

CANONIZATIONS OF ST. CARLO ACUTIS AND ST. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI



1100 West Grand River Okemos, MI 48864

#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN Gather Your People

Text: 1 Corinthians 12, Isaiah 2:3-4, 11:9 | Bob Hurd, b.1950 | Tune: Bob Hurd, b.1950 | choral arr by Craig S Kingsbury, b.1952 | acc by Dominic MacAller, b.1959 © 1991, Bob Hurd | Published by OCP



#### **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 for Saint Martha

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#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty;

but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### Psalm 90

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- 1. You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men."
  For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.
- 2. You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.
- 3. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!
- 4. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout with joy and gladness all our days. prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

#### SECOND READING

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps

this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.

#### **GOSPEL**

Luke 14:25-33

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

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

R. And with your spirit.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which

of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.

In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

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** Take Up Our Cross

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- 1. Behold the wood that bears our name; 2. We embrace the sacrifice, behold the nails that hold our sin. The tree from which salvation blooms; the death by which we're born again.
- and walk the path we cannot see. The burdens of this world made light; by blood and thorn we are redeemed.

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

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his R. 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. Lift up your hearts. Priest:

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

 $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ And with your spirit.

We lift them up to the Lord.  $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ 

It is right and just.

#### SANCTUS Mass for Saint Martha

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#### **MEMORIAL** ACCLAMATION Mass for Saint Martha



#### **AMEN** Mass for Saint Martha



### THE LORD'S PRAYER THE SIGN OF PEACE

#### AGNUS DEI Mass for Saint Martha

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Priest:

R.

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.

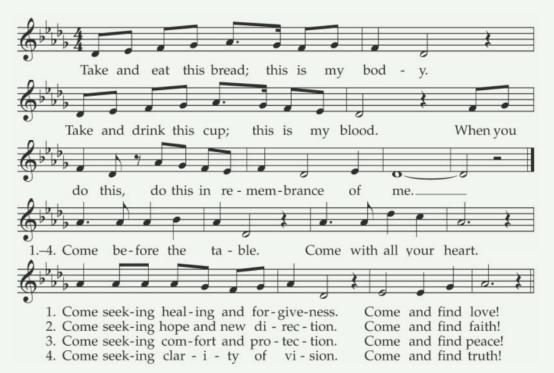
#### COMMUNION HYMN You Are My All in All

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#### COMMUNION HYMN Take and Eat This Bread

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## 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

## The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia | Text: 76 76 D; Samuel J Stone, 1839-1900 | Music: Samuel S Wesley, 1810-1876

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## From the Pastor's Desk

#### **Annunciation School**

We continue to grieve the tragedy that occurred a week ago at the Church of the Annunciation in Minneapolis, MN. Words cannot convey the feelings that are conjured up every time we hear of such a tragedy. Whenever a member of the Body of Christ suffers, we suffer too. Jesus Christ came to



suffer for us. He continues to suffer with us and we do the same with our brothers and sisters - fellow Christians; fellow Catholics - in Minneapolis, MN. Please lift them up in prayer.

Prayer is not meaningless. The person at prayer does not think that prayer in itself magically protects them from all moral evil or suffering. Jesus himself prayed to the Father while he was dying on the Cross. Rather, prayer raises the mind to God. In a previous bulletin, I wrote St. Theophan the Recluse's definition of prayer standing before God with the mind in the heart and doing so until the end of one's life. I find it quite appropriate in times of tragedy, pain, and suffering to stand with the mind in the heart before God. At the same time, it is our prayer that should lead us to action. We always begin with prayer and then action follows.

We need to pray - for the victims, their families, the community, and dare I say for the perpetrator of this great evil and his family. Let us continually stand before God with our minds in our hearts for ourselves and for others.

At the same time, I also think penance is an appropriate response. What is an appropriate response to sin? Penance. Whenever we confront tragedy we are dealing with sin. Not personal sin per se, but rather corporate sin - the effects of the fall. When you read the Old Testament, whenever sin was confronted penance was always the response - fasting and sitting in sackcloth and ashes. We should do penance, not only for ourselves, but also for those who will not, do not, or don't otherwise know that repentance is necessary for salvation.

The grace of prayer and penance is not wasted. Rather, those actions help unite us to the sacrifice of Christ and his Cross through which we have become victors with him. Jesus Christ has already won the victory over sin, suffering, and death. And, he promises that he will come again and destroy it for all eternity.

On our part, let us continually stand before him with our minds in our hearts. Let us do the penances for ourselves and for others. All of this done with great faith in his victory and with great hope that he will return and bring us with him.

#### **Security Updates**

In light of these recent events, in case you missed the parish-wide email, the following security updates have taken effect:

 The South Door (nearest Grand River; Door 6), currently the only unlocked door, will be locked 10 minutes after Mass begins (8:30am) on Mondays, Thursday, and Fridays while our school students attend Mass with the parish-wide community.
 Please be aware of this and please ensure you arrive such that you can attend Mass. The doors will not reopen to allow anyone in who is late for Mass. I realize this will take some getting used to.

- The South Door (nearest Grand River; Door 6) will reopen at 9:00am on Mondays and Fridays for confessions. The South Door will reopen at 9:20am on Thursdays to allow the students time to exit the church and get back to their classrooms.
- The South Door (nearest Grand River; Door 6) will remain open during regular business hours, Friday adoration, and Wednesday evening Mass.
- Students staying after Mass for confession are reminded that the confessional is equipped with a Lockout SmartBoot and will fit an entire class.
- We are currently working with the Meridian Township Police
  Department to conduct lockdown and active threat training
  and drills with the faculty, staff, and students while they are
  in Mass. The lockdown and active threat procedures for Mass
  will be communicated parish-wide for those attending Mass
  on Sundays.
- Ballistic shields, similar to what has been installed on the other exterior glass doors throughout the building, will be installed on the South Door (nearest Grand River; Door 6) and the North Door (narthex; St. Martha entrance). These will take time to manufacture and install so we beg your patience.
- Jackie Rosalez and Andrea Patton are both working with the Lockout Company to schedule our regular lockdown drills for both faith formation and the school students.

The current parish door schedule is as follows (South Door; nearest Grand River; Door 6):

- Monday door unlocked at 8:00 am and locked at 4:00 pm; door locks at 8:30 am-9:00 am
- Tuesday door unlocked at 8:00 am and locked at 4:00 pm
- Wednesday door unlocked from 8:00 am 4:00 pm; reopens from 5:30 pm - 7:45pm.
- Thursday door unlocked at 8:00 am 4:00 pm; door locks at 8:30 am - 9:20 am
- Friday door unlocked at 8:00 am 9:00 pm; door locks at 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- Saturday door opens from 2:00 pm 6:30 pm
- Sunday door opens at 7:00 am and locks at noon. Reopens at 4:00 pm and locks at 6:30 pm.

#### **Gospel Reflection**

Reflecting on my college economics courses, I'm reminded of the familiar phrase: "There is no such thing as a free lunch." Behind this saying lie two fundamental principles of economics: scarcity and opportunity cost. Nothing is truly free. Every resource, including time, money, and materials, is limited. And every decision we make comes at the cost of the next best alternative. This truth extends beyond economics. It holds just as firmly in the spiritual life. Discipleship has a cost.

In the readings this weekend, we're invited to reflect on the cost of following Christ. I recently heard a speaker on a podcast make a striking observation: "Keeping God's commandments doesn't make

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### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, September 8

8:20 am + Jerry, Lee, and Michael Cvengros by R. Cvengros

Tuesday, September 9

8:20 am + Ted Beekman

by G. and G. Streeter

Wednesday, September 10

6:00 pm + Andrea Tanner by L. Harrison

Thursday, September 11

8:20 am For First Responders

Friday, September 12

8:20 am + Tim Boyd

by A. and S. Readett

Saturday, September 13

5:00 pm + Suzanne Lenhart by K. Draths

Sunday, September 14

8:00 am People of the Parish 10:00 am + Auden Robison

by H. and D. Burkhardt

5:00 pm + Maxine Brewer

by M. and R. Fellows



### So, who exactly are

# St. Carlo Acutis & St. Pier Giorgio Frassati?

Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis were canonized Saints by Pope Leo XIV on Sunday, September 7. These two young men lived very short lives but did much to bring people closer to Christ both before and after their deaths.

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati was born in Italy in 1901 to a prominent family. He was a handsome, fun-loving, athletic, courageous, and devout Catholic who has become the model for lay people worldwide who lived a life of joy and charity. He died from polio in 1925 at the age of 24.

A truly modern Saint, St. Carlo Acutis was born in 1991. His devotion to his faith led him to create a website of Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions which inspired many people to believe in Christ. He died from leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15.

After Masses this Sunday, September 7, we will have an opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of St. Carlo Acutis. The relic will remain in residence at St. Martha, so if you cannot make it on Sunday, you'll be able to venerate it at any time.

### **Scripture Readings**

For the Week of September 8, 2025

Monday Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11;

Jn 3:13-17

## **Intercessory Prayers**

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

Victims of Annunciation School Shooting Cathy Stone Michael Calvisi Cory Schoebel Jaqueline Sundeen Patricia Earhardt Patrick Lev Patty McPhee Mary Ann Bulemore Carol Bacile Nick deWolf Greta deWolf Marilyn Jackman Joe Wright Phoebe Searl Gabrielle Meece Jeff Oslund Matt Boersma Richard

Michalyn Bethke

Charles Bethke

Robert Duniec Bruce Eggleston Rose McManaman 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:

† Tom Braun † Mike Conway

† Harper Moyski † Fletcher Merkel † Bill Miekka † Steven Easterling

†Larry Avery

† Jeffery Wendt

† Rosalee Doerr

† Michael Cirarelli

† Ken Malkowski

† Craig Tarpinian

† Lee Moore

†Carole McGillen

† Eric Movalson

† Lloyd MacDonald

† Rick Lund

† Mary McCardel

For † those innocent souls lost to the tragedy of abortion

For the Pope's September Intention: for our relationship with all of creation

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



### **Eucharistic Ministers**

We are collecting names and contact information for all our Eucharistic Ministers at St. Martha. Please complete the form found online at **st-martha.org/liturgicalministers** or scan the QR code. Thank you so much for your dedication to this ministry!

### This Week at St. Martha

Monday, September 8

8:50 am Confessions Fr. Ryan

Tuesday, September 9

8:50 am Confessions *Fr. Ryan*7:30 pm Men's Pick Up Basketball

Wednesday, September 10

6:30 pm Confessions Fr. Ryan

6:30 pm Adoration until 7:20 pm Benediction

7:30 pm Knights Membership Meeting - Bl. Solanus Casey Room

Thursday, September 11

9:15 am Confessions Fr. Ryan

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

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Choir Loft

Friday, September 12

8:50 am Confessions Fr. Ryan

9:00 am Adoration until 9 pm Reposition - Chapel

Saturday, September 13

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

3:00 pm Confessions Fr. Ryan

Sunday, September 14

11:00 am Lector Training - Church11:00 am OCIA - Bl. Solanus Casey Room

11:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Open Meeting - Room 207

# It's time to enroll your children in FED! (Faith, Education, Discipleship)

We've renamed our Faith Formation program to reflect our mission: helping children grow closer to God, understand their Catholic faith, and live as disciples who share that faith with others.

At your child's Baptism, you promised to raise them in the faith—and we're here to help. While grades, sports, and activities are important, our greatest calling as parents is to guide our children to sainthood.

#### FED offers:

- Classes for ages 3 through 12th grade
- A homeschool option for families who prefer to lead faith lessons at home

Scan the QR code or visit our website at st.martha.org/register for more information and to register your child. Together, let's make faith the foundation of your child's life!



### **Liturgical Ministers**

Saturday, September 13 | 5:00 pm

S. J. and T. Kaczmarczyk

L. 1 - J. Matuszak W/2 - N. Buckwalter

Sunday, September 14 | 8:00 am

S. G. and J. lanni

. 1 - M. Fletcher W/2 - S. Zayko

Sunday, September 14 | 10:00 am

S. M. and N. Bobinski

L. 1 - R. Matias W/2 - IL. Olson

Sunday, September 14 | 5:00 pm

S. H. Walton

L. 1 - N. Vozzo W/2 - V. Moore

Altar Servers Volunteers at each Mass



### **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.



Please contact the parish office if you need assistance.

### **Eucharist to Care Homes**

September 14, 2025

Willows of Okemos R. Salyers Brookdale, Medilodge K. Mills

ICMCF K. Frost; D. Stevens

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### From the Pastor's Desk —

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us disciples. Falling in love with Jesus does." That love, in turn, leads us to keep his commandments.

This echoes the words of Jesus in John 14 (note that he says this four times!):

"Whoever loves me will keep my commandments" (vv. 15, 21, 23, 24).

It is love - real, transformative love - that drives true discipleship. Not obligation. Not fear. Love.

Moses helps illuminate this point. For forty years, he led Israel through the wilderness, preparing them to enter the Promised Land. Yet, in the end, Moses himself was not permitted to enter:

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo... The LORD showed him all the land... and said, "This is the land I promised... I have let you see it with your own eyes, but you shall not cross over into it." (Deuteronomy 34:1-6)

Why was Moses excluded? He had been entrusted with God's law and had led the people faithfully, ensuring they themselves kept God's commands. But when it came to trusting God in a critical moment, Moses faltered.

In Numbers 20, the Israelites were once again without water and turned against Moses and Aaron. God instructed Moses to speak to the rock to bring forth water. Instead, in frustration, Moses struck the rock twice.

Then raising his hand, Moses struck the rock twice with his staff, and water came out in abundance... But the LORD said... "Because you did not have confidence in me... you shall not lead this assembly into the land I have given them." (Numbers 20:11-13)

Despite his role as lawgiver and leader, Moses lacked the trust God desired. It wasn't about breaking a rule. It was about relationship. Moses' failure to trust pointed to a deeper issue of the heart. Likewise, it's not enough for us to simply follow the rules. Obedience matters - but only when it flows from love. To be a disciple is to fall in love with Jesus Christ. And love necessarily involves trust, confidence, and surrender.

When we fall in love - truly in love - we naturally say no to someone or something else. That's the heart of Jesus' message in the Gospel today: there is a cost to following him. What we sacrifice will look different for each of us - relationships, comfort, status, reputation, wealth, power. But the principle is the same: *love costs something*. But, herein lies the mysteries:

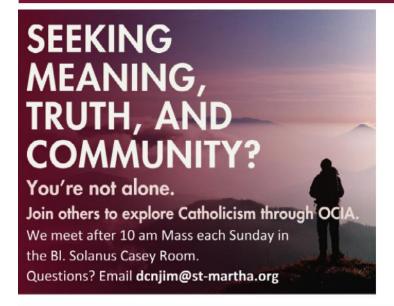
First, Jesus is not calling us to hate those we love. He's using hyperbolic language to make a clear point: our love for him must come first - always. When Christ is the center of our lives, all our other loves are transformed and deepened in light of that primary relationship. We are able to love others as Christ loves because we have first loved him.

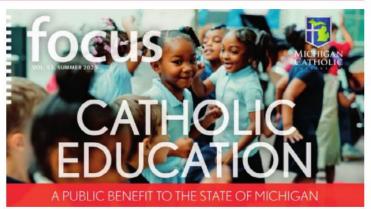
Second, Jesus understands that each of us will encounter our own crosses as we journey through life. He does not promise comfort or ease, but rather invites us to take up the Cross just as he did. We are called to place our full confidence, trust, and faith in Him believing that, even in the midst of suffering, God is at work. Within every cross we bear, God is doing something profound and deeply personal in us. Out of love, we carry our crosses knowing that through them, we are being drawn closer to Him.

As we pray today, let's ask ourselves: Am I truly a disciple of Jesus Christ? Have I really fallen in love with him as evidenced by my faith, hope, charity, confidence, and trust? Is Jesus Christ the primary relationship of my existence? Do I trust him enough to carry my own cross? In saying 'yes' to him, what have I said 'no' to?

Know of my prayers for you all! Fr. Ryan







Read the Catholic Education edition of *Focus* from the Michigan Catholic Conference by scanning the QR code or visit **micatholic.org/schools** 



## Coming Soon to St. Martha

### Men's Pick Up Basketball

Every Tuesday | 7:30 - 9 pm | Bl. Solanus Casey Room Did you know that every Tuesday night we have a group of men who play basketball in the gym? All men are welcome to join. See you Tuesday!



Wednesday, September 10 | 7:30 pm Bl. Solanus Casey Room

Catholic men 18 and older are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus Council #10006. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and all men are invited to join whether you are currently active or not. Questions? Email gk@okemoskofc. org



### **Adult Choir**

Thursday, September 11 | 7 pm | Choir Loft Love to sing? Now's your chance to join the Adult Choir! Join us at practice this Thursday, September 11 at 7 pm ahead of singing on Sunday, September 14 at the 10 am Mass. Questions? Contact Tony Andorfer at tandorfer@st-martha.org

### National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, September 13 | 9 am at St. Joseph Cemetery 3 pm at St. Martha's Memorial for the Unborn

Memorial service will begin with Mass celebrated by Fr. John Byers at the Mausoleum Chapel at St. Joseph Cemetery at 9 am. Following Mass will be a Rosary Procession. At 3 pm, St. Martha will be hosting a Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary at our Memorial for the Unborn.

### **Lector Training**

Sunday, September 14 | After 10 am Mass

All those in middle school and older are welcomed to be trained as lectors for Sunday Masses on Sunday, September 12 after the 10 am Mass. If you are unable to make the training and need to arrange another time or if you have questions, contact Hallie Card at hcard@st-martha.org

### **Loss of a Spouse Seminar**

Tuesday, September 16 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm Bl. Solanus Casey Room (Door 1)

St. Martha's GriefShare will be holding a Loss of a Spouse seminar for all those grieving a spouse's death. The seminar features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small-group sharing time. You'll learn what to expect in the days ahead, how to handle the loneliness, what to do with your spouse's belongings, and how to find the strength to go on. Questions? mbs1952@aol.com



### Children's Choir

Sunday, September 21 | 9:15 am | Choir Loft

Children in grades 3 and up are invited to sing in our Children's Choir. Just show up to the choir loft at 9:15 am to practice that day. No additional rehearsal times necessary. Questions? Contact Joey DiMenno at jdimenno@st-martha.org



### Women's Bible Study

**Tuesdays Starting September 23** 

9 - 10:30 am | Bl. Solanus Casey Room

Join us as we begin a new year of growing in faith together! We meet Tuesdays, 9 - 10:30 am, September through May, in the Bl. Solanus Casey Conference Room. This fall, we'll finish Bishop Barron's Catholicism series and then begin Mary by Ascension Press. No materials are needed at this time. Contact Jackie Rosalez at jrosalez@st-martha.org for details.



### GriefShare Support Group

Tuesdays Starting September 23 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Bl. Solanus Casey Room** 

GriefShare is a special weekly support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by those who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. Questions? Contact us at **mbs1952@aol.com** 

### **Ceremonial Groundbreaking**

Thursday, September 25 | After 8:20 am Mass

Everyone is invited to Mass at 8:20 am on September 25, 2025 with Bishop Earl Boyea here at St. Martha as we ceremonially break ground on the site of the new school addition! Immediately following Mass we will move to the site where we have a short presentation and the ceremonially groundbreaking. Refreshments will be provided. Please pray for good weather!

Please note that as we continue to get things in order, construction will likely begin in late October and we hope to be complete by the end of July 2026. Keep praying for the success of this project. It is quite exciting for the parish!



### Catholicism Men's Study

Saturday, September 27 | 8:30 am Bl. Solanus Casev Room

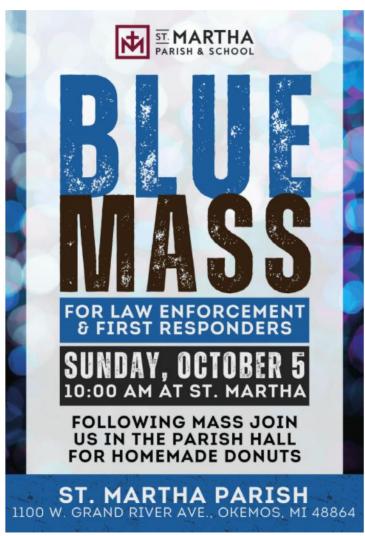
The Catholicism Series journeys with Bishop Robert Barron to learn what Catholics believe and why. Discover the full meaning of the faith with this group study led by Fr. Mike. Questions? Contact Fr. Mike at <a href="mailto:frmike@st-martha.org">frmike@st-martha.org</a>



### **Usher Training**

Sunday, September 28 | After 10 am Mass

Both men and women of high school age or older are welcomed to join our crews of ushers. Training this fall is on Sunday, September 28 after the 10 am Mass in the church. If you are unable to make the training and need to arrange another time or if you have questions, contact Hallie Card at hcard@st-martha.org



### **Eucharistic Minister Training**

Sunday, October 5 | After 10 am Mass

Confirmed high schoolers and older are able to be trained as Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday, October 5 after the 10 am Mass in the church. If you are unable to make the training and need to arrange another time or if you have questions, contact Hallie Card at hcard@st-martha.org

**Current Eucharistic Ministers** We are collecting names and contact information for our Eucharistic Ministers at St. Martha. Please complete the online form at **st-martha.org/liturgicalministers** or scan the QR code.







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### \$3,000+ Platinum Sponsor

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#### **Tickets**

4 tickets to An Evening of Faith & Future (must RSVP to the event)

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Dedicated post on social media channels acknowledging Platinum sponsorship

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Family name or logo placement on event materials including: bidder books, combined slide on monitors, and St. Martha website

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Honor Roll are current school or faith formation families, Alumni Legacy are alumni school or faith formation families, & Friends of St. Martha are other community supporters



To become a sponsor for our 2025 Fundraiser, please scan the QR code or submit payment via check to our address below - Attention: Kimberly Keefe. Please make all checks out to <u>St. Martha</u> with <u>Fundraiser Sponsorship</u> in the memo line.

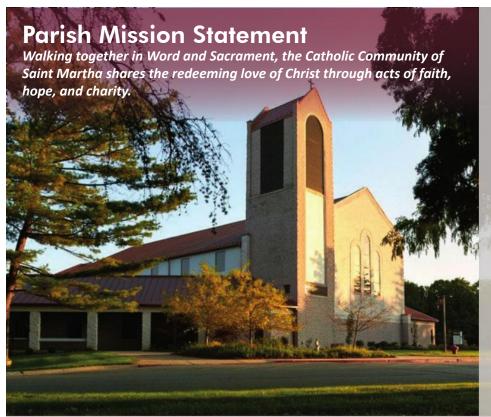
For more information or to email your family name/business logo as it should appear on signage, contact **fundraiser@st-martha.org** 

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Join us as we celebrate and support the children of St. Martha Parish and School, November 8 | 6-11 pm



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#### **Daily Mass Opportunities**

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday8:00 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

#### **Confessions 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

Phone	517-349-1763
Email	office@st-martha.org
Website	www.st-martha.org
Facebook and Instagram	@st.martha.okemos
Parish Office Hours	Monday - Friday 8 am - 4 pm

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

Phone	517-349-3322
School Office Hours7:4	5 am - 3:45 pm

#### **Andrea Patton**

School Principal apatton@st-martha.org

#### **Cynthia Farnsworth**

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Team (6-8 people)



## Registration \$100 per Team \$15 for individual

5 or less

## Saturday, September 27, 2025 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us for a night of fun, random knowledge, and cash prizes. Register a whole team or as an individual. Contestants must be 21 or older to play. Snacks, pop, and water provided. If you would like other beverages, you may bring them for your team.

Registered teams and individuals should arrive by 6:45pm to check in.

Individual

a team name the night of the event. will be as		Individuals and groups less than 6 will be assigned a team upon arrival.
Information	Name	Email
Contestant 1 main point of contact all information required		
Contestant 2		
Contestant 3		
Contestant 4		
Contestant 5		
Contestant 6 team registration only		
Contestant 7 team registration only		
Contestant 8		

Registration forms can be returned to the parish office. Checks should be made out to St. Martha Parish with "Trivia Night" in the memo line or you can use a credit card and register online via the QR code.



#### **Ministry Leaders**

Parish Pastoral Council Anne Readett, Chair

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**Communication Committee**Judi Smelser and Dave Maluchnik, Chairs

communication@st-martha.org

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**Upper Room Men's Prayer Group**Michael Siminski and Frank Fortier

#### **Bulletin & Announcement Deadlines**

**Bulletin Articles** Must be emailed to **bulletin@st-martha.org** by Monday at noon ahead 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

**Baptisms** take place the 2nd Sunday of each month. Parents who are baptizing their first child will need to attend a class. Visit **st-martha.org/baptism** to get started.

**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.







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