

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |||| SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Seek Ye First

Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt.

by Karen Lafferty, b.1948 |

Tune: SEEK YE FIRST;

Irregular,

Karen Lafferty, b.1948 |

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1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,
and seek, his and right - eous - ness,
but and you shall find,
there by am ev - 'ry word
in their midst;
and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
and knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95

Andorfer/Proulx

If to - day you hear His voice, If to - day you hear His
voice, har - den not your hearts

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.
2. Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
3. For he is our God, and we are the people he
shepherds, the flock he guides.
Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
in the day of Massah in the desert,
where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

✠ And with your spirit.

Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Deacon/Priest: The gospel of the Lord.

✠ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven,
at the words that follow, all bow until 'and became man'

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sin,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

I Can Do All Things

John Angotti |
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1. Whenever I doubt, whenever I fail,
whenever I stumble, when sin is unveiled,
whenever I'm weak or wronged, I hold on.

REFRAIN

I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.

I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, B4, C5, then down to B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff is identical to the first.

2. When I'm alone, when I'm with friends,
when I am happy, or facing the end,
when I am lost, I pick up my cross.

BRIDGE:

In my darkest hour Christ gives me pow'r.
In my darkest days Christ gives me strength,
In my time of pain, through thunder and the rain,
I will sing your praise.

SANCTUS

Mass of Redemption

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Steven R. Janco |
Music © 1999, 2010, WLP

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san-na, ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. —

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. It consists of five staves. The melody is written in a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, B4, C5, then down to B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff is identical to the first.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Redemption

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Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. It consists of two staves. The melody is written in a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, B4, C5, then down to B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff is identical to the first.

GREAT AMEN

Mass of Redemption

Steven R. Janco |
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A-men, a-men, a - men. a - men.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. It consists of two staves. The melody is written in a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, B4, C5, then down to B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff is identical to the first.

AGNUS DEI

Mass of Redemption

Steven R. Janco |
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,—
— have mer-cy on us,— have mer-cy on us.—
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION HYMN

Gather In Your Name

Text: Lori True, b.1961 |
Tune: Lori True, b.1961 |
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When two or more gath-er in your name, and see your
pres-ence in each face, we treas-ure the gift of this
sa-cred meal, blessed and poured out for all in this place.
Cantor:
1. Bread, the gift of your bod-y.
2. Bread, our light and our life.
3. Bread, your man-na from heav-en.
4. Bread, your mys-t'ry be-fore us.
5. Bread, the path for our jour-ney.
6. Bread, the food for our long-ing.
7. Bread for those who seek jus-tice.
Wine, your life blood out poured.
Wine, our truth and our way.
Wine, the fruit of your heart.
Wine, the hope of our dreams.
Wine, of wis-dom and grace.
Wine, the sweet taste of love.
Wine for the hum-ble of heart.



ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN God, We Praise You!

Text: Based on the Te Deum;
 Christopher M. Idle, b.1938,
 © 1982, The Jubilate Group
 (admin. by Hope Publishing Co.) |
 Tune: NETTLETON, 8 7 8 7
 D; Wyeth's Repository of Sacred
 Music, 1813

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we
 2. True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who
 3. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er -
 4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will
 name you sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels
 set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un -
 last - ing Son of God, Hum - ble was your vir - gin
 judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy help your
 wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your Church a - dored: All cre -
 heed - ed, Join one grow - ing song of praise, While your
 moth - er, Hard the lone - ly path you trod: By your
 ser - vants For whose free - dom you have paid: Raise us
 a - tion shows your glo - ry, Heav'n and
 Church on earth con - fess - es One ma -
 cross is sin de - feat - ed, Hell con -
 up from dust to glo - ry, Guard us
 earth draw near your throne, Sing - ing "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
 front - ed face to face, Heav - en o - pened to be -
 from all sin to - day; King en - throned a - bove all
 ho - ly, Lord of hosts, and God a - lone!"
 Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.
 liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.
 prais - es, Save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

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From the Pastor's Desk

In today's readings, we see the theme of fraternal correction. In the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, a warning is given that those not dissuaded from their sinfulness "shall die for his guilt." This is a good reminder of the primary concern of the Church which should, in turn, be the primary concern of each one of us for ourselves and for our brothers in sisters - salvation. Everything the Church does or teaches is with one thing in mind - the salvation of souls. The Church wants everyone to enjoy the Kingdom of God eternally.

So, a quick refresher on sin, particularly mortal sin. For a sin to be considered mortal, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, three conditions must together be met: "Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent (par. 1857). Grave matter is specified by the Ten Commandments (par. 1858). Full consent and complete knowledge presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act and implies a consent sufficiently deliberate to be a personal choice (par. 1859).

Mortal sin is a radical possibility of human freedom, as is love itself. It results in the loss of charity and the privation of sanctifying grace. If it is not redeemed by repentance and God's forgiveness, it causes exclusion from Christ's Kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power

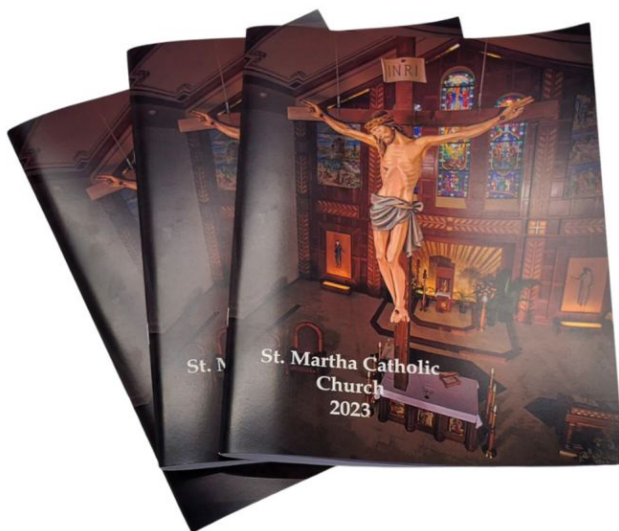
to make choices for ever, with no turning back. However, although we can judge that an act is in itself a grave offense, we must entrust judgment of persons to the justice and mercy of God (par. 1861)."

This brings us back to the theme of this week's readings - fraternal correction. The whole point of fraternal correction is not to judge others but rather to correct their actions, always in charity, out of concern for the salvation of their souls. St. Thomas Aquinas in his *Summa Theologiae* tells us that fraternal correction is a matter of both justice and charity out of concern for the person and the common good.

This is not easy! It is not easy to be on the receiving end of correction nor is it easy to be the one correcting another. I have been both corrected and have had to correct others. Jesus Christ, in this week's Gospel, gives us a way to charitably correct those who sin against us or the common good. As with anything, before you decide that correction is necessary, take it to prayer and ask the Lord if this is something that - 1) needs to be said or pointed out, and 2) if you are the one who needs to say it or point it out. Also keep in mind that we are all sinners and are all in need of correction from time to time. Sometimes, rather than pointing out the fault of another, we have to call them into repentance along with us because we share the same fault.

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan



St. Martha Parish Directories are Here!

If you had your picture taken, please pick up your copy after Mass this weekend or from the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Mass Intentions

- Monday, September 11**
8:30 am † Susan Punch *by H. Donnelly*
- Tuesday, September 12**
8:30 am † Bob Ferrigan *by M. Ferrigan*
- Wednesday, September 13**
6:00 pm Special Intentions of Peter Harrison
by L. Harrison
- Thursday, September 14**
8:30 am † James A. Gallagher *by E. & L. VanSteel*
- Friday, September 15**
8:30 am † Chuck Willems
- Saturday, September 16**
5:00 pm † James A. Duda *by Dr. A. Duda & Family*
- Sunday, September 17**
8:00 am † Mary Anne Readett *by S. & A. Readett*
10:00 am Special Intentions of St. Martha
Catechist & Teachers
5:00 pm People of St. Martha Parish

Altar Flowers

- September 3**
In celebration of Anita and Ron Palmer
on their 65th Wedding Anniversary
- September 10**
In celebration of Ken and Marilyn Malkowski on their 60th
Wedding Anniversary



Mass Intentions
Masses are being scheduled up to one year in advance.
Limited Masses available for \$10 per Mass.

Altar Flowers
2 floral arrangements are available per weekend with
many openings throughout 2023 for \$80 per
arrangement.

*To schedule Mass Intentions or Altar Flowers, please
contact the Parish Office*



Scripture Readings

- For the Week of September 10, 2023*
- Sunday** **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20
- Monday** Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday** **Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary**
Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday** **Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**
Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday** **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Friday** **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Saturday** **Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**
1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday** **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



Intercessory Prayers

- St. Martha Parish
prays for our
brothers and
sisters who need
physical or
spiritual healing,
especially:**
- Linda Felice
John Ziemba
Noah Jungwirth
John Ruh
Steve Kelly
John Paul Erford
Jackie Fortier
Jeffrey Rostek
Art Johnson
Freda Winegar
- Ronnie Patoprsty
Charles Putrino
Jeffrey Rostek
Matthew
Boersma
Jackie LaViolette
Ann Curtin
Donald Trentel
Taryn DeCicco
- For those serving
in our Armed
Forces.**
- For † those who
have gone before
us, especially:**
- † Msgr. Richard
Groshek
† Jan Vermeersch
† Daniel Garland
† Peter Parks
† Linn Gray
† Clara Doster
- We offer these
prayers in the
name of Your
Son, our Lord,
Jesus Christ.**
- Amen.**



Ministry Scheduler Pro

St. Martha is beginning to roll out Ministry Scheduler Pro for scheduling liturgical ministries. Lectors are fully using the system. Sacristans, please keep an eye out as your welcome emails will be coming soon.

Login at www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmarthaokemos

This Week at St. Martha

Monday, September 11

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Tuesday, September 12

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*
6:30 pm GriefShare - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
7:30 pm Men's Pick-Up B-Ball

Wednesday, September 13

6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*
6:30 pm Adoration
7:20 pm Benediction
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Membership Meeting
- *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

Thursday, September 14

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*
10:00 am Prayer Quilt Ministry Open Meeting
- *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

Friday, September 15

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

Saturday, September 16

7:30 am Upper Room Men's Prayer Group
(All Men of the Parish Welcome) - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
1:30 pm Fedewa - Meo Wedding
3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Sunday, September 17

11:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Open Meeting
- *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Gathering Hall*

Upcoming Special Events

All upcoming events happening at St. Martha Parish can be found online at st-martha.org/events

Sacristans & Lectors

Saturday, September 16 | 5:00 pm

S. D. Bartkowski and M. Kisting
L. 1 - J. Matuszak **W/2** - R. Kostrzewa

Sunday, September 17 | 8:00 am

S. G. and J. Ianni
L. 1 - M. Finelli **W/2** - R. Lenz

Sunday, September 17 | 10:00 am

S. M. and N. Bobinski
L. 1 - J. Chesney **W/2** - D. Ianni

Sunday, September 17 | 5:00 pm

S. *Volunteers Needed*
L. 1 - C. Patton **W/2** - M. Werner

Eucharist to Care Homes

September 17, 2023

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge M. Ferrigan

ICMCF B. and C. Buiochi

Our Stewardship

Online Giving

August\$47,939

September TD\$0*

**Bank does not process over holiday weekend*

YTD Online

Weekly Average.....\$11,520

In-Person Giving

August\$31,758

September 3.....\$10,642

YTD In-Person

Weekly Average.....\$8,530

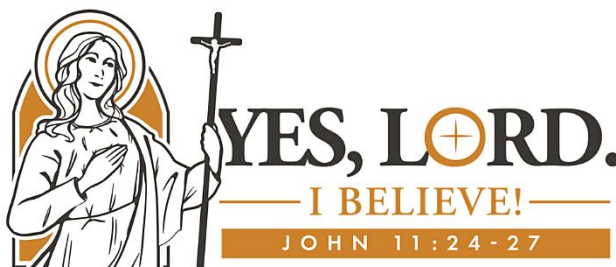


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Donate Today to the 2023 St. Martha Fall Fundraiser

Your generous contribution to benefit the faith formation programs at St. Martha School, Religious Education and Youth Ministry are critical toward ensuring the strong formation of every Catholic child in this parish, school, and local area for years to come.

Two Ways to Participate:

1. Make a prayerful financial contribution to the **Yes, Lord. I Believe!** fundraiser.
2. Attend the November 18th celebration in the Blessed Chiara Badano Gymnasium.

Q: What should I know about this year's fundraiser?

A: Whether you contribute \$10 or \$1,000, your contribution is deeply appreciated and will support the growing youth programs at St. Martha. Next, the 2023 fundraiser will close out with an in-person, 21 and over celebration in our Blessed Chiara Badano gymnasium. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a cash bar await those who purchase tickets to the party.

Q: How are parishioner donations used to benefit the youth of St. Martha?

A: Your resources bolster the faith formation programs conducted by dedicated and faith-filled teachers, catechists, youth and young adult ministers at the parish and school. The purchase of chrome books, smartboards, textbooks, Bibles, a firepit and games now in use are examples of how your past donations have benefitted academics and religious education.

Q: How do I donate to the fundraiser or buy tickets to the November 18th event?

A: Donation cards are being mailed to registered parishioners and will also be available in pews. Invites to the November 18 celebration will follow. Both cards include a QR code; simply hover your phone camera over one of the codes and follow the prompts. You may also write a check and drop it in the mail or the parish or school office. Make sure to write **Yes, Lord. I Believe!** in the memo so we know the purpose of the donation. Visit st-martha.org/2023fundraiser to learn more about this year's fundraiser.

Parishioner Action Steps for 2023 Fall Fundraiser

Pray that the Holy Spirit guides the minds, hearts and actions of the youth of St. Martha Parish and School, that they grow in holiness and develop into service-minded leaders.

Prayerfully consider then donate to the 2023 **Yes, Lord. I Believe!** fundraiser, using electronic means through QR codes or by writing a check and noting the purpose in the memo line.

Visit st-martha.org/2023Fundraiser for more information, to follow links to donate, and to purchase tickets to the November 18 celebration. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$50 at the door. Parish and School family members 21 and older are welcome to attend. We recommend semi-formal attire. Food, music, and dancing will highlight the evening.



Registration Now Open for Faith Formation

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Ages 3-6
Sunday or Wednesday Classes for Grades 1-6
Sunday Night Confirmation Classes for Grades 7-9

SCAN ME



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.

Classes begin the week of September 17! Register at 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 | Faith Formation Director jrosalez@st-martha.org
Claudia Fountain | Youth Ministry Director cfountain@st-martha.org
Sam Matias | Youth Ministry Intern smatias@st-martha.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During 10 am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word starts this weekend during 10 am Mass. Just send them up when Father makes the announcement. Parents of littles are also welcome to join. This program is free of charge.



Children's Choir

**Thursdays starting September 21
6pm in the Choir Loft**

All St. Martha Parish children grades 3-8 are invited to join the Parish Children's Choir! We rehearse most Thursday evenings at 6 pm and sing at assigned Masses during the year, including the Christmas Eve Children's Mass!

Please contact Mrs. DiMenno with any questions: jdimenno@st-martha.org



Messy Game Day

**Sunday, September 24
6 pm**

Be ready to get messy at High School Youth Group kick off! We can't wait for our kick off event

Questions? cfountain@st-martha.org



Family Fall Hayride, Bonfire, and Hotdogs

**Saturday, September 30
1-3 pm @ Tannenbaum Farms**
2515 Sandhill Dr, Mason, MI 48854
\$20 per family
Register online by scanning
the QR Code or visit
st-martha.org/events/hayride2023

Middle School Hayride and Bonfire

**Saturday, September 30
6:30 - 8 pm @ Tannenbaum Farms**
2515 Sandhill Dr, Mason, MI 48854
\$10 per teen and includes hayride, bonfire,
s'mores, and a pumpkin. Register online
by scanning the QR Code or visit
st-martha.org/events/middleschoolhayride2023



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Contact Us Today

ST. MARTHA CHURCH, OKEMOS

Tuesday Evenings ~ 6:30 to 8:30 PM
September 12th through December 12th
Blessed Solanus Casey Conference Room
(near School Entrance)
Questions? lorimr@aol.com, 517-449-3485

GRIEF SHARE



Women's Bible Study

Starting Tuesday, September 26
9:15-10:30 am in Bl. Solanus Casey Room

This year, the Women's Bible Study will begin with the Biblical Walk Through the Mass, with Dr. Edward Sri.

No registration necessary, just purchase your own workbook and show up!

Scan the QR code or visit st-martha.org/biblestudy to find the link.

Questions? Email Jackie at jrosalez@st-martha.org



St. Martha CCW September Meeting (Council of Catholic Women)

Wednesday, September 20
6:45 pm Bl. Solanus Casey Room



All women of the parish are invited to join us at the welcome back meeting for the St. Martha CCW. Get acquainted with our special guest, Fr. Ryan Riley!

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Monday, Tuesday,
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Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Fridayafter 8:30 am Mass
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Wednesday 6:45 to 7:15 pm

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Other times by appointment

Prayer/Adoration Opportunities

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International Rosaryafter 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday
Rosary for the Unborn 5:30 pm

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Thursday
Rosary for Peace and
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