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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### Be Thou My Vision

Text: SLANE 10 10 10 10;

Ancient Irish; tr. by

Mary E. Byrne, 1905;

fr. Eleanor Hull's *Poem Book of the Gael*, 1912, alt. |

Music: Trad. Irish Melody;

adapt. from *The Church Hymnary*, 1927



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
 2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:  
 3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
 2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,  
 3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
 4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## 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

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 96 | Andorfer



Give the Lord, glo - ry and hon - or;  
 give the Lord, glo - ry and hon - or.

1. Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
 Tell his glory among the nations;  
 among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.
2. For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
 awesome is he, beyond all gods.  
 For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,  
 but the LORD made the heavens.
3. Give to the Lord, you families of nations,  
 give to the Lord glory and praise! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.
4. Worship the Lord, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth;  
 say among the nations: The Lord is king,  
 he governs the peoples with equity.



## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus

Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

**R:** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Shine like the lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

*Deacon/Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**R:** And with your spirit.

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

**R:** Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus

said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

*Deacon/Priest:* The gospel of the Lord.

**R:** 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

### You Are All We Have

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b.1958 |*  
*Tune: Francis Patrick O'Brien,  
b.1958 |*  
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1. Protect me, Lord; I come to you for safety. I say, "You are my God."  
All good things, Lord, all good things that I have come from you,  
the God of my salvation.
2. How wonderful are your gifts to me, how good they are!  
I praise the Lord who guides me and teaches me the way of truth and life.
3. You are near, the God I seek.  
Nothing can take me from your side.  
All my days I rest secure; you will show me the path that leads to life.

## SANCTUS

### Mass of Redemption

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

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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*Music © 1999, WLP*

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.

✠ **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

### Take and Eat

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10 10 10 10 with refrain;  
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#### Refrain



Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod - y  
giv-en up for you. Take and drink; take and drink:  
this is my blood giv - en up for you.

#### Verses



1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;  
3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;  
4. I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;  
5. I am the light that came in - to the world;  
6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;  
I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;  
I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;  
I am the Lord who died that you might live;  
I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
You are my flock: you know the shep - herd's voice;  
You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;  
I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;  
I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;  
D.C.  
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.  
Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.  
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.  
You are my bride, come to the mar - riage feast.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend |  
Arr. by Rick Modlin |  
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#### VERSES



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the  
light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and righ - teous -  
world, by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal





ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of  
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that  
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he  
breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of  
love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his  
cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the  
fied. For ev - ery sin on him was laid; here in the  
me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the  
hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

16 1, 2, 3. 4.  
love of Christ I stand.  
death of Christ I live.  
pre - cious blood of Christ.  
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## 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 O God Beyond All Praising

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Tune: THAXTED, 13 13 13 13  
13 13; Gustav Holst, 1874-1934



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
\*2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,  
And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;  
For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown,  
And wheth - er our to-mor - rows be filled with good or ill,  
At bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.  
Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav - en's gar - den grown.  
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still,  
We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;  
For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,  
We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!  
And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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# From the Pastor's Desk



## Installation Mass

Thank you! This weekend, Bishop Boyea officially installs me as your pastor here at St. Martha Parish and School. Thank you for welcoming me, for your support, for your encouragement, for your guidance and council, and most of all for your prayers. What a remarkable community St. Martha is! I am so blessed to be here with and for all of you. I beg all of you to keep praying for me:

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;  
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;  
for Your priests laboring at home  
or abroad in distant mission fields;  
for Your tempted priests;  
for Your lonely and desolate priests;  
for Your young priests;  
for Your dying priests;  
for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You  
the priests dearest to me:  
the priest who baptized me;  
the priests who absolved me from my sins;  
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me  
Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;  
the priests who taught and instructed me;  
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart,  
And bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.  
Amen.

*-St. Therese of the Child Jesus*

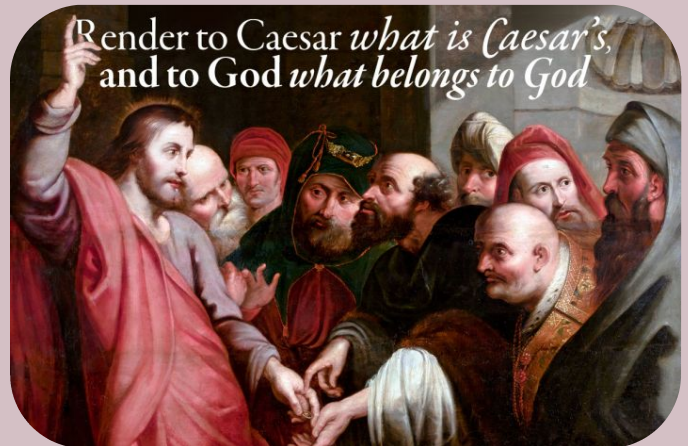
## Fall Fundraiser

We are having a party! November 18 is our annual parish and school party (21+) and fundraiser. This is a wonderful way for us to gather as a community of faith, to have fun, and to enjoy each other's company. As it is intended to be a fundraiser, it is also an opportunity for us to give generously of our gifts. Our time, talents, and treasures are all gifts from God. We know from scripture that we should always give God thanks for the blessings He has bestowed upon us and share our blessings with those around us. St. Paul reminds us in his second letter to the Corinthians, "...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

There is much we wish to accomplish this year, and the main priority is building safety and security. As of right now, I can tell you that the SmartBoot system, which we would like to

install in all rooms in the school and select rooms in the church/parish, will cost approximately \$118,000. In addition to this, our security cameras, door access, and IT infrastructure need to be upgraded, and the cost will be significant. Because we are still in the bidding and procurement process with various vendors for these improvements, I cannot share that exact cost at this time. If I had to guess, I would estimate the other upgrades will cost up to an additional \$150,000. When I know more, I will share more.

My point in sharing this is simply to ask that if you have it within your means to make a substantial gift to help us acquire these needs, we would be most grateful. These upgrades were not budgeted because, quite frankly, we didn't realize we needed them. We learned a lot after a grant-funded security assessment and from going through our ALICE active shooter training. The safety of our children and parishioners is a top priority for me. Be assured that the proper proposals, discussions, and approvals from both the St. Martha Parish Finance Council and the Diocese of Lansing are taking place, and the process is well documented. Should you want to see any of the supporting documentation, please let me know, and it will be provided.



## Gospel Reflection

In this week's Gospel, the Jewish leaders attempt to catch Jesus in a trap. They are trying to find some way to convict Him, try Him, put Him to death, and be done with Him. He is disrupting everything for them, and they just want Him to go away. So, they ask Him whether it is right to pay taxes to the Romans.

The Romans were the governing heads of Palestine in Jesus's time, and they were seen as occupiers of the land promised to Israel by God. The Jews were looking for a specific Messiah, a Messiah who would come and liberate them from the Roman occupiers and take back what was rightfully theirs - the Promised Land. Jesus knew what the Jewish leaders were

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# Mass Intentions

**Monday, October 23**

8:30 am † Chuck Willems

**Tuesday, October 24**

8:30 am Intentions of Susan King *by B. and S. King*

**Wednesday, October 25**

6:00 pm † Ron Styka *by M. and J. Horvath*

**Thursday, October 26**

8:30 am † Susan Punch *by H. Donnelly*

**Friday, October 27**

8:30 am † Dan McKelvey *by T. Santone*

**Saturday, October 28**

5:00 pm † Cathy, † Greg, and † Tony Massa  
*by J. Massa*

**Sunday, October 29**

8:00 am People of St. Martha Parish

10:00 am † Lilyan Bois *by J. Asman*

5:00 pm † Bryan Smith  
*by I. Stines and The Smith Family*

# Scripture Readings

*For the Week of October 22, 2023*

**Sunday**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10;

1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

**Monday**

**Memorial of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest**

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday**

**Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;

Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday**

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday**

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday**

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94;

Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday**

**Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

**Sunday**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51;

1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

# Congratulations

**William**, 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:**

Matt deLaFe  
Jackie Fortier  
Ignacio Somohano  
Leslie Lavery  
Carol Giacini  
Marcia Jackman  
Watson Ferreri  
Andrea Tanner  
Ken Malkowski  
Paul Loconto  
Ann Patton

John Ruh  
John Paul Erford  
Jeffrey Rostek  
Art Johnson  
Freda Winegar  
Ronnie Patoprsty  
Matthew Boersma  
Donald Trentel

**For † those who have gone before us, especially:**  
† Kent Peterson  
† Harriet Bachelder  
† Bill Lett

**For those serving in our Armed Forces.**

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

**Amen.**





## Rest in Peace

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.  
Amen.*



Kent Peterson

## This Week at St. Martha

### Monday, October 23

9:00 am Reconciliation Fr. Ryan

### Tuesday, October 24

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 25

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

### Thursday, October 26

9:00 am Reconciliation Fr. Ryan  
9:15 am Prayer Quilt Group - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall

### Friday, October 27

9:00 am Reconciliation Fr. Mike

### Saturday, October 28

7:30 am Upper Room Men's Prayer Group - Bl. Solanus Casey Room  
9:00 am KC Red Cross Blood Drive until 5 pm  
- Bl. Solanus Casey Room  
3:30 pm Reconciliation Fr. Ryan  
6:00 pm Sr. Pat's 65th Anniversary Party

## Celebrate Sr. Pat's 65th Anniversary!

Join us on the lower level after 5 pm Mass  
on Saturday, October 28, to celebrate  
Sr. Pat Newhouse who is celebrating her  
65th Anniversary with the Sisters of Charity.



### Sunday, October 29

9:30 am KC Family Rosary - Church  
11:00 am KC Exemplification Ceremony - Church

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, October 28 | 5:00 pm

S. J. and T. Kaczmsczyk  
L. 1 - J. Matuszak W/2 - L. Blatnik  
A.S. C. Obenauf, B. & A. Chesney, B. Doak

### Sunday, October 29 | 8:00 am

S. S. and T. O'Dea  
L. 1 - S. Kostaroff W/2 - S. O'Dea  
A.S. C. Ingram, J. Schafer, **2 Volunteers Needed**

### Sunday, October 29 | 10:00 am

S. M. and N. Bobinski  
L. 1 - W. Otlewski W/2 - T. Muncie  
A.S. B. Yun, D., L., and A. Criscuolo

### Sunday, October 29 | 5:00 pm

S. L. and S. Elias  
L. 1 - A. Readett W/2 - A. Readett  
A.S. D. Farone, M. Robinson, **2 Volunteers Needed**



## Ministry Scheduler Pro

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## Eucharist to Care Homes

### October 22, 2023

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge M. Fletcher

ICMCF K. Wood, J. Lenz, E. VanSteel



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# Do you Believe?



**YES, LORD.**  
I BELIEVE!  
JOHN 11:24-27

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**CELEBRATE  
NOV. 18**

ST. MARTHA - BLESSED CHIARA  
BADANO GYMNASIUM  
6:00PM - 10:00PM

HORS D'OEUVRES | SILENT AUCTION | CASH BAR

## AUCTION EXPERIENCES!

This year we are looking to add more "Experience" based items to add to our silent auction. If you have a summer home that you'd be interested in hosting for a weekend, game tickets you won't be able to use this year, restaurant gift cards, one of a kind work shadow opportunities for students or other exciting outing ideas that you'd like to present, please email Cynthia Farnsworth at: [cfarnsworth@st-martha.org](mailto:cfarnsworth@st-martha.org)

Due to space limitations, we cannot accept large quantities of physical items. If you are looking to donate a brand new physical item, please contact Mrs. Farnsworth prior to dropping any items off.

## 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 Celebrations in the Blessed Chiara Badano Gymnasium

### Q. What should I know about this year's Fundraiser?

A. Whether you contribute \$10 or \$1000, 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, cash bar and silent auction 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 used 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?

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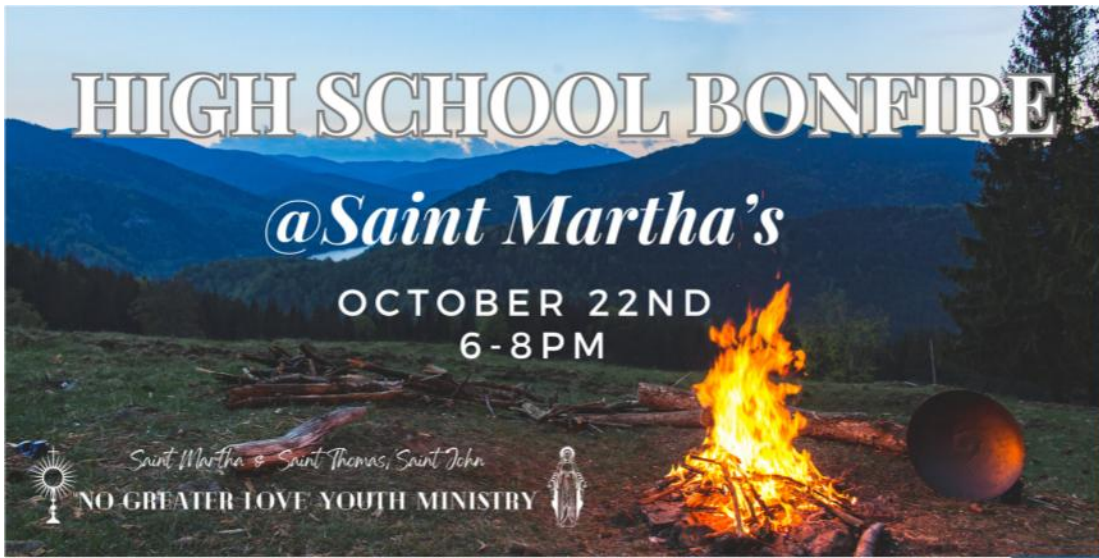


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## Upcoming Events for No Greater Love Youth Ministry

October 29 | 6-8 pm  
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## Eucharistic Procession and Classroom Blessing

On Monday, October 9, St. Martha kicked off our participation in the Rosary Congress with a very special Eucharistic procession. Father Ryan, Father Mike, and Deacon Jim began in the church and walked throughout the parish offices and school, blessing every room with the Holy Eucharist. As they moved through the school, each class of students joined the procession and took up singing the refrain "Bless the Lord! O, my soul!" throughout the halls. The student body (K-8) followed the Blessed Sacrament into the church where they worshiped our Lord, and our eighth graders led the school in a rosary. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." On Monday, we got to witness that in action. May we always follow Christ wherever He leads!



## From the Pastor's Desk

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doing, so He didn't give in. Rather, He gives the best answer ever, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

What's the point for us? Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to cut themselves off from the affairs of this world or to eschew themselves from engaging with the leaders of this world. On the contrary, as Christians we should *not* cut ourselves off from the affairs of this world nor should we compromise our Catholic Christian faith, beliefs, and doctrines. There is tension between Christianity and the secular world, and our Lord wants us to live in that tension to proclaim the Gospel - *to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord!*

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have an excellent document called *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. I have included a link to the website below and hope that you might read it given today's Gospel. Please scan the QR Code or visit [usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship](https://usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship)



Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan

## Mass of Remembrance

**Thursday, November 2 | 7 pm**

We invite all parishioners, along with family members and friends, to join us for a special Mass of Remembrance on November 2 at 7 pm. If your loved one's death occurred on or after September 1, 2022, and you wish to have him or her remembered by name at this Mass, **please fill out the form by scanning the QR code or visiting [st-martha.org/mass-of-remembrance](https://st-martha.org/mass-of-remembrance) on or before this Wednesday, October 25.**

## The Pro-Life Argument

**Tuesday, November 7 | 7 pm**

Christen Polo from Protect Life Michigan is coming to St. Martha to speak on the topic: The Pro-Life Argument: What We Believe & How To Win Others to The Cause. This is dialogue training that also serves to help people understand WHY we believe what we do and how to articulate it to others. Join us as we mark the first anniversary of the passing of Proposal 3 and learn how to further our defense of the unborn.

## Michigan March for Life

**Wednesday, November 8 | 11 am**

The Michigan March for Life will be held on the Anniversary of Prop 3. This rally and march are suited for all levels of experience and comfort with advocacy. Learn more at [st-martha.org/respectlife](https://st-martha.org/respectlife)

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

We have begun collecting food staples for this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Requested items include: non-perishable items such as soup, cereal, pasta, canned meat and fish, gravy, instant potatoes, and canned fruits and vegetables. Also consider low sodium, low sugar, and low fat items. Food boxes will be in the upstairs glass hallway **until Friday, November 17;** cash donations can be placed in the collection. We will also need volunteers to **sort, pack, and delivery boxes on Saturday, November 18.**

## KC/Red Cross Blood Drive

**Saturday, October 28 | 10 am - 4 pm**

Schedule to give online at [redcrossblood.org/give](https://redcrossblood.org/give)

## Corporate Communion & Exemplification Ceremony

**Sunday, October 29 | Before & After 10 am Mass**

All are welcome to join the Knights at 9:30 am for the 5th Sunday Rosary. After 10 am Mass, the Knights will have a Exemplification Ceremony for the newest Knights.

## Fellowship, Food, and Football

**Saturday, November 11 | 6 pm**

Imagine a cross between a Super Bowl Party and a Fish Fry that is held in the fall with hamburgers, tailgate food, fellow parishioners, and football! The Knights of Columbus invite the parish to join them for this NEW fun event!



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## Knight of the Month

**October | Dan Frank**

Dan has been active in the Knights of Columbus for over 20 years, and his smiling face is almost always present at our many events like the fish fries, poker, golf, corporate communion, and many more. Last month, he was one of the outstanding volunteers for our annual golf outing, as he has been regularly for many years. He

exemplifies the core values and beliefs of the Knights and the Catholic Church: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism, and a Love for Others. Please join our council in thanking Dan for being the Knight of the Month for October 2023.

For more information regarding the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Stephen Zayko, 517-204-5136 or [zayko@hampmathews.com](mailto:zayko@hampmathews.com) or go to [www.kofc.org/join](https://www.kofc.org/join).







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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

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Thursday, Friday ..... 8:30 am

Wednesday ..... 6:00 pm

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Monday, Tuesday,  
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Wednesday ..... 6:45 to 7:15 pm

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## Sacramental Information

**Baptism** Parents who are baptizing their first child will need to attend a preparation class. Please visit [st-martha.org/baptism](http://st-martha.org/baptism) to complete the registration form.

**First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation** for non-school students is completed as part of our Faith Formation program. Please email Jackie Rosalez at [jrosalez@st-martha.org](mailto:jrosalez@st-martha.org).

**Marriage Preparation** begins with a meeting with the priest at least 9 months in advance of your ideal wedding date. Please email Fr. Ryan [frryan@st-martha.org](mailto:frryan@st-martha.org) to schedule an appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick** can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

**Want to become Catholic as an adult?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for older teens or adults who are considering becoming Catholic or just want to learn more about our Faith. Please email Deacon Carl Boehlert for more information at [cboehlert@st-martha.org](mailto:cboehlert@st-martha.org).



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