MAY 27/28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY





MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29, 2023



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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

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All Serving in Our Armed Forces

Those military men and women who fought and gave their lives in service to our country

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.

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.

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

Monday, May 29 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church / Memorial Day

Readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/ John 19:25-34

NO Mass

Tuesday, May 30 - Weekday

Readings: Acts 20:17-27 / John 17:1-11a

8:30 am Mass 48th Anniversary of Frank and Jackie Fortier

Wednesday, May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:16 / Luke 1:39-56

6 pm Mass †Alexandra Meredith Duda, from Dr. A. Duda and Family

Thursday, June 01 - Saint Justin, Martyr

Readings: Sirach 42:15-25 / Mark 10:46-52

8:30 am School Mass †Helen lyare, from V. and J. Smith

Friday, June 02 - Weekday / Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Readings: Sirach 44:1, 9-13 / Mark 11:11-26

8:30 am Mass †Chuck Willems

Saturday, June 03 - Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs (Day) / Most Holy Trinity Vigil (Eve)

Daytime Readings: Sirach 51:12cd-20 / Mark 11:27-33

Vigil Readings: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 / John 3:16-18

5 pm Vigil Mass All People of Saint Martha

Sunday, June 04 - Most Holy Trinity

Readings: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 / John 3:16-18

8 am Mass †Diane Liskiewicz, from A. and C. Rynbrandt

10 am Mass †Dylan Chadwell, from D. Chadwell

5 pm Mass †Edwin and †Natalie Martyka, from B. and S. King

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS: VISIT FORMED.ORG, CATHOLICSAINTS.ORG

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church title for Mary used throughout history and officially bestowed by Pope Paul VI in 1964; inserted into the Catechism by Pope John Paul II; instituted as a feast by Pope Francis

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemoration of Mary's visit to Elizabeth whereupon Mary proclaimed the Magnificat

Justin 100 to 165; Canonized pre-congregation; Patronage philosophers

Marcellinus and Peter the Exorcist unknown to 304; Canonized pre-congregation

Charles Lwanga 01/01/1860 to 06/03/1886; Canonized with Companions 10/18/1964; Patronage converts, torture victims; African Catholic Youth Action

Most Holy Trinity celebrates the doctrine of the Trinity on the first Sunday after Pentecost

SACRISTANS AND LECTORS

Saturday, June 03 - 5 pm

S. D. and L. McAlvey

L. J. Matuszak, B. Martell, M. L-Krusky A.S. TBD

Sunday, June 04 - 8 am

S. L. and C. Kendall

L. M. Finelli, C. DeKoninck, S. Kostaroff A.S. TBD

Sunday, June 05 - 10 am

S. D. and F. Herring

L. Volunteer, C. Flammini, M. Hakim

A.S. TBD

Sunday, June 05 - 5 pm

S. J. and P. Rilev

L. Volunteer, L. VanSteel, I. Stines

A.S. TBD

EUCHARIST TO CARE HOMES

Willows of Okemos R. Salvers

Brookdale, Medilodge M. Ferrigan

ICMCF Dobie T. Rapson, C. Webster

OTHER OFFERINGS

Monday, May 29

NO SMS

Parish Offices Closed

NO Reconciliation

Tuesday, May 30

8 am to 3:25 pm SMS

9 am Reconciliation Fr. John

6 pm GriefShare

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

Wednesday, May 31

8 am to 3:25 pm SMS

6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

6:30 pm Adoration

7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, June 01

8 am to 3:25 pm SMS; *Mass 7,6,5*;

8 Graduation and Picnic

NO Reconciliation

9:15 am FOTS Mom's Group

5 pm Girl's Volleyball Practice

Friday, June 02

8 am to 3:25 pm SMS; Fun Day

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Mike

9 am First Friday Adoration

9 am First Friday Coffee, Treats

3 pm Benediction

4:30 pm Church Closed *for Private*

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 03

7:30 am Upper Room Men

9:30 am to 3 pm Church Closed for Private Wedding

3:30 pm Reconciliation Msgr. Reilly

Sunday, June 04

after 8 and 10 am Masses Donuts

sponsored by GriefShare

11 am StVdP Open Meeting

6 pm FF:HSYG

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

May 27/28

(2) Arrangements Available

June 03/04

(2) In Celebration of the marriage of Ryan and Lindsey Loutsis, from G. and G. Streeter

Dedications in 2023 are available for \$80 each in the Parish Office.

From Father Mike's Desk:



We live on a beautiful planet, during a time of unimaginable blessings. Everything from health care, to communication, to transportation, to nutrition, to the creature comforts daily life is vastly beyond what any person could have imagined not long ago. And, as Catholic Christians, we have the indescribable blessings of the Eucharist and the other Sacraments, opening for us the door to eternal life.

At the same time, as has often been observed, news outlets -- whether the old media and the new -- seem persistently to traffic in bad news. Of course, we know that, in a sense, this tells us something good: that these unfortunate events are the exception, rather than the norm. Put another way, we can be glad that a crime or an accident is uncommon enough to earn our attention, while another safe and comfortable day seems (and ought to seem) unremarkable.

That said, our society is not enjoying great health these days. Recent survey results and demographic data certainly give us pause. We've all seen these reports -- violent crime rising in many places, higher percentages of people reporting loneliness or unhappiness, young people with almost no grasp of American history, declining life expectancy due largely to "deaths of despair" (alcohol, drug overdoses, suicide), universities forsaking their mission of fearless inquiry in search of truth, absenteeism and educational decline in school districts that remained closed longer than necessary, a Congress that barely functions, political parties that have lost touch with ordinary Americans, and so much more.

And the anger. Everywhere, the anger.

In the realm of race relations, we are sixty years on from the day Martin Luther King, Jr., shared the Dream that his four children "will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Yet we find ourselves with a resurgence of the thoroughly discredited notion that assumptions can be made about a person on the basis of skin color.

Certainly we face challenges in the realm of family life. More cohabitation, less marriage. Out-of-wedlock birth rates increasing throughout society. Women and girls objectified and disrespected. Young men underrepresented in higher education and overrepresented in the morgue. It's practically a cliche' that a young woman, seeking a man who will be a proper husband and father, can instead find herself meeting a succession of man-boys who would rather wander the back alleys of gaming, internet porn, marijuana, and casual semi-employment.

Some days, it appears that society is actively engaged in bringing both sexes down. Certainly, women are given no help by a culture of contraception and abortion, which encourages casual treatment of what is holy, and serves to bring out the worst in young men who have not been well formed to responsible manhood. Meanwhile, fatherhood is too often devalued and scorned, even as study after study demonstrates the connection between societal havoc and children growing up without knowing the love and guidance of a father.

On the Feast of the Ascension, Deacon Carl preached powerfully of Hope, and of our opportunity (and duty) to reach our God-given potential. Our Hope is in Christ, and our potential is to be sons and daughters of Almighty God. Thus the bulk of our societal ills can be fairly traced, directly or indirectly, to our nation having, in too many homes, set aside our rich and fertile religious heritage.

As I wrote a couple weeks ago, we Catholic Christians must protect our children. We must continue always to build up the Domestic Church in every one of our homes. We must help them avoid the distrust and unforgiveness that plagues our world. Let them see their many blessings, so that, filled with gratitude and warm peace of heart, they may share fully in the joy Christ wishes for them. John 15:11. And all this happens, in the words of the beautiful hymn that I often mention, *In Christ Alone*. You've seen these lyrics before, so here again is just the first verse. This is how we get ourselves back on track. This is the only way we get ourselves back on track.

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Blessings!

frmike

HERE AT SAINT MARTHA:

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

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

4-Week Average \$39,535.07

Online Giving April \$54,245 May TD \$40,133

In-Person Giving

April 30 \$11,558.73 **Maintenance** \$10

May 07 \$7,793.73 **Maintenance** \$630

May 14 \$9,050 **Maintenance** \$136

May 21 \$6,283.68 Maintenance \$185

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for a variety of ways 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.

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

EIGHTH GRADE UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 25: Clap Out!

Families are invited to meet us at our school entrance to line the walkway and cheer on our 8th graders. As their time with us at Saint Martha School comes to a close, we are excited to honor them with this joyful and fun tradition! Dismissal is at 3:25 pm, so plan to meet in front of our school between 3:10 pm and 3:20 pm.

Thursday, June 1: Graduation!

We will hold our 8th grade graduation ceremony immediately following Mass. Please join us to honor these wonderful kids and the impact they have had on our school!















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 mid-March through August of 2024 for \$10 per Mass.



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HERE AT SAINT MARTHA CONTINUED ...

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

8TH GRADE - GRADUATING SENIORS

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT TO SEND OFF THE SENIORS, AND START OFF THE SUMMER!

SUMMER SEND-OFF

6 TO 8PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4
BLESSED SOLANUS ROOM



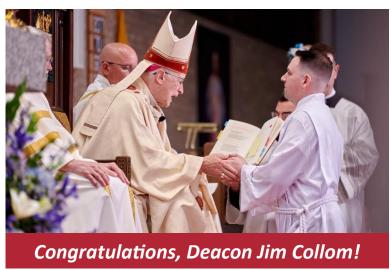
SPRING CLEANING BUCKET BRIGADE HELP US HELP FAMILIES IN NEED



Grab a bucket • Fill it with cleaning supplies
Return it by June 12

This effort is sponsored by our Education Commission





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!

HERE AT SAINT MARTHA CONTINUED ...



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
June 03/04	*past	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
June 17/18	June 05	July 22/23	July 10	August 12/13	July 31

DOWN THE ROAD AT SAINT MARY, WILLIAMSTON ...

Long-Term Damage: What the Church and Science Tell Us About Kids (and Adults) Using Smartphones and the Internet

6 TO 7:30 PM THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 1

IN THE SAINT JOSEPH HALL OF SAINT MARY PARISH, WILLIAMSTON

The internet is filled with risks for kids including depression, anxiety, pornography, identity theft, cyberbullying, scams, predators, and more. An innocent keystroke can unlock a wide web of dangers. We want to equip you to protect your children - and yourselves - online! Childcare will be available in the Saint Mary School Gym during the presentation.

Jenny Ingles will be our presenter. She is a mother of four young children, a parishioner at St. Mary, and the Diocese of Lansing's Director of Fertility and Life Ministries. She is very familiar, professionally and personally, with the challenges families face in protecting their children from the dangers of smartphones and the internet.



ACROSS THE DIOCESE: VISIT <u>DIOCESEOFLANSING.ORG</u> FOR THESE AND OTHER AREA EVENTS! FOR INFORMATION ON VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF LANSING, VISIT LANSINGPRIEST.ORG.



THE DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA 1520 - Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

"I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be confirmed in good. Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My divine peace at the hour of death."

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

9 am THIS 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.

36TH ANNUAL VOCATIONS GOLF OUTING

8 am shotgun start NEXT Saturday, June 3 at Eagle View Golf Club, Mason

This annual event sponsored by the Knights Council of Saints James, Cornelius, and Cyprian includes golf, breakfast and lunch, a collectable t-shirt, a chance at a \$10,000 hole-in-one, and other prizes. *Register at masonknights.org/home*.

SAINT MICHAEL 30TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

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

The event 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 NEXT 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 NEXT 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 <u>lansingcatholic.org/summercamps</u> for options beginning as early as Monday, June 12.

FORGED: A RETREAT FOR BOYS AGE 13 TO 16

Monday, June 12, through Wednesday, June 14 at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Participants will gain important outdoor skills including plant identification, knife skills, and how to pitch a tent, start and operate a tractor, chop wood, and start a proper campfire. Talks will include lessons learned from male role models, the need for authentic Catholic men, and why showing respect to women is so important. Mass will be celebrated daily with the opportunity for Adoration. 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). *To register for \$250 each, visit 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 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.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE CONTINUED ...

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PREACHING

Monday, June 26, to Wednesday, June 28 hosted by the Theology Department at Notre Dame, Indiana How can we effectively preach the social teachings of the Church and conclusively bridge the gap between preaching and social action? Register at rb.gy/96nj for this opportunity that includes fruitful dialogue and enriching collaboration among those who are in Church's ministry.

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY SUMMER INTENSIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Featuring Fathers Mathias Thelen and Patrick Gonyeau, and speakers 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 www.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

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.

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.

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 michigancwc.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).



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^{nd} full weekend of the month and rotate through the 4 Mass times. Preparation classes are held the 2^{nd} Mondays at 7 pm. Contact the Parish Office to register.

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

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

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

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Contact Us: 517-349-3322

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm Full Day PreK to 8: Monday through Friday, 8 am to 3:30 pm Half Day PreK: Monday through Friday, 8 to 11:30 am



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MASS OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday

5 pm

Sunday

8 am, 10 am, 5 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am

Wednesday 6 pm

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

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

Wednesday

6:45 to 7:15 pm

Saturday

3:30 to 4:30 pm

Other times by appointment

Lent and Advent announced as scheduled

PRAYER/ADORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Monday

International Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

Tuesday

Holy Hour of Reparation after 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday

5:30 pm Rosary for the Unborn 5:45 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Adoration after 6:30 pm Mass until 7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday

8 am Rosary for peace and those suffering from war

Friday

Rosary after 8:30 am Mass First Friday monthly Adoration after 8:30 am Mass until 3 pm Benediction