

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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*The Baptism of Christ*  
Antoine Coypel



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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came

Alan J Hommerding |  
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Musicalisches Hand-Buch,  
Hamburg, 1690 |  
Melody adapt by  
William H Havergal, 1793-1870



1. To Jor - dan Je - sus hum - bly came, His  
2. John plunged him in that wa - t'ry grave, Christ  
3. God's thun - d'ring voice the heav - ens rends, The  
4. God names us sons and daugh - ters, too, In



1. Gos - pel mis - sion to pro - claim; On earth, in heav'n, God's  
2. rose to teach and heal and save, To show us how to  
3. Spir - it's might on him de - scends; The Word - made - Flesh, with  
4. font and Spir - it born a - new; In Christ we die, with



1. will was done By God's be - lov - ed on - ly Son.  
2. die to sin And share e - ter - nal life with him.  
3. grace in - fused, A - noint - ed, goes to bring Good News.  
4. Christ we rise, Through Christ we en - ter par - a - dise!

### 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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5 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We



10 praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy —



15 you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, —



20 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,



24 On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of — God, Son of the



28 Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on



us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our



36 prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,  
40 have mer-cy on us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
44 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
48 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of

justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

**✠ Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL

#### PSALM

Psalm 29

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The Lord will bless his peo - ple with peace.

1. Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise,  
Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.
2. The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters.  
The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.
3. The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"  
The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

## SECOND READING

*Acts 10:34-38*

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in

Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

**R** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:13-17*

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

*Deacon/Priest:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **R** And with your spirit. **R** Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Jesus said to him in reply, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were

opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

**R** 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 resurrection of the dead and the life of the forgiveness of sin, and I look forward to the world to come. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER (PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL)

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

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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### OFFERTORY HYMN

#### When Jesus Comes to Jordan's Stream

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1. When Je-sus comes to Jor-dan's stream a voice from heav - en calls,
2. When Je-sus comes to Jor-dan's stream he me - di - ates God's grace.
3. When Je-sus comes to Jor-dan's stream he feels the Spir - it's breath,
4. Now, Je-sus, come to us to - day and give your Spir - it's fire



1. "This is my well - be - lov - ed Son, on whom my fa - vor falls";
2. The Right - eous One with sin - ners stands, with them he takes his place.
3. a - bid - ing pres - ence in his life, a love that con - quers death.
4. to all who live bap - tis - mal life through font, blood or de - sire.



1. God's Spir - it hov - ers in the air a - bove the Cho - sen One:
2. The bruised reed he will not break, nor quench the smol - d'ring wick.
3. That ver - y Spir - it speaks in us that Je - sus Christ is Lord,
4. Be - friend us, grasp us by the hand, send us forth from this hour,



1. The Tri - une God made man - i - fest in Voice and Dove and Son,
2. He will not crush the bro - ken heart, but helps and heals the sick,
3. who does not shout mere hu - man truths but in - car - nates God's word,
4. as cov - e - nant and na - tions' light and lib - er - at - ing pow'r,



1. in Voice and Dove and Son.
2. but helps and heals the sick.
3. but in - car - nates God's word.
4. and lib - er - at - ing pow'r.



*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.

**R:** And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

**R:** We lift them up to the Lord.

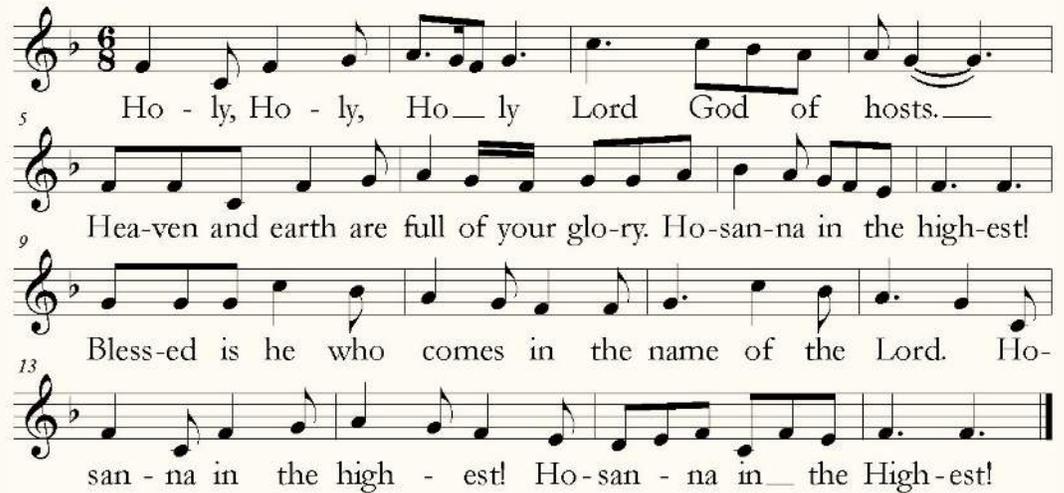
*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**R:** It is right and just.

## SANCTUS

Mass for Advent & Christmas

*Tony Andorfer |  
Tune: Rejoice, Rejoice |  
Marty Haugen 1983 GIA  
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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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Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta  
Lamb - - - of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
mun - di, 1, 2 mi - se - re - re no - - bis.  
world, have mer - cy on us.  
3. do - na no - bis pa - - cem.  
grant us peace.

*Priest:*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R:**

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION  
HYMN**

**Christmas Hymn**

Paul A Tate |  
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1. Son of God and Vir - gin Moth - er, Word made  
2. Un - to us a child is giv - en, un - to  
3. Kings and proph - ets, seers and sa - ges, vis - i -

1. flesh, Em - man - u - el, Son of Man, our ver - y  
2. us a child is born. Lord of earth and Lord of  
3. tors from near and far praise the gift of end - less

1. broth - er, hope for all on earth who dwell.  
2. heav - en, comes to us on Christ - mas morn.  
3. a - ges sleep - ing 'neath the guid - ing star.

1. Light in dark - ness, prom - ised Sav - ior, shine in  
2. Hope for all who dwell in sad - ness, love for  
3. Ma - gi bear - ing gifts most pre - cious hum - bly

1. us for all to see; rule the world with  
2. all who live in shame. Frag - ile babe yet  
3. bow on bend - ed knec. Hail the new - born

1. peace and jus - tice, come to set your peo - ple free.  
2. might - y Sav - ior, name a - bove all oth - er names!  
3. King of glo - ry, wel - come heav - en's mys - ter - y.

4. All the earth, proclaim the glory, ev'ry nation, ev'ry town!  
Let all people sing the story of the night that Love came down.  
Sound the trumpet, raise your voices, brother, sister, stranger, friend!  
Hail the Christ, our Lord and Savior, source of grace that has no end.



**COMMUNION HYMN**  
**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*John Angotti incorporating  
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1. O come, all ye faithful. Come with your cares.  
O come, all ye faithful, with all that life bears.  
Come with your fears. Come with your tears. God is present here.

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "Come and a-dore him. Come and be-hold him. Come and re-ceive him, Je-sus Christ, the Lord, God pres-ent a-mong us with mer-cy and jus-tice. O come, all ye faith-ful, to the sup-per of the Lord. O come, all ye faith-ful. Come, all ye faith-ful. Come to the ta-ble of life. O". The score includes a double bar line with repeat signs and first/second endings for the final phrase.

2. O come, all ye faithful. Now you've been fed.  
O come, all ye faithful. This is what he said:  
"Take this and eat. Wash another's feet. Remember me."

*Final Refrain*

Come and adore him. Come and behold him.  
Now you've received him. Go be Christ to the world.  
God present among us with mercy and justice.  
O come, all ye faithful, to the supper of the Lord.

**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

### Once in Royal David's City

IRBY | Text: 87 87 77; Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, 1818-1895, alt | Music: Henry J Gauntlett, 1805-1876



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would hon - or
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own re -



1. cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by
2. Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a sta - ble,
3. and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly maid - en
4. us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and help - less,
5. deem - ing love; For that child so dear and gen - tle



1. In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y was that
2. And his cra - dle was a stall. With the poor and
3. In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian chil - dren
4. Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he feels for
5. Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove: And he leads his



1. moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
2. mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
3. all should be Kind, o - be - dient, good as he.
4. all our sad - ness, And he shares in all our glad - ness.
5. chil - dren on To the place where he has gone.

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# Mass Intentions

## Monday, January 12

8:20 am + Dcn. Endre Doran

## Tuesday, January 13

8:20 am Intentions of Martha McHugh  
by *Martha McHugh*

## Wednesday, January 14

6:00 pm + Mike Wolff  
by *The Wolff Family*

## Thursday, January 15

8:20 am + John Conlon  
by *M. & M. Vasievich*

## Friday, January 16

8:20 am + Joseph Pohl  
by *A. & S. Readett*

## Saturday, January 17

5:00 pm + Camille VanSickle by *I. Schwab*

## Sunday, January 18

8:00 am Intentions of the People of the Parish

10:00 am Intentions of Alayah Daadar  
by *L. Harrison*

5:00 pm + Ted Beekman by *The Beekman Family*



### Mass Intentions

Masses are being scheduled on a first come, first serve basis up to one calendar year in advance. For example, on December 28, 2026, Masses through December 28, 2027 are open. Masses are stipended at \$10 per Mass.

### Altar Flowers

Two floral arrangements are available each weekend with many openings throughout 2026 for \$90 per floral arrangement.

**To schedule Mass Intentions or Altar Flowers, please contact the Parish Office.**

## Intercessory Prayers

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

Sister Pat Newhouse  
James "Jim" Lounsbury  
Katie Foster  
Paul Loconto  
Richard Hollowood  
Frank Baldwin  
Gabrielle Meece  
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*  
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:**

† Ginny Bower  
† Francine Sorber  
† William Romsek  
† Deacon Peter Anthony Gudaitis  
† Maryanne Bulemore

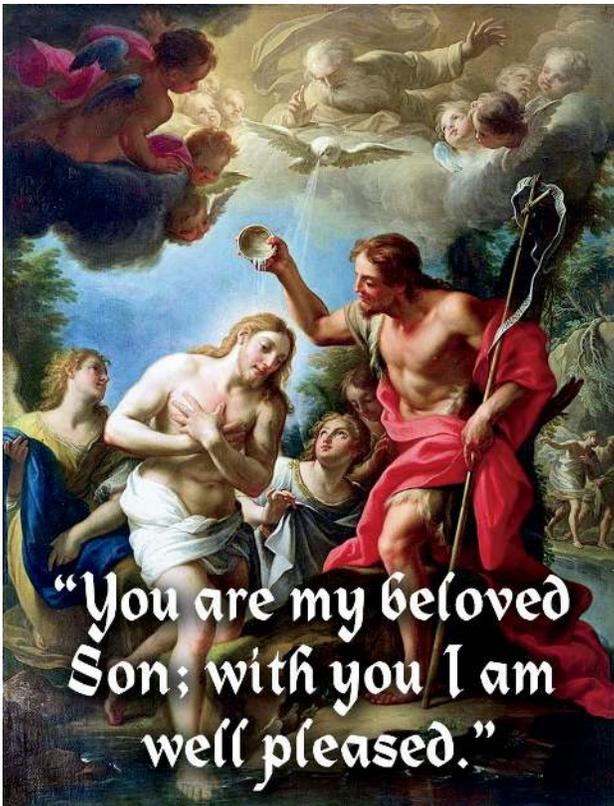
**For † those innocent souls lost to the tragedy of abortion.**

**For the Pope's January Intention: For prayer with the Word of God.**

**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 January 11, 2026*

## Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20

## Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

## Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

## Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

## Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

## Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

## Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

## This Week at St. Martha

### Monday, January 12

8:50 am Confessions *Fr. Mike*

7:00 pm Baptism Prep Class

### Tuesday, January 13

8:50 am Confessions *Fr. Mike*

9:00am Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 14

6:00 pm Whole Family Faith Formation, Grades 1-6

6:30 pm Confessions *Fr. Mike*

6:30 pm Adoration until 7:20pm Benediction

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting

### Thursday, January 15

8:50 am Confessions *Fr. Ryan*

*No choir rehearsal*

### Friday, January 16

8:20 am Confessions *Fr. Ryan*

9:00 am Adoration until 9:00 pm Benediction

### Saturday, January 17

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

3:00 pm Confessions *Fr. Ryan*

### Sunday, January 18 - Donut Sunday

9:00 am Faith Formation, Grades 1-6

10:00 am Adult Choir at Mass

10:00 am Faith Formation CGS Level I (Ages 3-5)

11:00 am OCIA - St. Kateri Room

11:00 am Faith Formation CGS Level II (Grades 1 & 2)

11:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Open Meeting

6:00 pm Faith Formation, Grades 7-12

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, January 17 | 5:00 pm

S. D. Hunter, M. Siminski

L. 1 - N. Buckwalter W/2 - G. Styka

### Sunday, January 18 | 8:00 am

S. G. and J. Ianni

L. 1 - S. Zayko W/2 - C. DeKoninck

### Sunday, January 18 | 10:00 am

S. K. and N. Leemon

L. 1 - R. Lenz W/2 - T. Melendez

### Sunday, January 18 | 5:00 pm

S. J. and P. Riley

L. 1 - N. Vozzo W/2 - R. Matias

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](http://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

*January 18, 2026*

Willows of Okemos	R. Salyers
Bickford of Okemos	C Leece; L Leece
Haslett Pointe, Medilodge	M. Ferrigan
Dobie Road-ICMCF	J. Lenz; E. VanSteel

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# From the Pastor's Desk



Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord which is also, sadly, the last Sunday of the Christmas season. By allowing himself to be baptized by John in the Jordan, Jesus raises baptism to the level of a sacrament. Recall the Great Commission after his Resurrection from the dead, "Go, therefore, and make disciples

of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). In saying this and commissioning his disciples to do so, it is clear that baptism is necessary for salvation (CCC 1257).

*Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord and to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments (CCC 1257).*

The sacraments are big deals! Baptism is a big deal! It is the foundational sacrament, necessary for life in Christ and his Church, and effects a plethora of grace, namely:

- The forgiveness of sins - through baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin (CCC 1263). Now, as humans, we are not immune from sin after we are baptized. Baptism doesn't cure our fallen human nature. That is why the sacrament of Reconciliation is called the new baptism because a good confession (one in which all mortal sins are verbally confessed and absolution given) restores us to our original baptismal dignity.
- Making us a new creature - an adopted son or daughter of God and one who participates in God's divine life (CCC 1265).
- Incorporates us into the Church, the Body of Christ - baptism brings us into the Church, the community of faith, and through the font of baptism is born the People of God of the New Covenant which transcends all limitations of nations, cultures, races, and sexes (CCC 1267).

- Forms the sacramental bond of unity of Christians - baptism is the foundation of communion among all Christians, even those not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church (CCC 1271).
- Configuration to Christ - in baptism the individual is sealed with an indelible mark of belonging to Christ (CCC 1272). Nothing can erase this mark - not sin, not apostasy, not death. Once we are baptized we are claimed as Christ's.

As we pray today on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let us ponder and contemplate our own baptism and what a big deal it is to be among the baptized! Let us ponder the immense grace that has been given to us through the waters of baptism and let us recommit ourselves to our original baptismal promises:

- Do you renounce Satan?
- And all his works?
- And all his empty show?
- Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?
- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan

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MEANING,  
TRUTH, AND  
COMMUNITY?**  
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Cynthia Farnsworth | Secretary  
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At St. Martha School, we do more than teach academics. We help children grow in faith, virtue, and character. In a Catholic school, learning happens in the context of prayer, the sacraments, and daily opportunities to practice Christ's teachings.

Our dedicated teachers guide students in a strong curriculum while also nurturing their spiritual and moral growth. Through programs like our Virtue Program, students learn integrity, compassion, and respect, preparing them to make choices rooted in faith and love.

Catholic education strengthens families and our parish community. Students experience a supportive environment where faith is alive in every classroom, hallway, and playground. Families who choose a Catholic school give their children the gift of knowing God's love, understanding His teachings, and learning to serve others.

### *Enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year is now open!*

**January 12:** Re-enrollment for current families, including siblings

**February 2:** Application and enrollment for registered St. Martha parishioners

**February 16:** Application and enrollment for the general public

Thanks to the generosity of our Stewardship for the Saints & Scholars campaign donors, we are also excited to begin our spring construction project, enhancing our facilities to better serve students for years to come.

We invite you to visit St. Martha School and see how we help children grow academically, spiritually, and as faithful disciples of Christ.

Contact Mrs. Andrea Patton, School Principal, at [apatton@st-martha.org](mailto:apatton@st-martha.org) for more information.



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## Open Enrollment Coming Soon for the 2026-2027 School Year

St. Martha School is now preparing for the upcoming school year! Re-enrollment for current families, including siblings, opens on **January 12**. Enrollment for registered St. Martha parishioners begins February 2, with enrollment opening to the general public on February 16.

Families are encouraged to secure their spot early. Current families may re-enroll through FACTS. Information for new families regarding the application and enrollment process will be available soon.

Come see what makes St. Martha School special. Call the school office at 517-349-3322 to schedule a personal tour today!

## Are you a Registered Parishioner?

### *Why is it important to register as a parishioner?*

Registering helps connect you to your parish home.

- As a registered parishioner, you will receive weekly newsletters via email, the occasional mailing, and other information from the church to help you know about opportunities and events.
- If you ever have the honor of being asked to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, Canon Law requires you to be registered members of a parish.
- Registration helps the diocese and the global Catholic Church to track vital statistics used to help advance the mission of Christ.
- Registered parishioners are eligible for a small subsidy to Lansing Catholic High School.

### *What information is needed to register?*

Basic information such as names and birthdates for all members of your household, your home address, phone number, and email addresses.

Any sacramental information that you can provide (i.e. baptism date and location, etc.) is helpful to have for our records, but not a requirement for registration.

### *How do I register?*

Complete the form available online at [st-martha.org/register](http://st-martha.org/register) or through the QR code below. Or use the registration form on the next page. The form can be returned to the parish office during business hours, via mail, or put in the collection basket.

### *Are you a current parishioner who has moved recently or gotten a new phone number or email?*

You can update your information via a specific online form also available at [st-martha.org/register](http://st-martha.org/register)

### *Want to check if you are already registered?*

Contact the office during business hours at **517-349-1763** or send an email to [parishoffice@st-martha.org](mailto:parishoffice@st-martha.org)

## Help Needed



As we transition to Ordinary Time, help is needed to take down Christmas decorations in the Church. Monday, January 22 at 1:00pm.

Please contact Brigit Martell with your availability at 517-449-1708 or [bmartell@st-martha.org](mailto:bmartell@st-martha.org)

## Tubing at Hawk Island

All St. Martha families are invited to join in a fun afternoon of tubing at Hawk Island Park. We bought all tickets for this time slot, so it will only be us tubing! Let's rock the hill with some St. Martha fun!

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Noon- 1:45 pm

Cost: \$12 per person

Hot Chocolate and Snacks provided.

Please note that there is a parking fee of \$5 for Ingham County residents and \$7 for non-residents.



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# Parishioner Registration



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Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Please send envelopes in the mail  
 Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Please send FAITH magazine

Head of Household		Spouse	
Full Name: _____ <small>First Middle Last</small>	Full Name: _____ <small>First Middle Last</small>	Birthdate: _____	Birthdate: _____
Sacraments Received: _____ <small>Baptism Penance 1st Eucharist Confirmation</small>	Sacraments Received: _____ <small>Baptism Penance 1st Eucharist Confirmation</small>	Religion: _____	Religion: _____
Phone: _____ Landline/Cellphone	Phone: _____ Landline/Cellphone	Email: _____	Email: _____

Marital Status:  Single  Married in Catholic Church  Married Civilly Only  Widowed  Separated  Divorced  Annulled

	First Name	M.I.	Last (If Different)	Birthdate	Catholic Sacraments Received			Relationship	Living in Household
					Bapt.	Pen.	1st Euch. Conf.		
1.									Y / N
2.									Y / N
3.									Y / N
4.									Y / N
5.									Y / N
6.									Y / N

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**TUITION &  
FINANCIAL AID  
INFORMATION NIGHT**  
*Tues., Feb. 3*  
*6 pm in the Library*

A presentation by Renee Fischman from our Tuition Office about the financial aid process and how we support families in making a Lansing Catholic education affordable.

**Questions?**

Claire Boomer C08, Admissions Director  
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- Should I volunteer or take a gap year?
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**REGISTRATION**

Scan the code or visit to register <https://tinyurl.com/discernment-retreat>  
**Questions:** Contact Katie Gleason at [kgleason@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:kgleason@dioceseoflansing.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*

## 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

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Email ..... office@st-martha.org  
Website ..... www.st-martha.org  
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**Cynthia Farnsworth**  
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#### Service/Outreach Ministry

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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](mailto:bulletin@st-martha.org) by Monday at noon ahead of the weekend requested.

**Mass Announcements** Must be emailed to [office@st-martha.org](mailto: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

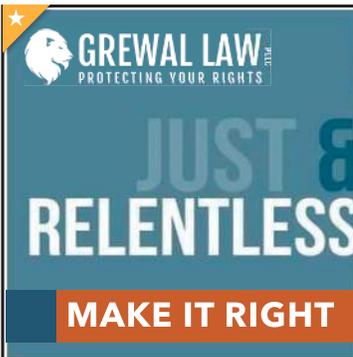
**Baptisms** take place the 2nd Sunday of each month. Parents who are baptizing their first child will need to attend a class. Visit [st-martha.org/baptism](http://st-martha.org/baptism) to get started.

**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](mailto:jrosalez@st-martha.org).

**Marriage Preparation** begins with a meeting with the priest at least 9 months in advance of your ideal wedding date. Please visit [st-martha.org/marriage](http://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](mailto:dcnjim@st-martha.org).



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