FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

Responsorial Psalm

March 25/26, 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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Jackie LaViolette Rae Leece Karah Lev John Llewellyn Paul Loconto Jean Lynch Ken Malkowski Patricia Marrack Joseph Martyka Maureen McKelvey Mike McNeely **Ralph Niles** Peter Noble Ronnie Patoprsty Sister Marie Pauline Susan Peters **Bob Pichev** Lawrence Prijoles Judi Pressick

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

Cecilia Roccos

All Serving in Our Armed Forces

And The Repose of the †Soul of: †Matthew O'Daniel

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.

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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 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 27 TO APRIL 02, 2023

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

Monday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday Readings: Deuteronomy 3:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / John 8:1-11 8:30 am Communion Service ⁺Fernando Rivera, *from L. and M. Novis*

Tuesday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 / John 8:21-30 8:30 am Mass +Chuck Willems

Wednesday, March 29 - Lenten Weekday Readings: Deuteronomy 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / John 8:31-42 6 pm Mass †Bill Cleary, from M. Plogman

Thursday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday Readings: Genesis 17:3-9 / John 8:51-59 8:30 am Mass †Shirley VanSteel, from E. and L. VanSteel

Friday, March 31 - Lenten Weekday / Abstinence
Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13 / John 10:31-42
8:30 am Mass ⁺Father Jon Wehrle, from V. Smith and C. Rynbrandt

Saturday, April 01 - Lenten Weekday (Day) / Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Vigil (Eve) Daytime Readings: Ezra 37:21-18 / John 11:45-56 Vigil Readings: Matthew 2:1-11 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 5 pm Vigil Mass †Bertine Ann Thelen, from J. and T. Nelson

Palm Sunday, April 02 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Readings: Matthew 2:1-11 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Matthew 26:14 - 27:66
8 am Mass †Deceased Members of the †R. and †M. Wood Family, from J. Wood
10 am Mass All People of Saint Martha
5 pm Mass Special Intentions of the Pohl Family, from C. and B. Buiocchi

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

Saturday, April 01 - 5 pm S. M. Siminski L. J. Matuszak, M. L-Krusky, J. Zalba A.S. E. and N. Jungwirth

Sunday, April 02 - 8 am S. G. and J. Ianni L. M. Fletcher, S. O'Dea, Volunteer A.S. L. and D. Criscuolo

Sunday, April 02 - 10 am S. D. and J. Morgan L. D. Ianni, L. Nowak, C. Flammini A.S. G. and A. McBride

Sunday, April 02 - 5 pm S. H., B., C. Walton L. A. Readett, C. Wilkins, M. Werner A.S. M. Cole, H. Cruz

EUCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers Brookdale, Medilodge S. O'Dea ICMCF Dobie K. Wood, J. Lenz

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

Palm Sunday April 01/02 both arrangements still available

Easter Sunday April 08/09 In Loving Memory of †Gerri Armstrong, from the Armstrong Family (1) arrangement still available

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.

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

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

OTHER OFFERINGS

SMS AND FF ON SPRING BREAK THROUGH APRIL 01

Monday, March 27 NO SMS NO Reconciliation NO FF:COTGS 6 pm BLC Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 28

NO SMS 9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ploof* 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 29

NO SMS NO FF:1-6 6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Byers* 6:30 pm Adoration 7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, March 30

NO SMS9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Irish*5 pm Girl's Volleyball Practice7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 31

NO SMS 9 am Reconciliation *Fr. Cassar* 2:30 pm Stations *Dcn. Carl* 4 pm **Final* Fish Fry Prep 5 to 7 pm **Final* Fish Fry 7 pm Stations *J. Collom*

Saturday, April 01

7:30 am Upper Room Men 3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Byers* after 5 pm Mass Easter Flower Order Pick-Up

Palm Sunday, April 02

after 8 am and 10 am Masses Easter Flower Order Pick-Up after 8 am and 10 am Masses Donuts sponsored by 50-Up Club and Pastoral Parish Council 9 am FF:1-6 11 am StVdP Open Meeting 6 pm FF:7-9 parent/student class for 8; HSYG

FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK:



As you would suppose, our Saint Martha School is fully accredited, the accreditation is good for a period of time (five years), and there is a process for a school to renew its accreditation.

This year (2023) was the year for re-accreditation. Basically, the process begins the previous year (2022), when the school undertakes a detailed self-study. Toward the end of the process, a team of outside teachers and administrators comes for a two-day visit. There's a lot more, but you get the general idea.

This is actually a fairly rigorous process, and the visitation team digs deeply into all aspects of the school. Yet, to no one's surprise, this year's effort was successful, and the accreditation will be renewed.

But here's what seems important to share with you: The members of the visitation team, after completing their report, each offered a brief summary of what it was like to be here –

"Beautiful school, wonderful staff and very polite student body."

"St. Martha's is an amazing school. It is fantastic to see the connection between the school and parish. The entire staff is super welcoming and creating a sense of community. Seeing that the connection between the school and parish goes beyond just the pastor and principal and extends to all staff members. Kids were amazing and the school choir was tremendous. St. Martha's is an amazing school! The students are all so well behaved and engaged in their lessons. The entire staff was so welcoming and made the two days very enjoyable. Your school Mass was beautiful and your students are so musically talented."

"I appreciated the St. Joan of Arc quote on the wall, as well as many Divine Mercy posters in classrooms. It seemed that the students were very respectful and well-behaved. The school Mass was beautiful and the kids were super welcoming and friendly. The teachers were patient and yet firm. The leadership seems very well organized and well respected. The school was clean and well kept. I really loved how the gym teacher incorporated quotes from Pope Benedict into class."

"It was a pleasure visiting St. Martha School for these past two days. You have a beautiful learning community where a high level of faith, academic, and spiritual development is so evident. I enjoyed visiting classrooms and seeing the way the teachers interact with the students. I witnessed a high level of mutual respect, support, and love, which are foundational for learning. The students were engaged and expectations were clear and followed. The leadership team is strong and supportive and it is also evident that mutual respect and collaboration exists there as well. It was a joy to be there for these past two days. Keep up the incredible work and call of saving little souls for Christ!"

"Consistency of expectations was incredibly evident through the school. As a result of school-wide behavioral expectations, St. Martha's was calm, focused, and 100% of student time was spent engaged with learning."

"The process for science journaling was exceptional. All students in the class were writing rigorously for an extended period of time, using specific scientific vocabulary and referencing scientific processes. This is clearly a well-thought out and executed process."

"The partnership between the parish and school is exemplary for all. The teams are integrated in vision and spirit, and it is clear that St. Martha's parishioners, parents, and students are the benefactor of this shared intention to work together."

"We really enjoyed our visit! The atmosphere and learning environment is very peaceful, disciplined, orderly and positive. Students were all really well dressed, engaged and disciplined and seemed very happy and content. Teachers appeared to have a very solid rapport with students and students seemed to hold them in high regard."

"St. Martha School seems like a special place to attend school. Teachers were very welcoming and helpful. Thank you for your hospitality. Nice job!"

"The school is great at using the space they have. The classroom management is excellent through the whole school. I am impressed that violin lessons are offered and Spanish. Mass was beautiful and very enjoyable."

So be proud of this school. It serves our young families, but it absolutely serves the whole parish by helping accomplish the necessary work of spreading the love of Christ. Our parish is immeasurably stronger with a school of this high academic quality and Catholic faithfulness.

In today's disturbed culture, it is essential that every child has access to a solid Catholic education. And the education here at Saint Martha is amazing -- small class sizes, remarkably skilled and loving teachers, and a very affordable tuition structure.

If you have -- or know of -- a child who would benefit from a Saint Martha education, please understand that principal Andrea Patton would be happy to meet and explore the possibility.

Thank you, Saint Martha parishioners, for your support of this remarkable and Godly school!

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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 \$20,593.57

Online Giving February \$49,045 March TD \$45,333

In-Person Giving

February 26 \$5,360 Maintenance \$40

March 05 \$7,296 **Maintenance** \$20

March 12 \$6,529.02 Maintenance \$0

March 19 \$11,975.25 Maintenance \$875

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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

PRINCIPAL UPDATE FROM MRS. PATTON

The end of the third quarter is quickly approaching! Our school year has been successful with many of our activities and events returning in full swing. We continue to celebrate the academic success of our students with the NWEA Assessment class average results coming in above the national average once again. Our students have participated in many spiritual opportunities throughout the year. Along with daily morning prayer as school community and weekly Mass, we attend adoration on the first Friday of every month and gather to pray the rosary. Our 7th and 8th grades had the opportunity to partake in a spiritual retreat through Damascus ministries. All of our grades have participated in several service projects from collecting food to visiting local nursing homes. We pray daily for Father Mike's health and healing and look forward to his return. We had fun making him get well cards, and he really enjoyed hearing from them! As we begin the final quarter, there is much more planned to enhance the growth of our students academically, physically, social, and emotionally. We will participate in mileage club, attend field trips that immerse us in real life learning like the Inland Seas School Ship and Mackinac Island, continue to learn and practice virtues, and work hard to be successful.

If you are ready to learn more about what Saint Martha School has to offer your child, contact me - Mrs. Patton - to schedule a tour!



FAITH FORMATION

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

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: (no class March 27, April 10); April 3, 17, 24

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

• Upcoming Sunday Classes: (no class March 26, April 9); April 2, 16 (Whole Family), 23, 30

• Upcoming Wednesday Classes: (no class March 29, April 26); April 5, 12 (Whole Family), 19 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: April 2, 16

High School Youth Group Sundays from 6 to 8 pm.

• Contact Claudia with questions, and check out our website and 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.

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









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

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HERE AT SAINT MARTHA CONTINED ...

(nights of Columbus (onsecrated Vocations **Palm Sunday Weekend** Sunday, March 26 after all Masses after the 10 am Mass in our Blessed Solanus Conference Room Middle and High School students: **Tootsie Roll Drive** locations around town Join us for a talk on consecrated vocations with Father John Whitlock and Dawn Hausmann. Light refreshments will follow. Families of these students are also welcome! Support the annual campaign to help people with intellectual disABILITIES in our community



SUPPORTING WOMEN AND BABIES IN NEED: The K of C Councils from Saint Martha along with Saint Thomas Aquinas 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 Rev 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

and at various



Ultrasound Initiative on the memo line, then mail to Joe Vermeesch. Treasurer - K of C Council #10006, 4450 Oak Pointe Ct, Okemos MI 48864.

High School Seniors:

Did you know that our CCW has a Senior Service Scholarship Award?

For details, email stmarthaccw@gmail.com



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
April 01/02	*past	April 22/23	April 10	May 13/14	May 01
April 08/09	*past	April 29/30	April 17	May 20/21	May 08
April 15/16	March 27	May 06/07	April 24	May 27/28	May 15

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, 83

from the Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"Write this: before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens ..."



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 Joseph Kelly; Saint John the Baptist, Ypsilanti

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



Rosemary Battle; Privately vowed and 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 Rosemary in her discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Again Jesus said, "Simon, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." – JOHN 21:16

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THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAY: TO LEARN MORE, VISIT FORMED.ORG

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: this last Sunday of Lent and beginning Holy Week, it commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem; to help us remember His joyous entrance including the palms that worshippers fanned Jesus with and laid at His feet, we begin each Mass by listening to the narrative of that Gospel then processing into the church with our own blessed palms

PREPARATION FOR EASTER EVENING 6 pm on Monday April 3 at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

The Notre Dame Club of Lansing presents a powerful evening with Father Mike Kuchar including Mass, a period of reflection, and dinner for \$15 per person. *RSVP to <u>ndlansing@alumni.nd.edu</u>*.

WOMEN'S FIAT DISCERNMENT RETREAT NEXT Friday, March 31 through Sunday, April 2

at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt This beautiful weekend is for any young woman who wants

to deepen her identity as a woman and receive tools and encouragement to respond to God's will for her life. The \$40 registration fee including meals and materials, adoration, Mass, reconciliation, spiritual direction, and more. *Find full details and registration at fiatministries.org/retreat-lansing.*

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

For more than 50 years, WWME has helped couples in nearly 100 countries deepen their marriages with new ways to say and live the "I do," using teaching that stay faithful to the Church's definition of marriage. *To apply for one of these weekends that will encourage and strengthen your marriage, visit <u>wwme.org</u> or call 517-667-0433!*

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 <u>eimcraig@mercytherapy.net</u>.*

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 <u>sharedpregnancy.org</u> 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 <u>stfrancis.ws</u>. 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.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT SPEED DATING 6 pm on Friday, May 19 at IHM, Lansing

This is a fun way for young adults to meet other like-minded Catholics also discerning the vocation of marriage. The cost is \$15 and includes food, drinks, social hour, and speed dating. *Register online at https://2023may19dating.eventbee.com.*

FORGED: A RETREAT FOR BOYS AGE 13 TO 16 Monday, June 12, through Wednesday, June 14 at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

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

MICHIGAN HIKING AND RAFTING PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 THROUGH 39

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

This two night camping pilgrimage is a great opportunity to meet new friends while growing closer to God including a 10-mile hike culminating in a Eucharistic procession to the Shrine of the Cross in the Woods, 2 hours of rafting on the Sturgeon River, Mass both mornings, and all Saturday meals and breakfast on Sunday. You are responsible to bring your own sleeping gear and tent, as well as provide your own transportation, snacks, beverages, and dinner on Friday. *Visit* <u>eventbee.com/v/pilgrimage2023#/tickets</u> to register for \$85 each by Saturday, July 1.



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