences of his masterful video series, *Catholicism*. The first thing Bishop Barron said, before launching into many hours devoted to the richness of the life of Christ and of His Church, was that Jesus Christ requires a choice. He cannot be dismissed as a gentle sage, a folksy peacemaker. He either was God incarnate, as He claimed, or He was a charlatan who got all His friends killed for nothing.

With a good portion of Lent still ahead of us, perhaps we can reflect on that fundamental and eternal choice. Is Jesus Christ the Lord of my life? Is He the Lord of my home? If so, then our Lenten choices -- and all our life choices -- begin to come into clearer focus!

Again, thanks for the prayers. I need to go slower than is my custom and desire -- for this one, I do need to listen to the doctors. But I'm working my way back.

Blessings on each of you!

frmike

To schedule, 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). There are Masses available to be scheduled for the living or †deceased from January through June of 2024, for $10 per Mass.

Here at Saint Martha:

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

Contribution Summaries

4-Week Average
$18,846.51

Online Giving
February $49,045
March TD $15,639

In-Person Giving

February 19 $11,270
Maintenance $230

February 26 $5,360
Maintenance $40

March 05 $7,296
Maintenance $20

March 12 $6,529.02
Maintenance $0

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

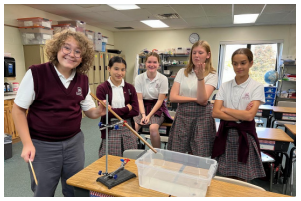
Visit
st-martha.org
for a variety of ways to support us and for our full Calendar of events and services.

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 *apatton@st-martha.org*
Cynthia Farnsworth, Secretary *cfarnsworth@st-martha.org*
Contact Us 517-349-3322 • **Office Hours** Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Science Update with Mr. Quintus!

Our fourth graders are currently raising a few mealworms in their groups to observe their larval stage, pupation, and complete metamorphosis. This is part of a unit on environments where we learn about animals' interaction with their surroundings. Our work includes making regular observations with drawings along with studying animal needs. In our unit on earth and weather, our fifth grade has been testing and observing how air gets warmed up by the earth underneath it and how heat transfer works through radiation, conduction, and convection. To do this, we have to observe and record how light heats up earth using experiments visualizing convection and conduction. Our sixth graders just finished a unit on metabolism. We learned what nutrients a body needs and how they are metabolized. By using a computer simulation, we were able to diagnose what kind of metabolic disease an imaginary patient had. We also determined whether an athlete used illegal doping to his advantage in a race. In a unit on chemical changes, our seventh graders turned detectives and revealed who stole a diamond from a museum. We used their scientific skills to determine which suspect could have produced the chemicals that were found at the crime scene. On our way to acquiring these skills, we learned about the basics of chemistry: substances, compounds, and chemical changes. Our eighth graders are knee-deep in our study of natural selection and the history of evolution. By using computer simulations, we explored how traits can be adaptive or non-adaptive and how adaptive traits can become more numerous in a population. A week ago we embarked on a journey that takes us through the history of evolution, at the end of which we have to write a paper arguing whether a fossil is closer related to a bird or a crocodile. We will see!



Faith Formation

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

To register 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
- ***Upcoming Classes in our Atrium:*** *March 20, (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 19, (no class March 26)*
- ***Upcoming Wednesday Classes:*** *March 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 19*

High School Youth Group Sundays from 6 to 8 pm.
- Contact Claudia with questions. Check out our website and this bulletin for upcoming events!

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 lorimr@aol.com.

GRIEFSHARE

WE KNOW IT HURTS, AND WE WANT TO HELP.

FISH FRY–DAYS

Fridays in Lent

5 to 7 pm

in Saint Elizabeth Hall

for full menu and prices, visit st-martha.org/fishfry

Scan this QR Code for ways you can volunteer to help

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL EASTER FLOWER SALE ORDER FORM

Help support our Saint Martha St. Vincent de Paul Society serve people in need.

Purchase fresh potted flowers from Hyacinth House For Pick Up at Saint Martha

Easter Lily 4 Stems - 8" Pot $25 Each x ____ Total $ _____ Azalea - 6" pot $24 Each x ____ Total $ _____

Hyacinth - 6" pot $13 Each x ____ Total $ _____ Tulips - 6" pot $13 Each x ____ Total $ _____

Donate fresh potted flowers from Hyacinth House For the Altar

Easter Lily 4 Stems - 8" Pot $25 Each x ____ Total $ _____ Tulips - 6" pot $13 Each x ____ Total $ _____

Hyacinth - 6" pot $13 Each x ____ Total $ _____

In memory/honor of _____

Purchase Christians GreenHouse Gift Cards

$25 Gift Cards $25 Each x ____ Total $ _____ **Total dollar amount of order $** _____

Sales end on Monday, March 27 at 10 am

Make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society

and deliver to Saint Martha Parish's Office during weekday business hours or put in one of the safe's at the back of the Church

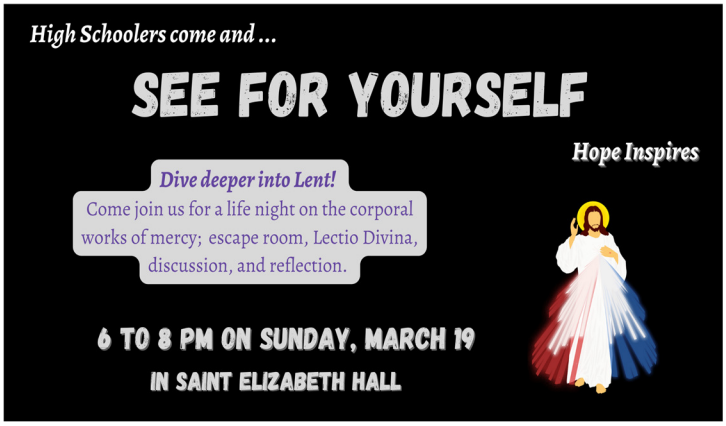
OR Order online at www.st-martha.org or by scanning the QR Code below with your smartphone's camera

Flower Pickup is in our Blessed Chiara Gym on Palm Sunday Weekend (following three Masses):

Saturday, April 1 at 6 pm • Sunday, April 10 at 9 am and 11 am

Full Name for Order _____

Email _____ Phone _____



St. Mary & St. Martha Parishes invite you to a

Called & Gifted Workshop

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

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

Learn more & register: stmarywilliamston.org

Advanced Registration Required! Deadline: Mar. 20

SUPPORTING WOMEN AND BABIES IN NEED: The K of C Councils from Saint Martha along with Saint Thomas and Saint Mary, Williamston comprise the Michigan Knights of Columbus District 517

Together they are working to purchase a brand new, state-of-the-art 4D ultrasound machine to be used at the Cristo Rey Community Center's Health Center in Lansing to provide information, counseling, and support for pregnant women in choosing life for their unborn child. This project has the support of the pastors of all three parishes. Our goal is to raise $25,000 by Easter. Will you help us? **Make checks payable to *Okemos - Saint Martha Council #10006* with *Ultrasound Initiative* on the memo line, then mail to *Joe Vermeesch, Treasurer - K of C Council #10006, 4450 Oak Pointe Ct, Okemos MI 48864*.**

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	BULLETIN DATE	DUE BY NOON	BULLETIN DATE	DUE BY NOON
March 25/26	**past*	**April 15/16**	*March 27*	**May 06/07**	April 24
April 01/02	*March 13*	**April 22/23**	April 10	**May 13/14**	May 01
April 08/09	*March 13*	**April 29/30**	April 17	**May 20/21**	May 08

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

THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA, 1628

from the Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"It is not always within your power to control your feelings. You will recognize that you have love if, after having experienced annoyance and contradiction, you do not lose your peace, but pray for those who have made you suffer and wish them well."

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 Dominic Schoenle; Christ the King, Ann Arbor

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

Emily Mattson; Discerner of Religious Life

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

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS, FEAST

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT FORMED.ORG

Joseph late BC to 1st Century AD; **Canonized** pre-congregation; **Patronage** accountants, attorneys, bursars, cabinet and furniture makers, carpenters, cemetery workers, children, civil engineers, confectioners, craftsmen, educators, emigrants, exiles, families, fathers, grave diggers, happy and holy death, hesitation, house hunters, immigrants, interior souls, joiners, laborers, lawyers, married people, orphans, people in doubt, people fighting Communism, pioneers, pregnant women, social justice, solicitors, teachers, the dying, the sick, travelers, unborn children, wheelwrights, workers; Catholic Church

Turibius 11/16/1538 to 03/26/1606; **Canonized** 12/10/1726; **Patronage** native rights, scouts; Latin American bishops; Lima (Peru), Peru, Valladolid (Spain)

Annunciation of the Lord solemnity of the archangel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary of her conception with Jesus

AQ Come and See Day!

Saturday, March 25
at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids

High School students and their families are invited to explore the opportunities AQ has to offer! Details and registration are available at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

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 fiatministries.org/retreat-lansing.

Preparation for Easter Evening

6 to 9 pm on Monday April 3
at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

The Notre Dame Club of Lansing presents this powerful evening with Father Mike Kuchar that includes Mass, a period of reflection, and dinner for just $15 per person. RSPV to ndlansing@alumni.nd.edu.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

April 14 through 16 in Grass Lake
September 28 through October 01 in Petoskey

Visit wwme.org or call 517-667-0433 to apply for a weekend that will encourage and strengthen your marriage!

Post-Abortive Day of Prayer and Healing

9:30 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday, April 15
9:30 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday, 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 eimcraig@mercytherapy.net.

Lifesavers Celebration and Fundraiser for Shared Pregnancy Women's Center

6:30 to 8:30 pm on Thursday, April 20
at the Grand Ledge Opera House, Grand Ledge

This family friendly evening includes ice cream, children's activities, and a virtual silent auction from Noon on Monday, April 17 through the close of the event. ***To contribute to the silent auction, deliver items to Shared Pregnancy's downtown office (831 N Washington Ave, Lansing) by Friday, April 7.*** Visit sharedpregnancy.org to learn more about this wonderful organization and this fundraiser.

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 is required for all prospective remarriage couples; speak with your marriage prep coordinator then visit stfrancis.ws. Second marriage couples: come learn about the blessings and challenges that blended families encounter including things you may not have known about or discussed yet. Facilitators have all travelled this road so are uniquely equipped to help.

Forged: A Retreat for Boys Age 13 to 16

June 12 through 14
at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

This adventure retreat teaches important outdoor skills such as plant identification, how to pitch a tent, and how to start a proper campfire. Challenging and entertaining talks will center around the lessons learned from male role models, importance of creating genuine friendships between guys, the need for authentic Catholic gentlemen in our society, and how respect for women. Mass will be celebrated daily with the opportunity for Adoration. Participants will also chop their own firewood, prepare meals, cook over a fire, learn knife skills and how to start and operate a tractor, and will participate in an Orienteering event. The cost is $250 each and includes a basic survival kit for them to keep. Full details and registration is available at stfrancis.ws/forged.

Michigan Hiking and Rafting Pilgrimage for Young Adults Ages 18 through 39

7:30 pm on July 21, through Noon on July 23
at Cheboygan State Park on Lake Huron

This two night camping pilgrimage experience is a great opportunity to meet new friends while growing closer to God! Saturday begins with a 10-mile hike on the North Central Trail culminating with a Eucharistic procession to the Shrine of the Cross in the Woods, followed by 2 hours of rafting on the Sturgeon River then returning to camp for dinner. There will be Mass both mornings and meals for all of Saturday and breakfast Sunday are included. You are responsible to bring your own sleeping gear and tent, as well as provide your own transportation, snacks, beverages, and dinner for Friday evening. Registration is just $85 per person and is due by July 1 at eventbee.com/v/pilgrimage2023#/tickets.

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 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 2nd full weekend of the month and rotate through the 4 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