

20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 20, 2023



*O Woman,  
Great is  
Your Faith!*

Matthew 15:28



ST. MARTHA  
PARISH & SCHOOL

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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:**

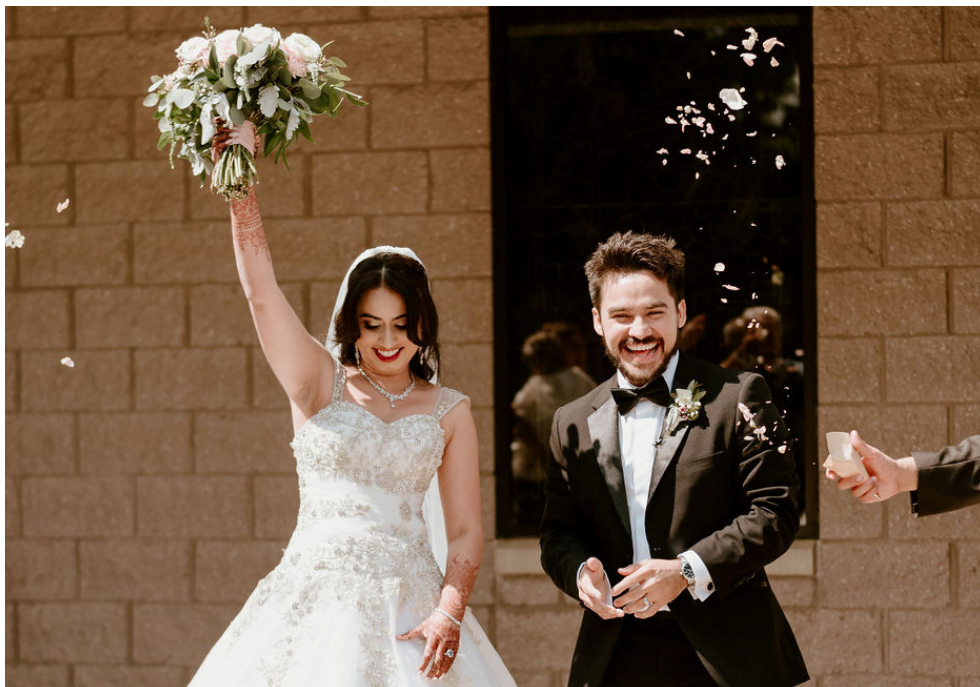
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Aurora L. Convery	David Showerman
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Terry Dinning	John Stanowski
Brian M. Doak	Kim Stark
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**and all those serving  
in our Armed Forces**

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

# Congratulations SONA AND RODOLFO

*May you enjoy a life filled with love and happiness through Christ!*



## LITURGIES & READINGS

**Monday, August 21 | Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope**

Readings: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40; 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22

8:30 am Mass † Andrew and † Margaret Duda by Dr. A. Duda & Family

**Tuesday, August 22 | Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Readings: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

No 8:30 am Mass during the summer. Resumes Tuesday, September 5, 2023

**Wednesday, August 23 | Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin**

Readings: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

6 pm Mass † Marie Perazza by S. and A. Readett

**Thursday, August 24 | Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**

Readings: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

8:30 am Mass † Joe Maceroni by C. and T. Miller

**Friday, August 25 | Memorial of Saint Louis of France and Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

Readings: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

8:30 am Mass † Suzanne Drath by K. D-Frost

**Saturday, August 26**

Daytime Readings: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

5 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention of the People of St. Martha Parish

**Sunday, August 27 | Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

8 am Mass Anniversary Intentions of Tom and Sharon O'Dea

10 am Mass † Donald and † Carol DeKoninck by C. and T. DeKoninck

5 pm Mass † Dennis Mack by A. and J. Rosalez

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

**Monday, August 21**

First Day of School at St. Martha!

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

**Tuesday, August 22**

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

**Wednesday, August 23**

6:30 pm Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

6:30 pm Adoration

7:20 pm Benediction

**Thursday, August 24**

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

**Friday, August 25**

9 am Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

**Saturday, August 26**

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

3:30 pm Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

## SACRISTANS & LECTORS

**Saturday, August 26 - 5 pm**

S. D. and L. McAlvey

L. Volunteer, J. Zalba, J. Hessinger

**Sunday, August 27 - 8 am**

S. L. and C. Kendall

L. M. Fletcher, B. M-O'Brien, S. Zayko

**Sunday, August 27 - 10 am**

S. M. and N. Bobinski

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

**Sunday, August 27 - 5 pm**

S. J. and P. Riley

L. Volunteers Needed

## EUCCHARIST TO CARE HOMES AUGUST 27, 2023

**Willows of Okemos** R. Salyers

**Brookdale, Medilodge** K. Mills

**ICMCF** M. Fletcher, D. Ianni

## CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN

# from GENESIS to REVELATION



Be ready for whatever life brings you with Catholic Biblical School's new weekly classes starting Monday, Sept 18th at St. Thomas, East Lansing from 7 to 9 pm.

Powerful, live teaching from Katrina Iamarino, MA, brings the Old Testament to life with relevance and application to our lives today as Catholic disciples.

Find out more at an Info Night at St. Thomas on Aug 28th at 7 pm or attend an Online Info Night Aug 27th or Sep 5th at 8 pm. Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Scan the QR code to visit [cbsmich.org](http://cbsmich.org) or call/text 586-438-3085 to learn more.



Mondays 7-9 pm  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
East Lansing

starts September 18th

get the **real** story  
from **real** teachers  
with **real** people

### Learn More at an Info Night

Mon Aug 28 7 pm at St. Thomas (+ online options!)

web: [cbsmich.org](http://cbsmich.org) | call/text: 586-438-3085

## MASS INTENTIONS

Masses are being scheduled through August of 2024, limited Masses available 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.**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Thank You!

Having been here for about six weeks, I am amazed by the outpouring of help by our many volunteers. This includes sacristans, altar servers, liturgical ministers, the Knights of Columbus, the Council of Catholic Women, our funeral luncheon teams, accounts receivable and payable review teams, finance council, pastoral council, education commission, and the many others who regularly and happily step up to help! Thank you so much for your generosity and willingness to help, not only me, but our staff and the people we serve. I am so proud to be a part of St. Martha Parish and School.

This past week was particularly busy, and I am very thankful to both Kathy Wood and everyone who helps with funeral luncheons. Many parishes have stopped offering them because they just can't find the volunteers. We are blessed to be able to offer such hospitality to those families who are grieving the loss of their loved ones. Thank you very much!

Another huge thank you goes out to Doug Hunter who is constantly helping around the parish. He took the time this past week prior to the funeral luncheon to wash the chairs that are used for seating in the main dining hall. This is just one example of his love and dedication to the parish!

### ALICE Training and Security Upgrades

This past week, the school and parish staff took part in ALICE training. Everyone found it valuable and enlightening. I think we are all the more prepared, and I hope that you feel safe and confident while you are on the campus. We are still working with various vendors to get quotes for security upgrades. More information is forthcoming as soon as we solidify our plans.

### Collection at Offertory

We passed the baskets at both evening Masses during the Solemnity of the Assumption. We haven't passed the baskets since Covid and have relied on the offertory boxes in the back of the church. First, as I said at those two Masses, my sincere apologies for not saying anything sooner. I was supposed to have announced it at the weekend Masses before, but the last two weeks have been particularly busy, and it slipped my mind. That's my fault. It was not my intention to make anyone feel put on the spot. After having consulted with the staff, we will begin passing the baskets at all weekend Masses beginning the weekend after Labor Day (September 9 and 10). If you are not enrolled in online giving, I encourage you to do so because it is quite a bit easier. As always, please know of my sincere gratitude for your generosity in giving and helping us to advance the mission of the Church through sacramental worship, faith formation, and education.

### Great is Your Faith!

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus says something that is rather bizarre. In His dialogue with a woman who asks for His help, He responds by saying, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Why does He sound so mean?! Well, He's actually not being mean. He's being merciful. We have to keep in mind a couple of things.

First, Jesus was being persecuted, and people were plotting to kill him. So, He and His disciples travel to the area of Tyre and Sidon. Tyre and Sidon was not Jewish territory. The people there were the descendants of Cain, the son of Adam and Eve who killed his brother Abel and was exiled. Cain and his descendants inhabited the territory of Tyre and Sidon and were therefore not descendants of the faith but rather were Gentiles. God sent His Son to a particular people, in a particular place, at a particular time. Jesus' mission and ministry was for the "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" as He explicitly tells the woman. Of course, through the Apostles and the Church, He would expand that ministry to the entire world and to all of humanity.

Second, Jesus spoke in parables. Parables are allegorical, meaning that there is always a hidden message or lesson. Jesus's parables always had a twist or a shock value. This statement to the woman is no different. He is telling her again, that He came for and to the people of Israel.

In this encounter with the woman, Jesus is being merciful because He is drawing this woman, who is not of Jewish ancestry, into deeper faith. He wants to see the depth of faith that this woman has in Him. At the end of this encounter, because the woman is persistent in her belief in Him, He cries out, "O woman, great is your faith!"

How has God tested your faith? What trials have you had to endure? Have those trials drawn you into deeper faith, or, because of human weakness, have they at times caused you to doubt your faith in Christ?

As you pray today and throughout the week, take some time to reflect on your faith in Christ especially in the face of trials. Perhaps our words are like the official's in Matthew's Gospel, "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief." Let our desire be that we hear Jesus say to us, "Great is your faith!"

Know of my prayers for each one of you!

Fr. Ryan





## CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

### Online Giving

July - \$50,965

August TD - \$25,552

### YTD Online

Weekly Average

\$11,884

### In-Person Giving

July - \$36,607

Aug 6 - \$11,719

Aug 13 - \$9,300

### YTD In-Person

Weekly Average

\$8,657

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FAITH FORMATION

Registration is now open for Faith Formation for the upcoming year. We have something for everyone child from preschool through High School!



**Preschool and Kindergarten (ages 3-6)** meet on Sunday mornings during the 10 am Mass for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

**Grades 1-6** can choose to attend either Sunday mornings from 9-9:55 am or Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm.

**Grades 7-9** Meet twice a month on Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm; this session includes Confirmation Prep.

To register visit [st-martha.org/registration](http://st-martha.org/registration)

Our **High School Youth Group** has joined with St. Thomas and meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm, alternating between here and St. Thomas. There is no need to register for youth group; all teens are always welcome.

Jackie Rosalez, Director of Faith Formation [jrosalez@st-martha.org](mailto:jrosalez@st-martha.org)

Claudia Fountain, Youth Ministries [cfountain@st-martha.org](mailto:cfountain@st-martha.org)

## ONLINE GIVING

### Visit

[st-martha.org/howtogive](http://st-martha.org/howtogive)

or Scan this QR Code

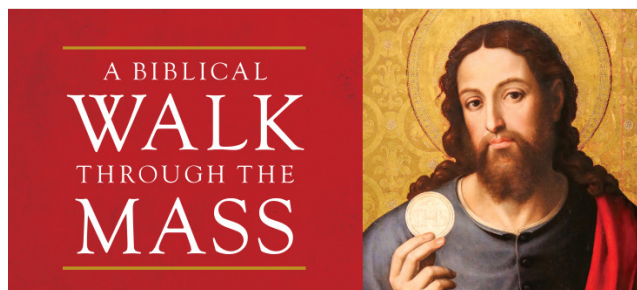


Or Text "Give"  
to 517-200-3560

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday,  
October 22  
10 AM**

Bishop Earl Boyea  
with formally install  
Fr. Ryan Riley  
as Pastor of  
St. Martha Parish.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us starting Tuesday, September 19th from 9:15-10:30 am in the Solanus Casey Room for our Women's Bible Study! This year we are beginning with the Biblical Walk Through the Mass, with Dr. Edward Sri.

**Don't forget to get your workbook!**

Scan the QR code below or visit [st-martha.org/biblestudy](http://st-martha.org/biblestudy) to find the link. No need to sign up ahead of time, just join in on the first day.

Questions? Email Jackie at [jrosalez@st-martha.org](mailto:jrosalez@st-martha.org)



## ADULT CHOIR

Love to sing?  
Now's your chance to join  
the Adult Choir!

The first practice of the year is Thursday, September 7, at 7 pm to prepare for singing Sunday, September 10 at the 10 am Mass.

Questions? Email  
Music Director  
Tony Andorfer  
[tandorfer@st-martha.org](mailto:tandorfer@st-martha.org)

## 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

# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF ST. MARTHA SCHOOL

## MIRACLES, WE WANT TO YEAR FROM YOU

St. Martha Catholic School joyfully celebrates a remarkable 30-year journey; a legacy that includes countless cherished moments and inspiring milestones. From the day our doors opened on August 19, 1993 to today, the miracles of growth, learning, and community have defined our history. Guided by faith and dedication, we've been nurturing young minds and witnessing examples of academic and spiritual achievement for three decades.

As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we invite all alumni, students, staff, and friends to join us in commemorating our history.

Visit [st-martha.org/30yearsofmiracles](https://st-martha.org/30yearsofmiracles) or scan the QR code to share a story or pictures from your time at St. Martha!



## mother teresa house



## WILLIAMSTON INFORMATION MEETING

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 name, phone, email address, and that you plan on attending the August 23rd meeting to [info@motherteresahouse.org](mailto:info@motherteresahouse.org). If you can, please bring a folding chair.





## St. Martha Charity Golf Scramble

(Open to all parishioners and their friends)

Sponsored by St. Martha Knights of Columbus

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

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2. _____	ph. _____	email _____	Enc. \$ _____
3. _____	ph. _____	email _____	Enc. \$ _____
4. _____	ph. _____	email _____	Enc. \$ _____

(Single players welcomed)

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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.

## MSU FOOTBALL & ST. MARTHAS

The Knights of Columbus would like to extend an open invitation to any parishioner who would like to join us at our MSU Football Staff Fundraiser Events. We need volunteers to commit to working two hours before and at least one quarter or halftime during each home football game. When not working, volunteers are able to watch the game from almost anywhere in the stadium, one meal is also provided, as well as free entry into our Fellowship, Food, and Football event on November 11. Please contact Don Klump at [djklump@comcast.net](mailto:djklump@comcast.net) or **517-336-0631** to sign up and complete the required registration, or if you would like additional information regarding assisting with fundraising the MSU Home Football games.

## WHY JOIN THE KNIGHTS?

We all come from many places, may backgrounds, and many stages in our lives. Be we are all of one faith. A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world. It is one thing to say who you are. It is another to live it, to put your values into action: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. That is what we do at the Knights of Columbus. This is who we are. To join or for more information, contact St. Martha's Grand Knight Stephen Zayko via phone at **517.204.5136** or email at [zayko@hampmathews.com](mailto:zayko@hampmathews.com) or visit [KofC.org/join](http://KofC.org/join)



## MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND WITH FR. PETER OMOGO

**Saturday August 26 &  
Sunday, August 27**

The Samuel Omogo Foundation (SOF) was founded in 2012 by friends of Fr. Peter Omogo, following the premature death of his brother, philanthropist Samuel Omogo. Marge Wilson and Karie James initially felt called to create an organization to secure funding for clean water wells for villages in Southeastern Nigeria. To date, SOF has secured funding for 504 wells, which has improved the quality of life for well over 350,000 Nigerians.

Rev. Dr. Peter Omogo recently returned from his vacation in Nigeria. During his visit, he oversaw the drilling of 43 new water wells and commissioned all of them. The joy and celebration by each community gifted with access to clean water demonstrates how life-changing access to clean water is. For those who now have clean water, there has been a 90% reduction in water-borne illnesses, which had accounted for approximately 11% of the deaths of children under age 5 (2010 data). This year, Fr. Peter Omogo accepted 80 applications for wells to be installed by the end of 2023. Each well costs \$5,500 which includes a five year maintenance.

While clean water is a basic human right that must be addressed, the board has discerned that the time has come to expand SOF's impact. In order to provide additional support towards helping our brothers and sisters grow into self-sufficiency and become contributing members of society, the need for quality formative education of children born into these impoverished villages was the natural next step. The SOF board's vision was developed into 5 and 10-year plans for the Goodness Omogo Academy, named after Fr. Peter's mother.

Property has been purchased. A wall surrounding the property as well as classroom blocks have already been completed. Funding for the dormitory, chapel, and other necessary buildings for the school are still in progress.

Do you know of a company or organization that may be willing to collaborate with SOF towards funding these important goals?

We would appreciate any donation or pledge to make our dream come true.

Visit [www.samuelomogofoundation.org](http://www.samuelomogofoundation.org) or scan the QR Code to learn more.

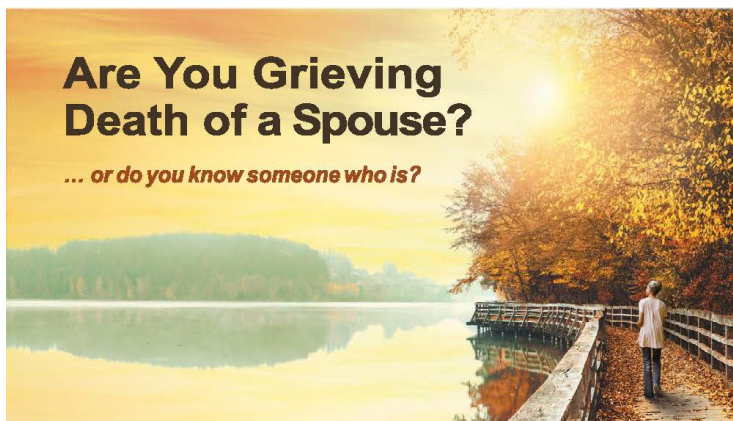


### SOF Outcomes to Date:

- Drilled 504 water wells in Nigeria since 2012.
- Providing ~350,000 people clean drinking water.
- Building 100% of wells by certified drill teams.
- Ensuring sustainability.
- Aiming to build 80 additional wells in 2023.
- Donating (95%) goes directly to well-drilling.
- 90% reduction in water-borne illness.
- 84% Improvement in academic performance.
- Reduction of child molestation due to water scarcity.
- No more violence usually experienced at water source.

## Are You Grieving Death of a Spouse?

*... or do you know someone who is?*



### Find Help at a Special "Loss of a Spouse" Seminar

#### You'll learn:

- What to expect in the days, weeks, & months after the loss
- The surprising emotional, physical & spiritual effects of grief
- The challenges surviving spouses face; how to cope
- Why it won't always hurt this much

## LOSS OF A SPOUSE

**ST. MARTHA CHURCH**  
**TUESDAY, September 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 to 8:30 PM**  
**Blessed Solanus Casey Conference Room**  
**Questions? 517-449-3485 or lorimr@aol.com**





## **NATIONAL CATHOLIC SINGLES CONFERENCE**

**Friday, August 25 - Sunday, August 27**

**St. John's Resort, Plymouth**

Looking to meet other single Catholics? Join hundreds of single Catholics coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession fellowship, food, and more. **Regardless of your age or whether you've been married, are divorced, annulled or widowed, you are welcome.** Register with promo code (PARISH23) to get \$50 off. Discount for the first 50 signups nationwide to use this code. A discount for young adults as well— get \$70 off the price by using the code LANSINGYA. Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register for this singles conference for all ages.

## **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 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](mailto:eneuens@dioceseoflansing.org)



## **LANSING DIOCESE CURSILLO**

**Women's Weekend: September 21-24, 2023**

**Men's Weekend: October 12-15, 2023**

The Weekends are, for all, a welcome respite from a society that has largely forgotten the Lord's simple request to "Love one another as I have loved you." For more information, call Maria Rodriquez-Martinez @ 517-745-3819 or Marybeth Kaak @ 231-920-7207

## **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, be encouraged and inspired by 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. The registration fee is \$72.50, with a discounted rate of \$65 for seniors (62 and over) and students. Visit [michiganwc.org](http://michiganwc.org) for full details and registration.

## **SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE**

**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/](http://206tours.com/tour206/)**

## **SUPPORT LOCAL MOMS**

**SHARED PREGNANCY** has an Amazon Wishlist that they update weekly. Scan the QR Code to shop their immediate needs. Their regularly needed items include pack 'n play sheets; waterproof mattress protector pad for cribs; flannel receiving blankets; 2T, 3T, 4T boys and girls pajamas and clothes; 12-14 mo and toddler socks; preemie and newborn one-piece sleepers; new or gently used umbrella strollers, bouncy seats, infant bathtubs, exersaucers, play mats; new shower wash, lotion, shampoo for the moms. As always, any new or gently used baby items are appreciated.



**HANNAH'S HOUSE** can always use computer paper, address labels, household items. There are bins at both Church entrances for your donations. For larger items, help with delivery, or questions, contact Liz Carls at 517-281-1451 or Soraya Nowland at 517-755-6909.



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend of the month. Preparation classes are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Office Hours: 7:45 am - 3:45 pm

## LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

Phone: 517-267-2100

Office Hours: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm



**SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS UPDATES AT**  
**[WWW.ST-MARTHA.ORG/CONNECT](http://WWW.ST-MARTHA.ORG/CONNECT)**

## 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