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TO OUR 2023
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MAY 20/21, 2023 • THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH?

You are invited to attend RCIA classes **this fall!** We are ready to inspire you with testimonies from Catholics of how and why they entered the Church, and show you the Bible's relevance, dive into the teachings of Scriptures, 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 needs larger baby items: portable bouncy seats, crib mattresses, swings, safety gates, light folding strollers, umbrella strollers, car seats less than 5 years old, highchairs, dressers, bassinets, activity saucers, play mats, pack-n-plays; crib sheets, infant washcloths, hooded towels, bibs, burp cloths, preemie and newborn footed sleepers, receiving blankets; shower wash, lotion, and shampoo for moms; visit amazon.com/registries and search *SP Women's Center* for a full list of needs. **HANNAH'S HOUSE needs** computer paper, address labels, ladies and household items. **Collection bins** are out at both church entrances for 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 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
Peter Allen
Larry Avery
MaryAnn Baer
Frank Baldwin
Robert S. Berman
Dr. Charles Bethke
Michalyn Bethke
Robbie Bethke
Warren Blackburn
Matthew Boersma
Carol Buiocchi
Chuck Buiocchi
Christine Campbell
Aurora L. Convery
Mike Cook

Terry Dinning
Brian M. Doak
Emma Elias
John Paul Erford
Ruthanne Finn
Jackie Fortier
Chief Richard Freer
Roberta Fugazzi
Carol Giacin
Jim Gregg
Jim Hagan
Raul Iznaga-Ponce
Nick Jones
Tom King
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Norm Krohn
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Karah Ley
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Joseph Martyka
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Ralph Niles
Peter Noble
Ronnie Patoprsty
Sister Marie Pauline
Bob Pichey
Lawrence Prijoles
Judi Pressick
Cecilia Roccas
Nicole Roccas
Jeffrey Rostek
Joyce Salsbury
Renee Salyers
Hal Schneider

Leanne Seguin
David Showerman
Kellie Soper
John Stanowski
Kim Stark
Paul Stevens
Wayne Thelen
Donald Trentel

All Serving in Our Armed Forces

The Repose of the †Soul of:
†Maureen McKelvey

And Especially for:
Bradley Jarema
and his family
in this difficult time

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 22 - Easter Weekday / Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**Readings:** Acts 19:1-8 / John 16:29-33**8:30 am Mass** †Keith Hall, *from K. and M. Hall***Tuesday, May 23 - Easter Weekday****Readings:** Acts 20:17-27 / John 17:1-11a**8:30 am Mass** Special Intentions of Michelle Allen, *from the Olson family***Wednesday, May 24 - Easter Weekday****Readings:** Acts 20:28-38 / John 17:11b-19**6 pm Mass** †Richard Brueckner, *from J. and V. Smith***Thursday, May 25 - Easter Weekday / Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin****Readings:** Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 / John 17:20-26**8:30 am School Mass** †Chuck Willems**Friday, May 26 - Easter Weekday / Saint Philip Neri****Readings:** Acts 25:13b-21 / John 21:15-19**8:30 am Mass** †Jack Strahan, *from J. and MK. Strahan***Saturday, May 27 - Easter Weekday; Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (Day) / Pentecost Vigil (Eve)****Daytime Readings:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / John 21:20-25**Vigil Readings:** Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23**5 pm Vigil Mass** †Eleanor Fortier, *from F. and J. Fortier***Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost****Readings:** Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23**8 am Mass** †James J. Pendergast, *from his family***10 am Mass** Birthday Intentions of Michael, Matthew, and Lillith, *from the Olson family***5 pm Mass** All People of Saint Martha**THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS: VISIT FORMED.ORG, CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG****Rita** 1381 to 05/22/1457; **Canonized** 05/24/1900; **Patronage** abuse, impossible and lost causes, marital problems, mothers, sickness, wounds**Bede** 673 to 05/26/735; **Canonized and Doctor of the Church** 1899; **Patronage** English historians and writers; several colleges and regions**Gregory VII** 1050 to 05/25/1085; **Canonized** 05/24/1728; **Patronage** Diocese of Sovana (Italy)**Mary Magdalene de' Pazzia** 04/02/1566 to 05/25/1607; **Canonized** 04/25/1669**Philip Neri** 07/22/1515 to 05/26/1595; **Canonized** 03/12/1622; **Patronage** artists, comedians, joy, laughter, writers; US Special Forces, Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest; several regions**Augustine of Canterbury** 597 to 05/26/604; **Canonized** pre-congregation

OTHER OFFERINGS

Monday, May 22**8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***Tuesday, May 23****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***6 pm** RCIA**6:30 pm** GriefShare**7:30 pm** Men's Pick-Up B-Ball**Wednesday, May 24****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS; *Middle School Vocations talk***6:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. John***6:30 pm** Adoration**7 pm** K of C Officer Meeting**7:20 pm** Benediction**Thursday, May 25****8 am to 3:25 pm** SMS; *Mass 8,4; Talent Show; 8th Clap Out***9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***10 am** Prayer Quilt Open Sew**5 pm** Girl's Volleyball Practice**Friday, May 26****NO** SMS**9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. John***6 pm** Rosary for J. Fortier**Saturday, May 27****7:30 am** Upper Room Men**3:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***Sunday, May 28****at 10 am Mass** Confirmations - *Congratulations, Josh Plefka and Sam Szygula!***6 pm** FF:HSYG

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

Saturday, May 27 - 5 pm

S. M. Goldynia

L. J. Hessinger, J. Zalba, L. Blatnik

A.S. TBD**Sunday, May 28 - 8 am**

S. G. and J. Ianni

L. M. Fletcher, S. O'Dea, C. DeKoninck

A.S. TBD**Sunday, May 28 - 10 am**

S. J. and K. Ault

L. D. Ianni, B. Martell, C. Flammini

A.S. TBD**Sunday, May 28 - 5 pm**

S. T. and M. Werner

L. Volunteer, M. Werner, Volunteer

A.S. TBD

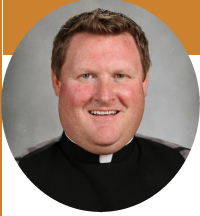
EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers**Brookdale, Medilodge** K. Mills**ICMCF Dobie** V. and M.K. Mankowski

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

May 20/21**Congratulations, Deacon Jim Collom and your family on your ordination, from the Rampe and Farnsworth families****Congratulations on your graduations, Michael Rampe, Jr. (Siena Heights) and Tomas Rampe (Lansing Catholic), love Mom and Dad****May 27/28****(2) Arrangements Available**

FROM FATHER RYAN'S DESK:



Greetings, St. Martha Parishioners!

I am so excited to serve as your next pastor!

Before I say anything about that, however, let me first acknowledge my dear friend, Fr. Mike Murray.

What an extraordinary priest he is! He came into your lives and the life of St. Martha Parish and School under very trying and difficult circumstances with one agenda item - to love you. Yes, there was a lot going on, and he did so many extraordinary things pastorally, administratively, and spiritually but the one thing he wanted to impress upon you was the Lord's love for you. I think, from what I can tell, he has done a remarkable job. I want to commend him for his hard work and perseverance through difficulty, his leadership, his prayerfulness and dedication to his vocation, and to his devotedness and attention to the people and students of the parish and school. Well done, good and faithful servant! I hope that he will not say goodbye because you will be seeing him ...

I realize that I have big shoes to fill, and so I ask that you pray for me as we enter this next chapter of St. Martha. I recently visited the school and someone asked me what my vision was for the parish. My response was, "Well, I don't know right now." That is an honest answer. I don't know right now. Jesus does, however. As we enter into this next chapter of St. Martha, I think it best to do so prayerfully. Our prayer should lead us into action. Our prayer should guide our decision making. Our prayer should guide our agendas, vision, and efforts. So, I ask you all to pray. I am sure that you already are and so I ask you to pray all the more intentionally that the Holy Spirit makes clear His vision for St. Martha Parish and School. I am confident that He will!

A little about me for those of you who do not know me (which is most). I grew up in Owosso, but our family moved to Portland, Michigan shortly after sixth grade. My father purchased a golf course on Morrison Lake. My father and brother are both golf professionals. Correction, my father was a golf professional. He passed away shortly after this past Christmas. I graduated from St. Patrick High School in Portland and then from Alma College with a degree in accounting. I worked for six years as a Senior Auditor with the State of Michigan, Office of the Auditor General. I loved my time there and still have many dear friends from the OAG. I entered seminary in 2010 and, after formation and graduation from Sacred Heart Major Seminary, was ordained by Bishop Boyea in 2016. Since then, I have served at St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Student Center in East Lansing, St. John the Evangelist in Fenton, St. Mary Magdalen in Brighton for a brief period as temporary administrator just to help get them through a period of hardship and turmoil, and am now wrapping my time as Chaplain at Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. Go Green! When I am not in the office, you will find me on the golf course during the summer. It's best that we not talk about winter ... Bring on the sun!

One of the joys of being a priest, at least for me, are Catholic schools! I have a passion for Catholic schools. Our youth have the right to know Jesus Christ, and we have the duty to make Jesus Christ known. Catholic schools are first and foremost places of encountering Jesus Christ while at the same time places to prepare our future doctors, lawyers, nurses, teachers, scientists, police officers, firefighters, etc. as they will go out into the world to make Christ known by helping bring about the Kingdom here on earth. I am excited to see what the Holy Spirit has in store for St. Martha School! I am also very appreciative of Andrea Patton and the faculty and staff. I have heard nothing but great things about everyone!

This is already a longer introduction than I had anticipated, so I will stop here and say, once again, how excited I am to be your next pastor. Please pray for me and know that I have been praying and will continue to pray for all of you! Come, Holy Spirit!

Fr. Ryan

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 February to August 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
\$21,201.23

Online Giving
April \$54,245
May TD \$28,727

In-Person Giving
April 23 \$14,413.45
Maintenance \$203
April 30 \$11,558.73
Maintenance \$10
May 07 \$7,793.73
Maintenance \$630
May 14 \$9,050
Maintenance \$136

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

IN A LOVING, NURTURING, CHRIST-LIKE ENVIRONMENT,
SAINT MARTHA SCHOOL GUIDES EACH STUDENT TO DEVELOP HIS OR HER UNIQUE
ABILITY AND POTENTIAL THROUGH PRAYER, STUDY, AND SERVICE.

Andrea Patton, Principal apatton@st-martha.org

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

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Our girls had a great time dancing with their dads, grandpas, special father figures, and friends at this year's dance! Thank you to all the families who attended. We look forward to continuing this tradition next year.



FAITH FORMATION

Jackie Rosalez, Director jrosalez@st-martha.org

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

Congratulations to this year's First Communion Class!



**HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP**

BONFIRE

**6:15 TO 8PM
SUNDAY, MAY 21**

WE WILL BE COMBINING WITH
SAINT MARY WILLIAMSTON'S
YOUTH GROUP OFF-SITE.

@BARKHAM CREEK
FARMS, HASLETT



2023 DIACONAL ORDINATION

**Congratulations to the ten newly ordained Deacons in the Diocese of Lansing,
including Saint Martha's own Jim Collom!**

These holy men were consecrated into the Diaconate this past Saturday morning. Please join us in praying for them, their wives, and their families as they begin serving the Church in their vocation.



THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE AT SAINT MARTHA PARISH

is very grateful for your faithful contributions to support critical financial assistance to many individuals and families in our community. Contributions to the Conference may be made in the "poor box" at the church entrance or through the parish's online collection. In addition, the Conference would appreciate your donation of any of the following household items: Wall calendars and planners • Crockpots • Hair dryers •

Waste baskets • Night stands • Lamp tables • Please call Jane at 517-974-5279 or Soraya at 517-755-6909 if you have an item for pickup. May the Lord richly bless you for your generosity to others!

THANK YOU, FATHER MURRAY AND OUR PARISHIONERS!

Our Knights of Columbus Council 10006 wishes to thank all of you for your generous support in our recent MI "Tootsie Roll" Drive during Palm Sunday weekend. Over \$3,000 was raised this year to provide much needed assistance to people with mental challenges and impairments in our community, especially children. 100% of the funds collected during our drive was distributed locally to All Faith Ministries for disabilities, Rainbow Homes for the disabled, Beekman Therapeutic Riding Stables, Saint Francis Camp, Capital Area Down Syndrome Association, Saint Louis Center, and the Michigan Special Olympics. Vivat Jesus! Dante Ianni, Grand Knight



SAINT MARTHA SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR a lunchroom supervisor for the 23-24 school year.



Duties include serving food in a safe manner compliant with the Ingham County Health Department and State of Michigan Regulations, supervising student behavior during their lunch period, and plating and serving the food along with parent volunteers that assist. Lunches are delivered from Lansing Catholic High School. Lunchroom supervisors will generally work 2 to 2.5 hours per day during the school year from August to June. **For full details and to apply, visit dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers.**



MSU FOOTBALL AND SAINT MARTHA

Hello, my fellow parishioners! Our Knights of Columbus would like to extend an open invitation to any parishioner who would like to join us at our Michigan State University Football Staff Fundraiser Event. The proceeds of these efforts support many charities, general and specific Saint Martha church needs, and Saint Martha School. For this event, we provide volunteers to work the MSU home football games for hours before the game and at least one additional quarter (or halftime) during the game. When not working, volunteers are able to watch most of the game from almost anywhere in the stadium for free. Lunch is provided to volunteers at all the home games, and we also have a tailgating party before one of the season's games. This is a great fall activity to get involved in where you will see many of your fellow parishioners outside of church and get to know them better! Contact Don Klump at djklump@comcast.net or 517-336-0631 to learn more if you are interested in joining us at the MSU Home Football games.

HERE AT SAINT MARTHA CONTINUED ...

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!

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 27/28	*past	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	July 17
June 10/11	May 29	July 08/09 & 15/16	June 26	August 05/06	July 24

DOWN THE ROAD AT SAINT MARY, WILLIAMSTON ...

Pentecost Eve Praise & Worship



Saturday, May 27
7:30pm - 9pm



Eucharistic Adoration

Teaching: The Holy Spirit and the Eucharist

Prayer for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Personal prayer ministry

Confessions available

Praise & Worship Music led by John Mira
and the Alive Band!

St. Mary Parish
stmarywilliamston.org



THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA 1146 - Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls."

**LUNCH WITH PURPOSE
BOX LUNCH FUNDRAISER**

Pickup from 11 am to 1 pm THIS Thursday, May 25
at St. Vincent Catholic Charities, Lansing

These \$10 lunches include a turkey sandwich, bag of chips, coleslaw, pickle, and cookie. Orders of 15+ have the option of delivery. **Place your orders by THIS Tuesday, May 23, at stvcc.org or by calling 517-323-4734.** All proceeds benefit St. Vincent Catholic Charities.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

9 am NEXT Monday, May 29

at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Lansing

All are invited to this annual outdoor Mass. Plan to bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. In case of rain, Mass will be held at Saint Therese Parish, Lansing.

SAINT MICHAEL 30TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

8:30 am shotgun start on Saturday, June 3
at Centennial Acres Golf Course, Sunfield

The events features a four-person scramble, lunch, games, prizes, and a silent auction. New this year, non-golfers are welcome to join at lunch! **Find full details including pricing at school.stmichaelgl.org/annual-golf-outing.**

LIVING ROSARY

11 am to Noon on Saturday, June 3
on the Capital Lawn, Lansing

All are invited to join other Catholic families to offer prayers and petitions for the Church's protection and the needs of our Society. Bring a rosary and comfortable chair; this will be held rain or shine and is sponsored by the Michigan Knights of Columbus. **Visit mikoclivingrosary.org for more details.**

**LANSING AREA CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLER
ANNUAL FAMILY POTLUCK**

4:30 pm on Saturday, June 3
at Saint Therese, Lansing

All homeschool families are invited to this fun meal and games with other area Catholic homeschool families. **To RSVP your attendance, email kristinewitkowski@gmail.com.**

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.**

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, how to chop wood and start a proper campfire, knife skills, and how to start and operate a tractor. 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.**

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 or 5 for \$100, with a seven-day inside passage Alaskan cruise grand prize. Proceeds benefit the Saint Louis Center. **To buy tickets, call 734-475-8430 or visit 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 build bridges between preaching and social action. How can we preach the social teachings of the Church? Can Catholic preaching be enriched by reading both the scriptural text and the contemporary world through the lens of Catholic social teaching (CST)? How can we enrich our understanding of CST through reflection on the Church's mission to preach, teach, and evangelize? **Register for this opportunity for fruitful dialogue and enriching collaboration among those who are in Church's ministry at rb.gy/96nj.**

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY SUMMER INTENSIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Featuring speakers Father Mathias Thelen, Father Patrick Gonyeau, Patrick Reis, Sarah Kaczmarek, and Joe Philip

Drawing from the richness of our Catholic heritage, Encounter School of Ministry seeks to teach, equip, and activate disciples to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in their sphere of influence.

Option 1: 4 Weeks/4 Classes Online Campus beginning Thursday, July 6. Experience the first 4 quarters in a 4-week period. Each week includes 2 flexible schedule course video lessons and a once-weekly, live Zoom session facilitated by Online Campus Director Joe Philip with prayer ministry, Q&A, activations, testimonies, and more. Zoom sessions are held from 1 to 3 pm or 7 to 9 pm on Thursdays in July.

Option 2: 4 Days/4 Classes on their Main Campus from Monday, July 10, to Thursday, July 13. Experience a survey of the first 4 quarters over a fast 4-day period, that gives participants a taste of the joy, transformation, and renewal that is at the heart of Encounter's mission! Sessions are held from 5 to 9 pm each evening at the Parish Life Center of Saint Patrick Parish, 711 Rickett Road in Brighton and include music with Encounter Worship.

For full details and to register for either Intensive, visit encounterministries.us/summer-intensive-offerings.

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 camping pilgrimage is a great opportunity to meet new friends while growing closer to God. The weekend includes a 10-mile hike, Eucharistic procession to the Shrine of the Cross in the Woods, 2 hours of Sturgeon River rafting, Mass, meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast. **For more information and 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

For more than 50 years, WWME has helped couples in nearly 100 countries deepen their marriages using teachings that are faithful to the Church's definition of marriage. **To apply for a weekend, visit wwme.org or call 517-667-0433.**

SUMMER SCRIPTURE DAYS WITH BISHOP BOYEA

Tuesday, August 22, through Thursday, August 24

at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Adults: come explore the life and letters of Saint Peter and deepen your understanding of scripture! **For full details and registration, visit stfrancis.ws/ssd.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2023 MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

9 am on Saturday, October 21

at the Lansing Center, downtown Lansing

Quenched: You will be like a well-watered garden. Ladies: you are invited to come focus on your faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ. You will be encouraged and inspired by m Catholic speakers, engage in praise and worship music, and celebrate Mass with bishops from across Michigan. This year's keynote speaker is Lisa Brenninkmeyer, Founder of *Walking With Purpose*. Other presenters include Father Dan Westermann, Karen Ervin, Melanie Rea, Sheri Wohlfert, and fan favorite MC, Erin Looby Carlson. Early Bird registration of \$64.50 is available through May 31; on June 1, tickets are \$72.50, with a discounted rate of \$65 for seniors (62 and over) and students. **Visit michiganwcw.org for full details and registration.** Those interested in becoming a vendor or exhibitor and to sponsor scholarships for ladies who would like to attend but are unable to afford the cost are also sought. *"Then the Lord will guide you always and satisfy your thirst in parched places, will give strength to your bones and you shall be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never fail."* (Isaiah 58:11)

A CATHOLIC WRITER'S RETREAT

Monday, October 9, through Friday, October 13

at Saint Francis Retreat Center

Facilitated by the Catholic Writers Guild with speaker Deacon Greg Kandra, the week offers abundant time to work and time to critique with other Catholic writers. **Register for \$875 and find full details at stfrancis.ws/writersretreat.**



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