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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### God, Our God of Distant Ages

Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997 |  
Text © 1984, WLP |  
*John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred  
Music, Part Second, Harrisburg,  
1813*



1. God, our God of dis - tant a - ges, God, our God, now pres - ent  
2. Pres - ent in the words once spo - ken By the proph - ets, saints of  
3. Might - y Lord of all cre - a - tion, Three - fold is your pres - ence

1. here, God of proph - ets, seers, and sa - ges, Ev - er  
2. old, Lord, your tes - ta - ments un - bro - ken By our  
3. known: Bread and word and con - gre - ga - tion Are the

1. pres - ent, ev - er near. Great and might - y Lord, we  
2. lips are here re - told. O - pen, Lord, our hearts to  
3. sym - bols you have shown. Time and space can - not con -

1. greet you; All your good - ness we ac - claim. Here with -  
2. hear you; Sa - cred are the words you speak. In the  
3. fine you, Nor the earth nor heav'n a - bove. Yet our

1. in our midst we meet you As we gath - er in your name.  
2. Good News we are near you, You, the liv - ing News we seek.  
3. hum - ble hearts en - shrine you, In - fi - nite, great God of love.

## 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

*Wisdom 6:12-16*

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake

keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

**R:** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL

### PSALM

#### Psalm 63

Text: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;

verses adapt. |

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Washington, DC;

refrain by

Michael Joncas,

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1. O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and  
my soul thirsts like the earth,  
parched, lifeless, without water.
2. Thus have I gazed toward you in your holy place  
to see your power and your glory.  
Your kindness is a greater good than life itself;  
my lips will glorify you.
3. Thus will I bless you while I live;  
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with a banquet shall my soul be satisfied;  
with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.
4. For you have been my help, you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand holds me firm;  
in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a

word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

**R:** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL

### ACCLAMATION

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Stay awake and be ready!  
For you do not know  
on what day  
your Lord will come.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

*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.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are

going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*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.

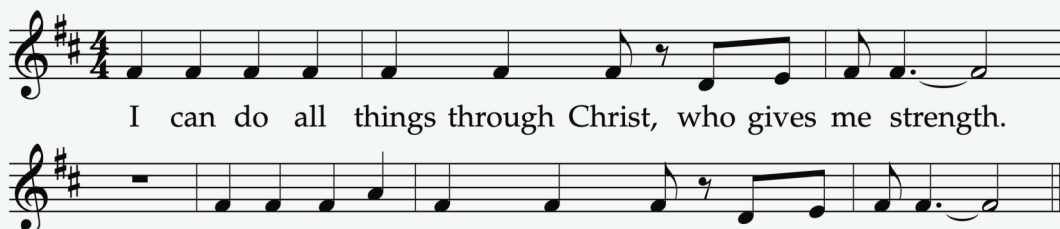
## OFFERTORY HYMN

### 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.

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

*Text © 2010, ICEL |*  
*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

*Text © 2010, ICEL |*  
*Steven R. Janco |*  
*Music © 2010, WLP*

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

## GREAT AMEN

### Mass of Redemption

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

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



## AGNUS DEI

### Mass of Redemption

Steven R. Janco |  
Music © 2000, WLP

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

### The Clouds' Veil

Text: Liam Lawton, b.1959 |  
Tune: Liam Lawton, b.1959;  
arr. by John McCann, b.1961 |  
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E - ven though the rain hides the stars, e - ven though the  
mist swirls the hills, e - ven when the dark clouds  
veil the sky, God is by my side. E - ven when the  
sun shall fall in sleep, e - ven when at dawn the sky shall  
weep, e - ven in the night when storms shall rise,  
God is by my side. God is by my side.

Verses

1. Bright the stars at night that  
2. Deep the feast of life where  
3. Blest are they who sing the  
mir - ror heav - en's way to you. Bright the stars in  
saints shall gath - er in deep peace. Deep in heav - en's  
fel - low - ship of saints in light. Blest is heav - en's  
D.C.  
light where dwell the saints in love and truth.  
light where sor - rows pass be - yond death's sleep.  
King. All saints a - dore the Lord, Most High.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Do Not Be Afraid

Text: Matthew 6:26, 34,  
John 14:1, 3, 27; Jeanne Cotter  
Tune: Jeanne Cotter, b.1964 |  
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1. I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for peace and prosperity. Trust in me as I live in you. I give you a future and a hope.
2. Search for me with all your heart. I will let myself be found by you. I could never leave you orphaned. I will not abandon you!
3. Do not worry about tomorrow. Let go of all anxiety. If I so care for the birds in the air, I'll provide for all you need.
4. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in me. I give you peace that passes understanding, peace to guard your heart and mind.

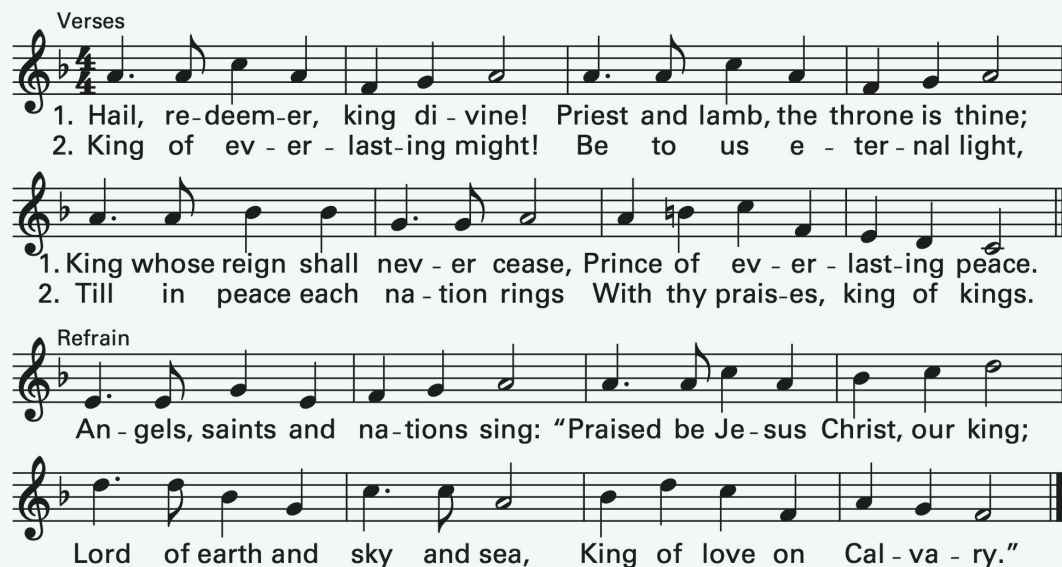
## ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

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

### Hail, Redeemer, King Divine

St. George's Windsor |  
Text: 77 77 with refrain;  
Patrick Brennen, 1877-1952,  
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Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893



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## From the Pastor's Desk

### *Annual Parish Celebration and Fundraiser*

"Yes, Lord. I believe" (John 11:27). Do you believe that the Lord, through His Holy Spirit, is alive and moving

through St. Martha Parish and School? I do! With resounding excitement and confidence, I hope that we all echo our patroness's words to Jesus, "Yes, Lord. I believe!" As we get closer to November 18, I hope that we are "all in" for St. Martha Parish and School. I hope that you will, at least, purchase a ticket and attend the event to celebrate the youth at our great parish and school. If you are unable to attend, please prayerfully discern what you may be able to donate toward the endeavor because, without you and your support, we would not be able to do the mission given us by Christ. Whether it's \$1.00 or \$10,000, please support your parish. It would be such a blessing to have 100% participation to help our family of faith.

### *Parish Mission and Vision*

Since the beginning of September, all of the parishes from across the diocese have been prayerfully discerning our mission, vision, and priorities for the next two to three years at workshops facilitated by the Catholic Leadership Institute. It is important to note that that planning is not intended to replace or change the current mission and vision statements that our parishioners have worked so hard to write, rather, to make the next few years of our parish life more intentional. All of this discussion is part of implementing the *Made for Mission* initiative. Our staff has entered into the process with excitement and a disposition of prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit. Our final strategic planning meeting will be held on November 28. After this meeting, we will have articulated our vision and priorities moving forward here at St. Martha and within our grouping with St. Mary in Williamston. Early in 2024, I will communicate what this looks like to the entire parish. We are still discerning how we will communicate this, but I can assure you we are all excited for what the future holds here at St. Martha!

### *Gospel Reflection*

"Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep" (Matt 25:5).

The bridegroom is long delayed. Ever since Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, we have been living in the end times - the time between Christ and His second coming. In fact, the end times began with the forerunner, John the Baptist, who cried out, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt 3:2). At the end of the Gospel, Jesus tells us to stay awake for we know not the day nor the hour. It is true, He is long delayed, and the temptation for us is to get tired, drowsy, and fall asleep.

The Church Fathers understood the oil for the lamps in the parable of the ten virgins as the degree of their righteous living and obedience (recall the beatitudes in Matthew chapter 5). Five had ample, and five had little. When they fell asleep waiting for the bridegroom, they were not prepared, and, by the time they were able to find more oil, the door to the banquet had already been locked.

Are we living in such a way that we are prepared for Jesus Christ? Perhaps we live in such a way that we do not believe Jesus's words about His second coming. Or, perhaps we are living as though we are asleep to the reality that Jesus is the Christ who will come again to judge the living and the dead. If we find ourselves unprepared, as we move through these last weeks of the liturgical year leading up to the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, perhaps it might be a worthy endeavor to ponder those four last things - heaven, hell, death, and judgment. And, if I may make a suggestion, begin with Mass. Begin with making Mass *the* priority of your week for your family and yourselves. Jesus is here. Jesus is present. Jesus gives us the grace for conversion. Mass is a great way to start living as though we are prepared.

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 24

10:00 am



### Christmas

Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, Midnight

Monday, December 25

10:00 am



# Mass Intentions

## Monday, November 13

8:30 am † Chuck Willems

## Tuesday, November 14

8:30 am † Jerry Lindich *by S. & A. Readett*

## Wednesday, November 15

6:00 pm † Mrs. Beverly Jean McCan *by B. McCann*

## Thursday, November 16

8:30 am † Lawrence & † Cecilia Blatnik  
*by L. & C. Blatnik*

## Friday, November 17

8:30 am † Mother of T. Dionaise *by A. & S. Kearney*

## Saturday, November 18

5:00 pm People of St. Martha Parish

## Sunday, November 19

8:00 am † Bob Ferrigan *by M. Ferrigan*

10:00 am † Ron Styka *by M. & J. Horvath*

5:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Martyka, King,  
Koss, & Cichon Families *by B. & S. King*

# Scripture Readings

*For the Week of November 13, 2023*

## Monday

**Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**  
Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6

## Tuesday

Wis 2:23-3:39; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10

## Wednesday

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

## Thursday

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175;  
Lk 17:20-25

## Friday

**Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**  
Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

## Saturday

**Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul;  
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**  
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43;  
Lk 18:1-8  
*Readings for Peter & Paul:* Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31;  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 14:22-23

## Sunday

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5;  
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21



## Altar Flowers

### Week of November 11

In Memory of Earl and Angeline Regnier

*by Joe and Carol Vermeesch*

## 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.*



**Ted Plocharczyk**

## On The Cover

*Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins,*  
William John Wainwright (1855–1931)

## Intercessory Prayers

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

Donald Trentel  
Sharon O'Dea  
Matthew Boersma  
Elaine Muzi  
Matt deLaFe  
Jackie Fortier  
Ignacio Somohano  
Leslie Lavery  
Carol Giacini  
Watson Ferreri  
Andrea Tanner  
John Ruh  
John Paul Erford  
Jeffrey Rostek  
Art Johnson

Freda Winegar  
Ronnie Patoprsty

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

**For † those who have  
gone before us, especially:**

† Ted Plocharczyk  
† Jude Solomon  
† Chuck Brookes  
† Carolyn Leighton  
† Mackenzie Trybus  
† John Walling Sr.  
† Art Brandstetter

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





# This Week at St. Martha

## Monday, November 13

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

**Deadline for Bulletin Submissions for November 19 AND 26, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and our printer deadlines.**

## Tuesday, November 14

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 Basketball - *Gym*

## Wednesday, November 15

6:00 pm Whole Family Faith Formation - Grades 1 - 6

6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 7:20 Benediction

## Thursday, November 16

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

9:15 am Fruits of the Spirit Mom Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

6:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, November 17

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

## Saturday, November 18

7:30 am Upper Room Men's Prayer Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

9:00 am Men's Bible Study with Fr. Mike - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

11:00 am Thanksgiving Food Sorting & Packing - *Glass Hallway*

3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

**6:00 pm St. Martha Celebrates!**

Tickets available online at [st-martha.org](http://st-martha.org)

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# CELEBRATE NOV. 18

ST. MARTHA - BLESSED CHIARA  
BADANO GYMNASIUM

6:00PM - 10:00PM

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## Sunday, November 19

9:00 am Whole Family Faith Formation - Grades 1 - 6

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

6:00 pm High School Youth Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

# Liturgical Ministers

## Saturday, November 18 | 5:00 pm

S. D. Bartkowski and M. Kisting

L. 1 - J. Zalba **W/2** - S. Stanley

A.S. B. Doak, *D. Faron (sub requested)*,

A. & O. Obinwanne

## Sunday, November 19 | 8:00 am

S. S. and T. O'Dea

L. 1 - M. Fletcher **W/2** - M. Finelli

A.S. *A. Cerizza (sub requested)*, C. Ingram,

**Volunteers Needed**

## Sunday, November 19 | 10:00 am

S. J. and K. Ault

L. 1 - T. Muncie **W/2** - D. Ianni

A.S. A. and G. McBride, R. Perez,

**Volunteer Needed**

## Sunday, November 19 | 5:00 pm

S. J. and P. Riley

L. 1 - A. Readett **W/2** - C. Patton

A.S. A., A., and A., Miller, M. Robinson



## Ministry Scheduler Pro

Lectors, sacristans, and altar servers need to submit "Can't Serve" days for December and January online by Monday, November 20. Login by scanning the QR code or visit [www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmarthaokemos](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmarthaokemos)



If you need your username and default password, please email [cboomer@st-martha.org](mailto:cboomer@st-martha.org)

# Eucharist to Care Homes

*November 12, 2023*

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge K. Mills

ICMCF K. Matuszak, M. Siminski,  
A. Rosalez



## Easy Giving

### Electronically

Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, visit [st-martha.org/giving](http://st-martha.org/giving) or text "Give" to 517-200-3560



## Poinsettias and Wreath Sale

Our CCW is again selling beautiful poinsettias and pine wreaths from the Hyacinth House. Perfect for your home decorating and/or Christmas giving. You can also donate for the altar at St. Martha for the Christmas Season. Sales end on Sunday, November 19. Pick up December 2/3. Scan the QR code or find the link to order on our website [st-martha.org](http://st-martha.org).



## CCW Christmas Meeting

**Wednesday, December 6 | 6:30 pm | Bl. Solanus Casey Room**

Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer and have fun with the ladies of the CCW! This meeting is a chance to socialize and enjoy great treats, door prizes and two auctions! 6:30 pm - Silent Auction begins, 7:00 pm - Meeting Begins, 7:15 pm - Live Auction Begins. If you are able, Please bring a holiday treat to share at our December 6th Christmas meeting!

## Children's Christmas Party Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

**Saturday, December 9 | 6 pm | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall**

**RSVP by Saturday, December 2, to [dcncarl@st-martha.org](mailto:dcncarl@st-martha.org)**

Our super fun Christmas Party returns for ALL children and their parents, grandparents, etc., with festivities including Christmas music, a kid-friendly supper, games, a visit from Santa (if the kids are good), and more! There is no cost to attend, and we ask children to bring a wrapped present to give to Santa for him to give other kids that may be less fortunate than us. When you RSVP, be sure to let Deacon Carl know how many children and adults will attend. We are also looking for a few responsible teenagers to help set up, clean up, serve food, manage the craziness, etc. If no teenagers, we will need adults! If you can help and/or are willing to be substitute in an emergency, contact Deacon Carl.



## Thanks from Sr. Pat

Please accept my deepest gratitude for my 65th Anniversary Celebration on October 28. The gift of your presence and the gifts I received touched my heart, and I'm incredibly grateful for your thoughtfulness. I will always treasure your friendship and keep all of you in my prayers.



Thanks,

Sr. Pat Newhouse

## Votive Candles

Don't forget our votive candles in the north entrance of the church. Lighting one or more candles is a beautiful way to honor or enhance prayer intentions for a loved one. By making a candle donation, you help our St. Vincent de Paul Conference's ongoing mission to assist vulnerable parishioners and community members in need of basic necessities - shelter, food, utilities, household goods and clothing. Thank you!



If you would like to contact our conference, please call (517) 349-1763 - option #8 - and leave a voicemail message. Donations also may be made to the conference through the parish website.

## Holiday Collections

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting non-perishable items such as soup, cereal, pasta, canned meat and fish, gravy, and instant potatoes. Donation boxes are in the glass hallway; cash donations can be put in the collection for perishable items. **All food donations are due Friday, November 17.** Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 18, at 11 am to sort and pack the food with deliveries immediately afterward. Helpers of all ages are encouraged! If you can help with deliveries, please contact Beth Buiocchi at **517-927-2688** or [ebuiocchi1@comcast.net](mailto:ebuiocchi1@comcast.net).

### SWEATSHIRT COLLECTION

The Knights of Columbus are collecting new 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 to the parish office 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** or [tmuncie@juno.com](mailto:tmuncie@juno.com) with any questions.

### GIVING TREE TAGS

This year, we are partnering with Shared Pregnancy, Haven House, Eve's Place, Ingham County Care Facility (Dobie Rd.), Alternative Services, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, and St. Vincent de Paul. Tags are available on the trees near each entrance. Each tag will have all information regarding the needed gift. Thank you for assisting those in our community to be able to celebrate this Christmas. **All tags must be returned with the gift by Sunday, December 3.** If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Wood at **517-242-2245**.





# Auction Preview

## St. Martha Celebrates

We hope you plan on attending our semi-formal celebration on November 18th.

The evening is for those 21 and older and will include hors d'oeuvres, desserts, music and a cash bar.

We will also have our Student Art Gallery with one of a kind art designed by all students K-8 available for sale!

Starting November 11, you will also have the chance to bid on several exciting items and experiences in the mini auction!

## How to Bid

### HOW TO USE ONECAUSE MOBILE BIDDING

Use your smartphone to start bidding on items now.

#### HOW DO I FIND ITEMS?

You can find items by pressing any one of the buttons on the main menu, or by using the search bar to find a specific item or category.

#### HOW DO I BID ON AN ITEM?

1) Find the item. 2) Select it. 3) Press Bid.

#### WHERE ARE THE ITEMS I BID ON?

Items you have bid on can be found at: Menu > Your Activity



YOU ARE HIGH BIDDER



YOU HAVE BEEN OUTBID



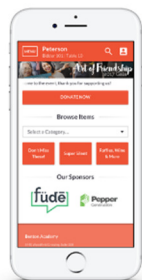
ITEM HAS BEEN SOLD

#### CAN ONECAUSE AUTOMATICALLY BID FOR ME?

After submitting a bid, you will be prompted to set a Max Bid. When you've been outbid, OneCause will automatically bid on your behalf up to the Max Bid amount you set using the bid increments provided.

#### WAS I OUTBID?

You'll receive a text message when you've been outbid. Alternatively, navigate to Your Activity to check the status of your bids.



BID **OFTEN**  
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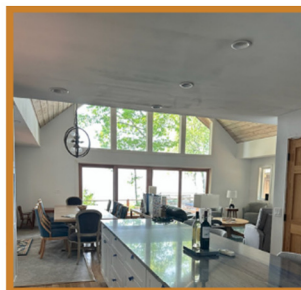
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experiences, Red  
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Bidding starts November 11  
and will close at our  
celebration event on  
November 18

# Do you Believe?



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**CELEBRATE  
NOV. 18**

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

HORS D'OEUVRES | SILENT AUCTION | CASH BAR

## 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.*

## CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help during our fundraiser celebration. We need volunteers to help with check-in and drink ticket sales throughout the evening. Shifts are short so everyone can enjoy the festivities. You must be 21 and up, have a ticket for the event and be able to attend a training session on November 16 at 7:00 pm For more information, please use your camera to scan the QR code and view sign up options or email Cynthia Farnsworth at: [cfarnsworth@st-martha.org](mailto:cfarnsworth@st-martha.org)



Volunteer  
Information

**DONATE  
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# ST. MARTHA PARISH & SCHOOL

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## 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

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



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### Parish Office

Phone .....517-349-1763  
Office Hours .....Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Parish & School Staff

Father Ryan Riley | Pastor ..... [frryan@st-martha.org](mailto:frryan@st-martha.org)  
Father Mike Murray | Sacramental Assistance ..... [frmike@st-martha.org](mailto:frmike@st-martha.org)  
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Claire Boomer | Administrative Assistant ..... [cboomer@st-martha.org](mailto:cboomer@st-martha.org)

### St. Martha Parish School (Preschool - Grade 8)

Phone ..... 517-349-3322  
Office Hours ..... Monday - Friday 7:45 am - 3:45 pm

### Lansing Catholic High School (Grades 9-12)

Phone ..... 517-267-2100  
Office Hours ..... Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Website ..... [lansingcatholic.org](http://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

### Parish Pastoral Council

John Saltzgaber, Chair

### Finance Council

Gigi Matias, Chair

### Communication Committee

Judi Smelser and Dave Maluchnik, Chairs  
[communication@st-martha.org](mailto:communication@st-martha.org)

### Education Commission

Michael Keefe, Chair  
[educationcommission@st-martha.org](mailto:educationcommission@st-martha.org)

### Evangelization Committee

Beth Buiocchi and Mary Jo Hirt, Chairs

### Council of Catholic Women

Christine Patton, President  
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### Knights of Columbus

Steve Zayko, Grand Knight  
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### St. Vincent de Paul

Al Kearney, President

### Environment Committee

Brigit Martell, Jean Morgan, Lori Rasche

### Prayer Quilt Ministry

Mary Hall, Coordinator

### Service/Outreach Ministry

Renee Salyers, Coordinator

### Upper Room Men's Prayer Group

Michael Siminski and Frank Fortier

## Bulletin & Announcement Deadlines

**Bulletin Articles Must Be Emailed to [cboomer@st-martha.org](mailto:cboomer@st-martha.org) by Monday at noon** ahead the weekend requested.

**Mass Announcements Must Be Emailed to [cboomer@st-martha.org](mailto: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](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).