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Saint Vincent de Paul President Al Kearney

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Service/Outreach Ministry Coordinator Renee Salvers

Upper Room Men's Prayer Group Michael Siminski and Frank Fortier

UPDATING PRAYER LIST

We will be refreshing the Printed Prayer List starting in September. All names added will appear for 6 weeks, unless requested for a longer period of time (i.e. upcoming surgery).

Please contact the parish office to keep a loved one's name on the list or to add someone. Thank you!

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:

We pray for all who need physical or spiritual healing, especially:

Matthew Boersma Jackie LaViolette Ann Curtin Donald Trentel Taryn DeCicco Michelle Allen Peter Allen Larry Avery MaryAnn Baer Frank Baldwin Robert S. Berman Dr. Charles Bethke Michalyn Bethke Robby Duniec Carol Buiocchi Chuck Buiocchi Christine Campbell Aurora L. Convery Mike Cook Terry Dinning Brian M. Doak Emma Elias John Paul Erford Jackie Fortier Chief Richard Freer Roberta Fugazzi Carol Giacin Jim Gregg Jim Hagan Raul Iznaga-Ponce Nick Jones

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and all those serving in our Armed Forces

The Repose of the †Soul of: †All our dearly departed loved ones

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

POTENTIAL UPS STRIKE AND DIGITAL BULLETINS

Please note that there is a potential for an UPS strike. This means there's a high probability that printed bulletins may not arrive in time for the weekend Masses in the coming weeks or months.

What can you do? Know that bulletins are available digitally online each week at st-martha.org/bulletin

> You can also subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter at st-martha.org/stay-in-touch



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17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGIES & READINGS

Monday, July 31 | Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Readings: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

8:30 am Mass Special Intentions of Holly Jean McCann by B. McCann

Tuesday, August 1 | Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

No Mass on Tuesdays for the Summer Months

Wednesday, August 2 | Memorials of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, and Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Readings: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

6 pm Mass Birthday Intentions of Alexis, Kyleigh, Harleigh, and Noah

by the Olson Family

Thursday, August 3

Readings: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

8:30 am † Raymond Brill by his family

Friday, August 4 | Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Readings: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

8:30 am Mass † John Rasmussen by D. and M.B. Anderson

Saturday, August 5 | Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome

Daytime Readings: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

5 pm Vigil Mass † Paul Marreck by L. Harrison

Sunday, August 6 | Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

8 am Mass † Paul and † Susan Phillip and † Janet Kuehnel by C. and T. DeKoninck

10 am Mass Special Intention of the People of St. Martha Parish

5 pm Mass † Chris Guggmos by H. Kavangh



TO SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS OR ALTAR FLOWERS, PLEASE VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS

Mass Intentions

Masses are being scheduled for the living or † deceased from April to July of 2024, for \$10 per Mass.

ALTAR FLOWERS

2 floral arrangements are available per weekend throughout 2023 for \$80 per arrangement.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, July 31

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Mike

Tuesday, August 1

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

Wednesday, August 2

6:30 pm Reconciliation Fr. Mike

6:30 pm Adoration

7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, August 3

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Mike

Friday, August 4

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Mike

9-10:30 am First Friday Coffee & Treats

9 am - 3pm Adoration

Saturday, August 5

7:30 am Upper Room Men's Prayer,

open to all men

3:30 pm Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

SACRISTANS & LECTORS

Saturday, August 5 - 5 pm

S. J. and T. Kaczmarzcvk

L. Volunteer, J. Hessinger, L. Blatnik

Sunday, August 6 - 8 am

S. J. and L. Collom

L. M. Finelli, B M. O'Brien, S. Kostaroff

Sunday, August 6 - 10 am

S. J. and K. Ault

L. Volunteer, C. Flammini, B. Martell

Sunday, August 6 - 5 pm

S. H., B., and C. Walton

L. Volunteer, I. Stines, L. Van Steel

EUCHARIST TO CARE HOMES AUGUST 6, 2023

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge S. O'Dea

ICMCF J. Matuszak, M. Siminski, A. Rosalez

FORMED.ORG: ACCESS FREE CATHOLIC FAITH RESOURCES

Sign up at formed.org/signup by searching for Saint Martha by zip (48864) then fill in your details click the link in the emailed reply and begin using formed.org!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ALICE Training August 16

Please be reminded that the entire campus will be closed until 5:30PM on Wednesday, August 16, for ALICE Training with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. As explained in last week's bulletin, the entire school and parish staff will be working through what to do in active shooter situations. This is a large part of our continued efforts to ensure the safety of our children, parishioners, and staff. Please do not be alarmed if/when you see police cars in the parking lot, but I do ask that you not come to the campus during the day on August 16, 2023.

Regular Wednesday evening Mass and Eucharistic Adoration will be held as scheduled.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

Building Security Upgrades

Andrea Patton and I have both reviewed the safety and security assessment of the campus and prioritized various security upgrades. These upgrades will be costly, and the grant will not cover everything. I met with the Finance Council to update them on the various needs, and we are drafting a plan to begin upgrading what we can. More information will be forthcoming as decisions are made.

Internal Controls Review

Each time there is a change of pastor, the Diocese of Lansing conducts an internal control review of our financial statements, cash handling, accounts receivable, and accounts payable processes. Auditors from Maner Costerisan were here last week to conduct this review. As in any review, there were some minor findings that have already been or will be addressed and corrected. All-in-all, the review was positive, and our processes are sound. We will have a close-out meeting with the auditors and representatives from the diocese very soon. Rest assured that we do everything we can to ensure the reliability, accountability, and transparency of our financial information and assets.

I am extremely grateful for the group of volunteers who help review both accounts payable and accounts receivable weekly. As I have communicated to them, they have my full support in reporting anything they observe or perceive to be suspicious or out of the ordinary to me or to the Diocese of Lansing.

And, as always, know of my deep appreciation and gratitude for all of our Saint Martha parishioners and your generosity in giving! Without your support, we could not accomplish the mission of Christ and His Church! Thank you!

Vacation

After Masses this weekend I will be on vacation through August 4. I will be heading up north for a week of golf with priest classmates from the Archdiocese of Detroit. Fr. Mike will be filling in for me in my absence. Please don't let him work too hard!

Feast of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (Holy Family of Bethany)!

This weekend, we celebrate our patronal feast of St. Martha Parish! In the history of the Church in the Diocese of Lansing, St. Martha Parish is very young (and I am very new!). When you walk through the hallways, It is amazing to see all the pictures of First Communions and Graduation classes that hang on the walls. In those photos, you can see the humble beginnings of the parish with Masses celebrated at Okemos High School, the transformation of the sanctuary over time, and up to the beautiful worship space we have today! St. Martha has come a long way and has been through a lot, yet there is still so much that the Lord longs to do here.

When St. Martha Parish was formed, there was a vision that this would be a community of people who loved Jesus, worshiped Him together in prayer and sacrament, were educated in the faith, and formed to become missionary disciples.

In the Gospel today, Jesus looks upon Martha and says, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Immediately after this, Mary, Martha, and all who were with them witnessed Jesus perform His greatest miracle - raising His friend, Lazarus, from the dead.

Like the miracle our patroness witnessed, I want us to be a community who dreams and thinks big! I don't know about you, but I get the sense that the Lord wants to accomplish something big here at St. Martha. You can feel the Holy Spirit at work. This parish has been through difficult times, has had time to process and heal, and now I think we are on the path to growth and dynamism. Can you imagine more kids in the pictures that hang in the hallways; more kids talking and yelling in the hallways and classrooms of the school; more weddings and baptisms; more people in our pews worshiping and receiving the Lord; more people in our faith formation classes; and more youth in our youth group?

From the Pastor's Desk continues on next page

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HERE AT SAINT MARTHA VISIT <u>ST-MARTHA.ORG</u> FOR MORE ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

Online Giving

June - \$45,869

July TD - \$39,508

YTD Online Weekly Average

\$11,769

In-Person Giving

June - \$34,526

July 2 - \$9,261

July 9 - \$5,847

July 16 - \$8,605

July 23 - \$5,884

YTD In-Person Weekly Average

\$8,588.86

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

I think the Lord wants to accomplish **more** here at St. Martha, and I think He wants us to dream and think big!

That said, we cannot accomplish anything if we don't first answer the question that Jesus posed to St. Martha - "Do you believe?" Do you believe that Jesus is who he says he is? Do you believe that Jesus wants to accomplish something more here at St. Martha?

None of our dreams will be realized if we aren't first living as Christ's missionary disciples within the culture we find ourselves.

Do we *live* our belief? How is the Lord asking us to live that belief? What **more** does the Lord want to accomplish in and through us -

both as individuals and as a community? What **more** is the Lord asking of us?

Know of my prayers for each one of you!

Fr. Ryan



High School Youth Group



Meetings and Events

- August 2: Volleyball @ McCormick Park 7 to 9 pm
- August 3: Summer Chill @ STA 7 to 9 pm
- August 5 and 6: Film Festival Location/Time TBA
- August 8: Movie + Tacos @ STM 6 to 8:30 pm
- August 9: Volleyball @ McCormick Park 7 to 9 pm
- August 10: Summer Chill @ STA 7 to 9 pm
- August 16: Volleyball @ McCormick Park 7 to 9 pm
- August 17: Summer Chill @ STA 7 to 9 pm



REGISTRATION

Suggested donation: \$200 August 7, 4:00 pm - August 9, 11:00am

St. Francis Retreat Center 703 E. Main Street DeWitt, MI 48820

Register at www.stfrancis.ws/discernment



NOW HIRING!

Several Support Staff Positions at Saint Martha School

St. Martha School is now taking applications for several support staff positions for the 2023-2024 School Year. We are seeking people to join our family:

Preschool Aide Elementary Aide After Care Aide

Visit **st-martha.org/employment** for job descriptions and how to apply

Fr. Mike Cassar - Director of Vocations for the

Diocese of Lansing, Fr. Ryan Riley, and Msgr.

Robert Lunsford will provide direction on the

discernment process, give their reflections on the priesthood, and answer questions. Small group

discussions will be led by priests of the Diocese of

Daily Mass and the opportunity for Confession and

Adoration will be offered.

SAINT MARTHA SCHOOL (Preschool - Grade 8)

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
Cynthia Farnsworth, Secretary <u>cfarnsworth@st-martha.org</u>
Phone 517-349-3322 • Office Hours Vary During the Summer
Preschool (Ages 3 & 4) - 8th Grade





St. Martha Charity Golf Scramble

(Open to all parishioners and their friends) Sponsored by St. Martha Knights of Columbus

WHEN:	Sunday,	<mark>Septem</mark> ber 10 th ,	2023
WHERE:		Sun Golf Club d, Haslett, MI 48840 89-8281	
Time:	11:30 AM	I shot-gun start	
Cost: \$80/golfer which inc	cludes: g	olf, cart, contine	<mark>ental b</mark> reakfast
lunch/dinner, range balls, priz	zes & 50%	off future round	of golf w/cart a
Meridian Sun. Men and women teams and single players welcomed.			
Register and Pay online at			
Meridiansungc.com			
	Or		
Cut and mail to Michael Horvath, 4400 Seneca Dr., Okemos, Mi. 48864 Phone: (517) 349-0523 or email: MLPHORVATH@GMAIL.COM —Make checks payable to K of C St Martha Council 10006			
Name:			
1	ph	email	Enc. \$
21	ph	email	_ Enc. \$
31	ph.	email	_ Enc. \$
4	ph.	email	_ Enc. \$
(Single players welcomed)		Total Enclosed	

Coats for Kids, St. Martha School, Bethany House, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Scholarships, Right to Life, Rainbow House of Lansing, Adult Ministries, Meridian Twp. Needs Fund, Beekman Center, Giving Tree Farm,

All proceeds support St. Martha Knights of Columbus "Works of Charity" such as;

Special Olympics & St. Vincent Catholic Charities.

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!Help Needed!



Cristo Rey's Clothing Closet is in need of in-season clothing. Please see details below:

Cristo Rey's Clothing Closet is in need of:

- In-season clothing
- All sizes
- · Gently used and new
- · Men's, women's, and children's clothing is needed

Donations can be dropped off with reception Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

Cristo Rey Community Center Address: 1717 N. High Street Lanisng, MI 48906



For Questions, Please Call (517) 253-8255



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY NIGHT TO CELEBRATE VOCATIONS

Friday, August 18 | 7 pm **Jackson Field, Lansing**

The Diocese of Lansing Knights of Columbus invite you to a night at the Lansing Lugnuts to celebrate vocations throughout the Diocese. The Lansing Lugnuts will take on the Great Lakes Loons at 7:05 pm, but festivities start at 5pm with inflatables until 6 pm for those 16 and under. Fireworks will also take place after the game! Tickets available online at milb.com/lansing/tickets

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL **INFORMATION NIGHT**

Monday, August 28 | 7 pm

St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

Be ready for whatever life brings you with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan's new in person or online weekly classes starting Sept 18th. Powerful, live teaching from Katrina Iamarino MA brings the Old Testament to life with relevance and application to our lives today as Catholic disciples. Learn more: cbsmich.org or call/text 586-438-3085.

LANSING DIOCESE COUNCIL OF **CATHOLIC WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday, September 9 | 8 am - 2 pm St. Patrick Church, Brighton

Come to the Table and feed your spirituality with speakers Sr. Sarah Burdock and Sean Breeden. Join us at 8 am St Patrick Church for Mass followed by conference in Parish Life Center (across from main church). Coffee, pastries, and



introductions begin after Mass (9:15 am). Conference ends at 2 pm. \$25 fee includes lunch. Scan the QR code to register. Questions? Contact **DIP** Judy Parsons 810-360-5499

THE GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST: RETREAT FOR REVIVAL

Women's Retreats: Sept. 15-17, Oct. 6-8, 27-29, & more! Men's Retreats: Jan 19-21 & 26-28, Mar 8-10, Apr 12-14 St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

The Catholic Church is in year 2 of a 3 year Eucharistic Revival. This retreat will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how the Eucharist is meant to transform every one of us. These weekend retreats, in addition to those talks, will have normal opportunities for Mass, Reconciliation, and a special focus on Eucharistic Adoration. Suggested donation is \$200. To register or find more, please visit stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreat

DIOCESE OF LANSING WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday, September 16

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing

Are you or someone you know celebrating a significant wedding anniversary: 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage? If so, you are most cordially invited to attend a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Boyea 🖁 followed by a cake and punch reception. Scan the QR code to RSVP or call or email Elizabeth Neuens 517-342-2465; eneuens@dioceseoflansing.org



SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE **PRILGRIMAGE**

November 2 - 7

While it's not an official parish pilgrimage, a number of St. Martha parishioners will be traveling together to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in November. If you are interested in devoting a long weekend (November 2-7) to our Lady (along with some good prayer and fellowship!), there are still some remaining spots. Check it out -- 206tours.com/ tour206/



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 the parish office by Friday, one week prior to the weekend needed.

Mass Announcements Must Be Emailed to the parish office 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. 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 9 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.

St. Martha Parish School (Preschool - Grade 8)

Phone: 517-349-3322

Summer Office Hours: Vary, please call ahead

LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

Phone: 517-267-2100

Summer Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am-1pm



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MASS OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday

5 pm

Sunday 8 am, 10 am, 5 pm

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am

> Wednesday 6 pm

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

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, 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

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