

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

V. 38 No. 6



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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

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D; Wyeth's Repository of Sacred
Music, 1813

1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, As we
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness In the
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon Oth - er
lis - ten to your word, Help us know, O God, your
sac - ra - ment of life; Send us forth to love and
guests to share that feast; Where tri - um - phant Love will
pres - ence; Let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish
serve you, Bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us,
wel - come Those who had been last and least. There no
us with sa - cred sto - ry Till we
Christ, your great com - pas - sion To for -
more will en - vy blind us Nor will
claim it as our own; Teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; May we still be - hold your
pride our peace de - stroy, As we join with saints and
ban - quet How to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age In the world you died to save.
an - gels To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and

shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 32

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I turn to you, Lord, in time of trou-ble, and you
fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

1. Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, blessed is he whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile, in whose spirit is no guile
2. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt, the guilt of my sin.
3. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart, all you upright of heart.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they

may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION

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

A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

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

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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

Purify My Heart

David Kauffman |
arr William Gokelman |
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Put a new, right spi-rit here with-in me. Pu-ri - fy my heart, pu-ri -
fy my heart. Re-store the joy of your sal - va - tion. Pu-ri -
fy my heart, pu-ri - fy my heart, wash me Lord and I will be clean.

1. Have mercy on me, Lord, according to your love,
Take every sin and fault away from me.
Longing to be whole again, sanctify my soul again,
and I, I will be free.
2. Against you have I done what is evil in your sight,
You would be so right to cast me out,
But let these wretched bones walk in steps of only hope.
Return me to you now.
3. I will teach your ways of deliverance
to hearts yearning for true love.
My tongue will ever praise your presence,
present to me now.

SANCTUS

Mass of Redemption

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. —

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Redemption

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Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN

Mass of Redemption

Steven R. Janco |
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A-men, a-men, a - men. a - men.

AGNUS DEI

Mass of Redemption

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

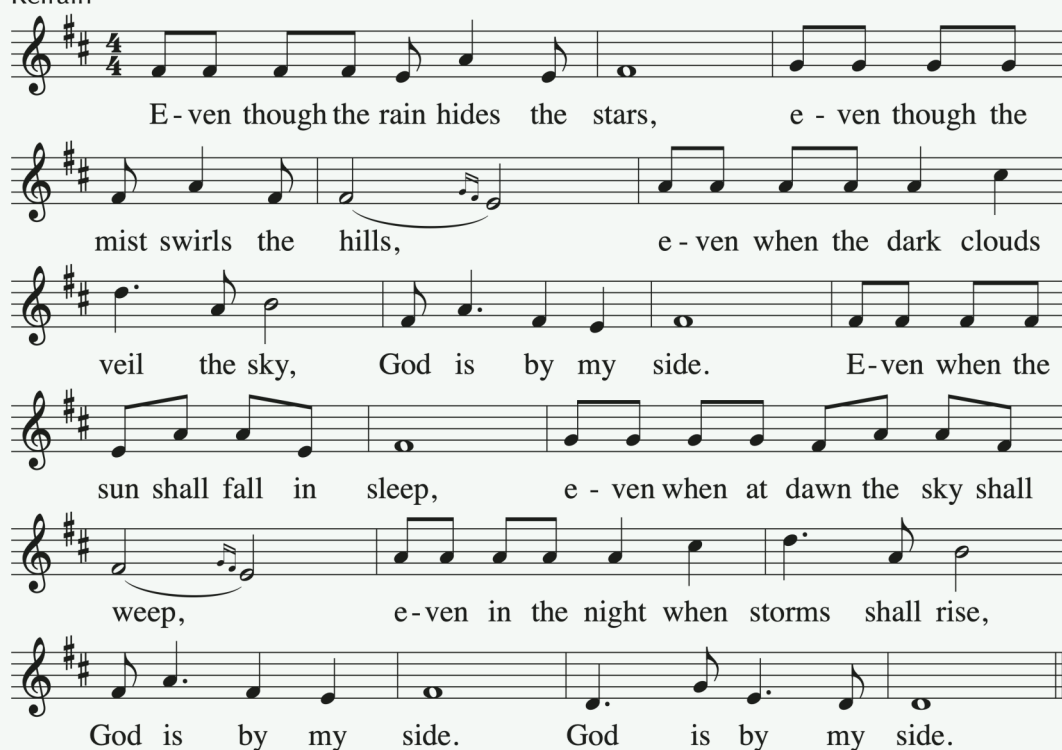
℟ **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,**
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Clouds' Veil

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arr by John McCann, b.1961 |
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Refrain



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

The Lord Upholds My Life

Aaron Thompson |
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The Lord, my God, up - holds my life and will
hear and an - swer my call. The Lord, my God,
To Verses || Last time
up - holds my life and saves me. saves me.

1. By your name save me, Lord
Protect me with strength of your hand.
Shelter my spirit and hearken my plea;
answer the cry of my mouth.
2. Evil men seek my life.
The angry desire my death.
They turn from the Father and seek not his way,
turning their back on the Lord.
3. Know that God is my strength.
I breathe because he is my Lord.
Behold, I bring sacrifice offered with praise.
Holy and good is our God.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God's Blessing Sends Us Forth

Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997 |
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Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig,
1842

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

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

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

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

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From the Pastor's Desk

Gospel Reflection

If you try to read the Bible from cover-to-cover beginning with Genesis and working through it chronologically, it is usually when you get to the book of Leviticus that you want to quit. Leviticus is a book of laws and can be a bit difficult to read. Our first reading this morning, taken from the book of Leviticus, gives us the law regarding those who find themselves with leprosy. The person with leprosy is to show himself to the priest to be declared unclean. He shall keep his garments rent, his head bare, and shall muffle his beard. He is to cry out, "Unclean, unclean!" and shall dwell apart from the rest of the community, making his home outside the camp. This was meant to protect the rest of the community from contracting the disease themselves.

This is a primitive way of foreshadowing or, rather, presenting the effects of sin. Sin makes us spiritually unclean and it cuts us off from the community spiritually and, depending on the nature and degree of the sin, even physically and emotionally. Sin separates us from each other and from God Himself. In one version of the Act of Contrition, we pray that we are sorry because we have sinned against God and His Church - the Body of Christ.

In the Gospel today, a leper comes to Jesus, kneels down, and begs Him to make him clean. This is precisely what we do every time we go to the sacrament of reconciliation. Jesus makes us whole. Jesus, through his merits, grace, and mercy, puts us back in relationship with the Father and with the Church. The Church holds us to a high moral standard because this is the way of the Lord. Whenever we violate those precepts, we turn to Jesus through the Church and through the ministry of her priests who communicate Jesus' love and mercy through the sacraments. The right response to someone who kneels before the Lord and begs for mercy are the words, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The Church gives a radical moral standard but, at the same time, radical mercy. There is no sin that cannot be forgiven when we truly seek forgiveness and offer repentance.

As we pray into this week, let us continue to strive for holiness. And, when we stumble, slip up, or fall, let us have the courage to seek Jesus' mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan

**The Semi-Annual Financial Report
for July 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023
is available on page 12.**

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PRAY40

Hallow Parish Event

Tuesday, February 13
at 7 pm

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 14

6:30 am

8:30 am with the school

Noon

7:00 pm



Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

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

Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday February 16 - March 22

5:00 - 7:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall

Reduced prices this year & accepting credit cards!
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for menu, pricing, or to volunteer!



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12

8:30 am † James Warner by *St. Martha CCW*

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 am † John Wood by *M. Terwilliger*

Wednesday, February 14

6:30 am † Luis Ozores by *A. & P. Oricchio*

8:30 am † Dan and Maureen McKelvey by *J. & L. Muncie*

Noon † John Wood by *R. Lowrey*

7:00 pm † Gil Elias by *J. & L. Collom*

Thursday, February 15

8:30 am † Chuck Willems

Friday, February 16

8:30 am † Gilbert Elias by *St. Martha CCW*

Saturday, February 17

5:00 pm People of St. Martha Parish

Sunday, February 18

8:00 am † John Wood by *B. & M.B. Lieder*

10:00 am Intentions of Robert Harrison by *L. Harrison*

5:00 pm † Betty Flood by *M. Flood*

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 12, 2024

Monday

Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76;

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;

2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

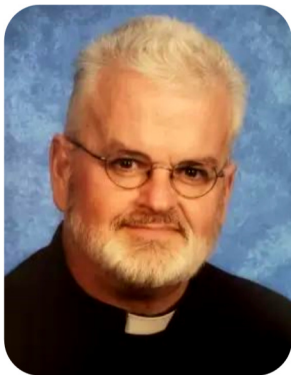
Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22,

Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15

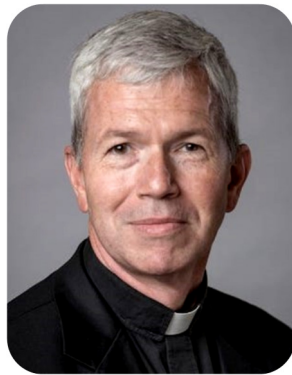


Rest in Peace

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.



Fr. Bill Lugger



Msgr. Daniel Trapp

Intercessory Prayers

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

Noah Bradley
Georgeanne Lochinski
Paula Spagnuolo
Cam Nottage
Kevin Mitchell
Rose McManaman
Sally Szukala
Ted Beekman
Terry Carroll
Jennifer Polega
Paul Stevens
Christopher Easton
Dave Lewis
Fr. Kusi Cobona
Msgr. Robert Lunsford
Earl Boyea, Sr.

Leanne Seguin
Ronan Keenan
Rosemary Swingos
Gregg Borchelt
Larry Klocek
Bill Latta
Harold Goldynia
Toni Santone
Tom Muncie
Roberta Fugazzi
Bob Robke
Leslie Kitchen
Francesco Pipitone
Ken Malkowski
Matthew Boersma
Leslie Lavery
Andrea Tanner
John Ruh
John Paul Erford
Freda Winegar
Ronnie Patoprsty
Jeffrey Rostek

For those serving in our Armed Forces.

For † those who have gone before us, especially:

† David Lowe
† Luke Martin
† Steve Hess
† Msgr. Daniel Trapp
† Fr. Bill Lugger
† Tony Algaier
† Don Burkhardt, Sr.
† Appolonia Matz
† Dianne Jurczak

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

Amen.





Altar Flowers

In Memory of Helen Jackman

by M. and M. Jackman

This Week at St. Martha

Monday, February 12

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

9:00 am Day of Prayer - Adoration until 6:00 pm Benediction

9:15 am Women's Bible Study - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

7:00 pm Pray 40 Hallow Lent Event - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

7:30 pm Men's Pick Up Basketball - *Gym*



On the anniversary of the tragic shooting at Michigan State University, we offer a day for the community to come together for a time of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Come for a few minutes or a Holy Hour with the Lord.

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

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

No Reconciliation, Adoration, or Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, February 15

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

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

Friday, February 16

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross

5:00 pm Fish Fry until 7 pm - *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall*

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 17

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

9:00 am Fearless & Free Women's Bible Study - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

Sunday, February 18

No Faith Formation Classes

11:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Open Meeting - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 17 | 5:00 pm

S. M. Goldynia and M. Sellers

L. 1 - J. Matuszak **W/2** - M. Loughlin-Krusky

A.S. V. Krusky, A., C., & O. Obinwanne, H. Rustad

Sunday, February 18 | 8:00 am

S. S. and T. O'Dea

L. 1 - S. Zayko **W/2** - S. Kostaroff

A.S. E. & N. Jungwirth, M. Robinson, O. Zayko

Sunday, February 18 | 10:00 am

S. **K. and N. Leemon** *Sub Requested*

L. 1 - C. Flammini **W/2** - J. Rosalez

A.S. A. Cerizza, K. Starn, **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, February 18 | 5:00 pm

S. J. and P. Riley

L. 1 - A. Readett **W/2** - M. Werner

A.S. R. Donahue, J. MacLachlan, **Volunteers Needed**



Ministry Scheduler Pro

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Eucharist to Care Homes

February 18, 2024

Willows of Okemos

Brookdale, Medilodge

ICMCF

R. Salyers

S. Kostaroff

B. and C. Buiocchi

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Women's Lenten Soup Supper

Wednesday, February 21 | 6:45 - 8 pm

Bl. Solanus Casey Room

Please join St. Martha's CCW for warm hospitality and a variety of soups! We will have a short business meeting and listen to our guest speaker, Liz Carls, all while sampling many delicious soups. If you are new to St. Martha Parish, this is a great opportunity to meet some of the ladies of the Church! Please mark your calendar for the February 21st CCW Lenten Soup Supper!



The Holy Spirit:

The Presence. The Power. The Promise



Sun, Mon, Tue | March 3, 4, 5

Three Night Mission with

Dr. Mary Healy

elcatholics.org/holy-spirit-mission

It's time to "Tip" Sister Pat

Sister Pat is back again as a Star Server for the Annual Haven House Pancake Palooza. In the past 11 years, "Tips" from her donors have raised \$115,000 providing homes for 115 homeless families in our area. For the past 8 years, she has been the People's Choice Award Winner, and she's going for that award again with your help. If she wins again this year, she will earn an additional \$15,000 towards Haven House from Jackson National.



To donate scan the QR code to visit HavenHouseEl.org/sisterpat or donate via check mailed to Haven House, 121 Whitehills Dr, East Lansing, MI 48823. Make sure you put Sr. Pat in the memo line!

Haven House

Pancake Palooza

Short Stacks For A Tall Cause

SAVE THE DATE!

Date: 2.24.2024

Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: 2600 BENNETT RD., OKEMOS, MI 48864



Lenten Baby Crib Collection

The Lenten Baby Crib will be out this weekend in the front of church near the confessional room. There will be tags attached listing items needed for Shared Pregnancy and Hannah's House. Please return the tag with your donation. Prayerfully consider a donation to these loving and caring ministries. The number of babies/families being cared for by Shared Pregnancy is growing by leaps and bounds!



The future starts today, not tomorrow.
Saint John Paul the Great

DISCOVER WHY

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Applications are open for Lansing Catholic High School for the 2024-2025 school year. Please visit lansingcatholic.org/apply. If you have any questions, contact the Admissions Office at admissions@lansingcatholic.org.





In a loving, nurturing, Christ-like environment, **Saint Martha School** guides each student to develop his or her unique ability and potential through prayer, study, and service.

Andrea Patton | Principal
apatton@st-martha.org

Cynthia Farnsworth | Secretary
cfarnsworth@st-martha.org

100th Day Excitement!

We reached the 100th day of school milestone in early February! The students in kindergarten, first, and second grade all celebrated in fun ways. The second graders created 100th day t-shirts which they wore to school that day. The first graders made an art project out of 100 items, and the kindergartners came to school dressed up as if they were 100 years old. To top it off, they all enjoyed a fun 100th day treat as well! What a great day!



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Now Enrolling for the 2024-2025 School Year

Open Enrollment has begun!

Act quick; many grades are near their limits.

Enrollment is open to the public!

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at apatton@st-martha.org to schedule a personal tour!



Semi-Annual Report

July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Please see the mid-year financial report for the first six months of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. Thank you all for your generous support to St. Martha Parish and School! I cannot convey my gratitude adequately so please know how grateful I am for your contributions to the parish. Without your continued generosity we could not advance the mission of Christ to the fullest extent possible. Allow me walk you through some highlights from the reports themselves:

Overall, Income exceeded budget by approximately \$171,000.

- Income related to the Church exceeded budget primarily due to increased Mass attendance and a very successful parish fundraiser auction. Passing the baskets beginning Labor Day weekend continues to have a significant impact on offertory but online giving has remained fairly constant month to month. Offertory, however, was significantly down in the months of July and August.
- Income related to the School exceeded budget primarily due to generous gifts to the Affordable Tuition Fund, a restricted distribution from an endowment held at the Catholic Foundation.
- Faith Formation income exceeded budget primarily due to increased enrollment.
- Preschool income is less than budget primarily due to having budgeted for two additional students in preschool but, with limited space, we were unable to accept additional students.
- Investment income exceeded budget due to returns on investments and market performance.
- Income related to special groups exceeded budget primarily due to successful fundraising by the Council of Catholic Women.

Expenses exceeded budget by about \$56,000 due to:

- Increased auction/fundraiser expenses.
- Custodial services which were an addition to the operations budget. With the growth in the school it was necessary to add this cost in order to maintain the facilities at our desired standard.
- Hiring of a Director of Facilities and Maintenance to replace Don Morgan.
- We received two large invoices in the current fiscal year that related to expenses in the previous fiscal year.
- Work had to be done on the organ as two pipes fell.
- Lights in the Church were replaced (this project will be completed during the last six months of the fiscal year with additional expenses).

INCOME

Budgets & Actuals are thru 12/31

Church	Budget	Actual
Sunday/HolyDay Offertory	\$638,066	\$643,268
Restricted/Special Donations	\$9,900	\$12,609
Auction	\$100,000	\$165,540
Interest Income	\$20,000	\$24,041
Other income	\$7,450	\$13,461
Transfer from Designated & Restricted Funds	\$25,000	\$0
Total	\$800,416	\$858,919

School	Budget	Actual
Tuition	\$104,025	\$94,544
Affordable Tuition	\$50,000	\$68,382
Food Service	\$15,000	\$16,089
Interest Income	\$0	\$21
Other Income	\$1,250	\$16,278
Diocesan School Subsidy	\$35,175	\$33,469
Extraordinary Income*	\$0	\$12,010
Total	\$205,450	\$240,794

Faith Formation	Budget	Actual
Tuition & Events	\$5,400	\$12,912
Total	\$5,400	\$12,912

Youth Ministry	Budget	Actual
Fundraising	\$0	\$562
Total	\$0	\$562

Preschool & Child Care	Budget	Actual
Preschool	\$40,675	\$32,324
Child Care Fees Received	\$7,970	\$10,145
Extraordinary Income**	\$0	\$809
Total	\$48,645	\$43,278

Operational Income	\$1,059,911	\$1,156,465
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Non-Operational Income	Budget	Actual
Investment Income / (Loss)	\$0	\$8,949
Restricted Interest Income	\$0	\$6,464
Total	\$0	\$15,413

Specials Groups	Budget	Actual
Council of Catholic Women	\$10,000	\$16,297
Parent Teacher Organization	\$6,000	\$1,330
TRIP Program	\$1,500	\$2,541
Transfer from Church to Designated & Restricted	\$0	\$5,886
Total	\$17,500	\$20,168

Total Income	Budget	Actual
	\$1,077,411	\$1,197,932

*Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS)

**Child Care Stabilization Grant



EXPENSES

Budgets & Actuals are thru 12/31

Church	Budget	Actual
Administration	\$176,963	\$138,692
Auction	\$20,000	\$23,304
Facility & Plant	\$81,032	\$116,969
Christian Service	\$0	\$611
Evangelization	\$16,675	\$25,142
Worship	\$79,794	\$77,539
Transfer from Designated & Restricted Funds	\$0	\$5,886
Total	\$374,464	\$388,142

School	Budget	Actual
Administration	\$78,621	\$86,940
Food Service	\$20,233	\$19,622
Instructional Staff and Supplies	\$310,175	\$283,694
Facility & Plant	\$58,000	\$87,282
Total	\$467,028	\$477,539

Faith Formation	Budget	Actual
Administration	\$37,610	\$30,175
Instructional Programs	\$9,000	\$11,474
Total	\$46,610	\$41,649

Youth Ministry	Budget	Actual
Administration	\$10,836	\$6,770
Supplies	\$5,786	\$5,896
Total	\$16,622	\$12,666

Preschool & Child Care	Budget	Actual
Preschool	\$36,402	\$29,815
Child Care	\$7,808	\$4,275
Total	\$44,210	\$34,090

Assessments	Budget	Actual
Diocese of Lansing	\$66,778	\$70,418
Total	\$66,778	\$70,418

Subsidies	Budget	Actual
Lansing Catholic	\$4,200	\$9,000
Total	\$4,200	\$9,000

Operational Expenses	\$1,019,911	\$1,033,504
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Non-Operational Expenses	Actual
Capital Expenses	\$59,326

Specials Groups	Budget	Actual
Council of Catholic Women	\$10,000	\$12,232
Parent Teacher Organization	\$6,000	\$3,277
TRIP Program	\$1,500	\$647
Transfer to Church from Designated & Restricted	\$25,000	\$0
Total	\$42,500	\$16,156

Total Expenses	Budget	Actual
	\$1,062,411	\$1,108,986

Net Operational Surplus/(Deficit)	\$40,000	\$122,961
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Net Consolidated Surplus/(Deficit)	Budget	Actual
	\$15,000	\$88,946

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital Projects	Actual
The LOCKOUT - Safety & Security System	\$59,326
Total	\$59,326

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (as of 12/31/2023)

Assets	12/31/2023
Checking Account	\$551,316
Unrestricted Savings and Investments	\$1,662,507
Restricted Savings and Investments	\$516,145
Accounts Receivable	\$2,287
Prepayments	\$269
Total	\$2,732,524

Liabilities and Dedicated Accounts	
Accounts Payable (Operating)	\$35,348
Accounts Payable (Pass-thru)	\$56,116
School Prepayments for 2023-2024	\$55,444
Total	\$146,908

Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$2,069,471
Restricted	\$516,145
Total	\$2,585,616

Endowment Assets	
Education Endowment at Catholic Foundation	\$92,956
Total	\$92,956

The balance sheet remains strong with approximately \$2.6 million in net assets. Our liabilities relate to normal accounts payable for goods and services received in December but not paid until January. Prepaid tuition is recorded as revenue in the month earned. You will also note that the down payment for the Lockout SmartBoot of approximately \$59,000 will come out of savings as will the remaining amount of approximately \$59,000 once installation is complete (this was explained in a previous bulletin). If, however, current fiscal year operations can absorb the costs of the Lockout SmartBoot system there will be no need to touch savings for this expense. This remains to be seen as we move through the remainder of the fiscal year. As of right now, we plan on utilizing savings for these costs.

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Semi-Annual Report

July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

A few comments as we move through the next six months of the fiscal year:

- As noted above, offertory was significantly down during the months of July and August perhaps because many people take vacations. To help ensure the parish has the operating revenue necessary month to month, it is very helpful to enroll in online recurring giving so when you are away for an extended period, gifts are still being made to the parish.
- The Affordable Tuition Fund is the main driver that helps keep Catholic education in Meridian Township accessible, available, and affordable. Without gifts to the Affordable Tuition Fund we would have to increase tuition significantly. So, I greatly appreciate those who generously give to help us keep tuition low. And, all gifts help the bottom line of the parish as they offset the amount necessary to subsidize the school.
- The budget will remain tight for the remainder of the year due to inflation and the additions to the operating budget

explained above. When we published the annual report in October I asked everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their weekly giving by 3% - 8%. As I said, the increase in offertory is primarily due to increased Mass attendance as recurring online giving has remained constant month to month. I will humbly make that request again and, as always, I remain grateful for the sacrifices you make to St. Martha Parish and School.

- Thus far, with Net Income of approximately \$90,000, I am very happy with our financial situation especially with the additions to the operating budget and having paid half of the Lockout SmartBoot from current year operations.

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan

