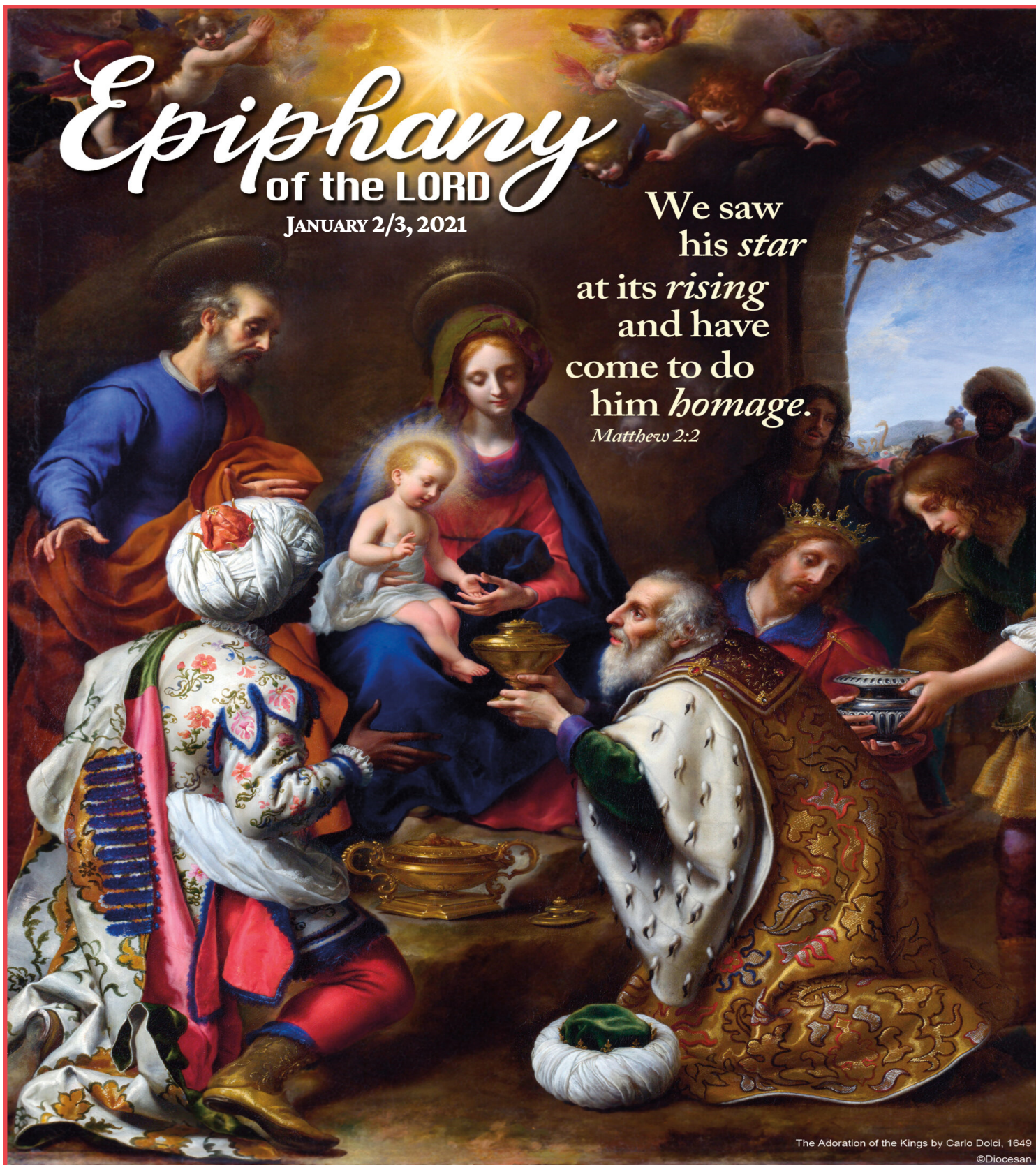


Epiphany of the LORD

JANUARY 2/3, 2021

We saw
his *star*
at its *rising*
and have
come to do
him *homage*.

Matthew 2:2



The Adoration of the Kings by Carlo Dolci, 1649

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to access free books, videos, podcasts, movies, devotions, and many other resources for all ages to help build your and your family's Faith!

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ...

ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Don Allen	Paul Loconto
Michelle Allen	Tom Lorenz
Peter Allen	Joseph Martyka
MaryAnn Baer	Alice McGowan
Pat Bailey	Dave Nichols
Robert S. Berman	Peter Noble
Paula Bjornstad	Mary Ellen O'Doherty
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THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES, ESPECIALLY:

Specialist Steve Cusineau, *Middle East*
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Krista Finkbeiner Rogers, *Nurse Anesthetist in Grand Rapids*
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Kelly Gartland, *RN in Ann Arbor*

AND FOR THE REPOSE OF THE †SOULS OF:

†Jaxon Kocher †Owen Osborn

WE HUMBLY OFFER THESE PRAYERS

in the name of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE SO THAT
we can add their soul and your family to our Prayer lists.

DID YOU KNOW: MASS INTENTIONS

provide a more prayerful offering for souls, and "contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works". (CCC 945 §2).

TO SCHEDULE MASSES,
visit the Parish Office during weekday business hours.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES IN THE BUILDING.

A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING: EVERY GOOD GIFT COMES FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHT.

May He grant you His grace and every blessing, and keep you safe throughout the coming year.

May He grant you unwavering faith, constant hope, and love that endures to the end.

May He order your days and work in His peace, hear your every prayer, and lead you to everlasting life and joy.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

FEAST DAYS, MASS READINGS, AND INTENTIONS - YEAR B**MONDAY, JANUARY 4 - (USA) SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS**

Readings: I John 3:22 - 4:6 / Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

8:30 AM MASS †Vic DeRose - *from The Families of R. Schweda*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 - (USA) SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

Readings: I John 4:7-10 / Mark 6:34-44

8:30 AM MASS †Father Jake Foglio - *from Saint Martha Parish*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY / SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

Readings: I John 4:11-18 / Mark 6:45-52

6 PM MASS †Milton Hartig - *from B. and S. King*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY / SAINT RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

Daytime Readings: I John 4:19 - 5:4 / Luke 4:14-22

8:30 AM MASS †Michael C. Seeley - *from The Olson Family*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Readings: I John 5:5-13 / Luke 5:12-16

8:30 AM MASS †Father Stanley Czarnota - *from Saint Martha Parish*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY (DAY) / BAPTISM OF THE LORD VIGIL (EVE)

Daytime Readings: II John 5:14-21 / John 3:22-30

Vigil Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11 / I John 5:1-9 / Mark 1:7-11

5 PM MASS †Jerry, †Lee, and †Mike Cvengros - *from R. Cvengros*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11 / I John 5:1-9 / Mark 1:7-11

8 AM MASS All People of Saint Martha Parish

10 AM MASS †Mary McNeely - *from J. Massa*

5 PM MASS †Ed Vereb - *from B. McCann*

MEET THIS WEEK'S SAINTS AND FEASTS:

CATHOLICSAINTS.INFO AND FORMED.ORG

ELIZABETH ANN SETON: 08/28/1774 - 01/04/1821; **CANONIZED** 09/14/1975;

PATRONAGE Catholic schools, seafarers, widows; Shreveport LA, MD

JOHN NEUMANN: 03/28/1811 - 01/05/1860; **CANONIZED** 06/19/1977; **PATRONAGE**

Catholic education

ANDRÉ BESSETTE: 08/09/1845 - 01/06/1937; **CANONIZED** 10/17/2010

RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT (PENYAFORT): 1175 - 01/06/1275; **CANONIZED**

04/29/1601; **PATRONAGE** Canon lawyers; all types of lawyers in Spain

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (THEOPHANY): commemorates the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River by John the Baptist; originally one of three Gospel events marked by the feast of Epiphany, it was instituted as a separate commemoration by Pope Pius XII in 1955

ALTAR FLOWERS**THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT WEEKEND**

2 ARRANGEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR EACH; to sponsor, visit the Parish Office during weekday business hours.

OTHER OFFERINGS**MONDAY, JANUARY 4**

8 AM TO 3:30 PM SMS PreK-8

9 AM Reconciliation Fr. Mike

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

8 AM TO 3:30 PM SMS PreK-8

9 AM Reconciliation Fr. Mike

9:15 AM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

8 AM TO 3:30 PM SMS PreK-8

4:30 AND 6 PM FF: 1-6

6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

UNTIL 7:30 PM Benediction

6:45 PM Reconciliation Fr. Mike

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

8 AM TO 3:30 PM SMS PreK-8

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

8 AM TO 3:30 PM SMS PreK-8

9 AM Reconciliation Fr. Mike

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30 AM Upper Room Men's Prayer

9:30 AM Men's Bible Study Begins

3:30 PM Reconciliation Fr. Mike

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9 AM FF: 1-6

10 AM FF: Pre-K

AND AT 10 AM Mass Baptisms -
Congrats, Johns and Leemon families!

11 AM RCIA

6 PM FF: CP1-2 AND HSYG

LITURGICAL SERVERS**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 - 5 PM**

S. D. Hunter

L. D. McAlvey, B. Martell, J. Matuszak

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - 8 AM

S. T. and S. O'Dea

L. M. Fletcher, C. Flammini, S. Kostaroff

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - 10 AM

S.

L. M. Hakim, T. Muncie, D. Ianni

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - 5 PM

S.

L. I. Stines, S. Nowland, P. Kostrzewa

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OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

4-WEEK AVERAGE

\$28,111.75

ONLINE GIVING

NOVEMBER: \$46,808.11

DECEMBER: \$53,774

IN PERSON GIVING

DECEMBER 6 \$7,876

MAINTENANCE \$168

DECEMBER 13 \$23,233.48

MAINTENANCE \$175

DECEMBER 20 \$12,436

MAINTENANCE \$145

DECEMBER 27 \$28,477.52

MAINTENANCE \$228

EASY ONLINE GIVING AT

ST-MARTHA.ORG

OTHERS WAYS TO SUPPORT US:

SCRIP: VISIT WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM to place orders and pay using enrollment code EF575C412L1. Please contact the School Office with questions.

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON? THEN YOU CAN HELP OUR SCHOOL! Access Amazon by clicking the Amazon picture on our website's School page, and we will receive a rebate!

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: HELP OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS by setting up your recurring Sunday donation online - just visit the Stewardship page on our website!

IF YOU HAVE A KROGER CARD, YOU CAN HELP JUST BY LINKING IT TO OUR SCHOOL!

Log in to your Kroger Plus account, search for Community Rewards, find Saint Martha School, and click the link to give us 1%. Call Kroger at 1-800-KROGERS with questions.

THE PREGNANCY CENTERS AND HANNAH'S HOUSE ARE IN NEED OF: size 5 and 6 diapers, wipes, 18 month - 2T clothes, thermometers, formula; paper towel, toilet paper, laundry soap; shampoo, hand soap, deodorant. There are donation bins at the entrances. For larger items or help with delivery, call Liz at 517-281-1451 or Soraya at 517-755-6909.

FROM FATHER MIKE'S DESK: CURRENTLY the bulletin column is suspended. Communication from the Parish will continue during this time, using all the customary electronic means. May God bless you and your family. Saint Martha, pray for us!

PARISH NEED TO KNOWS:

RCIA: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH? JOIN US ON SUNDAYS AT 11 AM IN OUR SAINT THERESA ROOM! We are ready to guide you with stories of how and why your leaders entered the Church, to explore the teachings of Scriptures, and to show you the Bible's continued relevance and the amazing gift our Catholic Sacraments and Traditions are! With questions, contact Deacon Carl Boehlert at dcncarl@st-martha.org.

THE UPPER ROOM MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETS EVERY SATURDAY AT 7:30 AM IN OUR BLESSED SOLANUS CONFERENCE ROOM: All men are invited to this hour of prayer and reflection on the Word of God in the daily readings. For individual prayer needs, email *Attention Frank Fortier / Mike Siminski* to ilolson@st-martha.org.

MARTHA'S MEALS: DO YOU KNOW ANYONE IN NEED OF MEALS? To set up a meal made by Parishioners, contact Laura Elias at 517-230-5218 or lrelas@att.net.

OUR PARISH LIBRARY IN OUR SAINT TERESA ROOM has books, CDs, and DVDs to help build your Faith! Browse and sign out items in the Borrowing Log Book on Sundays between the 8 am and 10 am Masses and on weekdays.

NEED A RIDE TO MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS? CATA CAN HELP! Call 517-394-2282 for Curb-to-Curb services. Discounts available for 62+ and current ADA card holders.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR VICTIMIZED by anyone representing the Catholic Church, please come forward and speak out. Cheryl Williams-Hecksel is our Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator, available to obtain support for your needs, help make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, and arrange personal meetings with the bishop or his representative. You can contact Cheryl at cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org or 888-308-6255, or report 24 hours a day through the Michigan Law Enforcement Hotline at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

A LITURGICAL BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY

[HTTP://WWW.CATHOLICDOORS.COM/PRAYERS/ENGLISH/P00006.HTM](http://WWW.CATHOLICDOORS.COM/PRAYERS/ENGLISH/P00006.HTM)

God called you out of darkness, into His wonderful light.

May you experience His kindness and blessings, and be strong in faith, in hope, and in love.

Because you are followers of Christ, who appeared on this day as a light shining in darkness,

May He make you a light to all your sisters and brothers.

The wise men followed the star, and found Christ who is light from light.

May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES IN THE BUILDING.

INSIDE OUR DOORS:

THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WERE GENEROUSLY SPONSORED IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

†Joseph Grubb (from J. Grubb) †Betty Schwab, mother; †Herve and †Philo Defever, mother and father (from T. and I. Schwab)
†Patrick Lynch (from J. Lynch) †Catherine J. Ralph; †Joseph F. Ralph, Sr.; †Daniel Harless; †Dale Dedrickson (from T. and V. Ralph)
†Don and †Carol DeKonick (from C. and T. DeKonick) †David and †Cynthia Boyd; †Herbert Dager (from T. and J. Boyd)
†Helen Gallagher (from E. and L. VanSteel) †Judith Bukovac (from M. Bukovac) †Fred and †Rosemary Evolino (from R. and G. Ross)
†Donald and †Dolores Bachelor (from M. and M. Jackman) †Day Family; †Hawkins Family; †Bill VanDerBerge (from J. Day)
†Alexandra Meredith, †Andrew, †Margaret Ann, and †James Andrew Duda; †Maralou Y. Searfoss (from Dr. A. and Mrs. B. Duda)
†Deceased members of the Comar and Hazen Families (from R. and C. Comar)
my †parents and †brother; †W.D. Smith Family; †David Smith; my †Grandparents; †Clarence Wernit Family (from D. Barker)
my parents †Joseph and †Catherine Gimick; my 5 deceased brothers, †Joseph, †John, †Jerome, †George, and †Theodore;
my deceased sister †Dorothy, and my living sister S.I. Catherine Haddey; and my living family - my children and their spouses,
children, grand children, and great grandchildren; dear Lord, please keep me in Your love (from V. Zlotucha)

ACROSS THE DIOCESE:

“INSPIRE AND LIGHT A FIRE” RETREATS AT SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER, DEWITT WOMEN: NEXT WEEKEND, FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

MEN: FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 OR FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

Step away from the chaos of the world and spend a weekend with the Lord. Based on Bishop Barron's book, *To Light a Fire on the Earth*, the theme is evangelization at the center of every Catholic's mission. Register for a suggested donation of \$185 online at www.stfrancis.ws or by calling 517-669-8321.

VISIT WWME.ORG FOR A VIRTUAL WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND!

Add a little spark to your marriage at one of the different dates this unique opportunity will be offered. To apply to attend a weekend and with questions, contact Chris and Darla Vinton at 269-953-8287.

SAVE THE DATE: MICHIGAN MARCH FOR LIFE

1 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 AT THE STATE CAPITAL BUILDING IN LANSING

Join other individuals for this peaceful and prayerful stand for the dignity and sanctity of all LIFE - especially those most vulnerable, the unborn. With questions and for more information, visit <https://rtl.org/event/mi-march-for-life/>

CATCH UP ON IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

WINTER PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHT: STOP IN ANYTIME FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Parents and students are invited to this Open House, to discover what LCHS has to offer by enjoying a tour of the campus with a student ambassador. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions and meet with faculty and administration staff. Registration is not required, though it is strongly recommended to help stagger attendance. To register, contact the Admissions Office at admissions@lansingcatholic.org or 517-267-2158.

SEMESTER TRANSFER STUDENT APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2020-21 SECOND SEMESTER TRANSFER STUDENTS into grades 9, 10, and 11. Interested families can request an application packet from the Admissions Office at 517-267-2158 or admissions@lansingcatholic.org.

2021-22 ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO BEING ACCEPTED. Visit lansingcatholic.org for more information, and contact the Admissions Office at 517-267-2158 or admissions@lansingcatholic.org with questions not answered on the website.

ALL FAMILIES WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR must apply by March 1, 2021. Visit lansingcatholic.org/admissions/financial-assistance for more aide information, and contact the Tuition Office at tuition@lansingcatholic.org or 517-267-2107 with other questions.

CONNECT WITH THE DIOCESE OF LANSING:

FACEBOOK, TWITTER, YOUTUBE, INSTAGRAM

Stay up-to-date on resources and content to assist you and your family in growing as intentional disciples of Christ.

WWW.DIOCESEOFANSING.ORG

Find events, explore departments and staff, and explore fun content like their new podcast series with David Kerr.

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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.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 am to 5 pm

SUNDAY Currently Suspended

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

REGISTRATIONS AND INFORMATION UPDATES can be done online by following the link on our website to My Own Church, or in person at the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION instills in your children a sense of awe and wonder, and a knowledge and deep commitment to the love of God in Christ Jesus. We seek to teach as Jesus taught and nurture the Faith that parents as the primary educators are instilling in their children. Classes are provided for Pre-K through 12th grades. To register, contact Jackie Rosalez.

PRAYER CORNER individuals remain on the list until the Office is notified otherwise. Contact the Office to be added to the prayer corner/chain and to update names.

MILITARY INDIVIDUALS FOR PRAYER remain on the list until we are notified of their return home.

BULLETIN ARTICLES MUST BE EMAILED to IvyLynn **BY NOON ON THURSDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR** to the date you want them published.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISMS are celebrated the 2nd Sundays each month after 10 am Mass. Preparation classes are held the 2nd Mondays monthly at 7 pm. Contact the Parish Office to register.

ANointing OF THE SICK AND COMMUNION TO SHUT INS are available by contacting the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES must begin to be arranged with the Priest at least 9 months ahead. Contact the Parish Office and speak with the Pastor to begin arrangements.

THE ADULT SACRAMENT OF INITIATION (RCIA) is for any older teen or adult who is considering becoming Catholic or who has questions about our Catholic faith. Contact Jackie Rosalez for more information.



SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS UPDATES AT
WWW.ST-MARTHA.ORG

MASS OPPORTUNITIES

SATURDAY

5 pm

SUNDAY

8 am, 10 am, 5 pm

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

8:30 am

WEDNESDAY

6 pm

SATURDAY 9 am - at Saint Mary Church
157 High Street, Williamston

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY

after 8:30 am Mass until all are heard

WEDNESDAY

6:45 to 7:15 pm

SATURDAY

3:30 to 4:30 pm

OTHER TIMES

By Appointment

LENT AND ADVENT

Announced as Scheduled

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY

after 8:30 am Mass International Rosary

TUESDAY

after 8:30 am Mass Holy Hour of Reparation Rosary

WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm Rosary

5:45 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

after 6:30 pm Mass - Adoration

until 7:30 pm Benediction

FRIDAY

after 8:30 am Mass Rosary

NO RECONCILIATION OR ROSARY ON THURSDAYS
during the School Year