

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

**JULY 26, 2026**

**Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Dedication of the Cathedral**



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

|                      |                         |                                  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>SAT, JULY 25</b>  | <b>5:30pm</b>           | <b>The Delius Family</b>         |
|                      | <i>C 4:15-5:15pm</i>    |                                  |
| <b>SUN, JULY 26</b>  | <b>9:00 am</b>          | <b>Pro Populo</b>                |
|                      | <b>11:30 am TLM</b>     | <b>Sean &amp; Ann Fitzgerald</b> |
|                      | <i>C 8:15-8:45 am</i>   |                                  |
| <b>MON, JULY 27</b>  | <b>8:00am</b>           | <b>Bishop Chobey</b>             |
|                      | <i>A 8:30-9:30am</i>    |                                  |
|                      | <i>C 8:30-9:15am</i>    |                                  |
| <b>TUES, JULY 28</b> | <b>8:00am</b>           | <b>Ken Theis &amp; Family</b>    |
|                      | <i>A 8:30-9:30am</i>    |                                  |
|                      | <i>C 8:30-9:15am</i>    |                                  |
| <b>WEDS, JULY 29</b> | <b>8:00am</b>           | <b>Holy Souls in Purgatory</b>   |
|                      | <i>A 8:30-9:30am</i>    |                                  |
|                      | <i>C 8:30-9:15am</i>    |                                  |
|                      | <b>6:00pm TLM</b>       | <b>Scott Stegall+</b>            |
| <b>FRI, JULY 30</b>  | <b>11:00am TLM</b>      | <b>For All Women</b>             |
|                      | <i>C 11:30- 12:30pm</i> |                                  |
| <b>SAT, JULY 31</b>  | <b>8:00am</b>           | <b>The Douglass Family</b>       |
|                      | <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

Muriel Gibson, Stephanie Rich, Brian Douglass,  
James DeMarse+, Sarah McLeod+, Valeria Marfy,  
Elana Smith, Michael Stegall, Rita Figlio, Jessica  
Michael, Rossane DeLapp, Timothy Hicks, Augusta  
Carr- Scarborough

*Submit prayers requests to [prayers@stmarthas.org](mailto:prayers@stmarthas.org)*

## Monthly Recurring Events

### **Militia Immaculata**

1st Saturday  
August 1, 9:30 - 10:30am

### **Youth Night**

### **Women's Group**

2nd Sunday  
August 9 after the 9am Mass

### **Coffee and Donuts**

3rd Sunday  
August 16 after 9am Mass

### **Over 55 Group**

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

### **Men's Group**

4th Sunday  
August 23 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: Cindy Borum

Sunday: Cheryl Figlio

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

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

## FINANCE COUNCIL

*Juan David Barajas, Victor  
Herbert, Colleen Santos*

## 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](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 **\$10,120** from 28 families  
towards this appeal. We are \$12,880 and 12  
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](https://dioceseofnashville.com/appeal) or take a brochure  
from the narthex or pew.



## **St. Martha's Feast Day**



**Wednesday, July 29**

**Mass at 8am (English) & 6pm (Latin)**



### **Parish Ministries**

|                                   |                                                |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers.....                | Church office, admin@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              |
| Liturgical Events.....            | Jan Hicks, jan.hicks@vumc.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**

**The Pastoral Council** will be meeting on Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30pm. It is open to the public.

There have been a number of **scam emails** being sent out in both Fr. Childress's and Deacon David's names. Please check the email that sent the message to see if it is childressrick@gmail.com, pastor@stmarthas.org, or deacon@stmarthas.org. If it is not from those emails, it is spam and delete it. Neither will ask for gift cards or personal information.

**Safe Environment Volunteers:** The Diocese has switched safe environment companies to Virtus, and you should have received an email with information regarding this new system. Log in information can also be found on our website. All adults who volunteer around minors need to be Safe Environment Trained and renewed yearly. If you have any questions or problems logging into Virtusonline.org, please contact Beth Donnelly at admin@stmarthas.org.

**Ladies Tea Party:** The Ladies of St. Martha's have been invited to a tea at St. Christopher's in Dickson on Sunday, August 2, at 2pm. We will meet at St. Martha's at 1pm to carpool together. If you would like to attend, please call Judi Parker at 615-333-6276 so that we can get a count of attendees.

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.

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@stmartas.org if you are interested in purchasing any wood.



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 starting June 21st. Thank you all of your support!

Basket themes are as follows:

Gardening- Gardening decor, gloves, seeds, pots and tools, etc.

Game night- board games, gift card to a pizza, candy or popcorn, etc.

Kid fun- bubbles, chalk, outdoor games, etc.

Taco night- margaritas mix, taco shells, taco seasoning, beans, gift card to a local Mexican restaurant, etc.

Movie night- popcorn, candy, family dvds, blanket, etc.

Spa day- candles, essential oils, face masks, bath bombs, etc.

If you have any questions please contact Yulis Alcocer at [yulisalcocer45@gmail.com](mailto:yulisalcocer45@gmail.com).



## **DIOCESAN NEWS**

**St. Pius X Academy** is currently accepting applications in preK3 through 4th grade for the 2026-2027 school year! To schedule a tour and begin the process, please fill out an inquiry form at [stpiusnashville.org/inquire](http://stpiusnashville.org/inquire) or call the office at 615-255-2049.

Join the **Diocese of Nashville** for **World Youth Day** August 1-10, 2027, in Seoul, South Korea.

Experience an unforgettable pilgrimage encountering Christ with the Holy Father and young people from around the world. Cost is \$4,699. Pilgrims must be 18 years of age and graduated high school by August 1, 2027.

Register today at [nashvillefaithformation.com/wyd](http://nashvillefaithformation.com/wyd).



### **MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - Women's Group**

**The Women's Group is open to all women of the parish and is inspired by the example of St Martha. Our mission is to foster fellowship, deepened faith, and serve our church and the community as a whole. Our next meeting is on Sunday, August 9, from 10:15am – 11:15am in Hutton Hall. Come join us!!!**

*Email [stmarthaswomen@gmail.com](mailto:stmarthaswomen@gmail.com) if you have any questions*

\*Bulletin announcements & Mass Intentions need to be received by Tuesday. Send to [admin@stmarthas.org](mailto:admin@stmarthas.org)\*



Registration for **Sunday Religious Education Classes** is now open! Classes begin on August 23. The schedule will remain the same as in previous years, with classes meeting every Sunday except for the 3rd Sunday of each month. Classes are held from 10:15-11:15. Register at this link:  
<https://form.jotform.com/231790845093159>

Seeking **volunteers** to join our growing team of catechists. No teaching experience is required; just a desire to grow more in love with Our Lord alongside the students. Contact Lauren Delius at [dre@stmarthas.org](mailto:dre@stmarthas.org) if interested. We're looking for Sunday catechists and assistants, plus volunteers for the youth ministry.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)** Inquiry & Social is July 27 at 5:00pm. OCIA classes will begin on August 3 and meet every Monday, except the 3rd Monday of each month. Classes are held at 2pm and 6pm. Attend the time most convenient for you. Email [dre@stmarthas.org](mailto:dre@stmarthas.org) for more information about the OCIA program.

St. Martha offers a **homeschool co-op** that meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 9:00-10:45am, right before the 11:00am Mass. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/231668597672170> Check out this link for more information on the co-op:  
<https://www.stmarthas.org/homeschool-co-op>

Supplies needed for the religious ed program: pencils, glue sticks, dry erasers and dry erase markers, flair pens (black and colors), and white votive candles. Drop off donations in Fran's Box located in the narthex and Hutton Hall. Thank you for your support!

Looking for an art teacher for the homeschool co-op fall semester. **Schola Sacratissimi Cordis** meets in the morning on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month. Teachers receive a stipend. Interested: contact Lauren Delius at [dre@stmarthas.org](mailto:dre@stmarthas.org).