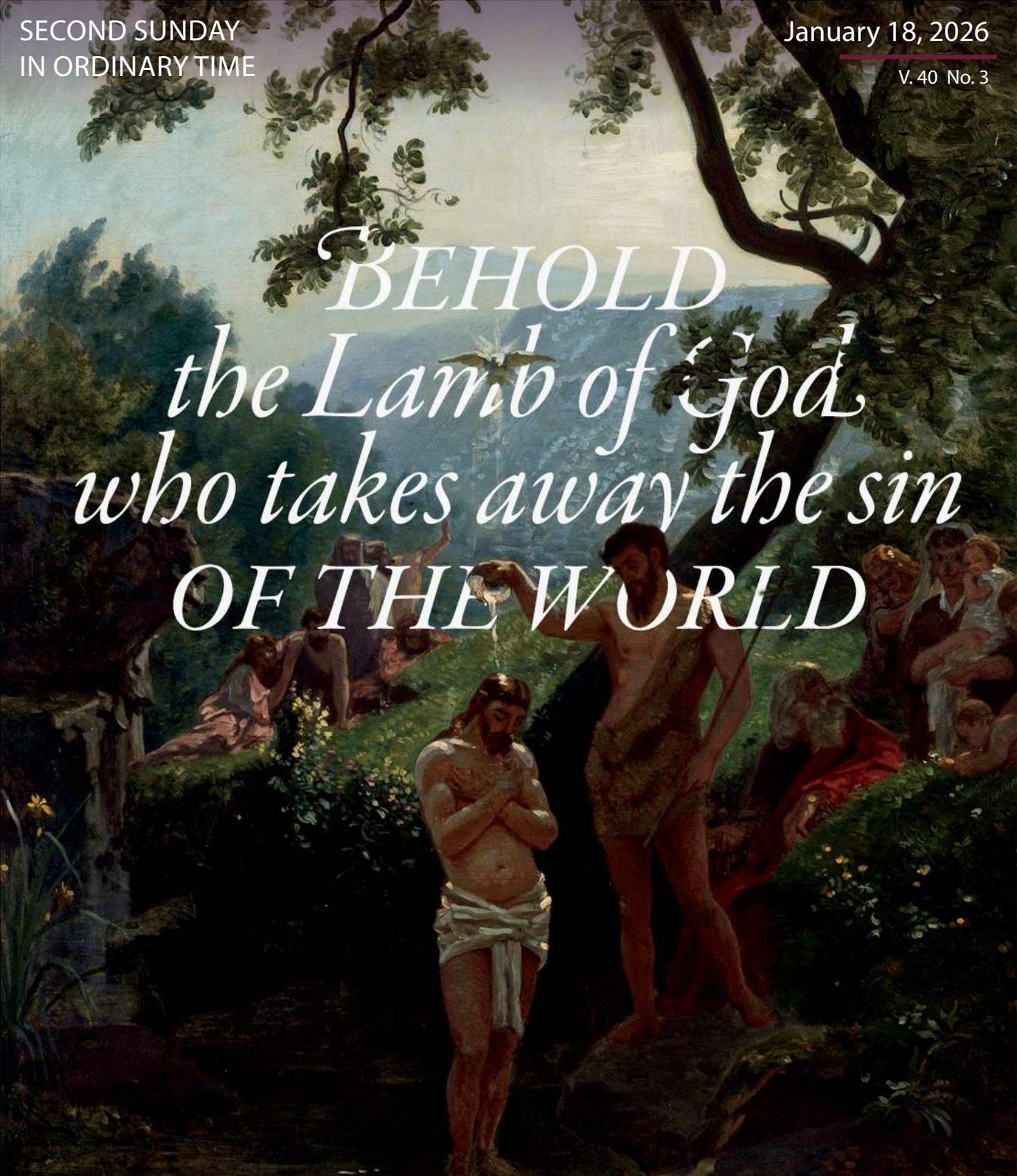


SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

January 18, 2026

V. 40 No. 3



BEHOLD
the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin
OF THE WORLD



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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
 32 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 49:3, 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my

servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL

PSALM

Psalm 40

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1. I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.
2. Sacrifice or oblation you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."
3. "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O God,
it is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"
4. I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their

Lord and ours. 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

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The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
To those who accepted him, he gave pow'r to become children of God.

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

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

✠ And with your spirit.

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.

I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

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

Behold the Lamb

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Text: Refrain based on John 1:29 |
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1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that



1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
2. word and the love we share.
3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
4. blow; cra - dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,



all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

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.

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 Saint Martha

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5 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
9 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
13 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
17 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass for Saint Martha

4 We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

Mass for Saint Martha

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, 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
Take and Eat This Bread

Paul A. Tate |
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Take and eat this bread; this is my bod - y.

Take and drink this cup; this is my blood. When you

do this, do this in re - mem - brance of me.

1.-4. Come be - fore the ta - ble. Come with all your heart.

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Come seek - ing heal - ing and for - give - ness. | Come and find love! |
| 2. Come seek - ing hope and new di - rec - tion. | Come and find faith! |
| 3. Come seek - ing com - fort and pro - tec - tion. | Come and find peace! |
| 4. Come seek - ing clar - i - ty of vi - sion. | Come and find truth! |

COMMUNION HYMN

In Christ Alone

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VERSES

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and righ - teous -
world, by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
fied. For ev - ery sin on him was laid; here in the
me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the
hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 19

8:20 am + Luigi D'Angela
by R. & L. Ianni

Tuesday, January 20

8:20 am + Tim Wolff
by The Wolff Family

Wednesday, January 21

6:00 pm + Pat Lipsey
by T. & G. Granger

Thursday, January 22

8:20 am + Marie Babel
by The Miller Family

Friday, January 23

8:20 am + Camille VanSickle
by I. Schwab

Saturday, January 24

5:00 pm + George Halverson
by Maxine, Denise, and Family

Sunday, January 25

8:00 am Dante Francisco Sarubbi by P. Oricchio
10:00 am Catholic Schools Week
5:00 pm Intentions of the People of the Parish



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:

Sijo George
Brad Krohn
Sister Pat Newhouse
James "Jim" Lounsbury
Katie Foster
Paul Loconto
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:

† Maryanne Bulemore
† Rex Kolar
† Matt Boersma
† Deacon Peter Anthony Gudaitis

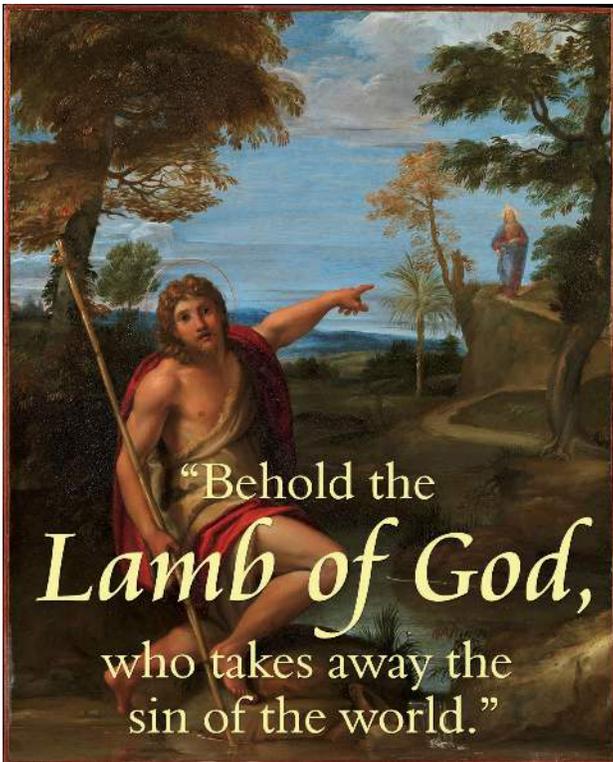
For † those innocent souls lost to the tragedy of abortion.

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 18, 2026

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

This Week at St. Martha

Monday, January 19

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr Day

8:50 am Confessions *Fr. Ryan*

Tuesday, January 20

8:50 am Confessions *Fr. Mike*

9:00am Women's Bible Study

7:30 pm Men's Pick Up Basketball

Wednesday, January 21

6:00 pm Faith Formation, Grades 1-6

6:30 pm Confessions *Fr. Ryan*

6:30 pm Adoration until 7:20pm Benediction

Thursday, January 22

8:50 am Confessions *Fr. Mike*

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

Friday, January 23

8:20 am Confessions *Fr. Ryan*

9:00 am Adoration until 9:00 pm Benediction

Saturday, January 24

High School Confirmation Retreat January 24 & 25

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

3:00 pm Confessions *Fr. Mike*

Sunday, January 25

Catholic Schools Week Breakfast after both morning Masses

9:00 am Faith Formation, Grades 1-6

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

11:00 am K of C Free Throw Challenge

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

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 24 | 5:00 pm

S. D. Bartkowski, M. Kisting

L. 1 - M. Loughlin-Krusky W/2 - L. Blatnik

Sunday, January 25 | 8:00 am

S. S. and T. O'Dea

L. 1 - S. Kostaroff W/2 - M. Fletcher

Sunday, January 25 | 10:00 am

S. N. Bobinski, F. Herring

L. 1 - S. Mitchell W/2 - S. Hopkins

Sunday, January 25 | 5:00 pm

S. H. Walton, T. Werner

L. 1 - J. Dassance W/2 - S. Nowland

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

January 25, 2026

Willows of Okemos	R. Salyers
Bickford of Okemos	C Leece; L Leece
Haslett Pointe, Medilodge	S. Kostaroff
Dobie Road-ICMCF	K. Frost, D. Stevens

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From the Pastor's Desk



Eucharistic Adoration - Our Response to the News of the Day

As our lives get a little more back to normal following Christmas and New Year, I want to remind everyone that Eucharistic Adoration is offered every Wednesday evening following the 6:00pm Mass and all day on Fridays from 9:00am to 9:00pm. Pope St. John

Paul II said this about Eucharistic Adoration:

The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church . . . It is pleasant to spend time with Him, to lie close to His breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in His Heart. If in our time Christians must be distinguished above all by the “art of prayer,” how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament? How often, dear brothers and sisters, have I experienced this, and drawn from it strength, consolation and support!

Since we started praying before the Eucharist about a year ago on Fridays, I have noticed a couple of things. First, more people are spending time in silent prayer in Eucharistic Adoration. Second, the breath of the Holy Spirit is anointing our parish most evidently by our increased Mass attendance. These are just two of the spiritual fruits from a parish at prayer. There are innumerable spiritual fruits occurring in people’s personal lives as well as they spend more and more time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

There is a lot going on in the world. We see division, fear, anxiety, unease, even death, and of course sin. Pope St. John Paul II also famously said, “In that little host is the solution to all the problems of the world.” Our response to the news of the day is to turn to Jesus - to spend time with him.

I encourage everyone to spend more time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Time spent in Eucharistic prayer is not time wasted. Rather, it changes us. It conforms us all the more to Christ. It allows Christ to work all the more through us as we unite ourselves all the more to him.

We have a number of Committed Adorers who have signed up to dedicate one hour each Friday to Eucharistic Prayer. If you feel so called to commit, please scan the QR Code or use the link to sign up so that we can increase our pool of Committed Adorers. If you cannot commit, please come when you can and spend a little time with the Lord.



<https://bit.ly/FridayAdorers>

Gospel Reflection

I don’t know whether or not we truly appreciate how pitiful the human condition is. St. Paul writes, in his letter to the Ephesians, “You were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you once lived following the age of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the desires of our flesh, following the wishes of the flesh and the impulses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest (Ephesians 2:1-3).

Make no mistake, God created everything good, and he created man in his own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27). Ever since the fall, however, human nature has been tainted with the scandal of sin which ultimately leads to our destruction in death. Our intellects, emotional constellations, wills are clouded by sin and the tendency toward sin. That’s the human condition - slavery to sin and death. And, the scary thing is, there is nothing we can do about it ourselves.

St. Paul, however, doesn’t end with the words written above. In the sentences that follow, he writes, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved), raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:4-9).

Our readings today lean into the generosity of God’s plan for human salvation and human flourishing. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah writes, “I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength” (Isaiah 49:5). Isaiah, foreshadowing the glory and holiness that God gifts us through his son Jesus Christ. In his greeting to the Church in Corinth, St. Paul writes, “...you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy...” (1 Corinthians 2). How are we made glorious? How are we made holy? Because Jesus Christ is “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29),” as we hear St. John the Baptist cry out in our Gospel passage.

That particular phrase, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29),” would have triggered some strong associations among those hearing it, particularly the Jews. Their ears would have perked up and they would have taken notice. This proclamation would have been provocative and loaded with imagery such as Temple sacrifice as lambs were offered daily in the Temple. Animal sacrifice would have been linked with atonement, purification, and a restored relationship with God. It would have been associated with the Passover lamb whose blood saved the people of Israel from death, surely symbolizing deliverance and redemption.

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In a loving, nurturing, Christ-like environment, Saint Martha School guides each student to develop his or her unique ability and potential through prayer, study, and service.

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Music is a Performing Art

In the time leading to a big recital or performance, both the music teacher's and the students' focus tend to narrow and intensify. Things that might have seemed like minor difficulties at the beginning of the term suddenly become glaring deficiencies. Sometimes this leads to a sense of increased nervousness, and for some students it can even feel daunting. So why require young music students to have regular performance times in front of an audience?



A young musician who performs regularly will learn that concerts and recitals are lessons, too. The things we learn while performing in front of an audience are things we cannot learn in a classroom, like the real-time impact of good (or bad) practice habits, the ability of our minds and bodies to move past mistakes, and even the power that a good performance has to connect people. One of our mottos in Strings class is "We can do hard things." As adults this saying might seem trite. But to a child who is just starting their journey of faith, seeing this motto play out in a performance is a powerful reassurance of their ability to overcome difficulties and achieve goals.



Rebecca Ardis
Strings Teacher



Open Enrollment is Now Open for the 2026-2027 School Year

St. Martha School is now preparing for the upcoming school year! Re-enrollment for current families, including siblings, **opened on January 12.**

Enrollment for registered St. Martha parishioners begins February 2.

Enrollment opens 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.



From the Pastor's Desk continued.

It would have been associated with the suffering servant in Isaiah 53 who was like a lamb led to the slaughter..." (Isaiah 53:7). The word "world" would have been particularly striking to first century Jews because they would have been thinking primarily of the people of Israel, not the entire world. The reactions among those who heard this would have included curiosity, shock, anxiety, fear, hope, etc.

Over time we would come to understand what John meant by saying that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world - that he would fulfill the Old Testament prophecies and the Mosaic Law establishing a new covenant cut in his own blood. It was through the shedding of his blood and his once and for all sacrifice that we are made glorious and holy.

At the end of our Gospel passage, John says that, "...he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit (John 1:33)." For what purpose? Certainly to glorify us and make us holy. But, our glory and holiness isn't just for us. It is a gift to be given to those around us. Just as the Lord says to Isaiah, "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6), so are we to be the same. We are called to be a light to the world so that Christ's salvation may reach everyone - to the ends of the earth. We are called, through our life in Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, to be a people set apart (that's what the word holy means) and to draw others into the glory and holiness of God so they too can realize their glory and holiness.

In our responsorial Psalm today we pray, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will." If we are to do the will of God - to draw others into the life of Christ - we must first make ourselves available to the Lord - daily. Then we can do his will. I think the questions we are called to ponder today are:

- Do I realize my glory?
- Do I realize my holiness?
- Do I make myself available to God? How?
- Do I avail myself to God's grace? How?
- Am I a light to the nations? In what concrete ways?
- Is the Lord's salvation reaching the ends of the earth through me? What do I do to make this happen?

These are lofty questions, but they are questions worth pondering nonetheless. As we pray today, let us pray that we be the glorious and holy people we are called to be. And, let us pray that we draw others into their glory and holiness through the life of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan



CHILDREN'S CHOIR
SUNDAY

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH
10:00 A.M. MASS
3RD GRADE AND UP
(PRACTICE AT 9:15 IN THE CHOIR LOFT BEFORE MASS)

TO KICK OFF
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:
"THE BIBLE IS OUR GUIDE"

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Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes Shelter, providing temporary housing for 12 single men and women, is seeking volunteers to serve a prepared meal and perform light kitchen duties during a three-hour shift (6:00 to 9:00 p.m.) one evening per month.

The Shelter is also seeking volunteers to provide a home-cooked meal for 12 guests. Dinner-providers prepare the meal at home (a main dish and two side dishes) once a month, or every other month.

To learn more or to volunteer,
email volunteers@loavesandfisheslansing.org.





Donut Sunday - January 18, 2026

All are invited to enjoy a delicious homemade donut after the 8am and 10am Masses.

This Sunday, donuts are hosted by Lansing Catholic High School.

Thank you to the hospitality team that makes homemade donuts possible!

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TUITION & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT

*Tues., Feb. 3
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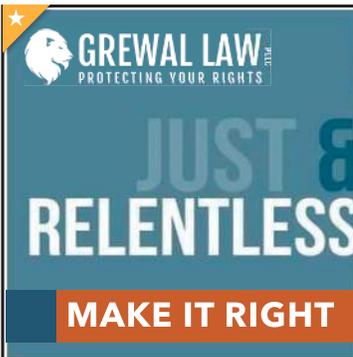
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