

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | AUGUST 6, 2023



*THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON
with Whom I am well pleased,
MATTHEW 17:5*



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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:

Charles Putrino	Raul Iznaga-Ponce
Jeffrey Rostek	Nick Jones
Matthew Boersma	Joan Krohn
Jackie LaViolette	Norm Krohn
Ann Curtin	Kristen Kubish
Donald Trentel	Karah Ley
Taryn DeCicco	John Llewellyn
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**and all those serving
in our Armed Forces**

**The Repose
of the †Soul of:**

†Encarnacion Saporantos
†All our dearly departed loved ones

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



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LITURGIES & READINGS

Mass Intentions for Sunday, August 6 were incorrect in last weekend's bulletin.

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 Special Intention of the People of St. Martha Parish

10 am Mass † Andrew and † Margaret Duda by Dr. A. Duda and Family

5 pm Mass † Thomas J. McCann by B. McCann

Monday, August 7 | Memorials of Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Martyr and Companions, and Saint Cajetan, Priest

Readings: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

8:30 am Mass † Susan Punch by L. Sammartino

Tuesday, August 8 | Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

Readings: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

No Mass on Tuesdays for the Summer Months

Wednesday, August 9 | Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Readings: Nm 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

6 pm Mass † Robert Golembieski by A. and C. Rynbrandt

Thursday, August 10 | Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

8:30 am † Lora Zieman by S. and T. Plaehn

Friday, August 11 | Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Readings: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt 16:24-28

8:30 am Mass † Helen Hopp Gallagher by E. and K. VanSteel

Saturday, August 12 | Memorial of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Daytime Readings: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Mt 17:14-20

5 pm Vigil Mass † Jerry, † Lee, and † Mike Cvengros by R. Cvengros

Sunday, August 13 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

8 am Mass † Paul and † Susan Phillip and † Janet Kuehnelt 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

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In loving memory of JoEllen Kazmierski
by Philip Kazmierski



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Monday, August 14

No 8:30 am Mass

6 pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday, August 15

7 am - No Incense, 8:30 am, and 6 pm Masses

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, August 7

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

6:30 pm Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

6:30 pm Adoration

7 pm K of C General Membership Mtg

7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, August 10

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

Friday, August 11

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

Saturday, August 12

**7:30 am Upper Room Men's Prayer,
open to all men**

3:30 pm Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

SACRISTANS & LECTORS

Saturday, August 12- 5 pm

S. M. Goldynia

L. L. Blatnik, J. Matuszk, M. L-Krusky

Sunday, August 13 - 8 am

S. G. and I. Ianni

L. BM. O'Brien, M. Fletcher, S. O'Dea

Sunday, August 13 - 10 am

S. Volunteer

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

Sunday, August 13 - 5 pm

S. J. and P. Riley

L. Volunteers

**EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES
AUGUST 13, 2023**

Sparrow C. Rynbramdt

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge S. O'Dea

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Masses are being scheduled from
April to August of 2024,
for \$10 per Mass.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

**Please contact the parish office to
schedule either of the above.**



ALICE Training August 16

Please be reminded that the entire campus will be closed August 16, 2023 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 active shooter training. 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. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

Evening Mass, Confessions, and Adoration will continue as scheduled.



Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

"By his loving foresight, he allowed them to taste for a short time the contemplation of eternal joy so that they might bear persecution bravely" - Venerable St. Bede (673 a.d. - 735 a.d.).

Recall in Exodus what happened to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Moses took three of his close friends up the mountain where they stood in God's presence for six days, and, on the seventh day, God's voice called out to Moses. While the Israelites stayed at Mt. Sinai, Moses climbed the mountain to speak with God, and, when he descended back to the encampment, his face shone as a reflection of the glory of God.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. Notice the parallels between the Transfiguration and Moses. Like Moses, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain where they become enveloped in the glory of God. Like Moses, Jesus is transfigured - that is, transformed - before them. He is not, however, reflecting the glory of God. Rather, He is the glory of God. Like Moses, the voice of God calls out, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." Jesus is the new Moses, but He is not merely a lawgiver or a prophet. Rather, He is the law and prophets themselves. He fulfills both the law and the prophets. He is the Son of God who comes to deliver His people.

The Transfiguration not only recalls Moses but also foreshadows the crucifixion. W. C. Davies and Dale Allison note in their commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, "In the one, a private epiphany, an exalted Jesus, with garments glistening, stands on a high mountain and is flanked by two religious giants from the past. All is light. In the other, public spectacle, a humiliated Jesus, whose clothes have been torn from him and divided, is lifted upon a cross and flanked by two common, convicted criminals. All is darkness. We have a pictorial antithetical parallelism, a diptych in which the two plates have similar lines but different colors."

When in your life have you tasted, even for a short time, the contemplation of eternal joy? When has God given you a glimpse into His love for you? How has God given you a glimpse of His love for you and what was it like? Take the week to sit with these questions and, when darkness befalls you or you are persecuted for the sake of Christ and His Church, return to those moments for strength - the strength of Christ Himself.

Know of my prayers for each one of you!

Fr. Ryan

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

Online Giving

June - \$45,869
July TD - \$46,189

YTD Online

Weekly Average
\$11,611

In-Person Giving

June - \$34,526
July 2 - \$9,261
July 9 - \$5,847
July 16 - \$8,605
July 23 - \$5,884
July 30 - \$7,010

YTD In-Person

Weekly Average
\$8,538

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High School Youth Group

AUGUST

Meetings and Events

- 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

HERE AT SAINT MARTHA CONTINUED ...

Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated our Feast Day last Saturday! We had a wonderful time celebrating after the Vigil Mass with food and fellowship with our faith family!

Thank you to the Knights for helping put this event together and to Fr. Mike for blessing our fire pit.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | COUNCIL #10006

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND FOOTBALL

Join the Knights of Columbus for a social fellowship event on **Saturday, November 11, 2023 after the 5 Mass until 10 pm.** If you have been to a Saint Martha Lenten fish fry, you may recall that they are as much a social event as an easy way to avoid meat on Friday. One main difference is that we will be serving hamburgers and other fun fall foods and drinks instead of fish. A second difference is that we will have several large TVs to watch Michigan State football team play at Ohio State that evening. We will also have a few TVs to watch Michigan play at Iowa. Be sure to remember to save the date of **November 11, 2023** for the inaugural Knights of Columbus Fellowship, Food, and Football event!

WHY JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

There is much work to be done in this world! Good Work. Necessary work. That's what the Knights of Columbus do. Every Day. Assisting the sick and disabled. Feeding the hungry. Protecting those who can't protect themselves. We don't all do everything; we each do that which we can. As we do these things, we become better neighbors, better husbands, better fathers, and better Catholics. To join or to get more information, please contact Grand Knight Stephen Zayko, 517.204.5136, email zayko@hampmathews.com or visit www.KofC.org/join

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.

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Phone 517-349-3322 • Office Hours Vary During the Summer
Preschool (Ages 3 & 4) - 8th Grade



"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." - Leo Buscaglia

Thank you to our Miracles who shared their gifts with the rest of the school at the annual talent show!



ST. MARTHA
PARISH & SCHOOL

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



St. Martha Charity Golf Scramble

(Open to all parishioners and their friends)

Sponsored by St. Martha Knights of Columbus

WHEN: Sunday, September 10th, 2023

WHERE: Meridian Sun Golf Club
1018 Haslett Rd, Haslett, MI 48840
Phone: 517-339-8281

Time: 11:30 AM shot-gun start

Cost: \$80/golfer which includes: golf, cart, continental breakfast/lunch/dinner, range balls, prizes & 50% off future round of golf w/cart at 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. \$ _____
2. _____	ph. _____	email _____	Enc. \$ _____
3. _____	ph. _____	email _____	Enc. \$ _____
4. _____	ph. _____	email _____	Enc. \$ _____

(Single players welcomed)

Total Enclosed _____



All proceeds support St. Martha Knights of Columbus "Works of Charity" such as; 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, Special Olympics & St. Vincent Catholic Charities.

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***

mother teresa house

COMING TO WILLIAMSTON INFORMATION MEETINGS

Saturday, August 19 | 10 am - noon

-- OR -- Wednesday, August 23 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

5829 Zimmer Rd, Williamston

Mother Teresa House in downtown Lansing provides a home and care for terminally ill people and is proposing a pilot project this Fall in Williamstown Township! All are invited to an Informational Meeting planned to present our mission and pilot project and to gauge local support. We are unable to answer individual inquiries about this project before the Informational Meetings, please RSVP with your 1) name 2) phone 3) email address and 4) which meeting you plan to attend to info@motherteresahouse.org. If you can, please bring a folding chair.

RIGHT TO LIFE SHIAWASSEE COUNTY GOLF OUTING

Saturday, August 19

Willow Brook Golf Course, Byron

\$100 golfer/\$400 a team for Four-person Scramble with dinner included. Registration starts at 7:45 am and tee off at 9 am. Sign up by August 9th to have a chance to win an early bird prize. Sponsor a hole for \$125, or \$200 for a flag (receive flag after golf). Please contact Beth Kerley at (517) 282-8983, Andy Flynn (517) 202-9232, Jerry (989) 627-2660 or Willow Brook Golf Course at (810) 266-4660 for information.

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.



ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES INVITES YOU TO THEIR
Ninety-ninth Annual **GUARDIAN SOCIETY** *Fundraising Breakfast*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:45 AM

THE MICHIGAN ROOM
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FR. RYAN RILEY
Pastor, St. Martha Parish

Join St. Vincent Catholic Charities for a one-hour breakfast as we share impactful stories of **HOPE, GRACE** and **GROWTH** and how we're continuing to serve our community through our programs and services, as we have done so for the last 75 years.

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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 Breen. Join us at 8 am St Patrick for Mass followed by conference in Parish Life Center (across from main church). Conference ends at 2 pm. \$25 fee includes lunch. Scan the QR code to register. Questions? Contact Judy Parsons **810-360-5499**



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 at **517-342-2465** or eneuens@dioceseoflansing.org





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 for 6 weeks unless otherwise otherwise stated. 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 2nd full weekend of the month. 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 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



SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS UPDATES AT
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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

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 AND ADORATION

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 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