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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

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Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou- bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man- y are hun- gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man- y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man- y the gifts, — man- y the peo- ple, man- y the

1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man- y de- spair. Your word a- lone —
3. wa- ter, man- y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man- y are cold. Make us your build- ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be- long. Let us be ser- vants

1. your ho- ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv- ing voice.
3. bro- ken for oth-ers, shared un- til all are fed.
4. shel- ter- ing oth-ers, walls made of liv- ing stone.
5. to one an- oth-er, mak- ing your king- dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands

to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

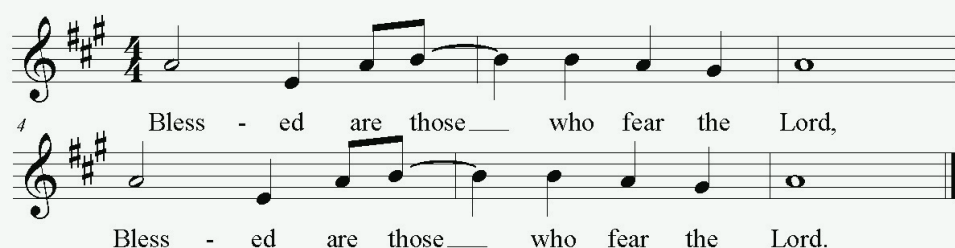
Lector: The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 128

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Bless - ed are those — who fear the Lord,
Bless - ed are those — who fear the Lord.

1. Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.
2. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants around your table.
3. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD, who fears the LORD.
The LORD will bless you from Zion: may you see prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

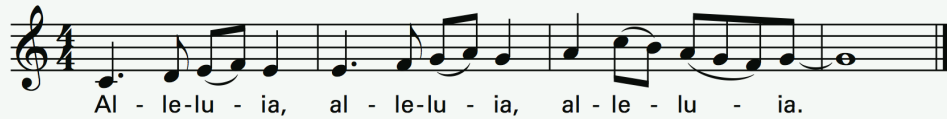
But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

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: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the one who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful

servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

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

Live in Me

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1. I am the vine, — you are the branch - es. —
2. You are the vine, — we are the branch - es. —

1. — I live in you and you in me.
2. — We live in you and you in us.

1. — Turn to me, — I am the keep - er —
2. We turn to you, — you are the keep - er —

1. — of the world. —
2. — of us all. —

1. Live in me, I'll live — in you and my words will stay
2. Live in me, I'll live — in you and your words speak ev -

1. — with you. Ask what you will — of me. —
2. - er true. Ask what you will — of me. —

1. I am glo - ri - fied — in you in your bear - ing of —
2. You are glo - ri - fied — in me, where I go and when

1. — this fruit. You are my child — for - ev -
2. — I speak. I am your child — for - ev -
To Verses

1. - er, and I will live in you. —
2. - er, and I will live in you. —

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.

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

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

AGNUS DEI

Mass of Redemption

Steven R. Janco |
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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

Draw Near

Text: *Sancti venite, Christi corpus sumite*, 7th C; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt |
Tune: NEALE, 10 10 10 10 with refrain;
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Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y
of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!
Drink the blood for you out - poured.

1. Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
2. Christ our re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
3. Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
4. With heav'n - ly bread makes those who hun - ger whole,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured:
Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won:
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here:
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul:

Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With
He gave his life for great - est and for least, Him -
Christ who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives
Judge of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In
D.C.

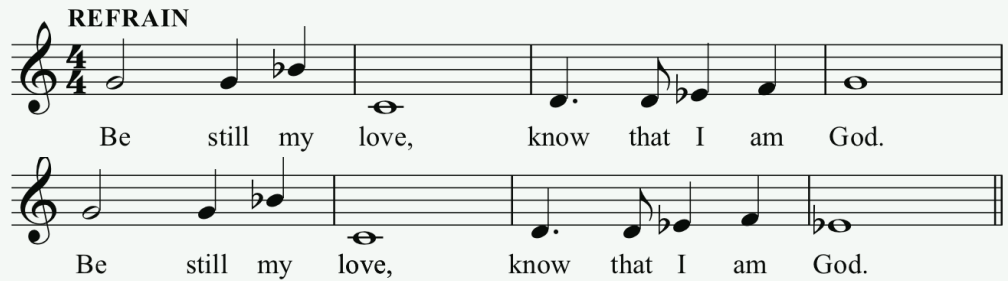
souls re - fresh - ed we give our thanks to God.
self the of - 'fring and Him - self the Priest.
all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
this great feast of love is with us now.

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Still

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REFRAIN



Be still my love, know that I am God.

Be still my love, know that I am God.

VERSES



The moun-tains shake, the wa-ters roar, the val-leys trem ble_with fear;
to Refrain

And yet our strength, our re-fuge sure, whis pers in our ear.

2. Though nations fight, though kingdoms fall, though spiteful hearts will harm
Your mercy holds us, we hear you call, we linger in your resting arms, as you say:
3. Behold the works our Lord has done, to change these hearts of stone.
God breaks our arrows, God breaks our bow, God calls us chosen, calls us God's own.

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

Praise the Lord, Lift Up Your Voice

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1. Praise the Lord, lift up your voice,
2. Earth to heav'n and heav'n to earth, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Praise the Lord in ev - 'ry place,
4. Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

1. Saints in heav'n and earth re - joice,
2. Tell God's won - ders, might and worth, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace,
4. In the con - cert bear your parts,

1. An - gels round the throne of love,
2. Age to age and shore to shore, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Life and light, sal - va - tion won,
4. All that breathe, your Lord a - dore,

1. All that see and share God's love.
2. Sing in praise for - ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Through the Spir - it and the Son.
4. Bless - ing, prais - ing ev - er - more.

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Thanksgiving!

This week, we will gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving. Personally, I am thankful to be here with all of you! The last five months have been a whirlwind for sure, but they have truly been a blessing. I am blessed to be the pastor of St. Martha Parish and School which has proven to be an amazing community of faith, and I am so excited to see what the future holds for us!



At the same time, Thanksgiving of 2023 will be bittersweet. As many of you know, my father passed away in December of last year. Thanksgiving has always been our holiday - the holiday where, each year, the extended family has gathered together to celebrate and be thankful. I miss my dad. Below is an excerpt from his funeral homily that I preached last January:

There is a lot I could say about my father. But, what I want to do this morning is talk about three themes, or three trajectories, if you will, of my father's life and then tie them to what it is we come to do today as we pray for my father - that is to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The first theme is Thanksgiving. The family knows that Thanksgiving has always been our holiday. Thanksgiving was the day that we would always gather as a family, whether it be at Uncle Martin and Aunt Judy's or at our house. Without fail, we gathered on Thanksgiving. I can hear the noise; I can see the chaos; I can smell the food. Ben, you know mom's cookies well. Everyone knew the Lions were going to lose, but we watched anyway. We would spend a lot of time playing outside or playing euchre at lots of card tables. I miss those days. And, so did dad. He loved Thanksgiving, and he loved having everyone together. He loved the noise. He loved the chaos. He loved the food (turkey, not so much). Most of all, he loved the family.

My dad didn't share it often, but you knew that he was thankful. In fact, we were blessed this last Thanksgiving to be together as a family again. Though we couldn't gather as extensively as we used to since mom and dad moved to Florida, Shane, Stephanie, and I traveled to Florida together to be with mom and dad. Because of dad's health, he

couldn't play golf. He was frail, and he struggled to breathe. But that didn't matter. Why? Because we were together as a family. There was less noise, less chaos, but the food was still there. Dad still wouldn't eat the turkey. And, get this, the Lions lost. Dad stayed up much later than normal for four days in a row talking and playing euchre.

It hit me this last Thanksgiving just how thankful my father was when he said, "I love the laughter." What I heard him say in those four words was, "I am thankful for my family; I'm thankful we're together again on Thanksgiving."

We gather this morning at the altar. Much like each Thanksgiving, we will share a meal together. Not just any meal, however. We will share the Eucharist. It is fitting that the word Eucharist - *Eucharistia* in Greek - literally means *thanksgiving*. We gather this morning to share a thanksgiving meal not just to remember and give thanks for my father, but even more importantly, to give thanks to our heavenly Father for the gift of His son - His son who suffered and died so that my dad, and all of us, might have eternal life.

Together, you and I will share something more than a common meal. We will share communion - the Eucharist - which not only unites us to the Trinity, but also to one another as the Body of Christ with Christ as our Head. The Mass is thanksgiving par excellence. And we are privileged to have the gift that the Eucharist is - Christ sacramentally present for you and I. Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "The Church has received the Eucharist from Christ her Lord not as one gift - however precious - among so many others, but as the gift par excellence, for it is the gift of himself, of his person in his sacred humanity, as well as the gift of his saving work." The gift of his saving work. That is why we gather this morning to celebrate Mass, because it is the re-presentation of Christ's saving work, without which none of us would have any hope. And, for that, we should offer nothing but thanksgiving.

I pray that each of you has a blessed Thanksgiving this week! More importantly, I pray that each of you is incredibly thankful for the many blessings bestowed upon you and most especially for the gift of the Mass, the gift of the Eucharist.



A Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Fr. Ryan



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 20

8:30 am † Brenden O'Brien by B. St. John

Tuesday, November 21

8:30 am † Chuck Willems

Wednesday, November 22

6:00 pm † All Deceased Members of our Knights of Columbus Council 10006 by St. Martha K of C

Thursday, November 23

8:30 am † Father David Hudgins by St. Martha Parish

Friday, November 24

8:30 am † Susan Punch by H. Donnelly

Saturday, November 25

5:00 pm † Thomas & † Anne Czernik by K. Mills

Sunday, November 26

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am † James A. Duda by Dr. A. Duda & Family

5:00 pm † Dan McKelvey by D. & S. Leahy

MASS INTENTIONS can be scheduled one year in advance due to Canon Law. (Ex. On November 20, 2023, Masses can be scheduled through November 20, 2024. Limited Masses available in 2024 for \$10 per Mass. Two **ALTAR FLOWERS** are available each week for \$80 per arrangement. Openings available in 2023 & 2024. Please contact the parish office to schedule either.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 20, 2023

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

Mem. of the Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary
2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 1; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

Mem. of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15;
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

**Mem. of St Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Austin Pro,
Priest & Martyr**
1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday

**Mem. of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and
Companions, Martyrs**
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59;
1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11d-12a, 12cd; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

**Mem. of Saint Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr**
1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Congratulations

Sadie 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:**

Diane Emrick
Donald Trentel
Sharon O'Dea
Matthew Boersma
Elaine Muzi
Matt deLaFe
Jackie Fortier
Ignacio Somohano

Leslie Lavery
Carol Giacin
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:**

† Jake Schneider
† Ted Plocharczyk
† Jude Solomon
† Chuck Brookes
† Carolyn Leighton

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



Parish Office Hours Thanksgiving Week

Monday, November 20	8 am - 4 pm
Tuesday, November 21	8 am - 4 pm
Wednesday, November 22	8 am - noon
Thursday, November 23	Parish Office is Closed
Friday, November 24	Parish Office is Closed

Additionally the Parish Office is closed
Tuesday, November 28 for Diocesan Meetings

This Week at St. Martha

Monday, November 20

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

Scheduler will run for December and January for Liturgical Ministers.
Please ensure all "Can't Serve" dates, any changes to preferred Mass times, etc. are input before Monday, November 20.

Tuesday, November 21

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 22

Parish Office Closes at Noon | No Faith Formation - Grades 1 - 6

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

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

Please join St Martha Council 10006 Knights of Columbus for the celebration of a Memorial Mass on **Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 6:00 pm** for all deceased members of Knights Council 10006. Following Mass, a brief ceremony will be held to say the names of our deceased members and to remember them in our prayers.



Thursday, November 23

Parish Office Closed | No Reconciliation

Friday, November 24

Parish Office Closed | No Reconciliation

Saturday, November 25

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*
3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Sunday, November 26

No Faith Formation, Catechesis of the Good Shepard, Confirmation Class

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 25 | 5:00 pm

S. M. Siminski
L. 1 - R. Kostrzewa **W/2** - L. Blatnik
A.S. D. Blatnik, A. Collom, E. & N. Jungwirth

Sunday, November 26 | 8:00 am

S. S. and T. O'Dea
L. 1 - S. O'Dea **W/2** - S. Zayko
A.S. H. Rustad, O. Zayko, **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, November 26 | 10:00 am

S. J. and K. Ault
L. 1 - C. Flammini **W/2** - W. Otlewski
A.S. R. Donahue, A. & N. Gjidoda,
A. Rubsam (sub requested)

Sunday, November 26 | 5:00 pm

S. M. and T. Werner
L. 1 - I. Stines **W/2** - J. Hessinger
A.S. S. Burkhardt, *J. MacLachlan (sub requested)*
Volunteers Needed



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

If you need your username and default password, please email cboomer@st-martha.org



Eucharist to Care Homes

November 26, 2023

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers

Brookdale, Medilodge K. Schwaner

ICMCF K. Wood, J. Lenz,
E. Van Steel



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Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, visit 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.



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!

Lessons & Carols

Wednesday, December 13
7 pm in the Church

ST. MARTHA
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Ultrasound Donation

On Tuesday November 7, 2023 the Knights of Columbus of district 517 (St Martha, St Thomas, and St Mary) dedicated and had blessed by Bishop Boyea the new ultrasound machine for Cristo Rey Community Center that members of these three parishes raised/donated money to purchase. In addition to the ultrasound machine, a donation of more than \$10,000 was made to Cristo Rey with the additional funds that were donated. The Knights would like to thank all the members of Saint Martha that donated time or money for this wonderful cause.

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
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.



Adult Christmas Party Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 16 | 6 pm | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall
RSVP by Sunday, December 10, via email to vermeeschjn@aol.com and steve.zayko@gmail.com
The Knights will have our annual Christmas Party to celebrate the "Reason for the Season" and say thank you to all member Knights for all the work you have done to further our four principles. All Knights and their spouses (better halves) are invited to the celebration that will include hors d'oeuvres, drinks, full dinner (Lansing Catering), Christmas Music (bring your singing voice), and Holiday Cheer.

Christmas Collections

SWEATSHIRT COLLECTION

The Knights of Columbus are collecting new (not used) 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 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**.



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



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Our Miracle Artists

We have had a great start to our year in the Art room!

All the young artists have been busy marking gorgeous art for the 'Yes Lord, I Believe' fundraiser. We have been working on self portraits and creatively playing with color, line and shape starting our new projects.

Our middle school students had the opportunity in October to have their art displayed at The Wharton Center during the production of *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

The students worked really hard making their bird drawings on 16" diameter cardboard circles. Every single one was a beautiful drawing and collage. It was a stunning display that received many accolades. I plan on hanging the work up at school so everyone can enjoy it!

I am really proud of our young artists.

- Mrs. Wylegala



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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

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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



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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.