

✦ ✦ **ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH** ✦ ✦

OCTOBER 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Christ the King



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MASS SCHEDULE

Adoration(A), Confession(C), Mass Intentions

SAT, OCT 24	5:30pm	For all Women
	<i>C 4:15-5:15 pm</i>	
SUN, OCT 25	9:00 am	Pro Populo
	<i>C 7:45-8:45 am</i>	
	11:30 am TLM	Chris Quint+
	<i>C 10:15-11:15 am</i>	
MON, OCT 26	8:00am	George Buxton+
	<i>A 8:30-9:30 am</i>	
	<i>C 8:30-9:15 am</i>	
TUES, OCT 27	8:00am	Jude Johnson & Family
	<i>A 8:30-9:30 am</i>	
	<i>C 8:30-9:15 am</i>	
WEDS, OCT 28	8:00am	Claire Krapf & Family
	<i>A 8:30-9:30 am</i>	
	<i>C 8:30-9:15 am</i>	
	<i>C 7:00-8:00 pm</i>	
FRI, OCT 30	11:00am TLM	Jim J. Csabi
	<i>C 10-10:45 am</i>	
	<i>C 7:00-8:00 pm</i>	
SAT, OCT 31	8:00am	Special Intention
	<i>A 8:30-9:30 am</i>	
	<i>C 8:30-9:15 am</i>	

ROSARY SUNDAY 8:30am & 11:00am

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PRAYERS

Marilyn Cox, Timothy Hicks, Mary Langdon, Joan Schneider, David Schoulta, Muriel Gibson, Stephanie Rich, Brian Douglass, James DeMarse+, Sarah McLeod+, Valeria Marfy, Elana Smith, Michael Stegall, Rita Figlio, Rossane DeLapp, Augusta Carr-Scarborough

Submit prayers requests to prayers@stmarthas.org

Monthly Recurring Events

Militia Immaculata

1st Saturday
November 7, 9:30 - 10:30am

Youth Night

2nd Friday
November 13 from 6-8pm

Women's Group

2nd Sunday
November 8 after the 9am Mass

Coffee and Donuts

3rd Sunday
November 15 after 9am Mass

Over 55 Group

Tues., Oct. 27 at 10am in Hutton Hall

Men's Group

4th Sunday
October 25 after the 9am Mass

Please go to the website for the full calendar

Policy on Supervision of Children on St. Martha's Property

Per Diocesan Safe Environment Policies and best practices, all children must be accompanied by a parent or adult (18 years or older) while on church property. For classroom or retreat faith formation settings, all teachers and volunteers must be Safe Environment trained in accordance with Diocesan policies.

LECTOR ASSIGNMENT for next weekend

Saturday: David DeLapp

Sunday: Noel Bagwell

If you are unable to serve, please contact someone on the list to serve for you.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

*Adam Bruce, Alicia Diaz,
Cheryl Figlio, Wayne Fink,
Keith Mestl*

FINANCE COUNCIL

*Juan David Barajas, Victor
Herbert, Max Jones*

Registration:

St. Martha's has an online registration form. If you are new to St. Martha's or have never registered before, please go the following link to register.
<https://dioceseofnashville.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1025/responses/new>

Sacramental Emergencies:

If someone is in danger of death and urgently needs to receive the sacraments of Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation, and The Apostolic Pardon with a plenary indulgence. The incident could involve a serious accident, a critical medical situation, in hospice, or actively dying. If the emergency is in the local parish area, the phone number to call is 615-270-9701. If outside of the local area, please contact the nearest parish.

Thank you to everyone that has already donated to **Bishop's Annual Appeal** for Ministries!! St Martha's has donated a total of **\$14,710** from 32 families towards this appeal. We are **\$8,289** and 8 families shy of reaching our goal. There is still time to donate to help the diocese in all their ministries across the area. Any amount can be donated, no gift is too small. To donate, go to dioceseofnashville.com/appeal or take a brochure from the narthex or pew.



Hallowtide Party

Friday, Oct 30 from 6-8pm

For all ages, young and old

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers.....Deacon David Johnson, deacon@stmarthas.org
Church Cleaning.....Judi Parker, 615.330.6276
Fasting Brothers.....Stephen Delius, stephen.delius@gmail.com
Flowers.....Shelli Robinson, admin@stmarthas.org
Golden Fellowship (over 55).....Esther Fink, lector@stmarthas.org
Homeschool Co-op.....Fr. Childress, childressrick@gmail.com
Hospitality.....stmarthahospitality@gmail.com
Lectors.....Esther Fink, lector@stmarthas.org
Men's Group.....Max Jones, mjjones456@gmail.com
Militia Immaculata....Samantha Wiessing, samantha.wiessing@gmail.com
Prayer Chain.....Judi Parker, prayers@stmarthas.org
Sacred Music.....Robert Skipper, robert@skipperclan.com
Seven Sisters.....Lauren Delius, laurendelius@gmail.com
Women's Group.....Cara Barajas, stmarthaswomen@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

Confessions will now be held on Fridays before Mass, rather than after. Additionally, new times have been added on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

All parishioners, young and old, are invited to the **Hallowtide Party** on **Friday, October 30th** in Hutton Hall from 6-8pm to celebrate the Saints and remember the dead. Come dressed as your favorite saint, bring pictures of your dearly departed to add to a memorial way for November, and join in games and activities for the Hallowtide season. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to stmarthahospitality@gmail.com to assure an accurate head count.

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be on Thursday, November 5th at 5:30pm. All are invited to attend.

Totus Tuus is a week-long summer program for children first grade and up. If you are interested in attending this summer, please fill out the form <https://stmartha.aidaform.com/summerprograms>, or speak with Deacon Johnson or Paige Skipper, by October 28th.

There will be a **Women's Bible study**, *Genesis to Jesus* presented by Scott Hahn and Matthew Leonard, beginning on November 4th. The sessions will take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in Hutton Hall. This invitation is open to all women of the parish, aged 16 and over. We will share a meal during the study, followed by confession and adoration available from 7- 8pm.

About the Study: What is the Bible? Where does it come from? What is its purpose? These and more questions will be answered as we journey through the scriptures in this study. We will also learn why Catholics should read Scripture and most importantly, how to read it. *Genesis to Jesus* surveys the principal covenants that God made with his people through figures such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. This study also shows how each of these covenants points forward to—and is fulfilled by—Jesus Christ and his Church through salvation history. In this series, we will see a panoramic vision of salvation history and our place in this story. Contact Cara Barajas at stmarthaswomen@gmail.com for more information.



DIOCESAN NEWS

The first **Youth Group Night** will be on Friday, November 13 from 6–8pm. If you haven't filled out a survey questionnaire, and are still interested in joining, please contact Deacon David Johnson at deacon@stmarthas.org. The night will include a meal.

Blanket Drive for Hill Crest Nursing Home:

The Women's Group will be collecting blankets for the residents of Hill Crest Nursing Home from November 1st through November 22nd. New or gently used lap blankets are preferred. We will also be taking our children to the nursing home to sing Christmas carols on a date to be determined. If you and your children would like to join us, please contact Cara Barajas at Stmarthawomen@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

This Advent on Friday, December 18th, we will have **Lessons and Carols**. The majority of the musical program consists of songs for everyone to sing along with, but the choir is also working on a couple of special pieces for us. If you are gifted with singing and/or feel a calling in this area and desire to give this gift in a formal way, then singing for Lessons and Carols could be a great place to begin and get involved. Please see Robert after Mass in the choir area for more information.

National Vocation Awareness Week is November 1–7.

Priesthood Sunday is on November 7th. More information will be coming soon.

Heart of Mary House's 4th Annual Fundraising Dinner will be on November 7, at 6:30 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Go to heartofmaryhouse.org for more information.

The Catholic Business League invites all to join our breakfast meeting on Thursday, November 12. Enjoy a morning of networking and coffee as Tasha Kennard, CEO of Thistle Farms, is recognized as the 2026 Catholic Professional of the Year. The meeting begins at 7:45am in The Fleming Center at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Mass is offered prior at 7:00am. All are welcome. More details can be found at catholicbusinessleague.org

Queen of Families Mass will be on Saturday, November 14 at 12pm at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Bishop Spalding will be invoking Our Lady's intercession for families who have experienced the loss of a child at any stage of life. This Mass is bilingual.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - Militia Immaculata

"To win the entire world for the Immaculate and, through her, for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus." St Maximilian Kolbe

The Militia Immaculata was started by St Maximilian Kolbe in 1917, encouraging total consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a way of personal conversion and spiritual renewal of society. Everyone is invited to be a part of this ministry. For more information contact Samantha Wiessing at samantha.wiessing@gmail.com.

Bulletin announcements & Mass Intentions need to be received by Tuesday. Send to admin@stmarthas.org

**Angel Tree Program:**

Starting November 1st, the Women's Group will be accepting names of families who need assistance with Christmas presents for their children through our Angel Tree program. If your family is in need, please contact Judi Parker at 615-330-6276 or judiparker615@gmail.com.

We are currently looking for **volunteers to help clean our church**. The task typically takes two people about two hours to complete, just one day a month. This can be done at your convenience and is a wonderful way to serve your church and grow closer to God. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judi Parker, 615-330-6276. Thank You for your consideration.

Altar servers are needed for the Saturday 5:30pm and Sunday 9am Mass. If your child has received First Holy Communion, they can serve. Training will be provided. Contact Deacon David at deacon@stmarthas.org.

The **Men of St. Martha** are selling seasoned Bradford Pear firewood as a fundraiser, and the fall weather is becoming perfect for cozy bonfires. The prices are \$20 for 100 lbs or \$30 for 200 lbs of wood. Email admin@stmarthas.org if you are interested in purchasing any wood.

The **Women's Group** has launched a new community service project to collect hygiene products for high school students. We kindly invite our parishioners to help make this service project a success. A donation basket is located in the hallway across from the water fountain. We are collecting deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, and other personal care items. This program will run until May 2027. Thank you very much for your support and contributions to this project.