

Prayer to Jesus Christ Crucified

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

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1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast, A
2. The law and proph - ets from of old In
3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make The
4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way That
5. We pray, O bless - ed Three - in - One, Our

1. gift of faith from a - ges past, This Lent which binds us
2. fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told, Which Christ, all a - ges'
3. words we speak, the food we take, Our sleep, our laugh - ter,
4. lures the care - less mind a - stray; By watch - ful prayer our
5. God while end - less a - ges run, That this, our Lent of

1. lov - ing - ly To faith and hope and char - i - ty.
2. Lord and Guide, In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
3. ev - 'ry sense; Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.
4. spir - its free From schem - ing of the en - e - my.
5. for - ty days, May bring us growth and give you praise.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my
brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in
my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,

[and, striking their breast, they say,]

through my fault, through my fault, through my

most grievous fault;

[then they continue:]

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the
angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

Kyrie, eleison.
(Lord, have mercy.)

Christe, eleison.
(Christ, have mercy.)

Kyrie, eleison.
(Lord, have mercy.)

FIRST READING

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant

Genesis 9:8-15

between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL

PSALM

Psalm 25

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1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.
2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.
3. Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured

baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION

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One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

✠ **And with your spirit.**

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

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to

Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Deacon/Priest: The gospel of the Lord.

✠ **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.

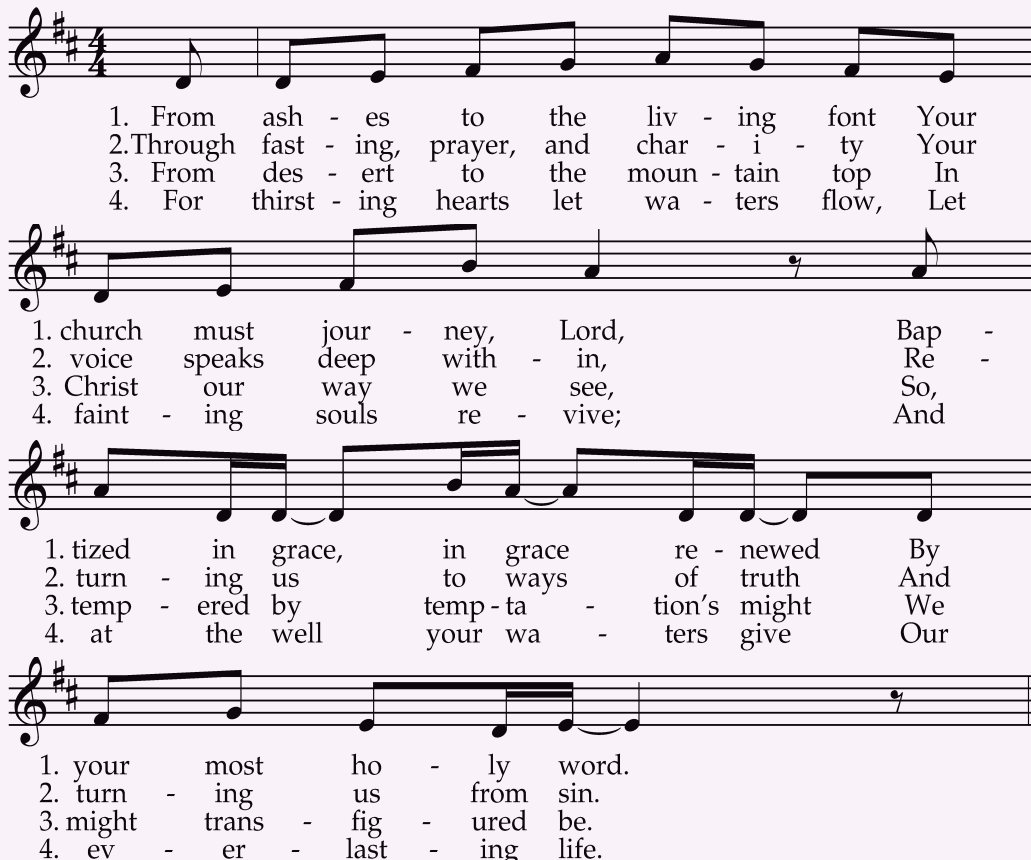
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sin, and
I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come. Amen.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Return to God

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John Angotti |
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1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
3. From des - ert to the moun - tain top In
4. For thirst - ing hearts let wa - ters flow, Let

1. church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap -
2. voice speaks deep with - in, Re -
3. Christ our way we see, So,
4. faint - ing souls re - vive; And

1. tized in grace, in grace re - newed By
2. turn - ing us to ways of truth And
3. temp - ered by temp - ta - tion's might We
4. at the well your wa - ters give Our

1. your most ho - ly word.
2. turn - ing us from sin.
3. might trans - fig - ured be.
4. ev - er - last - ing life.

REFRAIN



Re - turn to God with all your heart. Sur - ren -
der and be free. With hum - ble hearts we cry to you: have
mer - cy on us, Lord; for - give our sin, we
pray, we pray. *To Verses*

BRIDGE:

Lord Jesus, you make us a new people. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord Jesus, you speak your Father's word and we are free.
Christe, eleison. Christe eleison.
Lord Jesus, you raise your hand and we are healed.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts. Hea - ven and
earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est, Ho-
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord, Ho-san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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Save us O save us, sav - ior of the world, for
by Your cross and re - sur - rec - tion, You have set us free.

GREAT AMEN

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A - men, A - men, A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta
Lamb - - - of God, you take a - way the sins of the
mun - di, 1, 2 mi - se - re - re no - - bis.
world, have mer - cy on us.
3. do - na no - bis pa - - cem.
grant us peace.

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

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Verse 1
1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his
to Refrain
1. shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Continued on next page

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Coda

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse 2

2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring
2. you no fear: un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield.

Verse 3

3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by
3. day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Verse 4

4. For to his an-gels he's giv-en a com-mand to
4. guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will
4. bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

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.

We depart in silence

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From the Pastor's Desk

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Today we begin our sojourn through the season of Lent, and we mark the start of this holy season by placing ashes on our foreheads. If you look on the various social media platforms available, you will likely see a lot of people posting pictures of themselves with ashes on their foreheads. This is one day in which it can be 'trendy' to be Catholic as we wear these visible signs of our faith very publicly.

From a biblical perspective, however, dust and ashes have always represented the realization that something had gone wrong, that something is amiss, that our lives are not on the right trajectory. Abraham spoke of dust and ashes when he interceded for the city of Sodom (Gen. 18:27). During his misfortunes, Job spoke of being like dust and ashes (Job 30:19). As Ezekiel lamented for the city of Tyre, he noted that they cast dust on their heads and wallowed in ashes (Ez. 27:30). The king of Nineveh covered himself in sackcloth and sat in ashes when he received word of Jonah's prophecy that Nineveh would be destroyed unless they repented of their sins (Jonah 3:6).

The same holds true for us today. As we place ashes on our foreheads, we do so with the realization that we need to change - our hearts need to change. We are beginning this time of Lent to really take stock of our lives and ourselves. God gives us this sacred gift of time - 40 days - to be both introspective and, at the same time, come out of ourselves as we pray, fast, and give alms.

Prayer - Prayer should be the centrality of our daily living, even outside of Lent. Our prayer during this season should, perhaps, be a little more focused. It should be a time to enter more deeply into relationship with the Lord. And, as we enter more deeply into this relationship, we are called to change. Change is inevitable when we truly encounter Christ. There are certainly things or aspects of our lives that need to be purified and made holy. Our prayer during this season of Lent should be all the more focused on turning our heart, habits, and daily life toward Christ. Our prayer during this season of Lent should be all the more focused on purifying our thoughts, feelings, and desires - those three movements of the heart which make us truly human.

Fasting - Fasting is a sign of penance and repentance. We fast to train our passions and appetites so that virtue becomes all the more possible and effortless within us. We fast to learn

FOR YOU ARE *DUST*
AND TO DUST YOU
SHALL RETURN



self-mastery and self-control. We fast to repent from our own sinfulness and selfish living. Fasting is our own personal sacrifice and offering to God as we learn to rely all the more on Him and the grace that He is constantly providing, but that often goes unseen, ignored, or rejected outright. Fasting helps us to see more clearly with the eyes of faith and less through the lenses of consumption and appetite.

Almsgiving - Almsgiving is a privileged way to start living more for others and less for ourselves. So often we walk through life thinking about nobody else but ourselves and our own desires. Pope Benedict XVI, in a homily on the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception in 2005, said,

"the more the human person gives himself, the more he finds himself. ...he becomes great, he becomes divine, he becomes truly himself."

Brothers and sisters, when judgment befalls us, and it surely will, I tend to think that the Lord will ask us one question - "How did you spend your time?" In a very real sense, Lent should be lived everyday. Let us enter into this season of Lent with great humility and sobriety, with the realization that we are sinful for indeed we are. As we move through this most sacred time, let us press all the more into prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and in so doing press all the more into relationship with Jesus Christ living not for ourselves but for God and others.

At the beginning of each Mass during the season of Lent we will pray together the Prayer to Jesus Christ Crucified which seems a fitting way end to this letter:

Look down upon me, O good and sweetest Jesus, while before your face I humbly kneel. Most fervently I pray and beg you to fix deep within my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true sorrow for my sins, and firm purpose of amendment. With deep affection and sorrow I contemplate your five wounds. I have before my eyes, O good Jesus, what David the prophet spoke of you, as though you were saying it yourself: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones" (Ps 22 [21]:17). Amen.

Know of my prayers for you all, especially during this season of Lent!

Fr. Ryan



Mass Intentions

- Monday, February 19**
8:30 am † Bruce Everett *by M.G. Everett*
- Tuesday, February 20**
8:30 am † Ron Thelen *by St. Martha CCW*
- Wednesday, February 21**
6:00 pm † Betty Ann Flood *by St. Martha CCW*
- Thursday, February 22**
8:30 am † John Wood *by St. Martha CCW*
- Friday, February 23**
8:30 am † Chuck Willems
- Saturday, February 24**
5:00 pm † Deceased Members of the
Bengel & Platte Families *by D. and J. Bengel*
- Sunday, February 25**
8:00 am People of St. Martha Parish
10:00 am † Gilbert Elias *by Simmer and Petoskey Families*
5:00 pm † The Wendell Smith Family *by K. and D. Barker*

Scripture Readings

- For the Week of February 19, 2024*
- Monday** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Jl 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday** **Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle**
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-19
- Friday** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday** **Second Sunday of Lent**
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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.



Steve Hess

Intercessory Prayers

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

Doug Hunter
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
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:

† Bob Robke
† David Lowe
† Luke Martin
† Steve Hess
† Msgr. Daniel Trapp
† Fr. Bill Lugger
† Tony Algaier
† Don Burkhardt, Sr.

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

Amen.



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! We hope to see you this Wednesday!

This Week at St. Martha

Monday, February 19

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

Tuesday, February 20

9:00 am Reconciliation *Mmgr. Reilly*
 9:15 am Women's Bible Study - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
 7:30 pm Men's Pick Up Basketball - *Gym*

Wednesday, February 21

6:00 pm Faith Formation Grades 1-6
 6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*
 6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 7:20 Benediction
 6:45 pm CCW Women's Lenten Soup Supper

Thursday, February 22

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*
 10:00 am Prayer Quilt Ministry Open Meeting - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Loft*

Friday, February 23

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*
 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 6:30 Benediction
 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 24

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. Mike*

Sunday, February 25

9:00 am Faith Formation Grades 1-6
 6:00 pm High School Youth Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 24 | 5:00 pm

S. D. Bartkowski and M. Kisting
 L. 1 - M. Loughlin-Krusky **W/2** - J. Zalba
 A.S. V. Krusky, C. Gaddy - **Sub Req, Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, February 25 | 8:00 am

S. G. and J. Ianni
 L. 1 - C. DeKoninck **W/2** - M. Finelli
 A.S. J. O'Leary, **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, February 25 | 10:00 am

S. J. and K. Ault
 L. 1 - A. Wamanga **W/2** - N. Buckwalter
 A.S. A. Cruz, H. Cruz, **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, February 25 | 5:00 pm

S. H. Walton
 L. 1 - T. Werner **W/2** - C. Patton
 A.S. S. Burkhardt, A., C., & O., Obinwanne, H. Rustad



Ministry Scheduler Pro

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Eucharist to Care Homes

February 25, 2024

Willows of Okemos
Brookdale, Medilodge
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R. Salyers
 M. Fletcher
 J. Matuszak, M. Siminski
 A. Rosalez

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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 giving to these loving and caring ministries. The number of babies/families being cared for by Shared Pregnancy is growing by leaps and bounds!

Friday Adoration

After 8:30 am Mass until 6:30 pm Benediction

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 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!
Scan QR Code to visit st-martha.org/fishfry
for menu, pricing, or to volunteer!

Fasting and Abstaining

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

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!

SAVE THE DATE!
Date: 2.24.2024
Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Location: 2600 BENNETT RD., OKEMOS, MI 48864

Blood Drive

Saturday, March 2
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Bl. Solanus Casey Room



American Red Cross



Knights of Columbus

St Martha Knights of Columbus is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Register online, just search the sponsor code StMarthasOkemos at redcrossblood.org/give



Applications are open for Lansing Catholic High School for the 2024-2025 school year. Visit lansingcatholic.org/apply or scan the QR code to start your application. Acceptance packets are already going out, so be sure to apply now! If you have any questions, contact our Admissions Office at admissions@lansingcatholic.org.





**Knights of
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**February
Knight
of the
Month:**

**Rich
Sabatowski**



The Saint Martha Knights of Columbus Council 10006, recognizes a member each month that has shown outstanding dedication and service. For February 2024, we recognize Rich Sabatowski as the Knight of the Month. Rich is a relatively new member of the Knights of Columbus. He attended the Feast of St. Martha/Family of Bethany Bonfire last summer and joined on the spot. Since joining, he has participated in the MSU football fundraiser, is a regular usher, and is an eager participant in many of our activities and events. His enthusiasm and willingness to participate exemplify the core values and beliefs of the Knights and the Catholic Church: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism, and a Love for Others.

Please join our council and thank Rich for being the Knight of the Month for February 2024.

The Holy Spirit:
The Presence.
The Power.
The Promise.



Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
March 3, 4, 5 | 6:30pm
St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing, MI

A Three Night Mission for the Lansing Deanery with Dr. Mary Healy

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles and changed their lives forever. Throughout the history of the Church, the Holy Spirit has empowered miracle-workers, emboldened martyrs, and imbued the saints with the grace of heroic virtue. But who is the Holy Spirit?

In this three-evening mission we will not only explore the nature of the Holy Spirit, but call on Him to heal us, open us to our own Pentecost, and equip us to live lives of holiness and love.

elcatholics.org/holy-spirit-mission



Dr. Mary Healy is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and a bestselling author and international speaker. She is a general editor of the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture and author of two of its volumes, "The Gospel of Mark" and "Hebrews." Her other books include "The Spiritual Gifts Handbook" and "Healing."

She recently appeared with Fr. Mike Schmitz on Catechism in a Year to introduce the Third Pillar of the Catechism, "How We Live."



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Now Enrolling for the 2024-2025 School Year

Open Enrollment has begun!

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Enrollment is open to the public!

Call 517-349-3322 or email Mrs. Patton

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



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Find rest in the Lord on a retreat
weekend during Lent



MARCH 22-24, 2024
ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

Young adults aged 18-39 are invited to learn practical and newly graced ways of seeing and experiencing 'the ordinary' workday, dinner parties, leisure activities, fasting, and feasting with extraordinary faith.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE BE THE MAN YOU ARE CALLED TO BE

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LANSING
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

March 16, 2024
Gervin GameAbove Center
located at
Eastern Michigan University

Register online at acceptthechallenge.org



Fr. Mike Murray will be embarking on a Pilgrimage to France this coming July 5 - 16. St. Martha parishioners (and family and friends) are welcome to join on this pilgrimage to Lourdes, Toulouse, Paray Le Monial, Chartres, Lisieux, Normandy Beaches, and Mont Saint Michel, all ending in Paris. Learn more at st-martha.org/france2024

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

INDIANAPOLIS
JULY 17 - 21, 2024

with the Diocese of Lansing



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.



save the date

PINE HILLS CAMP

BOYS CAMP june 9-15, 2024

GIRLS CAMP august 4-10, 2024



Registration opens March 1, 2024 | pinehillscamp.com





ST. MARTHA PARISH & SCHOOL

1100 West Grand River
Okemos, MI 48864

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



@st.martha.okemos

Parish Office

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Office HoursMonday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parish & School Staff

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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

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

Friday Adoration after 8:30 am Mass
until 7:00 pm Benediction



Ministry Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council

John Saltzgaber, Chair

Finance Council

Gigi Matias, Chair

Communication Committee

Judi Smelser and Dave Maluchnik, Chairs
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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 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.