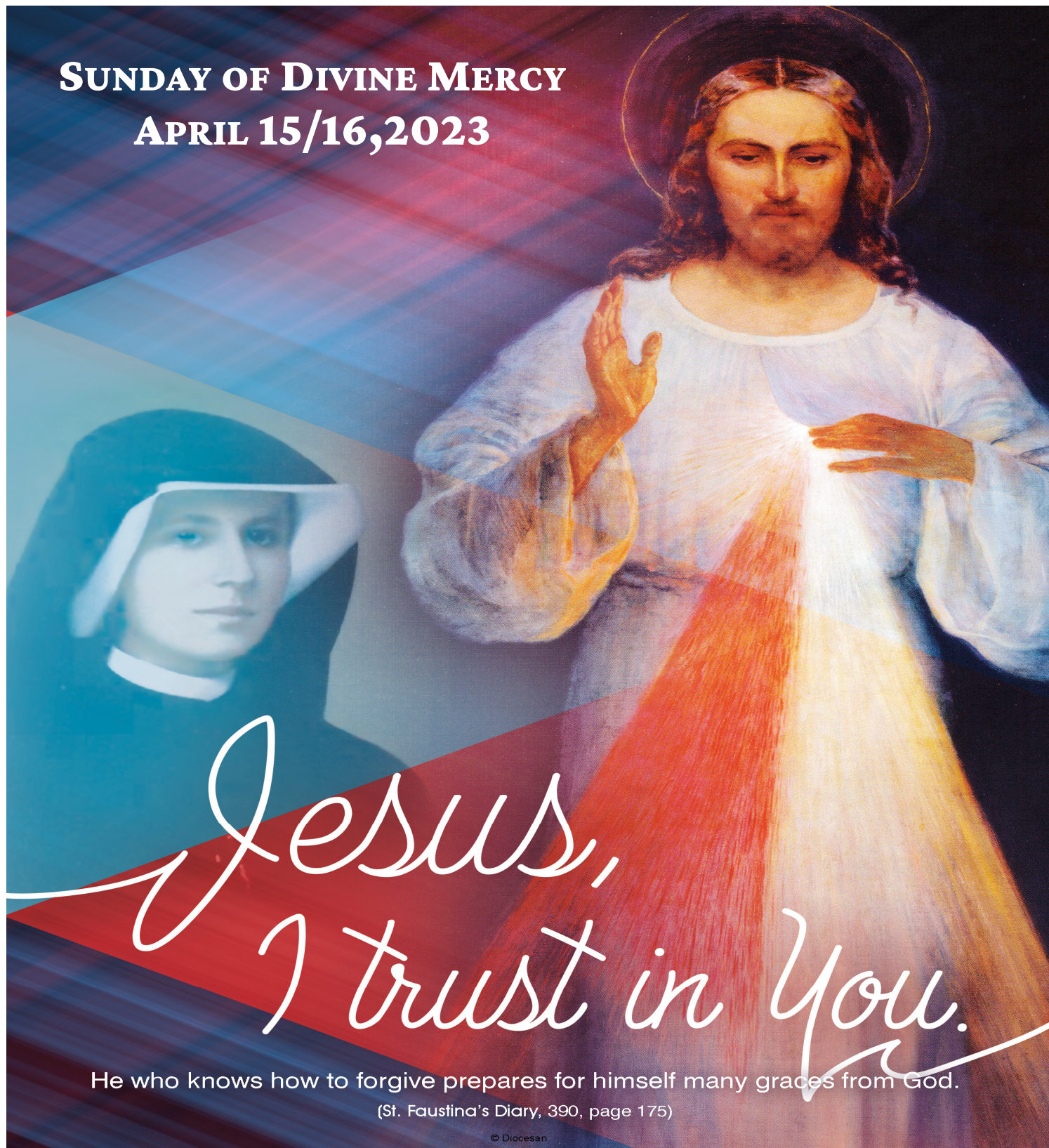


**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**  
**APRIL 15/16, 2023**



*Jesus,  
I trust in You.*

He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God.

(St. Faustina's Diary, 390, page 175)

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Michael Siminski and Frank Fortier

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH?

Then you are invited to attend RCIA classes beginning **this fall!** We are ready to inspire you with testimonies from Catholics of how and why they entered the Church, and to dive into the teachings of Scriptures with you, show you the Bible's relevance, and explore the amazing gifts of our Catholic Sacraments and Traditions! With questions, email Deacon Carl at [dcncarl@st-martha.org](mailto:dcncarl@st-martha.org).

## CCW WOMEN'S DONATIONS:

**SHARED PREGNANCY** is in need of infant washcloths and hooded towels; crib sheets; flannel receiving blankets; preemie and newborn footed sleepers; new or gently used umbrella strollers, bouncy seats, play mats, convertible car seats; new shower wash, lotion, and shampoo for moms; a full list is at [amazon.com/registries](https://amazon.com/registries) by searching for **SP Women's Center**. **HANNAH'S HOUSE** is in need of computer paper, address labels, ladies personal needs items, and general household items. **There are collection bins** at both entrances for your donations. For help with delivery and for donation of larger items, contact Liz Carls at 517-281-1451 or Soraya Nowland at 517-755-6909.

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## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: We Pray For ...

### All Who Need Physical and Spiritual Healing,

#### Especially:

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Peter Allen	Terry Dinning
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MaryAnn Baer	Emma Elias
Frank Baldwin	John Paul Erford
Robert S. Berman	Ruthanne Finn
Dr. Charles Bethke	Jackie Fortier
Michalyn Bethke	Chief Richard Freer
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Chuck Buiocchi	Raul Iznaga-Ponce
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	Norm Krohn
	Kristen Kubish
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	Rae Leece
	Karah Ley

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Patricia Marrack
Joseph Martyka
Maureen McKelvey
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Susan Peters
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Lawrence Prijoles
Judi Pressick
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Renee Salyers
Hal Schneider
Leanne Seguin
David Showerman
Kellie Soper
John Stanowski
Kim Stark
Paul Stevens
Wayne Thelen

### All Serving in Our Armed Forces

**And The Repose of the †Soul of:**  
†Gilbert Elias  
†Reagan Johnson  
†Father Jim Shaver

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

### PLEASE NOTIFY US IF ...

**A loved one has passed** so we can add your family and their soul to our Prayers.

**You 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 17 - Easter Weekday**

Readings: Acts 4:23-31 / John 3:1-8

**8:30 am Mass** †Catherine Downes, *from L. Harrison*

**Tuesday, April 18 - Easter Weekday**

Readings: Acts 4:32-37 / John 3:7b-15

**8:30 am Mass** †Sue Thelen, *from J. and S. Kostaroff*

**Wednesday, April 19 - Easter Weekday**

Readings: Acts 5:17-26 / John 3:16-21

**6 pm Mass** †Lilyan Bois, *from B. and J. Asmann*

**Thursday, April 20 - Easter Weekday**

Readings: Acts 5:27-33 / John 3:31-36

**8:30 am School Mass** †Chuck Willems

**Friday, April 21 - Easter Weekday / Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Readings: Acts 5:34-42 / John 6:1-15

**8:30 am Mass** †Diane, †Jeff, and †Scott Liskiewicz, *from C. and L. Rasche*

**Saturday, April 22 - Easter Weekday (Day) / Third Sunday of Easter Vigil (Eve)**

Daytime Readings: Acts 6:1-7 / John 6:16-21

Vigil Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35

**5 pm Vigil Mass** †Jeanne Schaberg, *from D. and B. Martell*

**Easter Sunday, April 23 - Third Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35

**8 am Mass** †Catherine Hanley, *from J. and N. Hanley*

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

**5 pm Mass** †Jeanne Schaberg, *from B. and S. King*

**SACRISTANS AND LECTORS**

**Saturday, April 22 - 5 pm**

S. M. Goldynia

L. J. Matuszak, J. Zalba, B. Martell

A.S. M. and M. Johnston

**Sunday, April 23 - 8 am**

S. J. and L. Collom

L. C. DeKoninck, M. Fletcher, M. Finelli

A.S. R. P-Arrendondo

**Sunday, April 23 - 10 am**

S. J. and K. Ault

L. C. Flammini, T. Muncie, *Volunteer*

A.S. G. and A. McBride

**Sunday, April 23 - 5 pm**

S. T. and M. Werner

L. I. Stines, M. Werner, C. Patton

A.S. B. and A. Chesney

**EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES**

**Willows of Okemos** R. Salyers

**Brookdale, Medilodge** M. Ferrigan

**ICMCF Dobie** C. and B. Buiocchi

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**Divine Mercy - April 15/16**

both arrangements available

**April 22/23**

both arrangements available

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10/04/1494; **Doctor of the Church** 1720

**OTHER OFFERINGS**

**Monday, April 17**

**8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS

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

**4:30 pm** FF:COTGS

**Tuesday, April 18**

**8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS

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

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

**6 pm** RCIA

**6:30 pm** GriefShare

**7 pm** K of C Special Meeting

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

**Wednesday, April 19**

**8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS

**6 pm** FF:1-6

**6:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**6:30 pm** Adoration

**6:45 pm** CCW Meeting

**7:20 pm** Benediction

**Thursday, April 20**

**8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS; *Mass 8,2*

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

**9:15 am** FOTS Mom's Group

**5 pm** Girl's Volleyball Practice

**Friday, April 21**

**8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS

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

**Saturday, April 22**

**7:30 am** Upper Room Men

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

**Sunday, April 23**

**9 am** FF:1-6

**at 10 am Mass** Baptism *Congrats Pahl family!*

**after 10 am Mass** Baptism *Congrats Chapman family!*

**6 pm** FF:HSYG

**6:15 pm** FF: Confirmation Rehearsal

**DSA 2023**

**Our Parish Goal**  
**\$114,503**

**Pledged/Paid To Date**  
**\$61,287.99 (54%)**



## FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK:

This weekend we come to the Sunday of many names -- the Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday within the Octave of Easter, Low Sunday, Thomas Sunday (because it's always the Gospel of Thomas and his questions), Quasimodo Sunday (from the old days -- the opening words of the Collect in Latin). And, more recently, as the wisdom of the Spirit moved Saint John Paul the Great, Divine Mercy Sunday.

At its core, Divine Mercy is obviously the unfathomable and incalculable mercy of Christ. Saint Faustina wrote movingly of it, and we get to share in receiving and spreading those graces as we pray the beautiful Chaplet of Divine Mercy over our families, friends, and world.

There are many other ways of formally acknowledging Divine Mercy, such as the prayer services held in many Catholic churches on this Sunday -- ours is down the road at Saint Mary Williamston from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Chaplet will be prayed and Reconciliation offered, during an hour of Adoration. And, as you know, that's the program every Wednesday evening here at Saint Martha, following the 6:00 p.m. Mass -- Adoration, Reconciliation, Chaplet.

Among the endless lessons of the Gospels is that Christ's ministry on earth was largely shaped by His desire to teach us by example. He taught and healed and shared and forgave and guided and loved so that we could learn how to teach and heal and share and forgive and guide and love. In the same way, He poured out mercy so that we could learn to be merciful, gentle, kind, patient with each other.

I spoke recently with a Saint Martha parishioner who is a foreign student working on a graduate degree at MSU. Like all of us, he was quite shaken by the tragic shootings at MSU. With some sadness, he recounted the difficulty of honestly sharing his thoughts and feelings with others on campus -- it appeared to him that, too often, as he tried to discuss the various aspects of the event, the listener would simply be waiting to hear him say something that would reveal him to be a liberal or a conservative. Like most of the thoughtful, prayerful people you know, this parishioner has nuanced views on a wide variety of issues, and his outlook doesn't fit neatly into any conventional category.

Increasingly, this seems to be an area in which our whole nation needs to learn mercy, gentleness, kindness, patience. Too often, on discovering that a person leans Left or leans Right on one issue, we leap to a whole raft of premature conclusions about the person. The beauty and strength of these United States is the immense variety of outlooks found across this great continent. The same must be said of the Church.

James Joyce famously described the Church in the phrase, "Here comes everybody!" As the largest organization of any kind on the face of the earth, the Catholic Church includes every sort of person, united only in the One who is our salvation -- Jesus Christ. All those who accept His Truth -- the dogmatic and moral teachings treasured by the Church through long ages -- are united with us in a profound way, regardless of their tastes in worship, devotion, or music.

We had a great opportunity to learn this lesson during Covid. Out of any hundred people, there were a hundred different degrees and expressions of caution. No matter where we fell on the scale, we always could see persons who were more cautious than us and persons who were less cautious. And the expressions of caution were all over the place. Personally, there were things that I was comfortable doing, but others were not. Conversely, I avoided certain things that I could see did not bother others. We were all over the place. And, as it turned out, none of us was definitively proven to have been right or wrong.

We continue to see the need for mercy within the Church. The recent dust-up over the Latin Mass is a perfect example. Some Catholics of good faith love the ancient beauty and soft reverence of the Latin Mass. Others are unmoved by it, and are entirely comfortable with the Novus Ordo (the Mass as it is prayed in nearly every Catholic church). Many, correctly recognizing that each is a source of eternal grace, attend both. Personally, I do not pray or attend the Latin Mass of my youth, but I entirely respect the choice of those who do.

Closer to home, we can enjoy our robust diversity as we receive the Eucharist. On the hand? On the tongue? Standing? Kneeling? The Lord loves all, and so should we. (As I mentioned some weeks ago, we're gonna give those who kneel a break, by putting a couple of small kneelers up in front.) The Church is such a rich treasury of styles. As we sometimes observe, the Heavenly census includes persons who prayed the Rosary daily and persons who almost never prayed the Rosary. In like manner, Heaven includes Fourth Degree Knights, and men who lived in solitude. Blessed be the God who made us all so different! ***In my Father's house, there are many rooms.*** John 14:2.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let's recommit ourselves to being patient and merciful with each other. Let's try harder not to place labels on individuals based on a couple things they may have said or done. Let's celebrate and cherish the amazing breadth of humanity, both in our nation and in our Church. Or, in the inspired words of Saint Augustine, so cherished by Saint John XXIII -- ***In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.***

Blessings!

frmike



## HERE AT SAINT MARTHA:

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### CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

**4-Week Average**  
\$20,680.57

**Online Giving**  
March \$61,074  
April TD \$13,861

**In-Person Giving**  
March 19 \$11,975.25  
Maintenance \$875  
March 26 \$4,352.01  
Maintenance \$65  
April 02 \$11,337  
Maintenance \$375  
April 09 totals will be included next weekend

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### KINDERGARTEN UPDATE WITH MRS. LAMKE!

We are learning how to read, and the progress that each of us has made since August is remarkable! This is due in part to the fantastic Superkids reading program that engages us. We are able to sound out simple words and have several "memory" words that we learned as well. The writing of simple words and sentences is developed at the same time as the sounds are learned. Time is spent each day writing simple words, breaking words apart and reading. All of the hard work that we have done is paying off!!



### 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 mid-February through June of 2024 for \$10 per Mass.

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

### FAITH FORMATION

Jackie Rosalez, Director [jrosalez@st-martha.org](mailto:jrosalez@st-martha.org)  
Claudia Fountain, Youth Ministries [cfountain@st-martha.org](mailto:cfountain@st-martha.org)

To register your children for class, visit [st-martha.org/registration](http://st-martha.org/registration)

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

- Upcoming Classes in our Atrium: April 17, 24

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

- Upcoming Sunday Classes: April 16 (Whole Family), 23, 30
- Upcoming Wednesday Classes: April 12 (Whole Family), 19, (no class April 26)

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 16; Confirmation rehearsal for CP2 students only April 23

High School Youth Group Sundays from 6 to 8 pm

- 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?

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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Our PPC is a consultative body of parishioners that seeks to assist the Pastor in promoting the spiritual, educational, and social welfare of the parish. The PPC meetings, including agendas and minutes, are open to all parishioners. Meetings are usually held bi-monthly. **The next meeting is planned for 5:30 pm on Thursday, May 4, in our Blessed Solanus Room.** Contact PPC Chair Lauren VanSteel at [lgvan@icloud.com](mailto:lgvan@icloud.com) to learn more about our PPC.

## 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](mailto:lorimr@aol.com).



WE KNOW IT HURTS, AND WE WANT TO HELP.



## 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](mailto:brennan.hayden@kofc.org). There will be beer, pizza, and childcare. *This event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.*



## OUR EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

### FINDING GOD IN THE MESS: A DINNER PRESENTATION WITH CATHRYN TORGERSO-WADE

6:15 pm Dinner followed by presentation pm on Saturday, May 6, in our Saint Elizabeth Hall

**Tickets are \$25 per person by Wednesday, April 19, then \$30 per person by Wednesday, April 26 • \$200 for a table of 8**  
Cathryn Torgerson-Wade is Director of Curriculum for the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan. She has a passion for helping people meet God through His Word, and falling in love with their Catholic faith. Just ask our parishioners who are students of the Catholic Biblical School about Cathryn's passion for teaching the Bible and the Catholic Faith! Plan to join us for fellowship and to hear her speak about the great love story of God in our lives. Tickets can be purchased at [st-martha.org/hfobctorgerson](http://st-martha.org/hfobctorgerson), or by filling out the form below and returning it with payment in full to the Church Office on weekdays (or you can put it in one of the offertory giving safe's at the back of the Church).



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NAME(S) OF THOSE ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Divine Mercy Sunday

Join us for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and worship!

Sunday, April 16

3pm - 4pm

St. Mary Church in Williamston

"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted - it increases."

-Jesus' words to St. Faustina,

Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul, 1273

## NOW REGISTERING: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



JUNE 12 TO 16

9 AM TO NOON

CHILDREN 4 TO 10  
\$10 EACH



### A 2023 FISH FRIED THANK YOU!

On behalf of the CCW and Knights of Columbus, we want to thank everyone who made our Fish Fry-days a success. The profits from the year are split between the two organizations and help to fund our projects. A particular thank you goes out to all who volunteered. We could not make this happen without the help of those who prepared the food all day Thursday, the men that cooked on Friday, the servers, our youth and teen helpers, and the many who stuck around after to clean or did the laundry. We are looking forward to putting on the "Best Fish Fry in North America" again next year! Thank you for your help. Sincerely, Kathy Wood and Don Morgan

### High School Youth Group April Schedule

Sunday, April 2  
6 to 8 pm

MOVIE NIGHT + TACOS

SAINT ELIZABETH HALL

Sunday, April 16  
6 to 8 pm

LIFE TEEN NIGHT: THE EVIDENCE

SAINT ELIZABETH HALL

Sunday, April 23  
6 to 8 pm

STEWARDS OF THE EARTH

BLESSED SOLANUS ROOM

Sunday, April 30  
6 to 8 pm

GAME NIGHT + PIZZA

SAINT ELIZABETH HALL



### 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 22/23	*past	May 13/14	May 01	June 03/04	May 22
April 29/30	April 17	May 20/21	May 08	June 10/11	May 29
May 06/07	April 24	May 27/28	May 15	June 17/18	June 05



### HAVEN HOUSE THANK YOU:

Without your support, Haven House could not have raised more than \$91,000 to address homelessness in our community. Sister Pat and Mark McDaniel both retained their respective titles in this year's Pancake Palooza - Mark the 'Short Stack for a Tall Cause' trophy for raising more than \$59,000, and Sister Pat the People's Champion Award winner raising more than \$24,413 with over 220 donors! Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser again this year and God bless you, Sister Pat

### ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE UPDATE AND THANK YOU:

The Knights of Columbus thank you for your support of our recent effort to purchase an ultrasound machine for Cristo Rey's pregnancy Center in Lansing. With your support, we were able exceed our goal of \$25,000! We are grateful for your willingness to help mothers and their unborn babies! Look for news in the coming months of the installation, blessing, and dedication of the new machine.

## Come Dine with the 50-Up Club!

Wednesday, April 19  
1 pm

at Bread Bites  
5100 Marsh Rd.

RSVP to Sister Pat  
by Monday, April 17

517-927-8575 or  
s\_pat99@yahoo.com

## LADIES: YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR NEXT CCW MEETING AT 6:45 PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 IN OUR BLESSED SOLANUS ROOM

ON THE AGENDA IS VOTING FOR NEXT YEAR'S CCW BOARD, FOLLOWED BY GUEST SPEAKER PAULETTE BURGESS SHARING WITH US, "MARY, THE HANDMADE OF THE LORD." BRING A SNACK TO SHARE AND PLAN TO JOIN US!



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### THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA 739

from the Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"My daughter, don't be exerting yourself so much with words. Those whom you love in a special way, I too love in a special way, and for your sake, I shower My graces upon them. I am pleased when you tell Me about them, but don't be doing so with such excessive effort.



### 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 Samuel Ross; Saint John the Baptist, Howell**

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



**Sister Thaddeus Marie Spitzley; Dominican Sisters Mary Mother of Eucharist**

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



### **THE MAN OF THE SHROUD: A SPECIAL EVENT**

**6:15 pm THIS Thursday, April 20**  
**at Holy Spirit, Brighton**

All are invited to hear international Shroud of Turin expert Jim Bertrand present dynamic, fascinating evidence on the Shroud. No RSVP is necessary.

### **FAN INTO FLAME MEN'S RETREAT**

**9 am to 12:30 pm NEXT Saturday, April 22**  
**at Church of the Resurrection, Lansing**

The Lord is calling each of us to experience more of Him and to make us witnesses to the truth of the Gospel lived out in our lives: how will you respond? Featuring guest speaker Pete Burak of Renewal Ministries, this retreat is open to all men. Registration ahead is requested for planning purposes at [corlansing.org/events/mans-retreat](http://corlansing.org/events/mans-retreat). There is no cost to attend and light refreshments are included.

### **SPORTS PHYSICALS CLINIC**

**5 to 8 pm on Wednesday, April 26**

**hosted by Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing**

Open to those entering 5th through 12th grades this fall, the cost is just \$30 per student. There is no registration required, but there is a form to fill out so minors must have a parent or legal guardian with them. All 5th to 8th graders attending will receive a free Cougar goodie bag!

### **BE PREPARED: GETTING READY FOR AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE - A MULTI-DAY MISSION**

**6:30 pm on Thursday, April 27, and Friday, April 28**  
**10:30 am on Saturday, April 29**  
**presented by Holy Spirit, Brighton**

Our faith, church, and families are under attack. Learn ways that you can take action and be prepared to engage in the battle for our souls, culture, and lives. Featuring speaker Doug Barry, nationally known Catholic speaker, podcaster, and host of ETWN's series *Battle Ready*, all are invited and there is no cost to attend.

### **7TH AND 8TH GRADE DANCE**

**7:30 to 10 pm on Saturday, April 29**  
**at Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing**

All Diocesan 7th and 8th graders are welcome! The cost is \$3 and students must bring a signed permission slip with them. For more details and a permission form, email Ms. DeVries at [stacia.devries@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:stacia.devries@lansingcatholic.org).

### **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 Dr. Edward Peters, Professor of Canon Law and Chair of Faculty Development at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. His topic is *Ecclesiastical 'DNA' and Church Law* and all are welcome! The cost is \$25 for early registration members, with their guest being \$20. **To register by the deadline of NEXT Thursday, April 27**, contact Diane Arzberger at 517-402-1562 or [lclguild@gmail.com](mailto:lclguild@gmail.com).

### **SAINT GERARD SPRING FESTIVAL**

**Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6**  
**at Saint Gerard, Lansing**

The weekend's activities include a 7th and 8th grade dance, cake walks, Euchre and poker tournaments, 5K race, fast food, children's and outdoor games, and entertainment tent. For full details and schedule, visit [stgerard.org/spring-festival](http://stgerard.org/spring-festival).

### **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](http://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.

### **POST-ABORTIVE DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING**

**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](mailto:eimcraig@mercytherapy.net).**

### **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>.**



# ST. MARTHA PARISH & SCHOOL

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Walking together in Word and Sacrament, the Catholic Community of Saint Martha shares the redeeming love of Christ through acts of faith, hope, and charity.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm

## GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

**Registrations and Information Updates** can be done online via the My Own Church link on our website, or in person at the Parish Office.

**Faith Formation** instills in your children a sense of awe and wonder and a knowledge and deep commitment to the love of God. We seek to teach as Jesus taught and to nurture the Faith that you, as parents, are instilling in your children as their primary educators. We have classes for Pre-K through 12th. To register, contact Jackie Rosalez.

**Intercessory Prayer** individuals remain on the list until the Parish Office is notified otherwise. Contact the Office to add/update.

**Military Individuals for Prayer** remain on the list until we are notified they are home. Contact the Parish Office to add/update.

**Bulletin Articles Must Be Emailed** to IvyLynn *by noon on the Monday 2 weeks prior* to the date you are requesting inclusion.

**Mass Announcements Must Be Emailed** to IvyLynn *by noon on the Wednesday of the week prior* to the date you are requesting.

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Baptisms** are celebrated during Mass the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend of the month and rotate through the 4 Mass times. Preparation classes are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7 pm. Contact the Parish Office to register.

**Anointing of the Sick and Communion to Shut Ins** are available by contacting the Parish Office.

**Marriage Preparation** begins with the Priest prior to setting up a Wedding date and at least 6 months in advance of your ideal date. Contact the Parish Office to begin arrangements.

**The Adult Sacrament of Initiation (RCIA)** is for any older teen or adult who is considering becoming Catholic or who wants to learn more about our Faith. Contact Deacon Carl Boehlert for more information.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Contact Us:** 517-349-3322

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Full Day PreK to 8:** Monday through Friday, 8 am to 3:30 pm

**Half Day PreK:** Monday through Friday, 8 to 11:30 am



**SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS UPDATES AT**  
**[WWW.ST-MARTHA.ORG/STAY-IN-TOUCH](http://WWW.ST-MARTHA.ORG/STAY-IN-TOUCH)**

## MASS OPPORTUNITIES

**Saturday**

5 pm

**Sunday**

8 am, 10 am, 5 pm

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

8:30 am

**Wednesday**

6 pm

**Saturday 9 am - at Saint Mary Church**  
157 High Street, Williamston

## RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**  
after 8:30 am Mass until all are heard

**Wednesday**

6:45 to 7:15 pm

**Saturday**

3:30 to 4:30 pm

**Other times by appointment**

**Lent and Advent announced as scheduled**

## PRAYER/ADORATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Monday**

International Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

**Tuesday**

Holy Hour of Reparation after 8:30 am Mass

**Wednesday**

5:30 pm Rosary for the Unborn

5:45 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Adoration after 6:30 pm Mass

until 7:20 pm Benediction

**Thursday**

8 am Rosary for peace and those suffering from war

**Friday**

Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

First Friday monthly Adoration after 8:30 am Mass

until 3 pm Benediction