



Prayer to Jesus Christ Crucified

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.



ST. MARTHA
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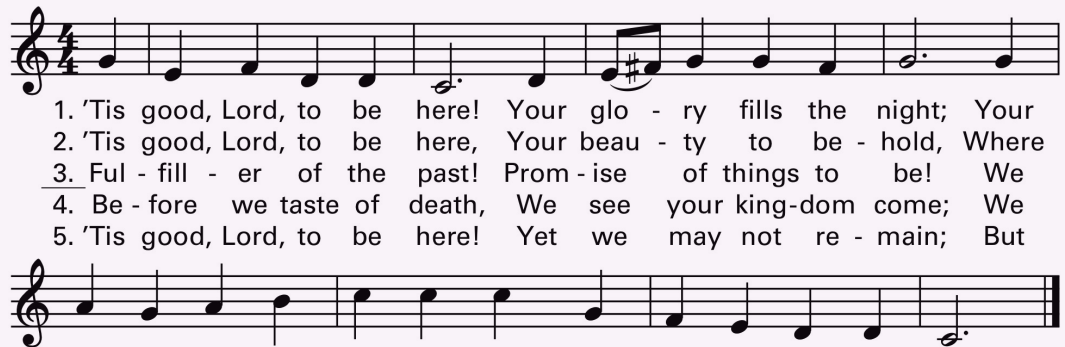
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here

*Text: SM; based on
Luke 9:32-33;
Joseph A Robinson, 1858-1933,
alt, Esme D E Bird |
Music: Johann M Speiss,
1715-1772;
adapt by William H Havergal,
1793-1870*



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night; Your
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your beau - ty to be - hold, Where
3. Ful - fill - er of the past! Prom - ise of things to be! We
4. Be - fore we taste of death, We see your king - dom come; We
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main; But

1. face and gar - ments, like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
2. Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
3. hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied, And our re - demp - tion see.
4. long to hold the vi - sion bright, And make this hill our home.
5. since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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 put Abraham to the test. He called to him,
"Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God
said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom
you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There
you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height
that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had
told him, Abraham built an altar there and
arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out
and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the
LORD's messenger called to him from heaven,
"Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered.
"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the
messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I
know now how devoted you are to God, since
you did not withhold from me your own beloved
son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and
took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in
place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham
from heaven and said: "I swear by myself,
declares the LORD, that because you acted as you
did in not withholding from me your beloved son,
I will bless you abundantly and make your
descendants as countless as the stars of the sky
and the sands of the seashore; your descendants
shall take possession of the gates of their
enemies, and in your descendants all the nations
of the earth shall find blessing - all this because
you obeyed my command."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

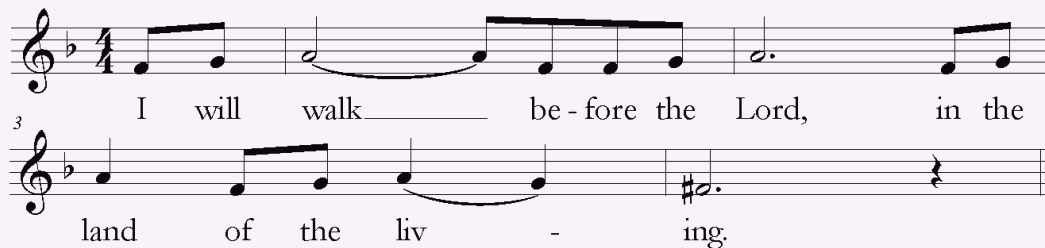
R Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL

PSALM

Psalm 116

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1. I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."
Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful servant.
2. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds. I will offer sacrifice and I will call the name of the LORD.
3. My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will

condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died - or, rather, was raised - who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION

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From the shining cloud the Father's voice was heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

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.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud

came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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 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

Dwell Within My Soul

Words and music by

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Arr by William Gokelman |

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Refrain



Christ be with me, Christ be in me, Dwell with-in my soul.



Christ be - hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ to make me whole.

Verse 1



Hear oh Lord my cry, — be gra-cious and an-swer me;



your face, oh Lord, do I seek, do not hide your face from me.

Verse 2



In my trou - bled days, he will shel - ter me,



he will con-ceal me un-der cov-er, and set me on a high place.

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.

MEMORIAL

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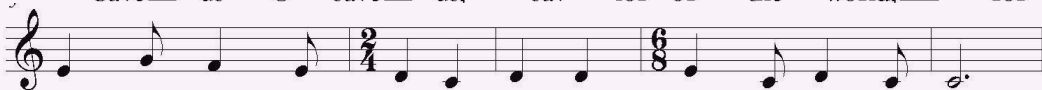
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Save — us O save — us, sav - ior of the world, — for



by Your cross and re - sur - rec - tion, You have set us free.

GREAT AMEN

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AGNUS DEI

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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

Out of the Depths

Psalm 130 |
James O Gerrish |
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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;
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.

We depart in silence



“THE OFFERING OF
THE JUST ENRICHES
the altar”

Sirach 35:8

Make a Recurring
Monthly Gift



Make a
One-Time Gift



Please Pray for Our Elect this Lenten Season

Please pray for our Candidates and Catechumen joining the Catholic Church this Easter:

Amy	Mary
Briseya	Mykel
Cameron	Neal
Collin	Niko
Eleanor	Paula
Ella	Sandra
Johan	Scott
Kennedy	Sharyna
Kenneth	Wesley
Mark	

May they be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit and prepare themselves thoroughly for the Sacraments of Initiation. Amen.



From Bishop Boyea

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"The Offering of the Just Enriches the Altar."

This verse from the Book of Sirach can help us reflect on what we are doing during Mass. When we offer our prayers and gifts in union with others, we join ourselves to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the altar every Sunday.

Our Diocesan Services Appeal is one such occasion to unite ourselves more deeply to the sacrifice of the altar. Our DSA offerings are a powerful opportunity to enrich the work of the Church in the year ahead.

I would like to draw your attention to our DSA poster this year. It shows a thankful family presenting the offertory gifts to their pastor at the altar. The father presents the ciborium which contains the hosts waiting to be transfigured into the Body of Jesus. The young mother stands with a child clasped in one arm and in the other joyfully holds what will become the Most Precious Blood. Their older son carefully holds the offering basket which holds the collective generosity of his family and their community. The remaining children look on with smiling faces. The image is a beautiful representation of DSA, and how we should all strive to be cheerful givers united in the Holy Eucharist.



Your DSA gifts are a part of the offerings that enrich the work of the church throughout our Diocese. Food pantries provide meals for the hungry. Care and support is provided to mothers and children of unplanned pregnancies. Counseling centers support those with mental health and substance abuse issues. Catholic Schools instruct children in the faith. Vocational formation yields strong marriages and the next generation of priests. The DSA supports all these and many more ministries that share the love of Jesus.

DSA donations are vital to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy of our Church. Your generosity underscores this profound truth - that our offerings, our sacrifices, and our charity manifest the very essence of our faith,

consistently and without fail.

Brothers and Sisters, like our beautiful poster image, let our DSA contributions be joined to the sacred offerings we set on the altar as we all seek the sanctification which only the Lord can provide. Together, aided with the graces received through the Holy Eucharist, we will carry out the work of the Church in the year ahead.

Thank you! And may God bless you for all that you do with and for one another.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 26

8:30 am † Chuck Willems

Tuesday, February 27

8:30 am † Colleen Sherman *by St. Martha CCW*

Wednesday, February 28

6:00 pm Intentions of Kendyllin, Tyller, & Ashley
by Olson Family

Thursday, February 29

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

Friday, March 1

8:30 am Intentions of Joanne Sutfin *by Olson Family*

Saturday, March 2

5:00 pm † Jane Judzis *by C. & L. Rasche*

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am † Ron Thelen

10:00 am People of St. Martha Parish

5:00 pm † Betty Ann Flood

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 26, 2024

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Scrutiny Year A Readings

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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.



Bob Robke



Ronnie Patoprsty

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
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
Jeffrey Rostek

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

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

† Terry Carroll
† Erica Brenner
† Ronnie Patoprsty
† Bob Robke
† David Lowe
† Luke Martin
† Steve Hess
† Msgr. Daniel Trapp
† Fr. Bill Lugger

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

Amen.

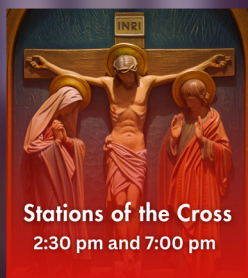


FRIDAYS THIS LENT



Adoration

9:00 am - 6:30 pm



Stations of the Cross

2:30 pm and 7:00 pm



Fish Fry

5:00 - 7:00 pm

SEE ST-MARTHA.ORG/LENT FOR DETAILS

This Week at St. Martha

Monday, February 26

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

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

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

Wednesday, February 28

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 K of C Officers' Meeting - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

Thursday, February 29

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

6:00 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Loft*

Friday, March 1

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 6:30 Benediction

9:00 am First Friday Coffee & Treats - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

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, March 2

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

8:45 am KC Red Cross Blood Drive - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

Sunday, March 3

9:00 am Faith Formation Grades 1-6

10:00 am 1st Scrutiny - OCIA

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

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

6:30 pm The Holy Spirit: Lansing Deanery Mission
at St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 2 | 5:00 pm

S. J. and T. Kaczmarczyk

L. 1 - J. Rosalez **W/2** - J. Hessinger

A.S. D. Farone, E. and N. Jungwirth, **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, March 3 | 8:00 am

S. C. and L. Kendall

L. 1 - M. Fletcher **W/2** - C. Flammini

A.S. R. Donahue, C. Ingram, **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, March 3 | 10:00 am

S. J. and K. Ault

L. 1 - S. Hopkins **W/2** - M. Hakim

A.S. A., D., L. Criscuolo, **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, March 3 | 5:00 pm

S. L. and S. Elias

L. 1 - S. Nowland **W/2** - A. Readett

A.S. S. Ankireddy, J. MacLachlan, **Volunteer Needed**



Ministry Scheduler Pro

Log in to **Ministry Scheduler Pro** to volunteer for open positions or for full schedules. Visit st-martha.org/liturgicalministries or scan the QR code with your smartphone.



Eucharist to Care Homes

March 3, 2024

Willows of Okemos

Brookdale, Medilodge

ICMCF

R. Salyers

K. Mills

J. Lenz, E. VanSteel

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Easy Giving Electronically

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





Lenten Baby Crib Collection

The Lenten Baby Crib is out this weekend in the front of church near the confessional room. There are 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!

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!

Reconciliation Opportunities

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
Following 8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday
6:45 - 7:15 PM

Thursday
6:00 - 7:00 PM*
*for Lent only, excludes Holy Thursday

Saturday
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Blood Drive

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

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



American
Red Cross



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Columbus®

The Holy Spirit: The Presence, the Power, the Promise



A THREE NIGHT MISSION

Featuring: Dr. Mary Healy

Presented by the Lansing Deanery



Dr. Healy is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and a bestselling author and international speaker. She is the author of numerous books

including *"The Spiritual Gifts Handbook"* and *"Healing."* She also serves on the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and is one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

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

6:30pm | St. Thomas Aquinas

955 Alton Rd, East Lansing

LIVESTREAM EVERY NIGHT

youtube.com/c/outreachmass

Special Announcement!

MON, MARCH 4

Healing Service

Bring your family, friends and anyone you know that is in need of healing.

More details are available at
elcatholics.org/holy-spirit-mission





Why is there something
rather than nothing?

Why is everything so
obviously messed up?

What if anything has God
done about it?

How should I respond?



Ever ask yourself these questions?
We invite you to join us for The Rescue
Project.

Together we can discover The Story.

Starting Tuesday, March 12

**Join our morning or evening
session in Solanus Casey Room**

9:15 am or 6:30 pm

Learn more at st-martha.org/rescueproject



the parable + project take two!

**Sunday, March 10, 2024
2:30 pm in the Church**



PRESENTED BY MAGIC CARPET THEATRE

St. Martha welcomes back Magic Carpet Theatre for "The Parable Project: Take Two" on Sunday, March 10, at 2:30 pm. This show features humor, improvisation, and audience participation that brings the Gospel message to life in a creative and fun way! Audiences of all ages will be inspired by a new show with nine different parables that will help them experience the love of God. The audience helps to create the storm in "The Wise Builder," makes their best fish face in "The Net", and is delighted by song and pantomime in "The Lost Coin."

The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message, and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. You are invited to this engaging, lively and interactive performance that will inspire you to live this call today!



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
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Cynthia Farnsworth | Secretary
cfarnsworth@st-martha.org

EXCELLENCE



IN PRAYER

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!

Call 517-349-3322 or email Mrs. Patton
at apatton@st-martha.org to schedule a personal tour!



Upcoming Events

AT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER IN DEWITT, MI

MARCH
1-3

Women of Spirit Retreat: Peace

This retreat **for women** will be focusing on the topic "finding peace in the midst of chaos" with our featured speaker, Karen Ervin.

APRIL
12-14

The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men

This retreat **for men** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

MARCH
15-17

The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Women

This retreat **for women** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

APRIL
19-21

The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Women

This retreat **for women** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

MARCH
19

The Interior Life: One Day Seminar

Join us for a one day seminar focused on prayer and the necessity of continuing to develop our own Interior Life.

APRIL
27

The Interior Life: One Day Seminar

Join us for a one day seminar focused on prayer and the necessity of continuing to develop our own Interior Life.

MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/RETREATS



16 MARCH 2024

Gervin GameAbove Center Located at
Eastern Michigan University

9:00AM - 5:00PM



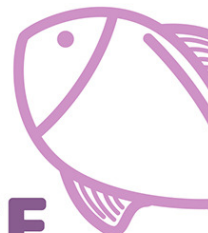
February Family of the Month:

**Lloyd and Cindy
Kendall**



The Saint Martha Knights of Columbus Council 10006, would like to recognize the Lloyd and Cindy Kendall as the February 2024 Family of the Month. Cindy and Lloyd serve St. Martha as both Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers. Lloyd is involved with several initiatives of the Knights, volunteering for MSU Football, poker fundraisers, road clean-up, as well as special projects such as building the fire pit. Cindy has helped with MSU football and has shared her musical talents with St. Martha in the past by accompanying the school Masses, the Sunday evening youth group Masses, and serving as a substitute musician for weekend Masses. Both also volunteer at our Lenten Fish Fries. Currently Lloyd is serving St. Martha on the Financial Accounts Payable Review Team. Please join our council and thank Lloyd and Cindy Kendall for being the Family of the Month for February 2024.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

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.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.

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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



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Parish Office

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Parish & School Staff

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Phone 517-349-3322
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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

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Upper Room Men's Prayer Group

Michael Siminski and Frank Fortier

Bulletin & Announcement Deadlines

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

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

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

Sacramental Information

Baptism Parents who are baptizing their first child will need to attend a preparation class. Please visit st-martha.org/baptism to complete the registration form.

First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation for non-school students is completed as part of our Faith Formation program. Please email Jackie Rosalez at jrosalez@st-martha.org.

Marriage Preparation begins with a meeting with the priest at least 9 months in advance of your ideal wedding date. Please email Fr. Ryan frryan@st-martha.org to schedule an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

Want to become Catholic as an adult? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for older teens or adults who are considering becoming Catholic or just want to learn more about our Faith. Please email Deacon Carl Boehlert for more information at cboehlert@st-martha.org.