

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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MASS SCHEDULE

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

SAT, SEPT 12	5:30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	<i>C 4:15-5:15pm</i>	
SUN, SEPT 13	9:00 am	Pro Populo
	<i>C 7:45-8:45 am</i>	
	11:30 am TLM	Dianne Csabi
	<i>C 10:15-11:15am</i>	
MON, SEPT 14	8:00am	Dominicans+
	<i>A 8:30-9:30am</i>	
	<i>C 8:30-9:15am</i>	
TUES, SEPT 15	8:00am	Elizabeth Buentello
	<i>A 8:30-9:30am</i>	
	<i>C 8:30-9:15am</i>	
WEDS, SEPT 16	8:00am	Frankie E. Rivera
	<i>A 8:30-9:30am</i>	
	<i>C 8:30-9:15am</i>	
FRI, SEPT 18	11:00am TLM	Scott Stanley+
	<i>C 11:30- 12:30pm</i>	
SAT, SEPT 19	8:00am	World Peace
	<i>A 8:30-9:30am</i>	
	<i>C 8:30-9:15am</i>	

ROSARY SUNDAY 8:30am & 11:00am

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PRAYERS

Joan Schneider, Shelli Robinson, 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 Reccuring Events

Militia Immaculata

1st Saturday
October 3, 9:30 - 10:30am

Youth Night

Women's Group

2nd Sunday
September 13 after the 9am Mass

Coffee and Donuts

3rd Sunday
September 20 after 9am Mass

Over 55 Group

Tues., Sept. 22 at 10am in Hutton Hall

Men's Group

4th Sunday
September 27 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: Wayne Fink

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 **\$11,290** from 29 families towards this appeal. We are **\$11,710** and 11 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.



New Confession Times on Sunday



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
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

Confession times have been adjusted on Sundays! Fr. Childress now offers confession from 7:45 to 8:45am prior the 9:00am Mass and from 10:15 to 11:15am prior to the 11:30am Mass. Please keep in mind that Fr. Childress needs to celebrate Mass and cannot go too far past these times.

Share your thoughts regarding Confession times. Would you like to see additional confession times during the week? Please take a moment to complete the survey so we can better serve our congregation.

https://stmartha.aidaform.com/confession-survey_

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 **Women's Group** is having their Fall Bazaar on Sept 19th from 9am-2:30pm in the upper church parking lot. We are looking for bakers, crafters and yummy food vendors to participate. The cost is \$20 for parishioners of St Martha's and \$25 for non parishioners. Space is limited to 25 vendors. If you know of any local business that would like to donate items for our Fall Bazaar raffle baskets, it would be greatly appreciated. A box marked with "Bazaar Donations" will be located at the back of the church for drop off. Thank you all of your support! If you have any questions please contact Yulis Alcocer at yulisalcocer45@gmail.com.

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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Would you like to deepen your relationship with Christ, grow in your Catholic faith, and experience the joy of Christian community?

Cursillo is a three-day weekend designed to help you encounter Christ in a meaningful and personal way and bring your faith more fully into your everyday life. Upcoming Cursillo Weekends at Camp Marymount in Fairview, Tennessee:

Men: October 1–4, 2026

Women: March 4–7, 2027

Men: February 4–7, 2027

Women: October 7–10, 2027

Men: September 9–12, 2027

Interested in learning more or attending an upcoming weekend? Contact Deacon David at deacon@stmarthas.org. There are brochures in the Narthex that also provide more information. Come and discover what Cursillo means when it says: "A Weekend to Encounter Christ."

The Magnificat Chapter of Nashville is excited to announce that our guest speaker for our Meal on October 24, 2026, from 9AM–12:30PM is Christine Watkins, author of numerous books, including *The Warning – Testimonies and Prophecies of the Illumination of Conscience*.

Location: Catholic Pastoral Center 2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

Cost is \$30 and includes breakfast.

To register for the event visit our website:

<https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/TN-nashville>. Call Rosemary Geiger at 760-505-6625 for more information.

Post-Master's Spiritual Direction Certificate:

Do you feel called to accompany others in their journey of faith? Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology's Post-Master's Certificate in Spiritual Direction prepares more experienced students to serve as spiritual directors through theological study, formation, and supervised practice rooted in the Benedictine tradition. We are forming a new certificate cohort. Register your interest by October 1 to save your spot. Learn more at www.saintmeinrad.edu/SD.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - HOSPITALITY GUILD

St. Martha's Hospitality Guild serves the needs of parishioners and fosters community through diverse initiatives. It establishes a network of contacts for emergencies, offers prayer and meal trains to support parishioners and families during life transitions, organizes and participates in various parish events, and welcomes new parishioners.

If you're interested in joining this ministry or require their services, please reach out to stmarthahospitality@gmail.com.

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



Join us for a Fatima Rosary on October 3rd. It will be outside on church grounds, weather permitting. Please be aware that the date has changed from the originally scheduled October 10th.

This year, the Sunday Adult Education class will focus on Fr. John Laux's book, *Chief Truths of the Faith*. This class is open to all adults and teens. Classes will take place concurrently with the children's sessions, every Sunday from 10:15 to 11:15. Please note that there will be no class on the third Sunday of each month.

The **Men of St. Martha** are selling seasoned Bradford Pear firewood as a fundraiser. 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.

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.