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The Good Samaritan | Domenico Fetti



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INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

*Text: 87 87 D; Frederick W. Faber,
1814-1863, alt. | Music: Onde en
Nieuwe Boerenlities, c. 1710.*

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of

1. of the sea; There's a kind-ness in his jus - tice
2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal
3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der

1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -
2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the

1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our
3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is

1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good-ness of our Lord.
3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

Mass of Renewal

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: "If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.

"For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us

of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL

PSALM

Psalm 19

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1. The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.
3. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.
4. They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn

from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION

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Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

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

✠ And with your spirit.

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.*" He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him,

he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER (PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL)

To each petition, all respond: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

Whatever You Do

John Angotti |
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1. When I was hungry you gave me to eat.
When I was thirsty you gave me to drink.
When I was homeless you opened your door.
When I was naked you clothed me and more.
O come, come, come into my Father's house.
O come, come, come on home.



2. When I was little you taught me to read.
When I was anxious you calmed all my fears.
When in a prison you came to my cell, reached out your hand to me when I fell.
O come, come, come into my Father's house.
O come, come, come on home.
3. When I was not of the color of choice,
you stood beside me and walked the course.
When people laughed and made fun of me, you were my friend in time of need.
O come, come, come into my Father's house.
O come, come, come on home.

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

℟ **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

At the end of the prayer, all respond: Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE & PREFACE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

℟ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

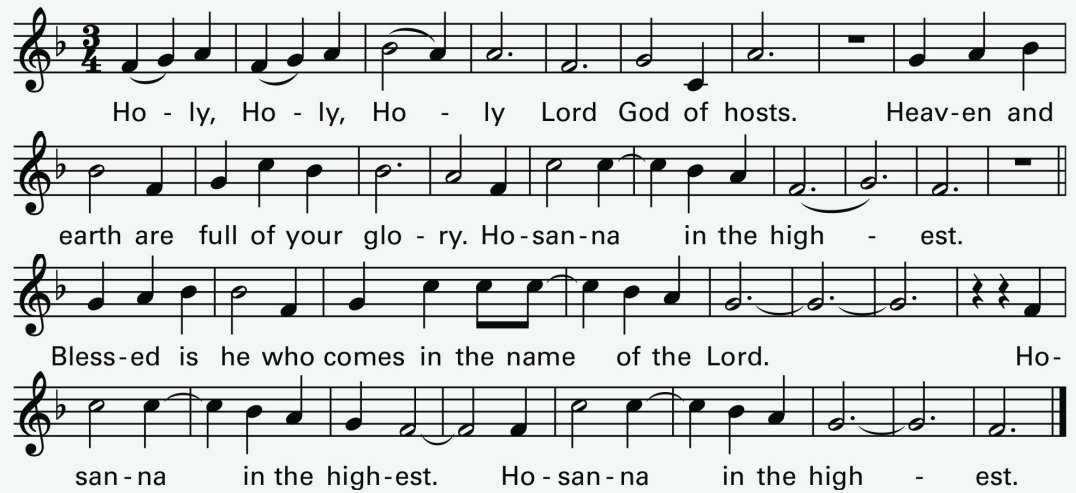
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

℟ **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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 ACCLAMATION

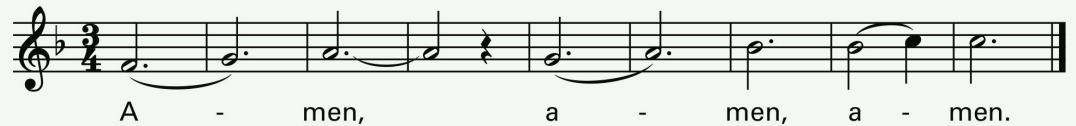
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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O Chisholm, 1866-1960 |
William M Runyan, 1870-1957 |
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1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther,
2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest,
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,
There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;
Sun, moon and dear stars in their cours-es a-bove
Thy own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;
Thou chang-est all not, thy com-pas-sions they fail not;
Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,
As thou has been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
To Bless-ings great all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!
Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-
vid-ed Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

Text: Psalm 34;
James E Moore, Jr, b.1951 |
Tune: James E Moore, Jr, b.1951 |
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Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the
Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.
1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo-ri-fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple.
Praise shall al-ways be on my lips;
To- geth-er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth-ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
I called the Lord who an - swered me;
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou-bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN Lord of All Hopefulness

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Tune: SLANE, 10 11 11 12; Irish
melody

1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,
Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,
Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, July 14

8:20 am † David Gillison
by S. Kostaroff

Tuesday, July 15

No Mass on Tuesday in July and August

Wednesday, July 16

6:00 pm † Larry Klocek

Thursday, July 17

8:20 am † John E. McCloskey
by J. and J. Wood

Friday, July 18

8:20 am † Jennifer Garofalo
by K. Ryan

Saturday, July 19

5:00 pm † Vince Weber
by M. and T. Finelli

Sunday, July 20

8:00 am † John Krupp
by J. and L. Collom
10:00 am People of the Parish
5:00 pm † Fr. James Swiat

Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto Jim, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Jim Zalba



Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 14, 2025

Monday

Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Intercessory Prayers

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

Jack Seiler
Henry Rife
Mike McNeely
Michalyn Bethke
Charles Bethke
Robert Duniec
Alan Rynbrandt
Ann Patton
Dcn. Dan Foley
Jerry Maroclo
Jane Lajewski
Mary Beecy
Cindy Fontus
Robert Pigg
Wanda Hicks
Robert Welch
Fr. John Fain
Patty McPhee
Camilla Phan
Donald Trentel
Craig Tarpinian
Michael LeFebvre
Bill Miekka
Kathleen Watson

Gabrielle Meece
Sr. Pat Newhouse
Bruce Eggleston
Rose McManaman
Ken Malkowski
John Paul Erford

For those serving in our Armed Forces, especially:

Albert Gillison,
U.S. Space Force
Joseph Irvin Gross,
U.S. Navy
Peter Harrison,
U.S. Air Force
Andrew Huff,
U.S. Air Force
Christian Menor,
U.S. Army
Stasu Reisner,
U.S. Marines
Louis Thole,
U.S. Air Force

For † those who have gone before us, especially:

† Xavier Randolph
† Jim Cline

† Jackie Seiler
† Rickey Jorgensen
† Bishop Mengeling
† Paul Kennedy
† Jeffrey Tavormina
† Dick Weber
† Lennon Lietzinger
† Patty Gries

For † those innocent souls lost to the tragedy of abortion

For the Pope's July Intention: for formation in discernment

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

Contact the office
517-349-1763 or
office@st-martha.org
to add an individual
to the prayer list.



GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Luke 10:37

This Week at St. Martha

Monday, July 14

8:50 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Tuesday, July 15

No Mass or Reconciliation on Tuesday in July and August

7:30 pm Men's Pick Up Basketball

Wednesday, July 16

6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

6:30 pm Adoration until 7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday, July 17

8:50 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

10:00 am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Bl. Solanus Casey Room

Friday, July 18

Parish Office is Closed

8:50 am Reconciliation *Mssgr. Reilly*

9:00 am Adoration until 9 pm Reposition - Chapel

Saturday, July 19

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

2:30 pm Randall/Donofrio Wedding

3:00 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

6:00 pm Feast Day Celebration - Fire Pit (Rain Location: Parish Hall)

SUMMER PARISH SCHEDULE CHANGES

Tuesdays of July and August No Tuesday Mass or Confession

Fridays from July 4 - August 8 Parish Office Closed on Fridays
Office will reopen on Fridays starting August 15

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin	Submission Deadline
July 20 - 16th Sunday of OT	Monday, July 14
July 27 - 17th Sunday of OT	Monday, July 21
Aug 3 - 18th Sunday of OT	Monday, July 28

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 19 | 5:00 pm

S. D. and L. McAlvey
L. 1 - L. Blatnik W/2 - R. Kostrzewa

Sunday, July 20 | 8:00 am

S. C. and L. Kendall
L. 1 - S. Zayko W/2 - M. Finelli

Sunday, July 20 | 10:00 am

S. J. and K. Ault
L. 1 - S. Hopkins W/2 - M. Liberato

Sunday, July 20 | 5:00 pm

S. E. and L. VanSteel
L. 1 - S. Nowland W/2 - N. Vozzo

Altar Servers Volunteers at each Mass



Ministry Scheduler Pro

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Please contact the parish office if you need assistance.

Eucharist to Care Homes

July 20, 2025

Willows of Okemos	R. Salyers
Brookdale, Medilodge	K. Mills
ICMCF	J. Lenz
	E. VanSteel

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From the Pastor's Desk

Gospel Reflection

At the conclusion of today's Gospel - the parable of the Good Samaritan - Jesus asks the scholar of the law, "*Which of these, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?*" He replies, "*The one who treated him with mercy.*" And Jesus responds with a simple, powerful

command: "*Go and do likewise.*"

This parable is more than just a moral lesson - it is a challenge to our assumptions about mercy and moral responsibility. Two passersby, likely of the same heritage as the victim - fellow Jews - walk by without helping. In fact, each pass by on the other side so as to avoid the victim altogether. But a Samaritan, considered an outsider and even an enemy by the Jews of that time, is the one who stops, shows compassion, and takes action.

What does this mean for us today?

In light of my recent reflections on immigration, I believe Jesus' words - "*Go and do likewise*" - speak directly to one of the most divisive issues today. Immigration is not a simple matter of party politics or policy platforms. It is deeply human and deeply moral.

When we talk about immigration, we are often referring to a wide range of people: migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, the undocumented, and those who have entered through legal means. Grouping all of these into a single category obscures the real human stories, the particular needs, the dignity of each person, and it makes our discussions all the more challenging.

Catholic Social Teaching reminds us of two essential truths:

1. The dignity of the human person is paramount. Every human being is made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-31). In Matthew 25, Jesus reminds us: "*I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*" Human life is sacred—from conception to natural death—and every person has inherent dignity, no matter their immigration status.
2. Nations have a right to regulate borders and ensure public safety, but this must be done with justice and compassion.

These two principles can create tension, but they are not contradictory. Rather, they call for the challenge of balance: upholding the right to migrate while ensuring order through humane and fair policies.

We must resist policies or rhetoric that dehumanize - anyone. This doesn't mean open borders or ignoring legitimate concerns about security. It means that our response to immigration must reflect our faith and the teachings of the Church.

Catholic Social Teaching also reminds us of the "preferential option for the poor." So many immigrants flee conditions we would never accept for ourselves or our families including violence, poverty, war, and persecution. They leave everything behind in hope of a better life. We cannot ignore the poor and vulnerable. We are called not to be passersby, but rather to act.

I want to take a moment to express how proud I am of our

Vincentians and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Martha. They quietly, faithfully serve the poor and marginalized - Catholic and non-Catholic alike. They embody the spirit of the Good Samaritan choosing to act rather than pass by.

The Church is not silent. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) continues to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform - laws that are fair, just, and rooted in Gospel values. But the Church also asks each of us to act. Here's how I think we can respond to Jesus command to "*Go and do likewise*":

1. Advocate: Through the Michigan Catholic Conference, we have a powerful voice locally. I encourage you to visit their website, explore their advocacy efforts, and especially read the March 2025 issue of *Focus: Seeing Christ in the Immigrant* (linked on our website st-martha.org or accessible by scanning the QR code to the right). In addition, please peruse the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website to learn more about the Church's advocacy efforts in the United States.
2. Serve: Support the work of our Vincentians and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul through your generosity of time, talent, and treasure. They are a lifeline for many in our community.
3. Serve: Contact Catholic Charities of Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties to discern how you might be able to help particularly with refugee services. Their website can be visited through the QR code to the right and on our website.
4. Pray: As I said a couple of weeks ago, prayer is not empty rhetoric. It is powerful and it moves hearts—ours and God's. Let us pray for immigrants, for our lawmakers, for our country, and for our bishops who continue to be a voice for the vulnerable.
5. Give Thanks: Continually give thanks to God for the myriad blessings you have received - life, economic stability, food, security, housing, community, your parish, family, freedom, etc. Part of our thanksgiving is regular worship at Sunday Mass and supporting your parish through your time, talent, and treasure. Gratitude rather than entitlement changes our perspective and moves our hearts.



Let us truly hear Jesus' words: "*Go and do likewise.*" Let us see the humanity in every immigrant - a person worthy of mercy, justice, and love.

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan



My name is Silvia Morales; I'm the secretary at Cristo Rey Church. My husband and I are from Cuba. We came to this country as refugees in February 1999 because we didn't want our children to grow up under a communist system where you can easily go to jail or disappear just for denouncing something that isn't right.



Refugees La Sagrada by Kelly Latimore

Lately, *IN THE CRISTO REY OFFICE*, I have seen too many mothers with tears in their eyes looking for a way to make power of attorney letters for someone to take care of their children in case they are separated from them by I.C.E. (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). I see wives that feel they have to leave the country with their children after being forcefully separated from their husbands because they are afraid that ICE will come after them too and take them away in cuffs as if they were criminals. I see sons and daughters that can't go to see their dying parents in their country of origin, and so on. As Christians we cannot remain silent in face of this as if this doesn't have to do with us, there is a cry being raised to God from the vulnerable in the middle of all this.

The words of Jesus, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed Me" resounds today stronger than ever. I would like to invite you to come, and see, and listen to the stories of hope and suffering of the Hispanic families, who are our brothers and sisters in our Church.

"I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME" PRESENTATION

Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 pm
Cristo Rey Church
San Martín de Porres Hall
201 W. Miller Rd., Lansing, MI 48911

Please join us for a presentation and personal stories about living what Jesus command us in the Gospel, "*I was a stranger, and you welcomed Me.*"

Light refreshments will be provided.



What exactly is... a Sacristan? *An act of service, discipleship, and faith*



I grew up going to Queen of the Miraculous Medal church about 35 miles south of here in Jackson. I loved being involved in the life of the parish whether it was through Youth Group, singing/playing trumpet in the praise band, or being a catechist for religious education. All were activities and ministries that brought me closer to the community, but it was in my sophomore year of high school that I found a ministry that truly brought me closer to the Mass and Christ himself.

Our church was looking for sacristans, people to help "behind the scenes" at Mass, and I was interested in learning more. After training, I began the duties of the sacristan: assisting in the preparations for each liturgy, purifying sacred vessels, and resetting the altar for the next service. Being this close to the Mass, handling the chalice (with great care), putting out the hosts which would become the Body of Christ within the hour, and having some quiet time with the Lord as I purified the cups and ciboria, really brought the whole thing to life. I could almost picture myself helping to set the table for the Last Supper. It was a beautiful opportunity. In fact, I loved being a sacristan so much that I volunteered in college and became the sole sacristan for Siena Heights during my time there.

Serving as a sacristan is more than just volunteering to help; it is true discipleship. By taking part in the liturgy this way, you are helping to bring the Mass to the people while assisting our priests. We are currently looking for more people (individuals or couples) to be trained as sacristans. Prayerfully consider if this is something that you would be interested in doing. You will not regret it.

~Hallie Card, Director of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization

Are you interested in becoming a Sacristan?

- Great volunteer opportunity for individuals & couples
- Give back to your church • Ample training provided

Contact the parish office 517-349-1763 or office@st-martha.org for more information or to be connected for training



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.

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Welcome New Preschool Staff

We are so happy to welcome Mrs. Ellen Belloli (pictured on right) as our new preschool teacher. Ellen brings over 10 years of experience in early childhood education and has served as a kindergarten aide at St. Martha for the past two years. She holds degrees from Michigan State and Olivet College and is a proud mom of four St. Martha students.

Joining her is Mrs. Sara Rivet, our new preschool aide. Sarah holds a degree in Sociology from the University of California and two Master's degrees from San Diego State University and the University of Michigan. She brings extensive early childhood experience and is a mother of seven, including two current St. Martha students.

We are so excited and blessed to have them join our preschool team!



Now Enrolling for the 2025-26 School Year

Limited spots available with some grades full. Please call to learn more or to schedule a personalized tour.
Call the school office at 517-349-3322 or via email our Principal, Mrs. Andrea Patton, at apatton@st-martha.org



Supporting our Community



St. Vincent de Paul Looking for Storage Space

St. Martha St. Vincent de Paul is looking for a low or no cost storage space for a collection of small household items, mattresses, etc. which are easily accessible when our neighbors in need call for assistance. If you have ideas or know of a space, please call the church office at **517.349.1763**. Use option #8 to leave a message for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for considering.



**Donate excess produce
from your garden at the
Meridian Township
Farmers' Market's
gleaning table so that it
reaches people in need
and prevents food waste.**

**WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS
JUNE THRU SEPTEMBER**

**MISSION
BACKPACK**

ALL DONATIONS SUPPORT
LOCAL FAMILIES.

NOW - AUGUST 7

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

FOR BOYS & GIRLS ENTERING SCHOOL
PRE-K THROUGH 12TH GRADE

- NEW BACKPACKS
- SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS & POCKET FOLDERS
- LINED NOTEBOOK PAPER (WIDE RULED)
- PENS, PENCILS, MARKERS, CRAYONS
- GLUE STICKS, SCISSORS & RULERS

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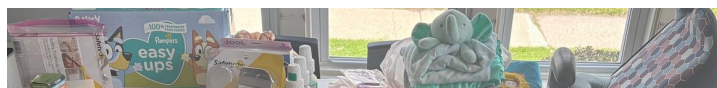
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www.CatholicCharitiesIEC.org

Amazon Wish List:



Supporting Local Moms in Need

Thank you for your continuous support of **Shared Pregnancy**: Boppy nursing pillows; unscented baby wipes; pull-ups sizes 2T-3T, 3T-4T, and 4T-5T; clothing (any season) sizes 2T, 3T, and 4T; board books and toddler books; baby wash; infant care kits; thermometers; baby monitors; infant swings; highchairs; strollers; infant car seats. Any donations of new or gently used items are always welcome and can be left in the bins at both entrances of the church.



Contact Liz Carls, **517.281.1451**, via phone or text, if you need assistance with any donation. You can scan the attached QR code to reach the Amazon wish list.



Food Bank Collection Boxes

Those who visit St. Martha will notice our collection boxes at the church entrances. Canned goods and other non-perishable foods can be dropped off in the labeled for food donations. They are currently in most need of the following: cereal, canned fruit (pears, peaches, fruit cocktail), egg noodles, pasta, and taco kits. These offerings are distributed to both the Okemos and Haslett Food Banks.

WE ARE IN NEED OF DENTAL PRECEPTORS!



We are seeking licensed DDS in Michigan

- The preceptors oversee the work of the U of M dental resident
- We will facilitate your U of M faculty credentialing, and you will be appointed at the U of M School of Dentistry
- We are particularly interested in dentists willing to commit long-term to provide consistency and sustainability for our project



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For more information, please contact Joe Garcia at
jgarcia@catholiccharitiesiec.org





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MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

St. Francis Retreat Center | 703 E. Main Street, DeWitt, MI

**AUGUST
12-14
2025**

For men ages 16-25
This retreat is a chance for men to learn more about the discernment process and provides an opportunity to experience the camaraderie of other discerners. Daily Mass and the opportunity for Confession and Adoration will be offered.

Fr. Mike Cassar and Fr. Ryan Riley will give their reflections on the priesthood, lead Q & A sessions, and small group discussions.



Fr. Mike Cassar
Director of
Seminarians
Diocese of Lansing



Fr. Ryan Riley
Pastor
St. Martha, Okemos

Suggested donation: \$200
includes private lodging, meals, materials

Scholarships are available - contact the Diocese of Lansing Vocations Office at 517-342-2507

Visit www.stfrancis.ws/discernment or scan the QR code to register.





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7:00 - 9:00 PM
June 26 | July 24 | August 14
at Lansing Catholic High School

**OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS
IN THE GREATER LANSING AREA**

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**"TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
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IN ALL YOUR WAYS
ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND
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PROVERBS 3:5-6

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OCTOBER 11
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Register: WWW.MICHIGANCWC.ORG

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.



Daily Mass Opportunities

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm
Monday, Tuesday 8:20 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm
Thursday, Friday 8:20 am
Saturday 9:00 am
at St. Mary Church, Williamston

Reconciliation Opportunities

Monday, Tuesday after 8:20 am Mass
until all are heard
Wednesday 6:45 to 7:15 pm
Thursday, Friday after 8:20 am Mass
until all are heard
Saturday 3:00 to 4:30 pm
Other times by appointment

Adoration Opportunities

Wednesday ... Adoration after 6:00 pm Mass
until 7:20 pm Benediction
Friday Adoration after 8:20 am Mass
until 9:00 pm Reposition

St. Martha Parish Office

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PARISH & SCHOOL

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Michael Siminski and Frank Fortier

Bulletin & Announcement Deadlines

Bulletin Articles Must be emailed to bulletin@st-martha.org by Monday at noon ahead of the weekend requested.

Mass Announcements Must be emailed to office@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 visit st-martha.org/marriage to complete the form to get the process started.

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

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