

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 1, 2023

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Celebrate Safe Haven Sunday



ST. MARTHA
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

*Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar,
1808-1889, alt. |*

*Music: trad. English melody,
adapt. by Ralph Vaughan
Williams, 1872-1958*



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's
1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy
1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So
2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In
1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a
2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of
1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

GLORIA

Gloria 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 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL


PSALM

Psalm 25

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Re - mem - ber your mer - cies, O Lord.
Re - mem - ber your mer - cies, O Lord.

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.
2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;
- in your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.
3. Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

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 the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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

At the Name of Jesus

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Cantor:

1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2. With your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due

ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him Lord, King of glo - ry now,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true,

King of glo - ry now. It is the Fa - ther's pleas - ure
all that is not true. 7 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus

we should call him Lord, who from the be - gin - ning
dwells with us a - gain, in his Fa - ther's wis - dom

was the might - y Word, was the might - y Word.
o'er the earth to reign, o'er the earth to reign.

Refrain

All:

O God, we a - dore you. O God, we bow down.

We ex - alt and we praise you, led by your Spir - it,

O Ho - ly One, O Ho - ly One.

SANCTUS

Mass of Redemption

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Redemption

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Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN

Mass of Redemption

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Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

AGNUS DEI Mass of Redemption

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away 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 God's Love Is Everlasting

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Refrain

God's love is ev-er-last-ing, faith-ful till the end of time. God's
love is ev-er-last-ing, God's love will nev-er end. end.

1-3 to Verses

Verses

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Give
2. Who cre-at-ed the earth, who di-vid-ed the seas, who
3. Who a-lone does great won-ders, who frees us from harm, who

1. thanks to the Lord of Lords. Give
2. set the heav'n-ly lights. The
3. nour-ish-es all liv-ing things. Give

1. thanks to the God a-bove oth-er gods. } God's
2. sun to rule the day, the stars at night. }
3. thanks to the God of heav-en and earth. }

1-3. mer-cy en-dures for-ev-er.

COMMUNION HYMN Jesus, My Everything

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- I've been looking for a reason, I've been longing for a purpose,
I'm losing all my meaning, I've run out of excuses.
Lord, it's hard to know you, I don't always see your plan.
But holiness is calling me so take me as I am.
'Cause you are my {refrain on next page }
- Lord, I get so tired of the struggle within.
I settle in complacency and I'm weighed down in my sin.
So lead me past emotion, 'cause they change with the wind.
I want to be a true disciple; to daily choose your hand.
'Cause you are my {refrain on next page }

ev - 'ry - thing, you are the song I sing; I'll do an -

- y - thing for you. Teach me how

to pray, to live a life of grace; I'll go an -

- y - where with you. Je - sus, be my

ev - 'ry - thing. You are my ev -

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's Blessing Sends Us Forth

Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997
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Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

1. God's bless-ing sends us forth, Strength-ened for our task on earth,
2. God's news in spo-ken word Joy - ful - ly our hearts have heard;
3. We by one liv-ing bread As one bod - y have been fed;
4. Grant in this age of space Tri - umph of your truth and grace;

1. Re - freshed in soul and re - newed in mind.
2. O may the seed of God's love now grow.
3. So we are one as we share this food.
4. Lord, you a - lone are un - chang - ing truth.

1. May God with us re - main, Through us the Spir - it reign,
2. May we in fruit - ful deeds Glad - ly serve oth - ers' needs,
3. How gra - cious to be - hold All peo - ple of one fold
4. Bring us un - to your side; Pre - serve and ev - er guide

1. That Christ be known to hu - man - kind.
2. That faith in ac - tion we may show.
3. Who ev - er seek each oth - er's good.
4. Your an - cient Church in age - less youth.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Safe Haven Sunday

Next weekend, October 7-8, 2023 is Safe Haven Sunday throughout the Diocese of Lansing. However, I am writing about it this week because next week's bulletin will include our annual report. Safe Haven Sunday is inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops's statement *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*. The weekend is set aside within the liturgical calendar by dioceses and parishes to directly address the societal harms of pornography.

Anecdotally, having been a high school chaplain, I can promise you that the scourge of pornography affects our youth. Even if we think it does not, it does! In speaking with a friend of mine who is also a psychologist that works with many families and children, the most important thing she tells me is that our kids have secrets that we have no clue about. Most of these secrets are found on their cell phones. Why are they secrets? Because our kids are ashamed to talk about them, and we, as trusted adults or parents, are uncomfortable having these difficult conversations with them or with others. You will see in the statistics below that 71% of teens hide their online behavior from their parents.

Here are just some of the most up-to-date statistics regarding pornography taken from Covenant Eyes:

- 90% of teens and 96% of young adults are either encouraging, accepting, or neutral when they talk about porn with their friends.
- Just 55% of adults 25 years and up believe porn is wrong.
- Only 43% of teens believe pornography is bad for society, compared to 31% of young adults 18-24, 51% of Millennials, 44% of Gen-Xers, and 59% of Baby Boomers.
- Nearly 27% of teens receive "sext" messages from others. (A "sext" message is a sexually explicit text message, oftentimes including photos.)
- Around 15% of teens are sending "sext" messages.
- 57% of teens are searching for pornography at least monthly.
- 51% of male students and 32% of female students first viewed pornography before their teenage years.
- On average, the first exposure to pornography is 12 years old.
- 71% of teens hide their online behavior from their parents.
- 68% of divorce cases involved one party meeting a new partner on the internet.
- 56% of divorce cases involved one party having an "obsessive interest in pornographic websites."
- Prolonged exposure to pornography leads to:
 - Diminished trust between intimate couples
 - Belief that promiscuity is the natural state
 - Lack of attraction to family and natural child raising



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All of these statistics seem daunting! How can we overcome the scourge of pornography? Well, let me offer just a few practical tips:

- Let's not bury our heads in the sand. Pornography is everywhere! I promise you, even if you may not see it, it is there. It's not just websites. It is in social media including Tik Tok, Snapchat, and Instagram. There are websites providing widespread distribution of free pornographic material that is easily accessible by everyone including our youth. Our teens are now also using "hookup" apps to meet strangers.
- Let's face the fact that, as a society, we have a problem, and that, as the statistics show, perhaps the problem has infiltrated our homes, our families, or even ourselves. We aren't immune to this.
- Ask the questions, what am I looking for? Why do I do what I do? Be honest in answering those questions. More often than not our behavior manifests because we are seeking some desire that has not been met in our lives.
- Pray! I know it sounds cliché coming from a priest, but it is true. Lean into prayer all the more to give ourselves a chance to hear what God actually says about us. Pray into the answer to the questions above.
- Talk about it! One of the best pieces of advice given to me from a priest is that there is nothing in my life that at least one other person doesn't know about. Talk about these struggles with your confessor, with your pastor, with a spiritual director, with a trusted friend who wants what is best for you, etc.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 2

8:30 am † Gianna Kazmierski by P. Kazmierski

Tuesday, October 3

8:30 am † Robert Golembiewski
by D. & MB. Anderson

Wednesday, October 4

6:00 pm † Chuck Willems

Thursday, October 5

8:30 am † Ron Styka by T. and M. Vuchetich

Friday, October 6

8:30 am † Kaeden Machalak by L. Harrison

Saturday, October 7

5:00 pm † Jerry, † Lee & † Mike Cvengro
by R. Cvengros

Sunday, October 1

8:00 am † Gay Blankenship by J. and L. Collom
10:00 am People of St. Martha Parish
5:00 pm † Chuck Pratt by M. and J. Horvath

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 1, 2023

Monday

Memorial of the Guardian Angels

Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday

Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday

Saint Bruno, Priest and

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin

Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

Congratulations

Calvin may you "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
- 2 Peter 3:18



Intercessory Prayers

St. Martha Parish prays for our brothers and sisters who need physical or spiritual healing, especially:

Marcia Jackman
Watson Ferreri
Andrea Tanner
Ken Malkowski
Paul Loconto
Ann Patton
Linda Felice
John Ziemba
Noah Jungwirth
John Ruh

Steve Kelly
John Paul Erford
Jackie Fortier
Jeffrey Rostek
Art Johnson
Freda Winegar
Ronnie Patoprsty
Jeffrey Rostek
Matthew Boersma
Donald Trentel

For † those who have gone before us, especially:
† Tim Wolff
† Dennis Pelon
† Toni Kolb

For those serving in our Armed Forces.

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

Amen.



This Week at St. Martha



Life Chain 2023

Sunday, October 1 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Grand River in front of St. Martha Church

The Lansing Area Life Chain provides a powerful witness to the sanctity of human life. Join us for an hour of prayer for hearts to change and abortion to end in our state, our nation, and around the world.

Monday, October 2

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*
 9:15 am Women's Bible Study - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
 6:30 pm GriefShare - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
 7:30 pm Men's Pick-Up B-Ball

Wednesday, October 4

6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*
 6:30 pm Adoration
 7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, October 5

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*
 9:15 am Fruits of the Spirit - St. Martha Mom Group
 - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

Friday, October 6

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*
 9:00 am First Friday Coffee & Treats - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
 9:00 am First Friday Adoration until 3:00 pm

Saturday, October 7

7:30 am Upper Room Men's Prayer Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
 3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

Sunday, October 8

12:00 pm Blessing of the Pets

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Join us at noon on Sunday, October 8 for the Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day this week. All leashed or caged animals welcome!

Sacristans & Lectors

Saturday, October 7 | 5:00 pm

S. M. Sellers and M. Goldynia

Sunday, October 8 | 8:00 am

S. J. and L. Collom

Sunday, October 8 | 10:00 am

S. M. and N. Bobinski

Sunday, October 8 | 5:00 pm

S. T. and M. Werner



Ministry Scheduler Pro

Lectors - Please update your October and November availability in Ministry Scheduler Pro by Tuesday, October 3. The schedule will be released on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Login at rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmarthaokemos

Eucharist to Care Homes

October 8, 2023

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ICMCF M. Fletcher, D. Ianni

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 September TD\$46,088
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 Weekly Average.....\$11,816

In-Person Giving

August\$31,758
 September 3.....\$10,642
 September 10\$11,099
 September 17\$12,479
 September 24\$14,607
 YTD In-Person
 Weekly Average.....\$8,853

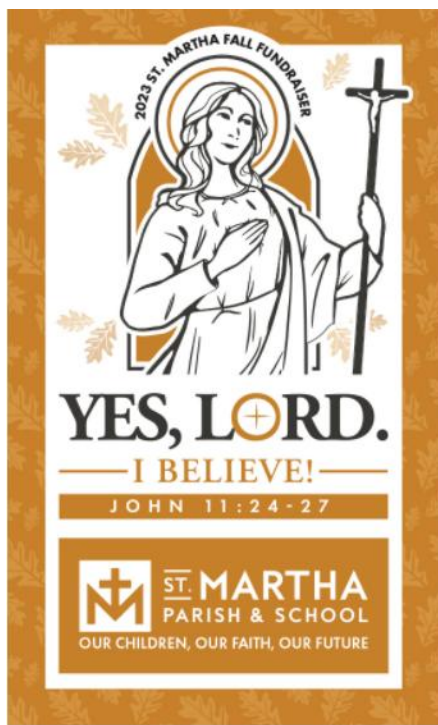


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Diocese of Lansing All Schools Mass

The 8th grade students traveled to St. Mary's Cathedral to participate in Mass with Bishop Boyea and other representatives of the various Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lansing. Bishop Boyea celebrated a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit with more than ten other priests of the diocese including our own Fr. Ryan Riley. In his homily, he discussed the importance of acknowledging the Spirit of Truth which goes hand-in-hand with the Spirit of Love. At Catholic schools, we acknowledge the truths of many subjects and study these truths. We were able to pose for a picture with Bishop Boyea after Mass, and then we completed our celebration with lunch at Meridian Mall.



From the Pastor's Desk

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- Take advantage of the sacraments often, most especially the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. We need grace!
- Use whatever means are available to detract ourselves from the problem. Sites and tools like Covenant Eyes will filter out questionable websites and will offer third party accountability.
- Always remember that Christ has conquered this! He's already won even though we fall back into the same old habits. Lean into His victory!

Let us pray for each other, for our society, and most of all our youth! In this bulletin, you will find other resources to help with the issue of pornography. I hope that you will find these resources helpful.

Staff Retreat

For some happier news, on Friday, September 22, our staff enjoyed a remarkable retreat hosted by Peter and Debbie Herbeck from Renewal Ministries in Ann Arbor, MI. It was awesome getting off-site and entering into a day of prayer together. Peter's talk centered on God's truth - what does God say to us vs. what do we say to ourselves especially living in confusing and distressing times? God has the power, the authority, and the truth yet we can be so hard on ourselves and on others. Debbie's talk centered on love - listening to what God says about us to us and leaning into His love so that we can then authentically love others. They were phenomenal and much needed! We ended the day with some large group sharing and then adoration with praise and worship. The best part about the day, for me, was watching the Holy Spirit move among the staff as we entered into adoration and worship. We ended the day huddled around the altar with the Blessed Sacrament exposed singing praise to our Lord! It was uplifting! I am proud to be working with such a staff who are open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit!

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan



Rosary Congress

Monday, October 8 | 3 - 9 pm

Adoration from 3 pm until 9 pm Benediction
Rosary will be said at the top of each hour
Divine Mercy Chaplet on the half-hour



We need your help! Sign up to lead a rosary or divine mercy chaplet by scanning the QR code or visit st-martha.org/events/rosary23



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ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

Arm of St. Jude

Thursday, October 12

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing

1 pm Public veneration of Saint Jude relics begins
7 pm Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor
10 pm Public veneration ends

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New & Current Altar Server Training

Tuesday, October 17
7 pm in the Church

This training is for all current altar servers and those who are interested in becoming an altar server. Open to boys and girls in grades 4 - 12.

Students who attend St. Martha School will have training during the school day and do not need to attend this evening training.



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Save the Dates

Sunday, October 22

Installation Mass of
Fr. Ryan Riley as Pastor
10 am Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Earl Boyea to formally install Fr. Ryan Riley as Pastor of St. Martha

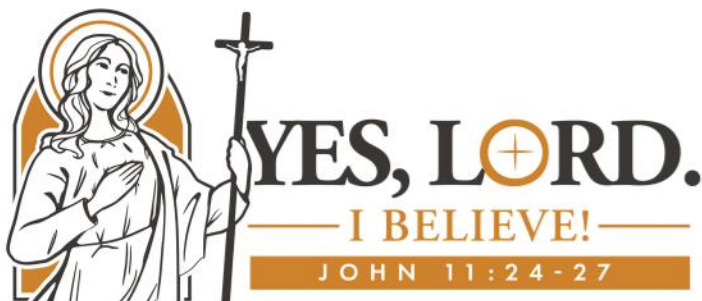
Saturday, October 28

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
9 am - 5 pm in Bl. Solanus Casey Room

Sr. Pat's 65th Anniversary Reception

Celebrate after 5 pm Mass with Sr. Pat and honor her 65 years with the Sisters of Charity





Join us Saturday, November 18 from 6 - 10 pm as

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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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Wednesday
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until 7:20 pm Benediction

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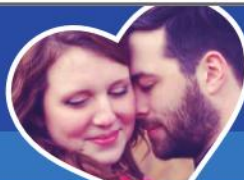
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