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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.

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 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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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 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:

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| Michelle Allen | Terry Dinning | Paul Loconto | Renee Salyers |
| Peter Allen | Brian M. Doak | Jean Lynch | Hal Schneider |
| Larry Avery | Emma Elias | Ken Malkowski | Leanne Seguin |
| MaryAnn Baer | John Paul Erford | Patricia Marrack | David Showerman |
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| Mike Cook | Norm Krohn | Judi Pressick | |
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| | Jackie LaViolette | Nicole Roccas | |
| | Karah Ley | Jeffrey Rostek | |
| | John Llewellyn | Joyce Salisbury | |

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 08 - Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 14:5-18 / John 14:21-26

8:30 am Mass †William Seeley, *from C. and L. Rasche***Tuesday, May 09 - Easter Weekday**

Readings: Acts 14:19-28 / John 14:27-31a

8:30 am Mass †Chuck Willems**Wednesday, May 10 - Easter Weekday / Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church /**

USA: Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

Readings: Acts 15:1-6 / John 15:1-8

6 pm Mass †Sue Pigg, *from D. and MB. Anderson***Thursday, May 11 - Easter Weekday**

Readings: Acts 15:7-21 / John 15:9-11

8:30 am School Mass †Tysen Bryant, *from J. and K. Vincent***Friday, May 12 - Easter Weekday / Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs / Saint Pancras, Martyr**

Readings: Acts 15:22-31 / John 15:12-17

8:30 am Mass †Alexander Marrack, *from L. Harrison***Saturday, May 13 - Easter Weekday; Our Lady of Fatima (Day) / Sixth Sunday of Easter Vigil (Eve)**

Daytime Readings: Acts 16:1-10 / John 15:18-21

Vigil Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21

5 pm Vigil Mass †Bruce Everett, *from MG. Everett***Sunday, May 14 - Fifth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day**

Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21

8 am Mass All People of Saint Martha**10 am Mass** †Gwen Sinila, *from D. Sinila***5 pm Mass** Newly Ordained Deacons of the Diocese of Lansing, *from J. and L. Collom*

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

Saturday, May 13 - 5 pmS. J. and T. Kaczmarczyk
L. S. Stanley, M. L-Krusky, S. Stanley
A.S. TBD**Sunday, May 14 - 8 am**S. T. and S. O'Dea
L. S. O'Dea, S. Kostaroff, M. Fletcher
A.S. TBD**Sunday, May 14 - 10 am**S. M. and N. Bobinski
L. C. Flammini, B. Martell, *Volunteer*
A.S. TBD**Sunday, May 14 - 5 pm**S. TBD
L. L. VanSteel, *Volunteer*, M. Werner
A.S. TBD

EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers**Brookdale, Medilodge** S. Kostaroff**ICMCF Dobie** M. Fletcher, D. IanniTHIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS: FOR MORE,
VISIT [FORMED.ORG](https://formed.org), [CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG](https://catholicsaints.org)**John of Avila** 01/06/1499 to 05/10/1569;
Canonized 05/31/1970; **Doctor of the Church**
2012; **Patronage** Spanish secular clergy;
Andalusia (Spain)**Damien de Veuster** 01/03/1840 to 04/15/1889;
Canonized 10/11/2009; **Patronage** lepers**Nereus and Achilleus** 1st Century; **Canonized**
pre-congregation**Pancras** 289 to 05/12 303 or 304; **Canonized**
pre-congregationACCESS FREE CATHOLIC FAITH
RESOURCES ON [FORMED.ORG](https://formed.org)!

Signing up is quick and easy:

Visit formed.org/signup and ... Search Zip
48864 ... Select Saint Martha, Okemos ... Enter
your info ... Click the emailed link and enjoy!

OTHER OFFERINGS

Monday, May 08**8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John***7 pm** Baptism Prep Class**Tuesday, May 09****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS; 4 *Harris*
*Nature Center***9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***9:15 am** Women's Bible Study**6 pm** SMS Spring Program**6 pm** RCIA**6:30 pm** GriefShare**7:30 pm** Men's Pick-Up B-Ball**Wednesday, May 10****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS**11 am** ICMCF Mass *Fr. Mike***6:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***6:30 pm** Adoration**7 pm** K of C General Meeting**7:20 pm** Benediction**Thursday, May 11****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS; *M: 8,7,6;*
*First Communion Mass, Brunch***9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***5 pm** Girl's Volleyball Practice**Friday, May 12****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS; 5 *Dare*
*Graduation***9 am** Reconciliation *Msgr. Reilly***Saturday, May 13****7:30 am** Upper Room Men**3:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***at 5 pm Mass** Baptism *Congrats*
*Dowrick and Richards families***Sunday, May 14****at 10 am Mass** May Crowning**6 pm** FF:HSYG

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

May 06/07: In Loving Memory
of †Joe and †Marge Burzych,
*from their family***May 13/14:** (2) Arrangements
Available**Dedications in 2023 are available**
for \$80 each. To schedule, visit
our Parish Office on weekdays.



FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK:

One of the most familiar passages of Scripture is found in Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. The Lord offers a scene of Final Judgment -- *When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*

You know how this goes. *He will say to some, Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.* And they will be among the blessed because they performed corporal acts of mercy for Christ in His times of need. When they protest that they do not recall having helped Christ, He will respond, *Amen, I say to you, what you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.* And you know the rest of this passage -- it doesn't go well for those who were unwilling to help others in times of need. Matthew 25:31-46.

As Catholics, there are numerous ways for us to participate in this holy work. The broader community includes Advent House, Loaves and Fishes, several local food banks, and other opportunities. And lots more -- one of our parishioners travels with the Red Cross into disaster areas, often finding utter devastation. Closer to home, virtually every neighborhood includes persons whose health or economic circumstance leaves them in need of some assistance. Even closer in, our family and circle of friends surely offers opportunities to help in myriad ways.

Of course, we should be looking for a blend of outlets for our charity. Monetary donations often provide essential assistance. But we do well also to be personally present to those in need. It can be as simple as visiting a sick friend or as complicated as mentoring someone who is reassembling life after surviving addiction or other personal tragedy.

Within our parish, we are blessed to have a vibrant conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Prayerful and patient, our Vincentians provide an incredible amount of assistance to the poor of our community. An element of Vincentian spirituality is to do this with almost no visibility, so, even among Saint Martha parishioners, their work is almost unknown.

If you have ever thought about helping in this manner, you could begin by attending one of their Sunday morning meetings. You will greatly enjoy these good people, and be humbled to see what they do.

Another whole element of our conference is its faithfulness to the Vincentian Rule. Most people are unaware that the Saint Vincent de Paul Society isn't just another solid group of lay volunteers. Vincentians live by a Rule -- not a strict set of requirements for daily life, but a broad set of sound principles for Christian living, tailored to the Vincentian work. To give you a sense of what this is about, you need only take a glance at some of the chapter headings in the Rule --

- Focusing on Christ as the Center
- Listening to the Word of God
- Loving at Home
- Serving in the Workplace
- Rooting Life in Prayer
- Journeying with Friends
- Having a Grateful Heart
- Speaking the Truth
- Trusting in God's Providence
- Being Gentle and Firm

Thus, Saint Vincent himself was fond of saying Christ is the rule.

You can also consider volunteering at some of our local Catholic Charities. Many of you know our parishioner Joe Garcia, who heads up Cristo Rey Community Center on the north side of Lansing. Nearly any day, you can find Saint Martha parishioners there, helping serve meals or providing other needed services to those in need. There is so much to be done ...

A little farther away -- about forty-five minutes -- is the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center. Under the direction of Sister Carol Weber, O.P. (and, until recently, Sister Judy Blake, S.S.J., of blessed memory), the poor of Flint are given all sorts of assistance. Even more importantly, there is vibrant programming in the realms of job skills and life skills, allowing persons long ensnared in the cycle of poverty to advance into responsible and remunerative employment.

So many outlets. Support a friend in distress. Become a Vincentian. Volunteer in north Lansing. None of us will do them all. Each of us should be doing some of it.

Blessings!

frmike

HERE AT SAINT MARTHA:

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

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

4-Week Average
\$26,910.22

Online Giving
March \$61,074
April TD \$54,245

In-Person Giving
April 09 \$10,241.10
Maintenance \$381
April 16 \$17,182.60
Maintenance \$105
April 23 \$14,413.45
Maintenance \$203
April 30 \$11,558.73
Maintenance \$10

IN A LOVING, NURTURING, CHRIST-LIKE ENVIRONMENT,
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for a variety of ways
to support us and for
our full Calendar of
events and services.

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

Claudia Fountain, Youth Ministries cfountain@st-martha.org

Congratulations to this year's Confirmation Class from Saint Martha and Saint Mary!





A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM OUR CCW:

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.



WE KNOW IT HURTS, AND WE WANT TO HELP.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP End of Year Schedule

- May 7** Movie Night + Tacos
6 - 8 pm Saint Elizabeth Hall
- May 14** Satisfied Life Night + Adoration
6 - 8 pm Meet in the Chapel
- May 21** Field Day + Bonfire Social
6 - 8 pm Location TBA
- June 4** Summer Send-off
6 - 8 pm Blessed Solanus Room



SUNDAY MAY 21

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS & Breakfast

For 8 am Mass: Meet in the glass hallway.
Grads and parents will process in together.

At 9 am: Breakfast to celebrate you!
Grads and your families are invited to join us for
breakfast and a short word of advice from all of us.
We will be finished before 10.



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 |
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| May 13/14 | *past | June 10/11 | May 29 | July 08/09 & 15/16 | June 26 |
| May 20/21 & 27/28 | May 08 | June 17/18 | June 05 | July 22/23 | July 10 |
| June 03/04 | May 22 | June 24/25 & July 01/02 | June 12 | July 29/30 | June 17 |

**NOW REGISTERING:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**



JUNE 12 TO 16
9 AM TO NOON

CHILDREN 4 TO 10
\$10 EACH



**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
Jeanette Kearney Maxwell • Janet McNabb • John and Jean Minnett
Michael and Sophia Patrick • Mary Plocharczyk • Father Ed Prus
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!



May Crowning
at 10 am Mass on Sunday, May 14

All Children are invited to bring flowers from home (store bought or picked from your yard) to the 10 am Mass. Father will call you up after Communion to bring them up to Mary and lay them at her feet. This is a beautiful way to honor our most Holy Mother Mary on Mother's Day!

BLOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, MAY 20
10 AM TO 4 PM

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SAINT MARIA GORETTI SCHOLARSHIP

We are seeking ten individual donors who can make a four-year commitment to provide \$100 a year to sponsor an eighth grader to attend Lansing Catholic High School. The ten individual donations combined will provide one \$1,000 Saint Maria Goretti Scholarship to be awarded at 8th grade graduation, renewable each year the student attends Lansing Catholic High School. The recipient is chosen by the Saint Martha School staff for his/her conduct, grades, overall Christian behavior, and display of virtues expected at a Catholic School. We have been fortunate to award this scholarship to several students throughout the years, and we would like to continue the tradition. Contact the school office by calling 517-349-3322 if you are able to financially assist a young student with their Catholic Education. Thank you!

THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA 198

from the Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"My daughter, your confidence and love restrain My justice, and I cannot inflict punishment because you hinder Me from doing so. Oh, how great is the power of a soul filled with confidence!"



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

Pope Francis says, "Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity." Remember in your prayers those who are in slavery to this crime. To learn more about the evils of human trafficking and how you can help, visit sistersagainstrafficking.org.

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. Resumes can also be emailed to sjsecretary@elcatholics.org.

2023-2024 FIRST GRADE TEACHING POSITION

at Saint Joseph Catholic School, St. Johns

Candidates must hold a valid teaching certificate, with an Elementary Education endorsement (Reading and Language Arts preferred), be willing to attend Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) training and pass a criminal background check. The successful candidate must be dynamic, enthusiastic, and possess the ability to work collaboratively within the school environment. The candidate will be teaching Religion daily so must also be a practicing Catholic who can speak thoroughly to his or her ability to infuse Catholic faith and teaching throughout the curriculum. To learn more about Saint Joseph Parish and School, visit school.stjoecatholic.com. Candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and credentials to Chris Wells, Principal, at principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org or mail to Saint Joseph Catholic School, 201 East Cass Street, Saint Johns, MI 48879.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

within the Diocese of Lansing

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 and see what God might have in store for your life, visit dioceseoflansing.org/employment.

ATHLETIC SUMMER CAMPS

at Lansing Catholic High School

Registration for summer camps is now open! LCHS is hosting nearly 20 daytime and evening camps this summer, with at least one offering for each grade level from K through 12. Register at lansingcatholic.org/summercamps for options beginning as early as June 12.

THE URGENCY OF THE MESSAGE RETREAT

8:30 am to 4 pm on Thursday, May 18

at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

This special seminar designed for anyone seeking a deeper relationship with Christ will utilize videos featuring Father John Riccardo's October, 2020 presentation in Brighton for the Diocesan Deployed for Mission retreat. Father Jim Rolph will lead discussions following selected segments of Father John's presentation and attendees will have time to discuss in small groups or spend time alone reflecting on the message. The suggested donation is \$30 and includes morning coffee, lunch, and all materials. Spaces are still available, so register today at stfrancis.ws. *If you are a couple working with a parish in our Diocese to prepare for marriage, this Kerygma Retreat can fulfill your retreat requirement. Contact to your marriage preparation coordinator to learn more!*

REDISCOVER THE MASS SERIES

6:30 to 8:30 pm on Thursdays NOW 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.

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>.

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.**

IGNATIAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

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 to register and to access 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

On this retreat participants will gain important outdoor skills such as plant identification, how to pitch a tent, and how to chop wood and start a proper campfire. Participants will be taught knife skills, how to start and operate a tractor, and will participate in an Orienteering event. Mass will be celebrated daily with the opportunity for Adoration. Challenging and entertaining talks will center around the lessons learned from male role models, the need for authentic Catholic men, and why showing respect to women is so important. Note that space is limited. Participants will receive a knife, compass, and whistle and be taught knife safety and skills. Sleeping bags and mats along with proper hiking boots are a must; tents can be brought if you have one (no larger than for 4 persons). Visit stfrancis.ws/forged to register for \$250 each and for full details.

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.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PREACHING

Monday, June 26, to Wednesday, June 28

hosted by the Theology Department at Notre Dame, Indiana

This year's event 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.

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.**

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

To apply for a weekend, visit wwme.org or call 517-667-0433.



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



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