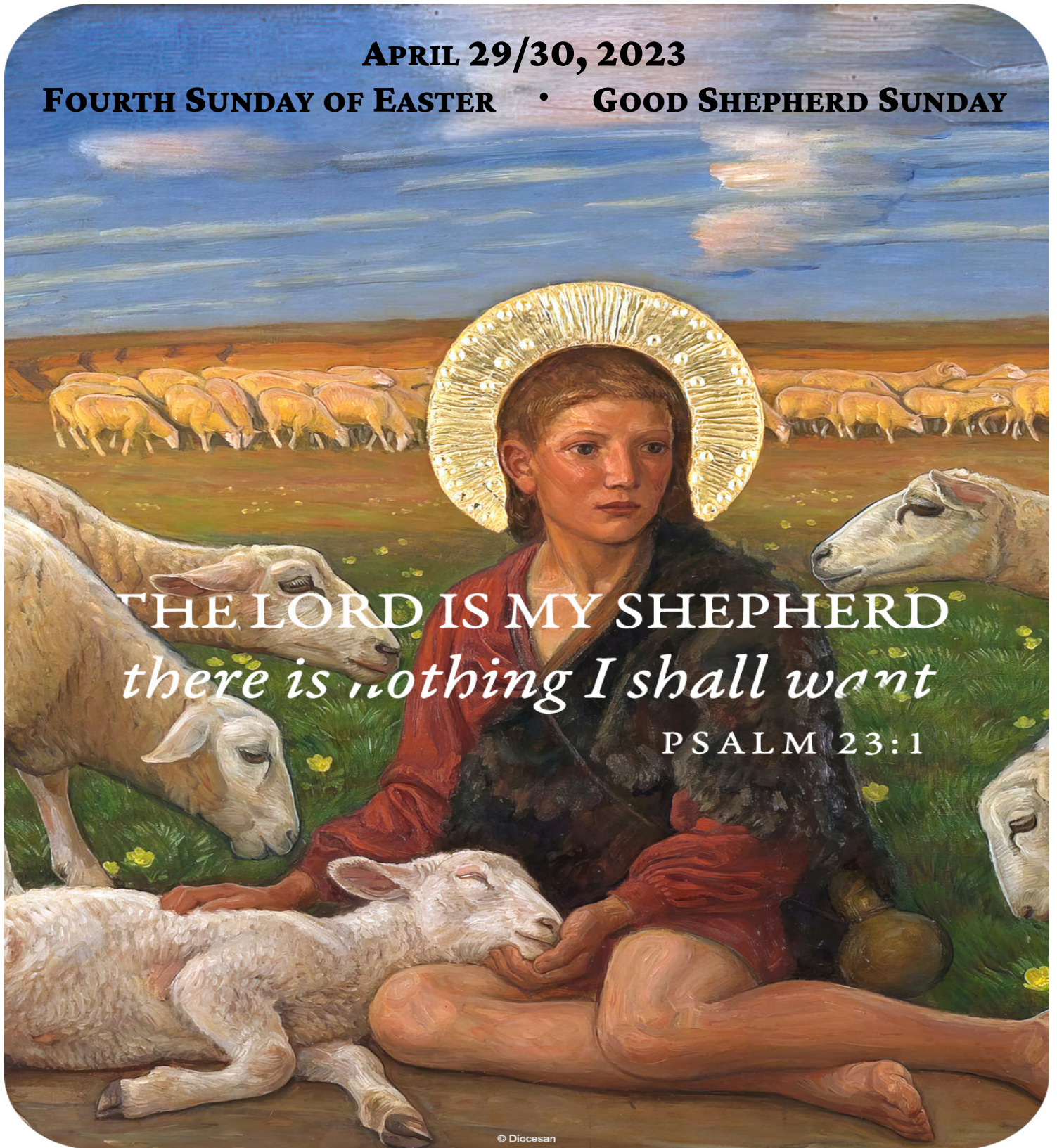


APRIL 29/30, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



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## 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; premie 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.

## 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

representing the **Catholic Church**, you can contact Cheryl Williams-Hecksel at 888-308-6255 or [cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto: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.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: We Pray For ...

### All Who Need Physical and Spiritual Healing, Especially:

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

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, May 01 - Easter Weekday / Saint Joseph the Worker**

Readings: Acts 11:1-18 / John 10:11-18

**8:30 am Mass** Birthday Intentions of Scott, Gabie, and Riley, *from the Olson family***Tuesday, May 02 - Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Readings: Acts 11:19-25 / John 10:22-30

**8:30 am Mass** †Chuck Willems**Wednesday, May 03 - Saints Philip and James, Apostles**

Daytime Readings: Acts 13:13-25 / John 13:16-20

**6 pm Confirmation Mass** †Paul Readett, *from S. and A. Readett***Thursday, May 04 - Easter Weekday / National Day of Prayer**

Readings: Acts 13:13-225 / John 13:16-20

**8:30 am School Mass** †Debbie Schartzter, *from A. Patton, Saint Martha School Principal***Friday, May 05 - Easter Weekday**

Readings: Acts 13:26-33 / John 14:1-6

**8:30 am Mass** †Maralou Y. Searfoss, *from Dr. A. Duda and family***Saturday, May 06 - Easter Weekday (Day) / Fifth Sunday of Easter Vigil (Eve)**

Daytime Readings: Acts 13:44-52 / John 14:7-14

Vigil Readings: Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12

**5 pm Vigil Mass** All People of Saint Martha**Sunday, May 07 - Fifth Sunday of Easter / World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Readings: Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12

**8 am Mass** †Amy King and †Natalie Martyka, *from Ms. S. King***10 am Mass** Special Intentions of our First Communicants, *from our Faith Formation***5 pm Mass** †Anthony P. Siminski, *from the Warren family*

## SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

**Saturday, May 06 - 5 pm**

S. M. Siminski, D. Hunter

L. J. Zalba, J. Matuszak, *Volunteer*

A.S. TBD

**Sunday, May 07 - 8 am**

S. J. and L. Collom

L. C. DeKoninck, M. Finelli, T. Muncie

A.S. TBD

**Sunday, May 07 - 10 am**

S. J. and K. Ault

L. B. Martell, M. L-Krusky, D. Ianni

A.S. TBD

**Sunday, May 07 - 5 pm**

S. TBD

L. R. Kostrzewa, C. Patton, M. Werner

A.S. TBD

## EUCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

**Willows of Okemos** R. Salyers**Brookdale, Medilodge** M. Fletcher**ICMCF Dobie** V. and MK. MankowskiTHIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS: TO  
LEARN MORE, VISIT [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) OR  
[CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG](http://CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG)**Joseph the Worker** established in 1870 to honor Joseph as patron of the Universal Church; changed in 1955 by Pope Pius XII to honor Joseph's status as patron of workers**Athanasius** approx. 296-298 to 05/02/373;  
**Canonized** pre-congregation**Philip** 4 to 80; **Canonized** pre-congregation;  
**Patronage** hatters, pastry chefs; Cape Verde, San Felipe Pueblo (NM), Uruguay**James, son of Alphaeus** 1st century to 62;  
**Canonized** pre-congregation; **Patronage** apothecaries, druggist, dying people, fullers, milliners, pharmacists; cities of Frascati and Monterotondo (Italy), Uruguay

## ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

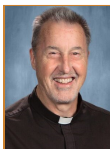
**April 29/30: In Loving Memory of †JoEllen Kazmierski**, *from P. Kazmierski***May 06/07: In Loving Memory of †Joe and †Marge Burzych**, *from their family*

## OTHER OFFERINGS

**Monday, May 01****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John***4:30 pm** FF:COTGS**Tuesday, May 02****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 pm** Education Commission**7:30 pm** Men's Pick-Up B-Ball**Wednesday, May 03****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS**6 pm** FF:1-6 *final until fall***6:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***6:30 pm** Adoration**7 :20 pm** Benediction**Thursday, May 04****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS; *Mass 8,7***9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John***5 pm** Girl's Volleyball Practice**5:30 pm** Parish Pastoral Council**7 pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal**Friday, May 05****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***9 am** First Friday Adoration**9 am** First Friday Coffee, Treats**3 pm** Benediction**6 pm** Daddy Daughter Dance**Saturday, May 06****7:30 am** Upper Room Men**9 am** First Communion Practice**3:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***6 pm** HFOB presents dinner with

Cathryn Torgerson-Wade

**Sunday, May 07****after 8 and 10 am Masses** donuts*sponsored by our Faith Formation***at 10 am Mass** First Communion**11 am** StVdP Open Meeting**6 pm** FF:HSYG



## FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK:

So why do priests keep coming back to the topic of Confession (Reconciliation)? Some Catholics go regularly, some go at intervals, some never go. Everyone seems satisfied where he or she is. Why not just let it be?

Well, a few things come to mind. Like I remember one time when I was sent to speak with a non-retired priest whose (mal)formation had occurred in the bad old days of the 60s / 70s. I asked him why he was hearing Confessions for only one hour a *month*. His response was immediate, "Because no one comes." There is a certain elegance to that sort of perfectly circular reasoning, but still....

Saint John Marie Vianney is, famously, the only diocesan priest to have ever been canonized. And thus, obviously, he is the patron saint of diocesan priests. His story is well known. Like Blessed Solanus Casey, he was given an assignment to fit what was thought to be his low intelligence. Sent to Ars as the curate (the parish priest), he was instrumental in bringing thousands into the Confessional, many for the first time in long years.

So, again, other than seeking to emulate the Cure' of Ars, why would a priest keep inviting people to Confession? Well, consider that the priest spends vastly more time in the Confessional than does any one penitent, regardless of how faithful the penitent might be to the Sacrament. So the priest sees, hears, and experiences the Sacrament deeply, participating over and over and over again in the flow of God's grace and mercy. And the priest comes to understand -- to the degree any human is able -- the immense power of the Sacrament. People walk out of the Confessional cleansed of all sin, renewed and refreshed. There truly is a lightness to their step.

As priests are wont to say, please come. If you haven't been in a long time -- even years -- don't suppose that you have forgotten how ("I don't remember what to say") or that it's somehow too late. Priests know how to guide a Confession that covers a long period of time, and they treasure the opportunity to be a channel of Christ's healing mercy. And keep in mind always that Confession is mercy. It is not counseling or therapy or correction. You and I and everyone has sinned. It's that divine mercy that we each need.

"Okay, Father, that's all quite interesting. But I am sorry for my sins, and I told God I'm sorry. Why isn't that enough?" It's not enough because, in human terms, we haven't really owned up to our misdeeds until we, first, name them to ourselves, and, second, acknowledge them to someone else. On a spiritual level, the answer is even simpler -- because Christ gave the Sacrament and said that it is the path to mercy and forgiveness. And, as each of us gradually comes to realize over the course of a lifetime, it turns out that Christ is wiser than any of us. Also He's God, and we're not.

At Saint Martha, Confessions are heard six days a week. And Confessions are heard often at the other parishes around town (nowadays, most priests are quite generous with Sacrament). You can even go far from home, while traveling, if that suits you better.

You already know that the Seal of Confession is absolute. No exceptions. None. And it's good to reflect sometimes on the opportunity, with the door closed, to have a conversation that is blessedly safe and private.

The Lord will never stop inviting Catholics to the immense gift of Confession. Neither will your priests. See you soon . . .

Blessings!

frmike

### 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
May 06/07	*past	May 27/28	May 08	June 17/18	June 05
May 13/24	May 01	June 03/04	May 22	June 24/25	June 12
May 20/21	May 08	June 10/11	May 29	July 01/02	June 12

## HERE AT SAINT MARTHA:

VISIT [ST-MARTHA.ORG](http://ST-MARTHA.ORG) FOR MORE ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

### CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

**4-Week Average**  
\$21,922.04

**Online Giving**  
March \$61,074  
April TD \$45,284

#### In-Person Giving

**April 02** \$11,337  
Maintenance \$375

**April 09** \$10,241.10  
Maintenance \$381

**April 16** \$17,182.60  
Maintenance \$105

**April 23** \$14,413.45  
Maintenance \$203

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for 62+ and  
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to support us and for  
our full Calendar of  
events and services.

IN A LOVING, NURTURING, CHRIST-LIKE ENVIRONMENT,  
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## DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

FOR PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE YOUNG LADIES AND THEIR  
DADDIES, GRANDPAS, UNCLES, OR OTHER SPECIAL DAD FIGURES

6 TO 9 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 5

IN OUR SAINT ELIZABETH HALL

\$30 PER COUPLE • \$5 EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER  
DINNER, DANCING, DESSERTS AND FUN!

RSVP BY MAY 1 AT [ST-MARTHA.ORG/DD-DANCE](http://ST-MARTHA.ORG/DD-DANCE)

WALK-INS WELCOME FOR \$40/COUPLE • \$10/ ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

### 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 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:** May 1 (final class until fall)

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

- **Upcoming Sunday Classes:** April 30 (final class until fall)
- **Upcoming Wednesday Classes:** May 3 (final class until fall)

**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:** Congratulations to our CP2 students who were just Confirmed!

**High School Youth Group** Sundays from 6 to 8 pm

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





**A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM OUR COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:**

Ladies: did you know that every woman who is a member of Saint Martha Parish is a member of our CCW? If you have not yet attended one of our meetings, please come to this one! It will be our final meeting until we resume in the fall: **6:45 pm on Wednesday,**



**May 17 in our Blessed Solanus Room.** Following a short meeting, we will share a light meal together. You are welcomed to bring a dessert to share. ***We look forward to seeing you!***

# 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.

**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**

***Ticket Deadline Extended until THIS Monday, May 1 • \$25 per person • \$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 our Catholic Faith! Plan to join us for fellowship and to hear her speak about the great love story of God in our lives. Visit [st-martha.org/hfobctorgerson](http://st-martha.org/hfobctorgerson) to purchase tickets, or you can fill out the form below and return it with payment in full to the Church Office or put it in one of the offertory giving safe's at the back of the Church. ***All registrations must be received online or in the Church Office by THIS Monday, May 1.***

NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FORM OF PAYMENT: CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

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

CONTACT PERSON PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



**THIS YEAR'S EASTER FLOWER ALTAR DONATIONS  
FROM OUR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FLOWER SALE**

were generously provided by our parishioners ...

**In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the:**

Berberich family • Brady family • Day family • Finelli family  
Frank family • Gagliano family • Hawkins family • Houska family  
Morgan family • Trevisan family • Vallera family  
Doyle Wilson family

**Also In Loving Memory of:**

David and Cynthia Boyd • Jackie Bratchi • Herbert and Dorothy Dager  
Alexandra Meredith Duda • Gilbert and MaryLou Elias • Bob Ferrigan  
Jim Fletcher • Anne Gientke • Melinda Jackman  
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Clare Rademacher • Joseph and Kathleen Richards • Mary Smith  
John and Sally Stasa • Gregory VanSteel • Casey and Mary Wahoski

**And In Honor of:**

Ray Bratschi • living members of the Houska family

**IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING OUR LOCAL PREGNANCY RESOURCES CENTERS:**

Shared Pregnancy Women's Center and Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing have merged and are unified under the name Shared Pregnancy Women's Center. They now have three locations - Downtown, East and South - serving families all over the Lansing area. With this increase in locations, service area and clients, they still need your prayers, donations, and support now more than ever. Your generosity helps make this work possible!



**FREE CATHOLIC RESOURCES**

Sign up at [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)

Search for Saint Martha by Zip 48864

Enter your info

Click the link they email you and enjoy!

**This week's recommendation:**

Divine Mercy with Father Michael Gaitley at [watch.formed.org/divine-mercy-with-fr-michael-gaitley](https://watch.formed.org/divine-mercy-with-fr-michael-gaitley) Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

GAME  
Night

**WHEN:**  
**6 TO 8 PM**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

**WHERE:**  
**SAINT ELIZABETH HALL**

**WHAT:**  
**BOARD GAMES,**  
**WII GAMES,**  
**AND PIZZA!**

### **THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA 206**

**from the Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy**

*"My daughter, look into the abyss of My mercy and give praise and glory to this mercy of Mine. Do it in this way: Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. I want to give Myself to souls; I yearn for souls, My daughter. On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen 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.



**Deacon Seamus Kettner; Saints Charles and Helena, Clio**

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



**Sister Solana Wegienka; Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R.**

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

### **OPEN DOORS K TO 6TH TUTORING SERVICE**

**on Monday and Wednesday afternoons**

**sponsored by Saint Therese, Lansing**

For over 6 years, the dedicated, loving efforts of volunteer tutors have helped children excel educationally in areas they are struggling with. The program is in need of new reading and math tutors (no experience necessary) so that they can continue to maintain a one-on-one tutor-to-student ratio. Visit [sttherese.org](http://sttherese.org) to learn more!

### **BUSINESS MANAGER-ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR**

The Pastoral Leadership Team at Saint Thomas Aquinas-Saint John Church and Student Center is looking to fill this full-time position. For full details and to submit your resume, visit [www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment). Resumes can also be emailed to [sjsecretary@elcatholics.org](mailto:sjsecretary@elcatholics.org).

### **REDISCOVER THE MASS SERIES**

**6:30 to 8:30 pm on Thursdays through May 25**

**at Saint Mary, Williamston**

Take a closer look into the profound mystery and reality of the celebration of the Mass. Discover the deeper meanings behind what we do, say, and pray with instructor Bert Schomberger. There is no cost to attend, but you are asked to register online at [stmarywilliamston.org](http://stmarywilliamston.org).

### **SAINT GERARD SPRING FESTIVAL**

**THIS 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. For full details and schedule, visit [stgerard.org/spring-festival](http://stgerard.org/spring-festival).

### **MARRIAGE AND THE BLENDED FAMILY RETREAT**

**NEXT 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, the day includes prayer and fellowship for suffering the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion seeking the freedom of God's mercy, forgiveness, and healing. **To register, email [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>.**

### IGNATIAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

**3-Day Retreat: Friday, May 26, to Sunday, May 28**

**5-Day Retreat: Friday, May 26, to Wednesday, May 31**

Come away from the noise of the world for a silent retreat to learn more about how God talks to us through the Scriptures and in the movement of our own hearts. Expect daily talks, time for silent and guided prayer, opportunities for Mass, confession and meetings with spiritual directors. The retreat will be facilitated by Dawn Hausmann and Karen Ervin. The cost is \$225 for the 3-Day Retreat, and \$575 for the 5-Day Retreat. Visit [www.stfrancis.ws/ignatianretreats](http://www.stfrancis.ws/ignatianretreats) to register and for full details and schedules for each option.

### 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. Challenging, entertaining talks center around the lessons learned from male role models, the importance of genuine friendships, 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](http://stfrancis.ws/forged).**

### RAFFLE TO SUPPORT SAINT LOUIS CENTER

Drawing to be held on Monday, June 26

at the 2023 Golf and Glory Outing, UM Golf Course

Raffle tickets are \$25 each of 5 for \$100, with a grand prize drawing of a seven-day inside passage Alaskan cruise with three-day land tour for two. Odds of winning depend on how many tickets are sold. Proceeds of the raffle help with the work that Saint Louis Center does every day to support those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Purchase tickets by sending a check to Saint Louis Center, 16195 Old US Hwy 12, Chelsea, MI 48118, by calling 734-475-8430, or by visiting [stlouiscenter.org/have-fun-here/events](http://stlouiscenter.org/have-fun-here/events).

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PREACHING

Monday, June 26, to Wednesday, June 28

hosted by the Theology Department at Notre Dame, Indiana

This year's event, *Visions of the Reign of God: Preaching and Catholic Social Teaching*, will seek to build bridges between two realms of Catholic life that are often not well connected: preaching and social action. How can we preach the social teachings of the Church? How might Catholic preaching be enriched by reading both the scriptural text and the contemporary world through the lens of Catholic social teaching (CST)? And how might the understanding of CST be enriched through reflection on the Church's mission to preach, teach, and evangelize? This is an opportunity for fruitful dialogue and enriching collaboration among those who are in Church's ministry. Learn more at [rb.gy/96nj](http://rb.gy/96nj).

### 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, Eucharistic procession to the Shrine of the Cross in the Woods, 2 hours of Sturgeon River rafting, Mass both mornings, and all Saturday meals and breakfast on Sunday. You are responsible to bring your own sleeping gear and tent and provide your own transportation, snacks, beverages, and dinner on Friday. **To register for \$85 each by Saturday, July 1, visit [eventbee.com/v/pilgrimage2023#/tickets](http://eventbee.com/v/pilgrimage2023#/tickets).**

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Friday, August 11, through Sunday, August 13

at Holy Family Parish, Novi

Friday, September 20, through Sunday, October 1

at Augustine Center, 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 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](http://wwme.org) or call 517-667-0433!*

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE DIOCESE

Are you at a point in your life where you are looking to change careers or have felt God calling you in a different direction? There are a variety of open positions at parishes and schools across the Diocese! To explore these wonderful opportunities, visit [dioceseoflansing.org/employment](http://dioceseoflansing.org/employment).



# 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