

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

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## 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.



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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### Come, Follow Me

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1. Come, follow in these footsteps;  
I'll lead you gently home.  
No shelter, food nor money  
will you need upon this road.
2. Come, walk across the water;  
place all your faith in me.  
Cast all your doubts behind you  
to the wind and raging sea.
3. If you remain within me,  
my words remain in you.  
Whatever you may ask of me,  
that is what I will do.

## 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

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will  
make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah. It will not be like the  
covenant I made with their fathers the day I took  
them by the hand to lead them forth from the  
land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I  
had to show myself their master, says the LORD.  
But this is the covenant that I will make with the  
house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I  
will place my law within them and write it upon

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be  
my people. No longer will they have need to  
teach their friends and relatives how to know the  
LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me,  
says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing  
and remember their sin no more.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

**R** **Thanks be to God.**

## FIRST READING - CYCLE A

*Ezekiel 37:12-14*

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may

live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Psalm 51

*Text: Psalm 51*

*Music: Tony Andorfer*



1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me, cleanse me.
2. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew in me.  
Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me, not from me.
3. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he

was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING - CYCLE A

*Romans 8:8-11*

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who

raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mass for Lent/Easter



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Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

## GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

*Deacon/Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**✠ And with your spirit.**

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

**✠ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?

'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

*Deacon/Priest:* The gospel of the Lord.

**✠ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## GOSPEL - CYCLE A

John 11:1-45

*Deacon/Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**✠ And with your spirit.**

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

**✠ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend

Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know



he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, “The teacher is here and is asking for you.” As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who

opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

*Deacon/Priest:* The gospel of the Lord.



**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## 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

### Be Strong in the Lord

*The Breastplate of St Patrick |*

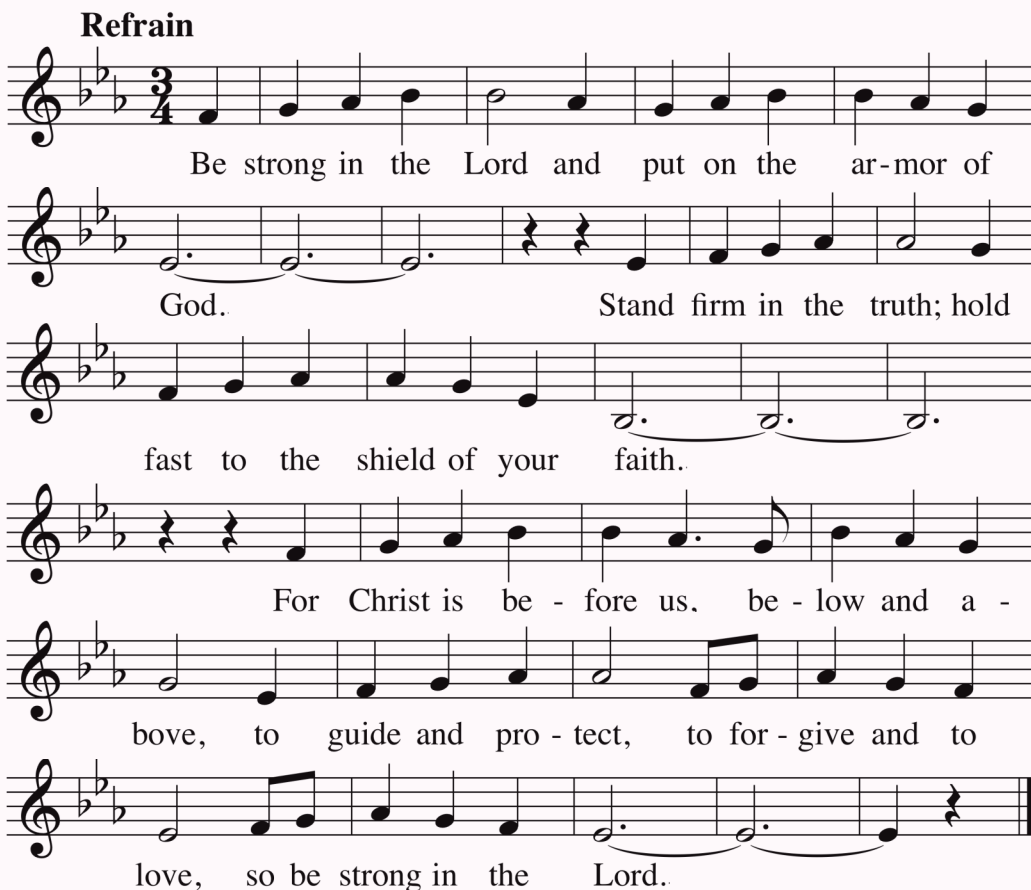
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*Paul A Tate |*

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**Refrain**



Be strong in the Lord and put on the ar-mor of  
God. Stand firm in the truth; hold  
fast to the shield of your faith.  
For Christ is be - fore us, be - low and a -  
bove, to guide and pro - tect, to for - give and to  
love, so be strong in the Lord.

1. Shelter the homeless. Give food to the hungry. Stand firm in the truth with Christ, our hope and our light.
2. Lift up the lowly. Be hope for the hopeless. Stand firm in the truth with Christ, our hope and our light.
3. Gather the lost ones. Be light in the darkness. Stand firm in the truth with Christ, our hope and our light.

## SANCTUS

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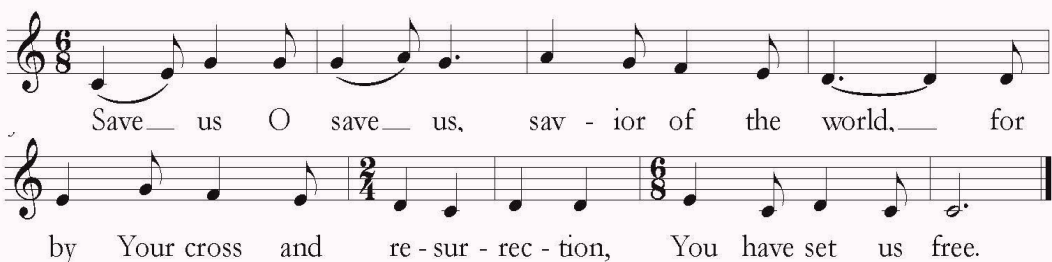
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts. Hea - ven and  
earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est, Ho-  
san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord, Ho-san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na in the high-est.

## MYSTERY OF FAITH

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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.



## 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

#### Dwell Within My Soul

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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.

3. I believe I shall see the  
goodness of the Lord.  
I will wait on the Lord  
and take courage.  
4. One thing I ask the  
Lord, to dwell within  
his house, to live  
inside, yes, all my days,  
and behold his beauty.

## 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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# Mass Intentions

- Monday, March 18**  
8:30 am Intentions of Bill McCann
- Tuesday, March 19**  
8:30 am † Debbie Albreicht *by T. & K. Beekman*
- Wednesday, March 20**  
6:00 pm † John Wood *by G. Kowatch*
- Thursday, March 21**  
8:30 am † Chuck Willems
- Friday, March 22**  
8:30 am † Lenny Rokosz *by J. & V. Smith*
- Saturday, March 23**  
5:00 pm † Jerry, † Lee, and † Mike Cvengros  
*by R. Cvengros*
- Sunday, March 24**  
8:00 am People of St. Martha Parish  
10:00 am † Jeanette Kearney Maxwell *by A. & S. Kearney*  
5:00 pm † Gilbert Elias *by M. Halverson*

# Scripture Readings

- For the Week of March 18, 2024*
- Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday** **Solemnity of Saint Joseph**  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Wednesday** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday** **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**  
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39



# Holy Week

**Saturday, March 23**  
5:00 pm Palm Sunday Vigil

**Sunday, March 24**  
8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 5:00 pm Palm Sunday

**Thursday, March 28**  
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, March 29**  
2:30 pm Liturgy of the Word

**Saturday, March 30**  
9:00 pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday, March 31**  
8:00 am & 10:00 am Easter Sunday  
Note: No 5:00 pm Mass

# Intercessory Prayers

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

- Mykel Kassa  
Salvatore Roti  
Mandy Jones  
Rex Kolar  
Nikki Roccas  
Dan Balger  
Anne Curtin  
Noah Bradley  
Georgeanne  
Lochinski  
Paula Spagnuolo  
Cam Nottage  
Kevin Mitchell  
Rose McManaman  
Sally Szukala  
Ted Beekman

Jennifer Polega  
Paul Stevens  
Toni Santone  
Ken Malkowski  
Leslie Lavery  
Andrea Tanner  
John Paul Erford  
Freda Winegar  
Jeffrey Rostek

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

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

- † Conrad  
Donakowski  
† Polly Richards  
† Erica Brenner  
† Catherine  
Hornbach  
† Lucia Garza

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

*Names are listed  
on the healing list  
for 6 weeks and  
recently deceased  
for 3 weeks.*

*To add a name  
please contact the  
parish office at  
517-349-1763.*







## St. Vincent de Paul Easter Flower Sale

Support the St. Martha's St. Vincent de Paul Society serving local people in need with the Easter Flower Sale. Choose fresh potted lilies, azaleas, hyacinths, or tulips from Hyacinth House to purchase for your home or to donate for the Easter altar display. Gift cards to Christians Greenhouse are also available for \$25.

**Sale ends on Monday, March 18 at 10 am.** Order forms are available on the carts at each entrance. Please make checks payable to: St. Vincent de Paul Society. Completed forms can be placed in offertory baskets or brought to the parish office.

You can also order online at [st-martha.org](http://st-martha.org) or by scanning the QR Code to the right.



## This Week at St. Martha

### Monday, March 18

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

### Tuesday, March 19

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*  
9:15 am Rescue Project - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*  
6:30 pm Rescue Project - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*  
7:30 pm Men's Pick Up Basketball - *Gym*

### Wednesday, March 20

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 March Meeting: Wholly Holy

### Thursday, March 21

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*  
9:15 am Fruits of the Spirit - Mom's Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*  
6:00 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan (LAST WEEK)*  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Loft*

### Friday, March 22

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*  
9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 6:30 pm Benediction  
2:30 pm Stations of the Cross *(LAST WEEK)*  
5:00 pm Fish Fry until 7 pm - *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall (LAST WEEK)*  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 23

7:30 am Upper Room Men's Prayer Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*  
3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

### Sunday, March 24

No Faith Formation Grades 1-6  
6:00 pm High School Youth Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, March 23 | 5:00 pm

S. D. Hunter, M. Siminski  
L. 1 - B. Mead-O'Brien **W/2** - J. Hessinger  
G Speaker - J. Zalba  
A.S. J. O'Leary, **Volunteers Needed**

### Sunday, March 23 | 8:00 am

S. S. and T. O'Dea  
L. 1 - **Volunteer W/2** - **Volunteer**  
G Speaker - **Volunteer**  
A.S. C. Ingram, G. Cironi, K. Chomas, **Volunteers Needed**

### Sunday, March 23 | 10:00 am

S. K. and N. Leemon  
L. 1 - S. Hopkins **W/2** - V. Moore  
G Speaker - S. Hopkins  
A.S. A. Cerizza, B. Chesney, A. & H. Cruz, B. & N. Yun

### Sunday, March 23 | 5:00 pm

S. E. and L. VanSteel  
L. 1 - C. Patton **W/2** - A. Readett  
G Speaker - C. Patton  
A.S. **Volunteers Needed**



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## Eucharist to Care Homes

**March 24, 2024**

Willows of Okemos  
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R. Salyers  
M. Fletcher  
K. Frost, D. Stevens

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Palm Sunday-March 24	Mon., March 18
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# HE FEELS YOUR PAIN



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Pain. It takes many forms and finds us in many ways - a phone call from a doctor, a signature on divorce papers, a negative pregnancy test, the slamming of a door, the closing of a coffin. The list of things that weigh us down or cause us to hurt is extensive, and we only seem to add to it, never take away.

Pain is a reality of life, and for some, life feels like it is pain.

One of humanity's greatest gifts (and despite what we might think when we watch the news or encounter people in our everyday lives, humanity has many gifts) is our ability to empathize with one another. For most of us, the first time we skinned our knee, we were comforted by someone who had, at some point in their life, skinned their own knee. Grief support groups form so naturally because of the shared pain experienced when a loved one passes away. We seek the comfort of people who truly know what it feels like to go through what we have gone through because their consolation carries authority and offers hope. The bond formed between one person who is suffering to another is genuine and deep. Knowing that another person has walked or is walking the same difficult path makes the journey less lonely.

How immensely blessed we are to have a God who loves us so much that He came to earth and lived our experience. How immensely blessed we are to have a God who loves us so much that He intentionally stepped into human pain and empathizes with us. How immensely blessed we are to have a God who not only walked the same difficult path that we have walked while sharing in our pain, but continued on and took that pain - His and ours - to Calvary.

When we are aching in mind, body, or heart, look upon the crucified Christ. The nails in His hands, the thorns on His head, the stripes upon His back are markers of the great authority of His consolation towards us and the incredible hope that it represents. When we are aching in mind, body, or heart, turn to Jesus.

He feels our pain.

Peace to you,

~ Hallie

*Director of  
Discipleship*







## Wholly Holy

Wednesday, March 20 | 6:45 pm

St. Martha CCW invites all the women of the parish for a fun night! Our special guest speaker is back by popular demand, Paulette Burgess! Paulette's topic this year is "Wholly Holy" about the universal call to holiness and communion of Saints. **Bring your bible if you have one!**

We will also be looking at a tentative ballot for next year's CCW board, and discussing the Somaya Siminski Service Award.

Join us for a fun and informative meeting, and if you can, please bring a treat to share!



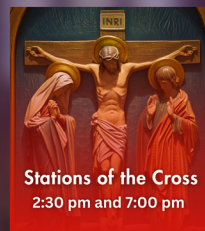
## Lenten Baby Crib Collection

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!

### 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](http://ST-MARTHA.ORG/LENT) FOR DETAILS

## Help Come Decorate the Church for Easter!

Saturday, March 30 | 10 am - 1 pm

Come for all or part of the time at your convenience! Please RSVP with Brigit Martell, so we can plan accordingly.

Call **517-449-1708** or [brigit.martell@gmail.com](mailto:brigit.martell@gmail.com)



"THE OFFERING OF  
THE JUST ENRICHES  
the altar"  
Sirach 35:8

Make a Recurring  
Monthly Gift



Make a  
One-Time Gift



## 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

## IRA Distributions

Naming Saint Martha Parish and School as a beneficiary of an IRA or other qualified retirement plan may save your heirs and your estate a potential tax burden. The gift can be made simply by using your beneficiary designation forms.

Another commonly used option to make a gift to charity is through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA to Saint Martha Parish and School. This is a gift from your assets that will not impact your checking or savings account balance. Because Saint Martha is tax exempt, there is no tax paid on the transfer. You must be 70½ years old or older for the required minimum distribution. You can give from pre-tax assets, and the gift is not reported as taxable income. This is easily done -- just talk to the entity that administers your IRA.





## Fun Volunteer Opportunity!

The Saint Martha Parish Office is looking to expand our number of volunteers. Volunteering in the office involves answering the phone, taking Mass intentions, and other small activities. Training is provided.

You can volunteer as much or as little as you want, but your presence is such an important part of the welcoming spirit of our parish. Come, be part of the front office fun!

Stop by the office or email Hallie Card ([hcard@st-martha.org](mailto:hcard@st-martha.org)) or Claire Boomer ([cboomer@st-martha.org](mailto:cboomer@st-martha.org)) if interested. We would love to have you!

## Thank You from Sr. Pat!

Words can't express how grateful I am for all of you who contributed to my Annual Haven House fundraising efforts to help homeless families get back into housing. Together we brought in \$15,802 from 200 plus donors which enabled me to secure the People's Choice Award again for the 9th year in a row.

By winning that award, Haven House was awarded another \$15,000 from Jackson National which brought my total to \$30,802; it will be used to put 30 families into housing. The grand total raised this year was \$87,165. Thanks so much for helping to support this worthy cause!



**Knights of Columbus®**

## February Knight of the Month:

### Tom Muncie



Each month, the St. Martha Knights of Columbus Council 10006 recognizes a member as Knight of the Month. For March 2024, we are recognizing Tom Muncie. Tom came to St. Martha Parish with wife, Linda, and children, Laura and Jim, in the fall of 1990. Tom joined the Knights in the spring of 1991. Mr. Muncie has been a Fourth-Degree member since the spring of 2018. Over the years, Tom has participated in the MSU Hockey concession stand fundraiser, the MSU football ticket taking fundraiser, charity poker fundraiser, as well as volunteered for Mentally Impaired (Tootsie Roll) Drive and Lenten fish fry dinners. He is currently trustee of the council and chairman of the Holy Cross Services Sweatshirt Collection Drive. Tom serves the parish as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, and usher. Tom exemplifies 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 in thanking Tom Muncie for being the Knight of the Month for March 2024!

## 52th Annual M.I. Drive

St. Martha Knights of Columbus Council 10006 will be collecting donations on Palm Sunday weekend after Masses and at Tom's Market for their annual campaign to help people in our community with intellectual disabilities.



Proceeds this year will benefit: Michigan Special Olympics, All Faith Ministries for disABILITIES, Beekman Therapeutic Riding Center, Capital Area Down Syndrome Association, Rainbow Homes for the disabled, St. Francis Camp, and St. Louis Center.

Your support is appreciated. Please contact Bob Ianni via email at [iannib@comcast.net](mailto:iannib@comcast.net) to help out or to make a donation.

## Save the Date for Scuba Vacation Bible School

*June 17-21 from 9am- noon*

The cost is only \$10 per child.  
Registration coming soon.







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



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### Parish Office

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

### Parish & School Staff

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

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

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

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

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

### Mass Opportunities

Saturday ..... 5:00 pm

Sunday ..... 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday ..... 8:30 am

Wednesday ..... 6:00 pm

Saturday ..... 9:00 am  
at St. Mary Church, Williamston

### Reconciliation Opportunities

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday ..... after 8:30 am Mass  
until all are heard

Wednesday ..... 6:45 to 7:15 pm

Saturday ..... 3:30 to 4:30 pm

### Other times by appointment

### Prayer/Adoration Opportunities

Monday  
International Rosary ..... after 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday  
Rosary for the Unborn ..... 5:30 pm

Our Mother of Perpetual  
Help Devotions ..... 5:45 pm

Adoration ..... after 6:00 pm Mass  
until 7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday  
Rosary for Peace and  
Those Suffering From War ..... 8:00 am

Friday  
Rosary ..... after 8:30 am Mass

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  
[communication@st-martha.org](mailto:communication@st-martha.org)

### Education Commission

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

### Evangelization Committee

Beth Buiocchi and Mary Jo Hirt, Chairs

### Council of Catholic Women

Christine Patton, President  
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### Knights of Columbus

Steve Zayko, Grand Knight  
[Gk10006@mikofc.org](mailto:Gk10006@mikofc.org)

### St. Vincent de Paul

Al Kearney, President

### Environment Committee

Brigit Martell, Jean Morgan, Ingrid Schwab

### Prayer Quilt Ministry

Mary Hall, Coordinator

### Service/Outreach Ministry

Renee Salyers, Coordinator

### Upper Room Men's Prayer Group

Michael Siminski and Frank Fortier

## Bulletin & Announcement Deadlines

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

**Mass Announcements Must Be Emailed to [cboomer@st-martha.org](mailto:cboomer@st-martha.org) by Wednesday at noon** ahead of the weekend requested.

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

## Sacramental Information

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

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

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

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

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