

God is
with us

The Angelus

V/. The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

R/. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

blessed art thou among women

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R/. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

V/. And the Word was made Flesh:

R/. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

R/. that we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

V/. Let us pray:

R/. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace
into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ,
Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel,
may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through
the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel**

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel |
Text: LM with refrain;
Latin, 9th cent; verses 1, 3-6,
para in *Psalteriolum Cantionum
Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710 |
tr by John Mason Neale, 1818-
1866; verses 2, 7 tr fr
The Hymnal 1940, alt |
Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent
French |
adapt by Thomas Helmore,
1811-1890 | *Chant, Mode I*

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
5. mis - er - y.
6. put to flight.
7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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

Tony Andorfer and Kate Hyne |
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Cantor: All:

5 Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.

Cantor: All:

9 Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.

Cantor: All:

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God?

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL

PSALM

Psalm 24

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1. The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.
2. Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.
3. He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring

about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass for Advent &
Christmas

Tony Andorfer | Tune: Rejoice, Rejoice |
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Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

℟️ And with your spirit.

Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **℟️ Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived

in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

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

Emmanuel

Vince Ambrosetti |
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1. A Vir - gin shall bring forth a first - born son, con -
2. Un - to you this day shall be born a king, the
3. A child who was born of such low - ly state, wrapped
4. All na - tions stand read - y to greet his face, a
5
ceived by the spir - it of God.
light for a world full of dark.
on - ly in swa - dling clothes.
9
vig - il we keep for his birth.
13
He shall save all his peo - ple, and
He shall be our sal - va - tion, and
Kings shall pause to be - hold his sight, all
He shall be filled with wis - dom, and
die, our ran - som for sin. Em -
so his name shall be Je - sus.
knees shall bend at his name.
rule his peo - ple with love.
21
man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,
25
come and live in our midst; Em -
29
man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, come
make your home in our hearts!

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

R: 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

Mass for Advent & Christmas

*Tony Andorfer |
Tune: Rejoice, Rejoice |
Marty Haugen 1983 GIA
Publications*

5 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. —
9 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
13 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

Mass for Advent & Christmas

4 We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your res - sur -
rec - tion — un - til you come a - gain

AMEN

Mass for Advent & Christmas

A - men — A - men, A - men

THE LORD'S PRAYER THE SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

Mass for Advent & Christmas

*Tony Andorfer |
Tune: Rejoice, Rejoice |
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4 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.

℞ 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

Behold a Virgin Bearing Him

Michael V Gannon |
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Gesangbuch, Augsburg, 1666



1. Be - hold a Vir - gin bear - ing him Who comes to
2. Be - hold our hope and life and light, The prom - ise

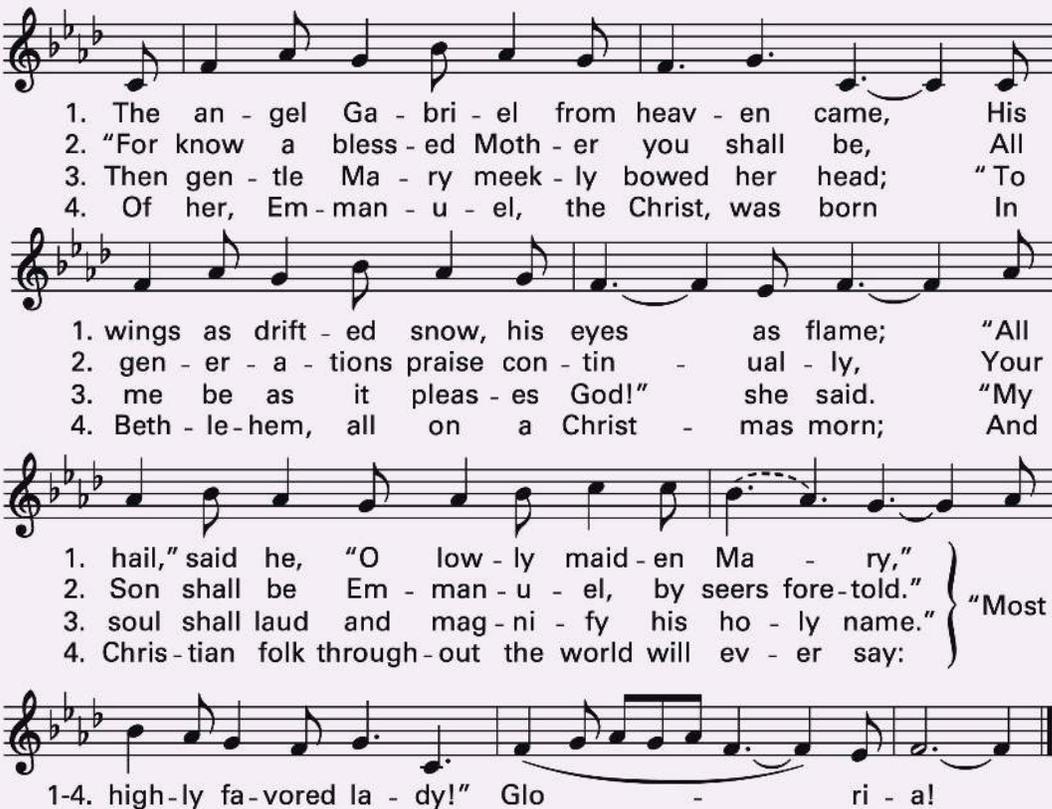
1. save us from our sin; The proph - ets cry: "Pre -
2. of the ho - ly night. We lift our prayer and

1. pare his way!" Make straight his path to Christ - mas Day.
2. bend our knee To his great love and maj - es - ty.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Gabriel's Message |
Text: 10 10 12 10;
Birjina gaztetobat zegoen;
trad Basque carol;
tr by Sabine Barin-Gould,
1834-1924 |
Music: Trad Basque carol melody



1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
2. "For know a bless - ed Moth - er you shall be, All
3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head; "To
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In

1. wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
2. gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your
3. me be as it pleas - es God!" she said. "My
4. Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn; And

1. hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry," }
2. Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told." } "Most
3. soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name." }
4. Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say: }

1-4. high - ly fa - vored la - dy!" Glo - ri - a!

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

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950 |
Tune: REJOICE, REJOICE, 9 8
9 8 8 7 8 9; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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1. A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, For
2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, When
4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, Though

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing; His hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, As morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, The ris - ing sun shall

soon* he is born, Be - hold the Child of our long - ing!
qui - et and near, Yet fills the earth with its ring - ing.
qui - et and free, So warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light; Be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, To bring all hearts to -
Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul And hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, The lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer And love our end - less

geth - er, He o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door And
kind - ness, The thun - der of his an - thems roll To
won - der, The weak be raised a - bove the strong, And
sto - ry. May God fill ev - 'ry day we share And

lives now in - side us for ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 22

8:20 am Intentions of the Harrisons
by L. Harrison

Tuesday, December 23

8:20 am + Jeremy Harrison
by L. Harrison

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm Children of St. Martha
7:00 pm + Bill Drake by M & T Strasz
Midnight + Margaret Schneider by J. Bernest

Thursday, December 25

10:00 am Intentions of the People of the Parish

Friday, December 26

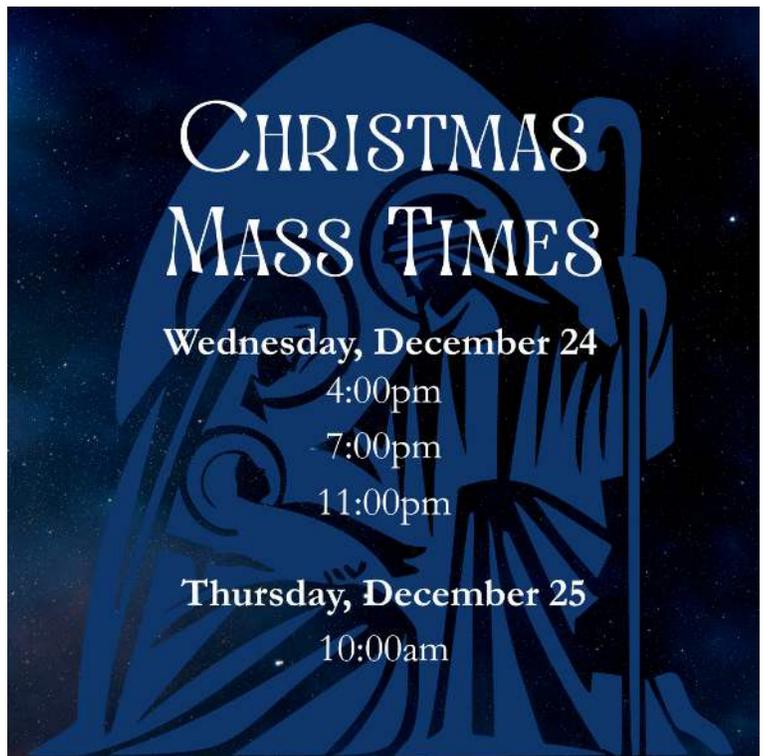
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Saturday, December 27

5:00 pm + Dekoven & Amy King by B & S King

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am + Timothy Boyd by Jeanne Boyd
10:00 am Intentions of the People of the Parish
5:00 pm + Honora Flood by Mary Jo Flood



Intercessory Prayers

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

Richard Hollowood
Frank Baldwin
Richard Searl
Jack George
Finn O'Meara
Gabrielle Meece
Rose McManaman
John Paul Erford
Paul Loconto

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
Will Kordenbrock,
U.S. Army
Christian Menor,
U.S. Army
Stasu Reisner,
U.S. Marines
Louis Thole,
U.S. Air Force

For † those who have gone before us, especially:

† Leticia Rodriguez
† Peter Vellenga
† Virginia DeSteyger
† Donald Trentel
† Darlene Nicklowsovich

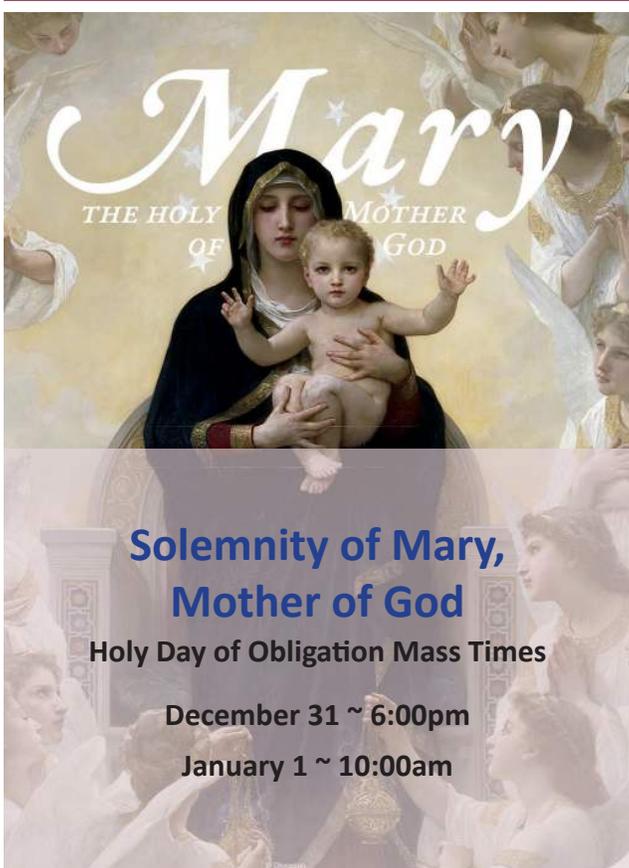
For † those innocent souls lost to the tragedy of abortion

For the Pope's December Intention: for Christians in areas of conflict

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.

Names are listed on the healing list for 6 weeks, armed forces until requested, and deceased for 3 weeks.



Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 21, 2025

- Monday** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Tuesday** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Thursday** **The Nativity of the Lord**
Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Visit usccb.org/readings for all Christmas options
- Friday** **Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr**
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Saturday** **Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**
1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 27 | 5:00 pm

- S. D. Hunter, M. Siminski
L. 1 - J. Rosalez W/2 - M. Siminski

Sunday, December 28 | 8:00 am

- S. L. and P. Schafer
L. 1 - S. Stanley W/2 -B. Mead-O'Brien

Sunday, December 28 | 10:00 am

- S. D. and F. Herring
L. 1 - R. Lenz W/2 - I. Olson

Sunday, December 28 | 5:00 pm

- S. M. and T. Werner
L. 1 - I. Stines W/2 - A. Readett

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

December 28, 2025

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Willows of Okemos | R. Salyers |
| Bickford of Okemos | C Leece; L Leece |
| Haslett Pointe, Medilodge | M. Fletcher |
| Dobie Road-ICMCF | M. Fletcher, D. Ianni |

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From the Pastor's Desk



Gospel Reflection

Our Gospel reading quotes the seventh chapter of Isaiah which is also our first reading for this Fourth Sunday of Advent. Isaiah's prophecy of a virgin giving birth to a child is linked by Matthew to the birth of Jesus Christ who was brought forth by the virgin Mary. I think it is appropriate to write about why the

virgin birth - and Mary's perpetual virginity - is so important as a tenet of the Catholic faith as to be elevated to that of a dogma - something that must be believed by Christians as true. This dogma is included in the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed that we profess at Mass each Sunday.

The Catholic Church has always held that Mary was perpetually a virgin. In 390 at the Synod of Milan, Mary's perpetual virginity was affirmed as the only orthodox view. In 649, at the Lateran Synod, Pope Martin I declared Mary as virgin ante partum, in partu, et post partum - that is before, during, and after Christ's birth. But, why is this so important for us as Christians? Why does it matter?

Well, there are several reasons why Mary's virginity matters. I am only going to address three:

Mary was conceived by the Holy Spirit. This was God's act, or initiative, not Joseph's. Mary, of course, in her great fiat (her great yes) consented to God's initiative and God's plan for salvation history. God never forces himself upon us. He respects our freedom and our free will to either choose or reject him. If Mary were not a virgin before or during her pregnancy there would be considerable doubt as to who Jesus Christ is - or at least claims to be. Was this Joseph's son or was he truly the Son of God? By Mary being in the state of virginity, there could be no doubt that Jesus Christ was the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Son of God. In addition, by remaining a virgin and sinless in her own conception, Mary was the most fitting vessel to bring forth the God-Man. Her virginity is evidence of her total and complete consecration to God.

Mary's virginity has implications for each one of us. Recall, as Jesus was dying on the Cross, he looked at John and said, "Behold your mother." Then, he looked at Mary and said, "Behold your son." Jesus wasn't trying to ensure that his mother would be cared for upon his death. Rather, this encounter between the three of them was Jesus giving Mary to the Church as Mother. This encounter would have made absolutely no sense if Mary had other children who would care for her. On the contrary, her children were now the entire Body of Christ - the Church.

Mary's virginity is a matter of truth. The Church has held the position, and defended in fact, that Mary was a virgin before, during, and after the birth of Christ from its earliest days. Mary's virginity was even defended by the earliest Protestant Reformers such as Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, and John Calvin. Only two created

beings were present at the Annunciation - the angel Gabriel and Mary herself. St. Luke, the third Evangelist, was born between 1 A.D. and 10 A.D. and died sometime between 84 A.D. and 100 A.D. It is widely held by Christian tradition and in his writing that St. Luke personally knew and met with Mary. His Gospel is traced back to Mary's own testimony. There is debate as to whether or not Mary gave St. Luke oral testimony or whether he derived her testimony in written form. But, this would become a far lengthier article if I were to include all of that. Suffice it to say, Mary's virginity and the Church's defense of it has always been from the beginning as a matter of truth and not opinion. In other words, it is not up for debate and has thereby been declared a dogma of the Church.

As we pray today, let us pray through our Blessed Mother's intercession, to welcome her Son all the more into our hearts and in guidance of our lives. We are days away from Christmas. The Angelus commemorates God's Incarnation and Mary's 'Yes.' Like Mary, let us say "Yes" to God all the more - whatever it is he might be asking of us.

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan



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the Church
FOR CHRISTMAS

Monday, Dec. 22 | 9am - 1 pm | Church

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and let her know your availability
at 517-449-1708 or bmartell@st-martha.org

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CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

3rd Grade and up

December 24

3:30 Prelude

4:00 Mass

Rehearsal

Monday, Dec. 22

6:00

Followed by PIZZA

Parish Hall

jdimenno@st-martha.org



All children are invited to join in our Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant on **December 24th at 3:30 pm**, just before the 4 pm Children's Mass.

You can join in 2 different ways:

1. If you would like to be a narrator, Mary, Joseph, one of the Wise Men, the donkey, the star, the lead angel, or the lead shepherd, you must attend a rehearsal on Monday, December 22nd, from 6-7 pm in the church.

We will choose the roles at that time, OR

2. You can join us on Christmas Eve in the glass hallway behind the church by 3:15 pm to be an angel, shepherd, or farm animal. You can join us in costume, or we will have some costumes available.



Advent Afternoon at St. Martha School

Our school community came together for our annual Advent Afternoon, a special tradition that helps our students prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ. Students were divided into our five school houses: Redeemer, Emmanuel, Good Shepherd, Sacred Heart, and Messiah, with each house made up of students from multiple grade levels. This multigrade format allows our older students to mentor the younger ones, creating a warm and supportive community atmosphere.

Throughout the afternoon, the houses rotated through five Advent-themed stations, each designed to help students reflect on the joy and meaning of the season. They played Advent Bingo where older students guided younger ones as they searched for symbols and images of the season. In an act of service and compassion, every student created a Christmas card for a resident at Dobie Road. Each group spent quiet time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Students were invited to pray, reflect, and prepare their hearts during this beautiful moment of stillness in the midst of Advent. Students gathered around the Christmas tree as the Christmas tree blessing was read, reminding us that Christ is the Light who brightens our world. Afterwards, each child created a paper ornament and personalized it with their name and grade. Another station brought everyone to the gym, where students engaged in a lively Advent game, giving them the chance to move, laugh, and enjoy time together.

Advent Afternoon offered a meaningful blend of prayer, service, creativity, and fellowship, helping our students experience the joy and hope of Advent as a school family.

Andrea Patton, Principal



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

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

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