

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 27, 2023

Upon This  
**ROCK**  
I will build My Church



ST. MARTHA  
PARISH & SCHOOL

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Coordinator Mary Hall

**Service/Outreach Ministry**  
Coordinator Renee Salyers

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

## PRAYER LIST REFRESH

Next weekend the prayer list will be refreshed. All names will appear for 6 weeks, unless requested. Please contact the parish office to add a loved one's name to the list.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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

Steve Kelly	Carol Giacini
John Paul Erford	Jim Gregg
Jackie Fortier	Jim Hagan
Jeffrey Rostek	Raul Iznaga-Ponce
Art Johnson	Nick Jones
Freda Winegar	Joan Krohn
Ronnie Patoprsty	Norm Krohn
Charles Putrino	Kristen Kubish
Jeffrey Rostek	Karah Ley
Matthew Boersma	John Llewellyn
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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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Masses are being scheduled one year  
in advance for \$10 per Mass.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Fr. Peter Omogo

This weekend, we warmly welcome Fr. Peter Omogo, a priest of the Diocese of Abakaliki in Nigeria. He is one of five children born to devout Catholic parents. His brother, Samuel, was director of Catholic societies in the Diocese of Abakaliki but sadly died in 2011. After graduating from high school, Fr. Peter applied to the diocese for sponsorship in a seminary program to study for the priesthood. He was sent to Bigard Memorial Seminary in Enugu, Nigeria. After nine years of study, he earned degrees in both philosophy and theology. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2004. In the fall of 2008, he was sent to Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio to complete a Masters degree in leadership and administration. He was assigned to various parishes throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids, where he still currently serves, while he completed a doctorate in leadership and administration from Concordia University.

He is the CEO of the Samuel Omogo Foundation which was founded by friends in honor of his late brother. The foundation secures funding for clean water wells in southeastern Nigeria. To date, they have funded 504 wells improving the quality of life for well over 350,000 Nigerians.

Fr. Peter joins us this weekend as our annual mission appeal preacher. He will be presiding at all the Masses, preaching the homilies, and asking for your generosity to help secure funding for more clean water wells. Please welcome him and pray about what you might be able to offer to help this worthy endeavor.

*Turn the page to continue reading Fr. Ryan's article  
and to learn more about the Samuel Omogo Foundation.*

**LITURGIES & READINGS****Monday, August 28 | Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Readings: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a &amp; 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**8:30 am Mass † Olive Hopp Swanson by E. and L. VanSteel****Tuesday, August 29 | Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

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

Readings: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**6 pm Mass † Diane Liskiewicz by R. and P. Bjornstad****Thursday, August 31**

Readings: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 &amp; 17; Mt 24:42-51

**8:30 am Mass Special Intentions of Kathy Wood by C. and B. Buiochi****Friday, September 1**

Readings: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 &amp; 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

**8:30 am Mass † Susan Punch by H. Donnelly****Saturday, September 2**

Daytime Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

**5 pm Vigil Mass Special Intentions of the Wendell Smith Family by D. Barker****Sunday, September 3 | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**8 am Mass People of St. Martha Parish****10 am Mass † Susan Bacon by T. and M. Finelli****5 pm Mass † Hollis and † Dorothy Mills by K. Mills****ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS****August 20**In celebration of Dick and Carol Comar  
on their 60th Wedding Anniversary**August 27**In celebration of Tom and Sharon O'Dea  
on their 57th Wedding Anniversary**FAMILY FALL HAYRIDE,  
BONFIRE, AND HOTDOGS****Saturday, September 30  
1-3 pm**Tannenbaum Farms  
2515 Sandhill Dr, Mason, MI 48854

Cost is \$20 per family

Register online by scanning the QR Code  
or visit [st-martha.org/events/hayride2023](https://st-martha.org/events/hayride2023)**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS****Monday, August 28****9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***Tuesday, August 29****6:00 pm** School Curriculum Night**7:30 pm** Men's Pick-Up B-Ball**Wednesday, August 30****6:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***6:30 pm** Adoration**7:20 pm** Benediction**Thursday, August 31****9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan***9 am** Fruits of the Spirit Prayer Group  
in Solanus Casey Room**Friday, September 1****9 am** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***Saturday, September 2****7:30 am** Upper Room Men's Prayer,  
*open to all men***3:30 pm** Reconciliation *Fr. Mike***Sunday, September 3****11:00 am** St. Vincent de Paul Open  
Meeting in Gathering Hall**Monday, September 4****No Mass or Reconciliation  
Parish and School  
Offices are Closed  
in Observation of Labor Day****SACRISTANS & LECTORS****Saturday, September 2 - 5 pm***S. Volunteers Needed*

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

**Sunday, September 3 - 8 am***S. T. and S. O'Dea*

L. S. O'Dea, S. Kostaroff, M. Fletcher

**Sunday, September 3 - 10 am***S. Volunteers Needed*

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

**Sunday, September 3 - 5 pm***S. H., B., and C. Walton**L. Volunteers Needed***EUCARIST TO CARE HOMES  
SEPTEMBER 3****Willows of Okemos** R. Salyers**Brookdale, Medilodge** K. Schwaner**ICMCF** V. and M. Mankowski

### Vocations

Please pray for more vocations from St. Martha Parish! I can promise you that God is calling, and my prayer is that our young men and women are listening. We need good and holy priests and sisters.

Our very own Ryan Ferrigan returned to seminary on Wednesday, August 23. He is entering his second year in theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary after coming off a very busy summer traveling to the Holy Land and Rome and working through a thirty-day Ignatian silent retreat with his theology class. Yes, you read that correctly - *thirty days of silence!* He wasn't around the parish much this summer because of the travels he experienced as part of the seminary formation program. Next summer, Ryan will spend the majority of his time interning at a parish (yet to be determined by the vocations director). I'm bummed that he won't be around! Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his discernment over this next year.

You have probably seen Sam Matias around the parish this summer, especially in the sanctuary as he serves Mass regularly. Sam graduated from Lansing Catholic High School this past spring. He is interning here at the parish over this next year while he continues to discern what the Lord is calling him to do. Sam will be helping with various liturgical functions and assisting with youth ministry and faith formation. He is a joy to have around the office!

### The Keys to the Kingdom

In Isaiah 22, Eliakim succeeds Shebna as the master of the palace, a position akin to a prime minister, under King Hezekiah of Judah. We hear this in the first reading. The prophet goes on to say that the "*key of the House of David will be placed on Eliakim's shoulder*". Keys represent or symbolize authority. So, giving Eliakim the key of the House of David is equivalent to giving him, as the King's representative, authority over the entire kingdom. We see in this passage a foreshadowing of what Christ, the King, does with Peter, the rock on whom Christ built His Church. Christ, the King, gives Peter, the vicar of Christ, the keys to the Kingdom and tells him whatever is bound on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever is loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven.

There is a lot that can be said about what Christ does in Matthew 16. We could talk about papal primacy. We could talk about the authority of the Church in many aspects, particularly in matters of faith and morals. But, I think it is important to highlight the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation otherwise known as "Confession". Why Confession?

The Fathers of the Church have always seen this particular passage, known as the power of the keys, as proof of the Church's authority to forgive sins. In book I, chapter xviii of *De Doctrina Christiana (On Christian Doctrine)*, St. Augustine writes, "He has given, therefore, the keys to His Church, that whatsoever it should bind on earth might be bound in heaven, and whatsoever it should loose on earth might be loosed in heaven; that is to say, that whosoever in the Church should not believe that his sins are remitted, they should not be

remitted to him; but that whosoever should believe and should repent, and turn from his sins, should be saved by the same faith and repentance on the ground of which he is received into the bosom of the Church. For he who does not believe that his sins can be pardoned, falls into despair, and becomes worse as if no greater good remained for him than to be evil, when he has ceased to have faith in the results of his own repentance."

Elsewhere throughout the writings of the Fathers, we see that it has universally been understood that the *keys to the kingdom* were given not to Peter personally but, rather, as Peter the representative of the Church - the rock on whom Christ built His Church. The whole Church, therefore, has the power to forgive sins. We see this clearly in the Council of Trent (1545 - 1563). In chapter V of the fourteenth session of the council, the council fathers write, "...the universal Church has always understood that the complete confession of sins was also instituted by the Lord and is by divine law necessary for all who have fallen after baptism; because our Lord Jesus Christ, when about to ascend from earth to heaven, left behind Him priests, His own vicars... to whom all the mortal sins into which the faithful of Christ may have fallen should be brought in order that they may, in virtue of the power of the keys, pronounce the sentence of remission or retention of sins."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 533, notes that Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." The *power of the keys* designates authority to govern the house of God, which is the Church.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after his Resurrection by saying, "Feed my sheep." The power to "bind and loose" connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgments, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the apostles and in particular through the ministry of Peter, the only one to whom he specifically entrusted the keys of the kingdom.

All of this is to say that God, in His infinite mercy, has provided for us. He has provided for us a remedy to restore us back to our original baptismal state. Remember that, in baptism, we are washed away of both original and personal sin. After baptism, however, because of human weakness and concupiscence, we tend toward sin. Whenever we sin and are so disposed to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess our sins, the Lord lavishes His love and mercy upon us. And, when we confess our sins, make a sincere though sometimes imperfect act of contrition, and satisfy our penances, we can be confident that we have been forgiven and restored to our original baptismal dignity; all because Christ chose to give this authority, the *power of the keys*, to Peter as His representative of the Church.

We have an awesome and merciful God!

Fr. Ryan



**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.



**Samuel Omogo Foundation  
Pledge / Donation**

Thank you for supporting SOF and helping provide **clean water and quality education.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a total pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check which one*

☐ I wish to donate my pledge in full \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I wish to make monthly donations of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 3 years.

☐ I wish to make annual donations of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 3 years.

My pledge/donation is towards the provision of

☐ Water ☐ Education ☐ Either

☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Online

To pay with credit card visit

[www.SamuelOmogoFoundation.org/Donate](http://www.SamuelOmogoFoundation.org/Donate)

*Thank you for your kind heart and sharing your blessings with bringing clean water and education to those in need.*

**Samuel Omogo Foundation**

**1751 28th St SW**

**Wyoming, MI 49519**

**616-915-0899**

[www.SamuelOmogoFoundation.org](http://www.SamuelOmogoFoundation.org)

## CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES

### Online Giving

July - \$50,965

August TD - \$34,912

### YTD Online

#### Weekly Average

\$11,815

### In-Person Giving

July - \$36,607

Aug 6 - \$11,719

Aug 13 - \$9,300

Aug 20 - \$5,256

### YTD In-Person

#### Weekly Average

\$8,567

## 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.

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## ONLINE GIVING

### Visit

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

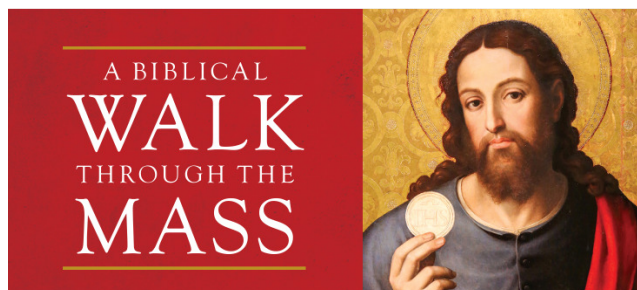
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Or Text "Give"  
to 517-200-3560

## WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

You are invited to attend RCIA classes **this fall!** Hear testimonies from Catholics of how and why they entered the Church. Dive into the teachings of Scriptures, and explore the amazing gifts of our Catholic Sacraments and Traditions! Email Deacon Carl at [dcncarl@st-martha.org](mailto:dcncarl@st-martha.org) to learn more!



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY \*\*STARTING DATE CHANGE\*\*

Join us starting **\*\*Tuesday, September 26th\*\*** 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)

We had so much fun at Meet the Miracles!  
We welcomed back our school families and met some new friends.

Mrs. Patton, Mrs. Farnsworth, and the whole school staff are looking forward to a great year!



**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 7:45 am - 3:45 pm

Preschool (Ages 3 & 4) - 8th Grade

### CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF ST. MARTHA SCHOOL

St. Martha Catholic School joyfully celebrates a remarkable 30-year journey. 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.

Share your stories and pictures of your time at St. Martha School by scanning the QR code or visiting [st-martha.org/30yearsofmiracles](http://st-martha.org/30yearsofmiracles)


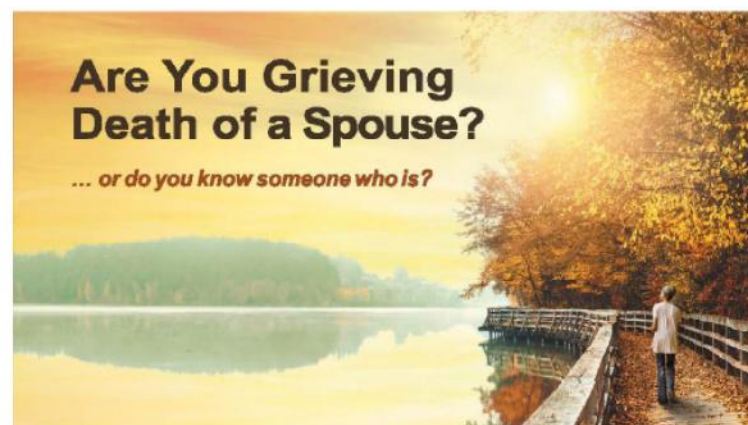


**the RESCUE project**



Why is there something rather than nothing?  
Why is everything so obviously messed up?  
What if anything has God done about it?  
How should I respond?

Ever asked yourself these questions?  
We have. Join us.

## 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**



## KNOW THE STORY

Wednesdays, Sept. 20 - Nov. 8  
except Nov. 1  
6:00pm - 8:15pm  
+ Retreat: Saturday, Nov. 4  
9:00am - 4:00pm

**Dinner | Video | Discussion**

All adults and mature teens are welcome!

Cost: Free, but please register for food planning purposes

Childcare is available: pre-register by Sept. 15.

Questions? Christy Whiting: stmary.christy@gmail.com, 517-655-2520

**Register:**

**stmarywilliamston.org**

St. Mary Catholic Church, 157 High St., Williamston, MI 48855



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | COUNCIL #10006

### ST. MARTHA CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 @ 11:30 AM



Cost is \$80 per golfer and includes round of golf, cart, continental breakfast/lunch/dinner, range balls, prizes, and 50% off future round of golf w/cart at Meridian Sun. Men's and women's teams and single players welcomed. Register and pay online at [meridiansungc.com](http://meridiansungc.com) or download the form online at [st-martha.org](http://st-martha.org), or scan the QR code.



## 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 Home Games. 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 are Catholic men building a bridge to the faith. We invest our talents, our efforts, our resources into four core values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. As we do these things, we become better neighbors, better husbands, better fathers, and better Catholics.

To join or for more information, contact 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)



## **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**



## **LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COUGARFEST AND HOMECOMING**

**Friday, September 15**

**501 Marshall St. Lansing, MI 48912**

Lansing Catholic High School invites you to join us for the 2023 Homecoming Celebration. This jam packed day includes the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction, CougarFest, the Cougar Family Fun Zone, and of course the Homecoming football game! We'd love to see the entire Lansing Catholic High School community of alumni from Lansing Catholic (Central) and our Heritage Schools St. Mary's, Gabriels, Resurrection and O'Raffery come out to support the extended Cougar Family. All the details at [lansingcatholic.org/homecoming](http://lansingcatholic.org/homecoming)

## **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 Rodriguez-Martinez at **517-745-3819** or Marybeth Kaak at **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 [michigancwc.org](http://michigancwc.org) for full details and registration.

## **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/](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 - 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.

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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  
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