

*"Hosanna
to the Son
of David;

blessed
is he
who comes
in the
name of
the Lord;

hosanna
in the
highest."*

Matthew 21:9b

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
APRIL 01/02, 2023

HOLY WEEK BEGINS



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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.

THANK YOU! FOR ALL OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL, GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR LENTEN BABY CRIB!

The babies and families are certainly blessed by our parish! The crib will be taken down this week. Regular donation bins are always at our church entrances. Thank you again, and may you and your families have a truly blessed Holy Week and Easter weekend!

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!

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: We Pray For ...

All Who Need Physical and Spiritual Healing, Especially:

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

We offer these prayers in the name of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU ...

Lost a loved one so we can add your family and their soul to our Prayers.

Are on the Sick / Prayer List and are now ready to be taken off.

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

Monday, April 03 - Monday of Holy Week

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7 / John 12:1-11

8:30 am Mass Intentions of the Gladki Family, *from L. Harrison*

Tuesday, April 04 - Tuesday of Holy Week

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6 / John 13:21-33, 36-38

8:30 am Mass †Chuck Willems

Wednesday, April 05 - Wednesday of Holy Week

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a / Matthew 26:14-25

6 pm Mass †August Kodrich, *from S. and A. Readett*

Holy Thursday, April 06 - Thursday of Holy Week

Readings: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-15

NO am Mass

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Intentions of the †Don W. Allen family, *from the Olsons*

Good Friday, April 07 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord / Fast and Abstinence

Readings: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 / Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 / John 18:1 - 19:42

NO am Mass

2:30 pm Liturgy of the Word

Holy Saturday, April 08 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Vigil (Eve)

Vigil Readings: Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 / Exodus 14:15 - 15:1 / Isaiah 55:1-11 / Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Romans 6:3-11 / Matthew 28:1-10

NO 5 pm Mass

8:30 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Mass All People of Saint Martha

Easter Sunday, April 09 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / John 20:1-9

8 am Mass †Robert J. Heath, *from his family*

10 am Mass †Father David Hudgins, *from L. Cottrell*

NO pm Mass

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

Holy Thursday, April 06 - 7 pm

S. T. and S. O'Dea

L. M. L-Krusky, S. O'Dea, L. Blatnik

A.S. N. and E. Jungwirth, A. and ? Obinwanne

Good Friday, April 07 - 2:30 pm

S. D. Hunter, M. Goldynia

L. L. Van Steel, A. Readett, M. L-Krusky, J. Zalba, S. Nowland

A.S. N., E. Jungwirth, R. Maluchnik, A. Collom

Holy Saturday, April 08 - 8:30 pm

S. E. and L. VanSteel

L. J. Rosalez, J. Smelser, D. Maluchnik, A. Patton, R. Lenz, H. Card

A.S. R. Maluchnik, H. Cruz, M. Cole, A. McBride, A. Collom

Easter Sunday, April 09 - 8 am

S. L. and C. Kendall

L. C. DeKoninck, B. M-O'Brien, S. O'Dea

A.S. C. Ingram, O. Zayko, *Volunteer, Volunteer*

Easter Sunday, April 09 - 10 am

S. TBD

L. C. Flammini, M. L-Krusky, L. Blatnik

A.S. E. and N. Jungwirth B. and A. Chesney, J. Shafer, H. LaForte

EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge S. Kostaroff

ICMCF Dobie J. Matuszak, M. Siminski

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

Easter Sunday

April 08/09

In Loving

Memory of †Gerri

Armstrong, from the Armstrong Family

one arrangement still available

Divine Mercy

Sunday April 15/16

both arrangements still available

OTHER OFFERINGS

Monday, April 03

8 am to 3:25 pm SMS

9 am Reconciliation *Fr. John*

4:30 pm FF:COTGS

6 pm BLC Choir Rehearsal

7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 04

8 am to 3:25 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, April 05

8 am to 3:25 pm SMS

6 pm FF:1-6

6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

6:30 pm Adoration

7:20 pm Benediction

Holy Thursday, April 06

8 am to 11:25 am SMS

Parish Offices Closed *for staff to attend DOL Chrism Mass together*

NO Reconciliation

9:15 am FOTS Mom's Group

11:45 pm Compline

Good Friday, April 07

NO SMS

Parish Offices Closed

NO Reconciliation

7 pm Stations *Dcn. Carl*

Holy Saturday, April 08

7:30 am Upper Room Men

8:30 am Blessing of Easter Food

9 am Ephphatha Rite

then Easter Vigil Rehearsal

NO Reconciliation

Easter Sunday, April 09

NO FF:1-6

at 10 am Mass BLC Choir

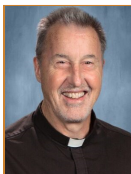
NO FF:HSYG

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Monday, April 10

NO SMS

Parish Offices Closed



FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK:

On this Palm Sunday weekend, we recall the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. He is lauded by all. The crowds are cheering. The people cut palm branches and lay them in the Lord's path. They even lay down their garments as a pathway for the Lord. It is the fullness of earthly glory!

Yet this glory won't last even a week. And already there are signs of how fragile this glory is. The Lord enters on a donkey, not on a mighty steed. He is not the conqueror of the Roman Empire, or even of this distant outpost of the empire. On this occasion, He makes no mighty pronouncements. He knows -- as few in the city can even imagine -- that He neither brings nor signifies anything other than Himself. As we shall see in a few short days, though, the Lord Himself is all that any person ever needs. To walk with the Lord, to grow into the person He created us to be, to be His friend in this world and always, is the entire and only purpose of life.

Sic transit gloria mundi. All things earthly -- the glorious or even just the satisfying -- are passing away. One might, to use a completely random example, be a recreational athlete seemingly in excellent health, working long days and thoroughly enjoying every part of life. Such a person might wake up one day in the hospital, facing an altogether different landscape, humbled to know that life was spared only through an incredible outpouring of prayer. The things of this earth are always passing away.

What abides is Christ. And only Christ. Consider the final verse of that beautiful hymn *In Christ Alone* --

*No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

This coming week, we reach the Triduum of the Lord, the richest and most moving liturgies of the entire year. If you have come in the past you know what I am talking about. If you have not come previously, please don't deny yourself the grace and the wonder of these beautiful times of worship.

Thursday evening, April 6, at 7:00 p.m., we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We recall the night that the Lord gave us the Eucharist, the priesthood, and His very Self. A little later in the evening, after the Last Supper, He would ask His disciples whether they couldn't keep watch with Him for just an hour. We can spare the time. Come and hear what the Lord has done for each of us!

The somber, yet hopeful, Good Friday liturgy is at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7. If you will be at work that day, consider whether you might be able to give blessed witness to others by standing up, and declaring that you are on your way to church. It is, after all, Good Friday.

Later on Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 p.m.

The only Mass on Saturday, April 8, is the Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m. Well into the night, the whole Church prays in anticipation of what the morning will bring. Though lengthy on the clock, this liturgy moves powerfully along through the multiple readings that outline all of Salvation History. Those entering the Church are Baptized and Confirmed. And together the people of God rejoice that Life wins. Death is vanquished. Our Faith, our Hope, and our Charity are grounded firmly in the One who is Christ and Lord!

On Easter Sunday morning, April 9, Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Note, however, that **there is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday** and that the parish is entirely closed on Easter Monday, April 10.

Blessings!

frmike

TO SCHEDULE THE FOLLOWING, VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING WEEKDAY BUSINESS HOURS:

MASS INTENTIONS provide a more prayerful offering for souls, and “contribute to the good of the Church and ... support its ministers and works”. (CCC 945 §2). There are 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 throughout 2023 for \$80 per arrangement.

HERE AT SAINT MARTHA:

VISIT ST-MARTHA.ORG FOR MORE ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

4-Week Average
\$16,980.32

Online Giving
February \$49,045
March TD \$55,249

In-Person Giving

March 05 \$7,296
Maintenance \$20

March 12 \$6,529.02
Maintenance \$0

March 19 \$11,975.25
Maintenance \$875

March 26 \$4,352.01
Maintenance \$65

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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.

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Contact Us 517-349-3322 • Office Hours Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

OUR PSO HOSTED A PARISH-WIDE MOTHER AND SON BOWLING EVENT
on Friday, March 3. We all had a great time at City Limits in Mason!



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:** April 3, (no class the 10th) 17, 24

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

- **Upcoming Sunday Classes:** April 2, (no class the 9th), 16 (Whole Family), 23, 30
- **Upcoming Wednesday Classes:** April 5, 12 (Whole Family), 19, (no class the 26th)

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 (no session on 9th)

- Contact Claudia with questions, and check out our website and bulletin for upcoming events!

High School Seniors:

Did you know that our
CCW has a \$1,500 Senior
Service Scholarship Award?

For details, email stmarthaccw@gmail.com



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YOU WERE BORN, I CONSECRATED YOU." - JEREMIAH 1:5*

Sponsored by
50-Up Club and
Parish Pastoral Council



DONUTS
AFTER MORNING
MASSES
THIS SUNDAY
APRIL 2

Knights of Columbus



Tootsie Roll Drive

THIS Weekend
after all Masses

and at various
locations around town

Support the annual campaign to help people with intellectual disabilities in our community

GRIEF SUPPORT: TUESDAYS THROUGH MAY 23

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

Come find help, encouragement, and support after the death of a loved one. With questions
and for more information, contact Lori Rasche at 517-449-3485 or lorimr@aol.com.



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JUNE 12 TO 16
9 AM TO NOON
CHILDREN 4 TO 10
\$10 EACH



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Search Zip 48864 ... Choose Saint Martha, Okemos ...
Enter your info ... Click the emailed link and enjoy!

Check out this week's recommendation:

Triduum: A spiritual pilgrimage watch.formed.org/lent/videos/triduum This contemplative documentary walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, giving us a deeper understanding of these events and places as we journey through Holy Week ourselves.

Easter Triduum at Saint Martha

HOLY THURSDAY
April 6

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
with the Washing of Feet



GOOD FRIDAY
April 7

2:30 pm Liturgy of the Word
7 pm Stations of the Cross



HOLY SATURDAY
April 8

8:30 am Blessing of Easter Food
9 am Ephphatha Rite
8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass



EASTER SUNDAY
April 9

8 am Mass
10 am Mass



THE IMPORTANCE OF WHOLE LIFE AS PART OF A RETIREMENT PLAN

7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 26, in our Blessed Solanus Room

Is retirement planning and income something that's on your mind, either now or down the road? You are invited to a LIVE Webinar from nationally-recognized retirement planning expert Jim Effner - someone who trains the experts! Visit <https://tinurl.com/KofCEffnerApril26>, by scanning the QR code above to register, or contact Brennan Hayden at 517-505-7300 or brennan.hayden@kofc.org. There will be beer, pizza, and childcare. *This event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.*



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 08/09	*past	April 29/30	April 17	May 20/21	May 08
April 15/16	*past	May 06/07	April 24	May 27/28	May 15
April 22/23	April 10	May 13/14	May 01	June 03/04	May 22

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

Slavery is not a relic of the past. It is alive today and generates billions of dollars while at the same time ruining the lives of those involved. Learn more about the evils of human trafficking and how you can help by visiting sistersagainsttrafficking.org.

THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA, 848

from the Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"Write down these words, My daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them."



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 William Ulmer; Saint Patrick, Brighton

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



Sister M. Evangeline Rutherford; Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration

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 M. Evangeline 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

MAKE ROOM AT YOUR TABLE

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT THROUGH ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

Take the **first step** in fostering
today by **making room at your table.**

Call STVCC's **Chicquita Cargor**, Foster Care Licensing
Supervisor, at **517.323.4734 ext. 1612** for more information.

HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT THIS FALL

Jose, from Ecuador, is Catholic and attends church regularly. He would like to come to the U.S. to study at a local high school in August. He will be a senior, has many interests, and prefers to have his own room. He states, *"First of all, I really like spending quality time with my loved ones, doing things such as going out to play sports, watching movies, cleaning the house, going on trips or just chatting. I also love to cook and help in the kitchen. I'm not saying that I'm the best cook, but I try my best ha-ha. I really like animals, and I love music and I play the Ukulele. I love learning about history, also health fields as I am thinking of studying to become a doctor."* If you would like to learn more about Jose and other students looking for exchange families, contact CIEE local rep. Pam Williams at either 517-927-7703 or teacherpam1@gmail.com. For more details on the CIEE organization, visit ciee.org/partner/hosts/host-families.

AN EVENING OF PREPARATION FOR EASTER

6 pm THIS Monday April 3

at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

The Notre Dame Club of Lansing presents a powerful night with Father Mike Kuchar that includes Mass, a period of reflection, and dinner for \$15. To RSVP your attendance, email ndlansing@alumni.nd.edu.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Friday, April 14 through Sunday, April 16

at Faholo Retreat Center, Grass Lake

Friday, August 11 through Sunday, August 13

at Holy Family Parish, Novi

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 teachings that stay faithful to the Church's definition of marriage. *To apply for one of these or other weekends that will encourage and strengthen your marriage, visit wwme.org 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 eimcraig@mercytherapy.net.*

THE MAN OF THE SHROUD: A SPECIAL EVENT

6:15 pm on Thursday, April 20

at Holy Spirit, Brighton

All are invited to this special evening with international Shroud of Turin expert Jim Bertrand presenting dynamic and fascinating evidence on the Shroud. No RSVP is necessary.

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 THIS Friday, April 7.* Visit sharedpregnancy.org to learn more about this wonderful organization and this fundraiser.

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.

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 eventbee.com/v/pilgrimage2023#/tickets to register for \$85 each by Saturday, July 1.



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 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



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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