

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 29, 2023

V. 37 No. 44



*You shall love your
neighbor as yourself*

MATTHEW 22:39



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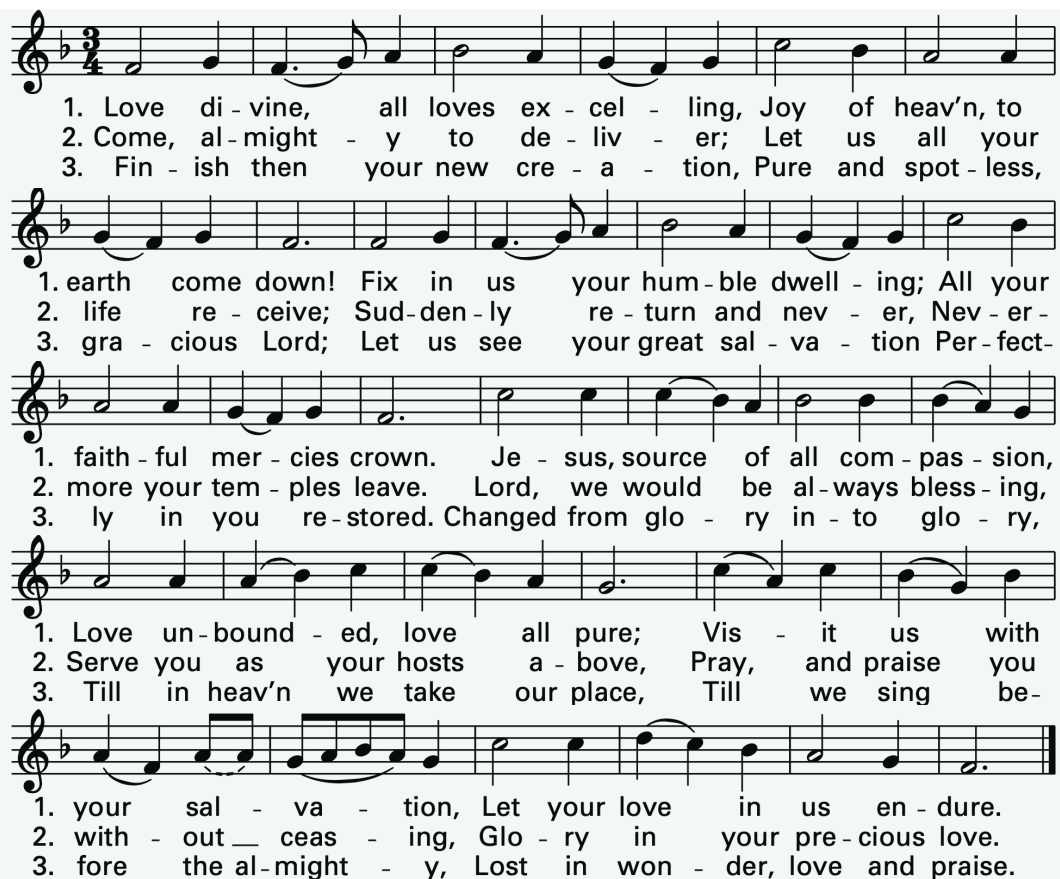
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PROCESSIONAL

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Text: HYFRYDOL 87 87 D;
Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. |
Music: Rowland H. Prichard,
1811-1887*



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,

1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your
2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -
3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -

1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with
2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you
3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -

1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.
2. with - out — ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

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

Exodus 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."


Lector: The word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 18

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I Love You Lord, with all my strength

I Love You Lord, with all my strength

1. I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.
2. My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.
3. The LORD lives and blessed be the rock!
Extolled be God my savior.
You who gave victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed
to David and his posterity forever.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say

anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

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.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the

greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore,
O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. 1. The
2. You're
3. And

VERSES

sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing,
rich in love and you're slow to an - ger.
on that day, when my strength is fail - ing,
it's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -
Your name is great and your heart is kind. For
the end draws near, and my time has come;
ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
all your good-ness, I will keep on sing - ing:
still my soul will sing your praise un - end - ing:
let me be sing - ing when the
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my
ten thou - sand years, and then for -
D.S. al Coda
eve - ning comes. Bless the
heart to find. Bless the
ev - er - more. Bless the

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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Text: *Ubi caritas*; tr. by
Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997 |
Tune: CHRISTIAN LOVE,
CM; Paul Benoit, OSB,
1893-1979 |
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1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail,
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known,
5. Let us re - call that in our midst
6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude

There God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
God's char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
As we our faults con - fess; And let us love each
Let all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry
Dwells God's be - got - ten Son; As mem - bers of his
If hon - ored be God's name; Our fam - i - ly em -

by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love God in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek, Be ours God's ho - ly peace.
bod - y joined, We are in Christ made one.
brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.

COMMUNION HYMN

God's Love Is Everlasting

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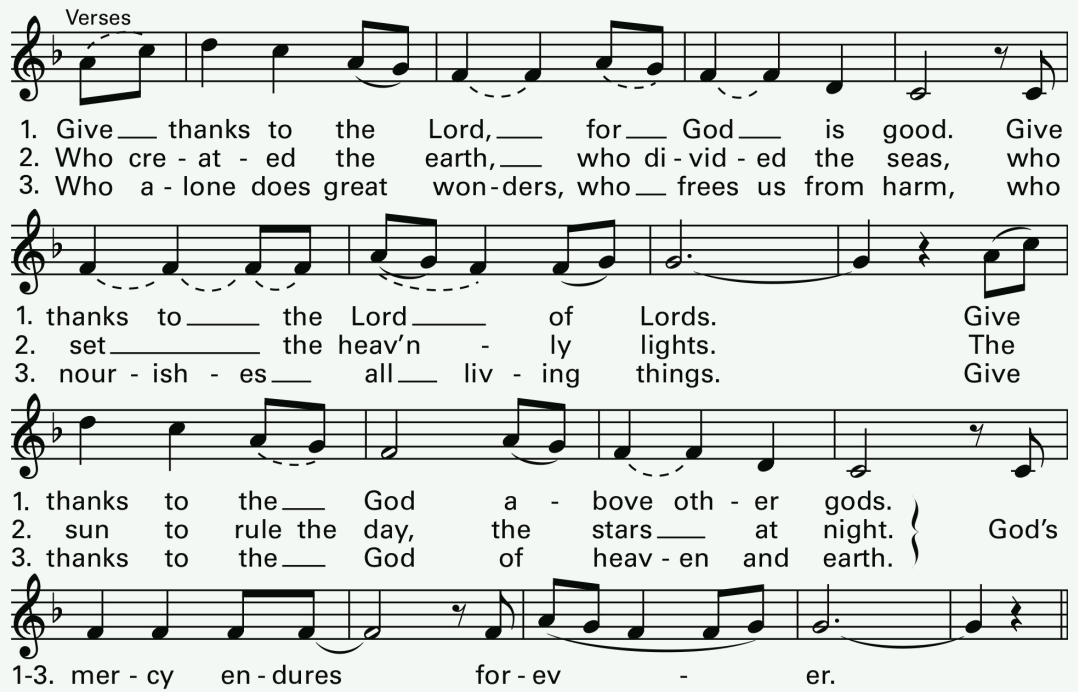
God's love is ev - er - last - ing, faith - ful till the end of time. God's

love is ev - er - last - ing, God's love will nev - er end. end.

1-3 to Verses Final

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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. }
 2. sun to rule the day, the stars ___ at night. } God's
 3. thanks to the ___ God of heav - en and earth. }

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

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 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933,
alt. |
Tune: HYMN TO JOY, 8 7 8 7
D; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven,
1770-1827,
by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,
 2. All your works with joy sur - round you, Earth and heav'n re -
 3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
 4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus, Which the morn - ing

Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore you,
 flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you,
 ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,

O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,
 O - cean - depth of hap - py rest! God our Fa - ther,
 Join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,

sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Christ our broth - er, Let your light up - on us shine;
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain Sound their praise e - ter - nal - ly!
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph - song of life.

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From the Pastor's Desk



Congrats to Sr. Pat

Thank you! This weekend we celebrate 65 years of Sr. Pat's profession of vows. Congratulations, good and faithful servant! Thank you for your dedicated service to the Lord, His Church, and to St. Martha Parish and School!

All Saints and All Souls Days

A reminder that Wednesday, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have an early vigil Mass on October 31 at 6:00 pm due to trick-or-treating. On the actual Holy Day, we will have an early Mass at 6:30 am for those who may be going to work. We will have 8:30 am Mass with the school and 7:00 pm evening Mass.

For All Souls Day, we will have our normal 8:30 am Mass with the school and our special Mass of Remembrance at 7:00 pm.

Gospel Reflection

Our Gospel this weekend focuses on the word love. Unfortunately in the English language we are a little restricted because only have one word to use to convey a variety of meanings, whereas the Greeks have four:

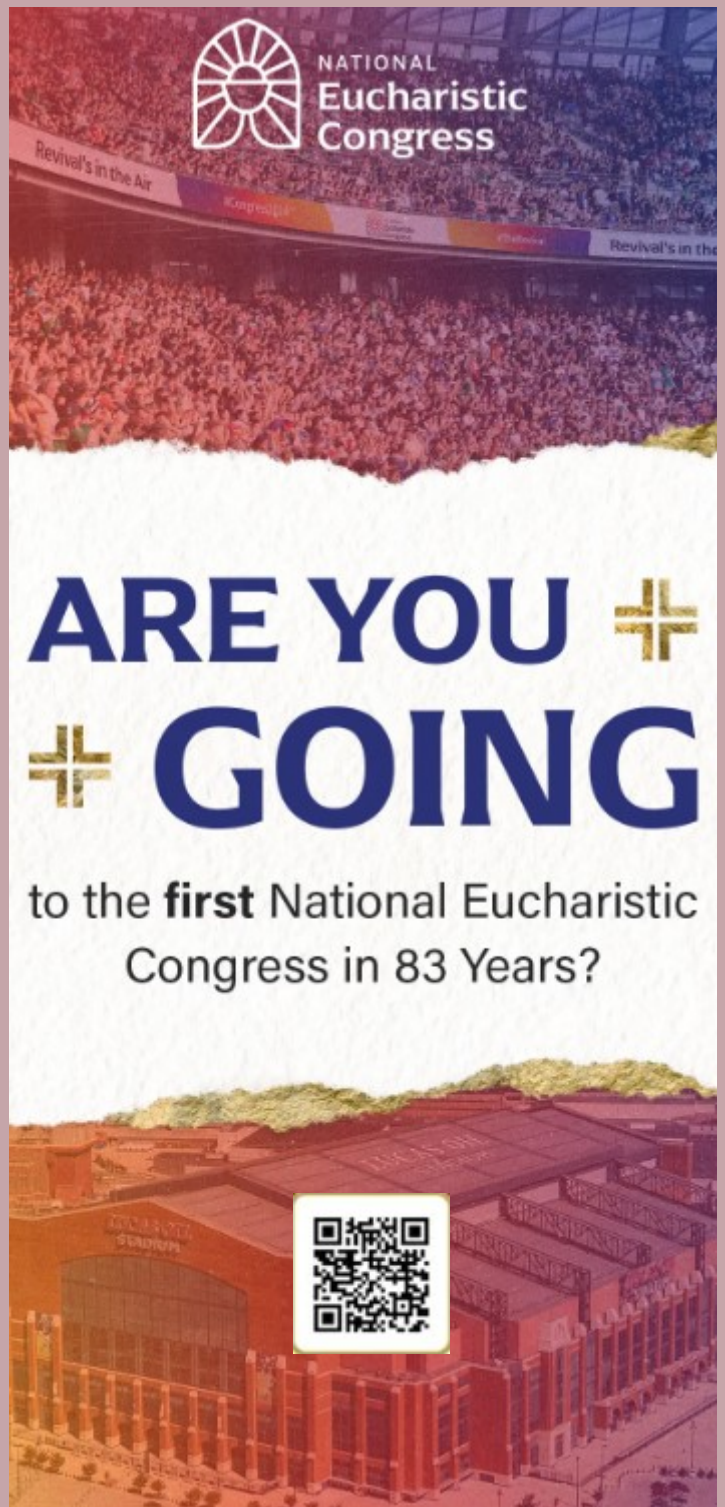
- Storge - familial love
- Philia - friendship
- Eros - erotic or sexual love
- Agape - the fulfillment of love being self sacrifice

St. Thomas Aquinas defines the theological virtue of love as "willing the good of the other". Our culture has reduced love to sentiment, emotion, or whatever or whoever makes us feel good about ourselves. That is our tendency because of the human condition - to turn love into something about us which makes it more selfish than self giving.

As we pray into the Mass this weekend, let us pray for the grace to really understand what love is and what love of God and neighbor look like. You may even want to pick up a copy of C.S. Lewis' *The Four Loves*.

A blessed week and know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 30

8:30 am † Alan Hirt *by Prayer Quilt Ministry*

Tuesday, October 31

8:30 am † Chuck Willems

6:00 pm † Hal Schneider *by St. Martha CCW*

Wednesday, November 1

6:30 am † Helen Grill *by P. Kazmierski*

8:30 am † Suzanne N. Hamilton
by Grief Share Friends

7:00 pm † Virginia Zlotucha
by J. and K. Matuszak

Thursday, November 2

8:30 am † Chuck Willems

7:00 pm † All Deceased Souls of St. Martha Parish

Friday, November 3

8:30 am † Czeslaw Zborowski *by P. Kazmierski*

Saturday, November 4

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

Sunday, November 5

8:00 am † Matthew Dexter *by M. Dexter*

10:00 am People of St. Martha Parish

5:00 pm † Anna Gaigalas *by S. and A. Readett*

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 29, 2023

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

Monday

Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 & 4, Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;

1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Rom 6:3-9;

Jn 6:37-40

Friday

Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;

Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3;

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

All Saints Day Masses

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, October 31

6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday, November 1

6:30 am, 8:30 am, 7:00 pm Masses



All Souls Day

Thursday, November 2

8:30 am Mass

Mass of Remembrance

7:00 pm Mass

We invite all parishioners, along with family members and friends, to join us for a special Mass of Remembrance on November 2 at 7:00 pm.

Intercessory Prayers

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

Elaine Muzi
Matt deLaFe
Jackie Fortier
Ignacio Somohano
Leslie Lavery
Carol Giacini
Marcia Jackman
Watson Ferreri
Andrea Tanner

Ken Malkowski
John Ruh
John Paul Erford
Jeffrey Rostek
Art Johnson
Freda Winegar
Ronnie Patoprsty
Matthew Boersma
Donald Trentel
Sharon O'Dea

For those serving
in our Armed
Forces.

For † those
who have gone
before us,
especially:

† Kent Peterson
† John Walling Sr.
† Art Brandstetter
† Mackenzie Trybus

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



Congratulations Sr. Pat on her 65th Anniversary!

This weekend we honor
Sr. Pat Newhouse who is celebrating her
65th Anniversary with the Sisters of Charity.
Thank you for your years of service, Sr. Pat!



This Week at St. Martha

Monday, October 30

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Tuesday, October 31

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, November 1

No Confession or Adoration

No Faith Formation Classes

4:30 pm CCW November General Meeting



CCW Meetings are for all St. Martha Women!

It's the Giving Tree Tag party!
Questions? Send an email to
stmarthaccw@gmail.com

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 4

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

Sunday, November 5

11:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Open Meeting
- *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall*
6:00 pm HS Youth Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 4 | 5:00 pm

S. M. Goldynia, M. Seller
L. 1 - J. Zalba **W/2** - J. Zalba
A.S. C. Gaddy, A., A., and A. Miller

Sunday, November 5 | 8:00 am

S. J. and L. Collom
L. 1 - S. Stanley **W/2** - C. DeKoninck
A.S. A. and J. Cruz, C. Ingram, G. McBride

Sunday, November 5 | 10:00 am

S. K. and N. Leemon
L. 1 - C. Flammini **W/2** - D. Ianni
A.S. M. and M. Johnston, H. Rustad, K. Starn

Sunday, November 5 | 5:00 pm

S. M. and T. Werner
L. 1 - C. Patton **W/2** - L. VanSteel
A.S. E. and N. Jungwirth, A. and O. Obinwanne



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6:00PM - 10:00PM

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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

Due to space limitations, If you are interested in donating a brand new physical item, please contact Mrs. Farnsworth to make arrangements for drop 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?

A: Donation cards and invitations were mailed to registered parishioners. You may scan the QR on your donor card, invitation, or on this page and follow the prompts. You may also write a check and drop it in the mail or the parish or school office. Make sure you 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.

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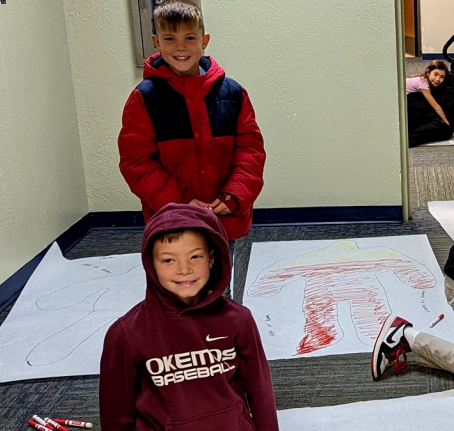
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Striving for Sainthood

We prepared for All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day at Whole Family Class by talking about what a Saint is and looking at a few of them for examples of some inner talents that God has given us to help us become saints. We talked about things like: does being good at soccer help you become a saint? No. Does being smart? No. How about being kind to others, loving God, and liking to pray for others? Yes.

Parents then traced their children on large paper and together the parents and children talked about and wrote down some of those inner gifts that their children had and, of course, added a halo. Our most important job on this earth is to get ourselves, our children and our grandchildren to heaven. If we remember that this is our goal and make loving God a priority in our day to day lives, all of the other things will fall into place.

We are going to display our future saints around the church over the month of November. There are a lot of them, so we will rotate them in and out. Be sure to take a look; our children are such gifts from God and so full of His love.



Halloween Party

All High Schoolers are invited to join us for a night of Halloween festivities including a movie, games, and treats!

WHEN: OCTOBER 29TH 6-8 PM
WHERE: SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

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.





The Pro-Life Argument

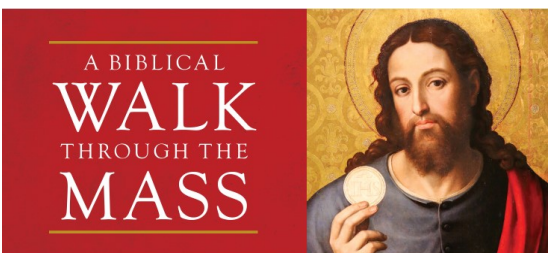
Tuesday, November 7 | 7 pm

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



Men's Bible Study

**Starting Saturday, November 11
9 - 10 am in
Bl. Solanus Casey
Room**



Join Fr. Mike Murray as he leads a 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 or Fr. Mike at frmike@st-martha.org

Holiday Collections

Those who visit St. Martha will notice our collection boxes at the church entrances and in the glass hallway. Our current collections are for the following:

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.

SWEATSHIRT COLLECTION

The Knights of Columbus are collecting crew neck sweatshirts and hoodies for Holy Cross Services. Their residents appreciate pro sports teams and college logoed items (no plain sweatshirts). Youth sizes XS, S, M, L, and adult sizes S, M, L, XL are requested. Return sweatshirts in a decorated gift box clearly labeled with the size and if it is gender specific. Drop off deadline is noon on Wednesday, November 29. Contact Tom Muncie 517-927-8370 tmuncie@juno.com with any questions.

Coming Soon GIVING TREE TAGS

This year, the Giving Trees will be located in the entrances. Look for them next weekend at either the Narthex or South Entrances of the church. Don't forget to take a tag to help our local charitable organizations.

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!

For more information regarding the Knights, please contact Grand Knight Stephen Zayko, 517-204-5136 or zayko@hampmathews.com or go to www.kofc.org/join.



**Knights of
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Family of the Month

October | The Burkhardt Family

Don Burkhardt is active in the Knights of Columbus and is our Life Director for the 2023-24 fraternal year. He organizes and participates in the pro-life events for our council, including the 40 Days for Life (Sept 27 to Nov 5), Respect Life month, Life Chain (October 1), Michigan March for Life at the Michigan State Capitol Building on November 8, and many more. Heidi Burkhardt teaches religion at St Martha School. The Burkhardt's have four children, Katie, Will, Sarah, and Jacob. The youngest two (Sarah, and Jacob) attend Saint Martha School. Please join our council in thanking the Burkhardt family for being the Family of the Month for October 2023.





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

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Phone 517-267-2100
Office Hours Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
Website lansingcatholic.org

Mass Opportunities

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

**Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday** 8:30 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am
at St. Mary Church, Williamston

Reconciliation Opportunities

**Monday, Tuesday,
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

Prayer/Adoration Opportunities

Monday
International Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday
Rosary for the Unborn 5:30 pm

Our Mother of Perpetual
Help Devotions 5:45 pm

Adoration after 6:00 pm Mass
until 7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday
Rosary for Peace and
Those Suffering From War 8:00 am

Friday
Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

First Friday Adoration after 8:30 am Mass
until 3:00 pm Benediction



Ministry Leaders

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Upper Room Men's Prayer Group

Michael Siminski and Frank Fortier

Bulletin & Announcement Deadlines

Bulletin Articles Must Be Emailed to cboomer@st-martha.org by Monday at noon ahead the weekend requested.

Mass Announcements Must Be Emailed to cboomer@st-martha.org by Wednesday at noon ahead of the weekend requested.

Intercessory Prayer List in the bulletin includes sick individuals for 6 weeks (unless specified for a longer time), deceased individuals for 3 weeks, and military individuals until we are notified they are home. Please contact the parish office to add a name.

Sacramental Information

Baptism Parents who are baptizing their first child will need to attend a preparation class. Please visit 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.

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 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.