

Saint Martin of Tours

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WELCOME

St. Martin of Tours is a continuation of the life of Christ, in the lives of our parish members and of our visitors as well.

St. Martin of Tours was founded in 1911. For a complete history of our parish, consult our web site.

As you join our community for the Eucharist this Sunday, may the Lord's grace and peace remain with you, this week and always.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Strengthened by Jesus in the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and inspired by the Word of God, we gratefully share our time, talent and treasure. We endeavor to reach out to all members of our parish and the larger community through faith formation, the ministry of our school, fellowship and works of charity. As a Roman Catholic parish within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, this vision guides our ministry and service in the Cheviot/Western Hills community.

PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office 661-2000
School Office 661-7609
www.saintmartin.org

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Consult the schedule
inside bulletin

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
6:30 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 a.m.

BINGO

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 5:00 p.m.

TOUR TALK DEADLINE

10th of each month

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

HOLY ORDERS

Call our Parish Office to explore the possibility of a vocation to the Ordained Priesthood, Diaconate, or Vowed Religious Life for Women and Men.

MATRIMONY

Engaged couples should contact our Parish Office at least six months in advance of desired date to make an appointment with a priest. Date will only be set after this interview. Marriage Preparation Program is a prerequisite.

BAPTISM

Arrangements for Pre-Baptismal Program should be made before the birth of your baby or shortly thereafter. Contact our Parish Office for details.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Please notify our Parish Office of illnesses or hospitalizations so that we may visit you.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

President: Debbie Weitz 661-8256
Vice-President: Eileen Duffy 481-6732

NEW PARISHIONERS

Interested in becoming a member of our parish family? Please contact our Parish Office to register.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify our Parish Office if you have had a change of address or phone number, or if a member of your family has gone into a nursing facility.

BEQUESTS: A LEGACY OF FAITH

By naming St. Martin of Tours in your will, you can bequeath to a new generation a legacy of faith and gain for yourself the blessing and personal satisfaction of knowing that your gift will help to further the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For more information, please call our Parish Office.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 27—Weekday

6:30 a.m. Celebrants Intention

TUESDAY, February 28, 2017—Weekday

8:00 a.m. Joan Giblin

WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017—Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Margaret Renner

8:00 a.m. Anna Mae Vogel

12:00 Noon William Ellis

5:00 p.m. Eva Putz

THURSDAY, March 2, 2017—Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Robert Tepe

FRIDAY, March 3, 2017—Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Joann Shuck

SATURDAY, March 4, 2017—Lenten Weekday

5:00 p.m. Sr. Margurite SND

SUNDAY, March 5, 2017—1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parish

9:30 a.m. Memorial Mass Fund

11:30 a.m. Bettiejean Luken

Ash Wednesday, March 1

	Servers	Lector
8:00 a.m.	Emily Davis Rebecca Fantetti	School
12:00 Noon	Catherine Elliott Morgan Fightmaster	Eileen Murray
5:00 p.m.	Louis Freese Sarah Kelley	John Dumont

MASS SERVERS

8:00 A.M. Tuesday February 28 & Thursday March 2

Shawn Wyatt, Olivia Anderson

Saturday & Sunday, February March 4 & 5

Mass	Servers	Lectors
5:00 p.m.	Steve Greenebaum Sara Greenebaum	Dick Vale
8:00 a.m.	Stephen Metzner Olivia Rider	Sr. Nancy
9:30 a.m.	Rebecca Fantetti Rosa Fantetti Nathaniel Fantetti	Dick Murphy
11:30 a.m.	Katherine Rust Sam Wolterman Ellen Wolterman	Mary Jo Betz

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 27	Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday, February 28	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday, March 1	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday, March 2	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday, March 3	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday, March 4	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday, March 5	Gn 2:7-9,3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jesus encourages us to notice how God cares for even the smallest of creatures. The birds do not sow or reap, the flowers do not work or spin cloth. Jesus is not saying they do not work He is saying that they are not overcome with worry about these things, they are provided for by God. If God provides for his creatures, He can certainly provide for us. God knows our needs even before we ask and he gives generously to those who trust in him. Jesus tells us to put away anxiety and preoccupation with material things and instead to seek first the things of God. There is one master, God who alone can save us from all that would keep us bound up in fear and anxiety God is with us and loves us If what we place first in our lives is God's kingdom and his justice, we will have what we need, we are in God's loving care. He is a loving father who holds the whole world in his hands.

Prayer Moment:

Lord Jesus, free us from needless worries help us to live each day and moment with trust and gratitude in your loving care for us.

Vocation View

Do not worry! Seek first the Kingdom of God and all our troubles will be cared for by God, for only in God is true rest found.

CHURCH COLLECTION:

		Deficit
Sunday, February 19, 2017	\$8,709.55	\$2,990.45
Average Weekly Needed	\$11,700.00	
Fiscal Year to Date	\$414,028.00	
Needed Fiscal Year to Date	\$397,800.00	
Preserving Our Treasures	\$76,937.00	

Stock Donations: Donations of stocks to St. Martin of Tours Church will be processed through St. Martin of Tours individual custodial account at Fifth Third Bank. Please contact Lois Sundrup for specific information and delivery instructions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Remember in your prayers those who are in nursing homes, sick at home, and all who have received prayer blankets.

If you know of anyone who can benefit from a PRAYER

BLANKET, please call the parish office at 661-2000, to remind those who need it that the people of St. Martin are praying for their physical, mental and spiritual health.

In April 2003, new national hospital-patient privacy laws were enacted. Therefore, many hospitals will not notify St. Martin's of your admission. If you would like someone from St. Martin to visit you in the hospital, please call the Parish Office to notify us.

The following parishioner has entered Eternal Life. Please remember her in your prayers:

Nikki Leidenheimer, beloved wife of Justin Leidenheimer.



FROM
THE PASTOR

Repent and Believe in the Gospel: This week on Ash Wednesday, we begin our annual pilgrimage of prayer and reflection in preparation for Easter. This is the season when the whole Christian community is called to repentance and a change of heart. It is also the time when our catechumens and candidates in the RCIA processes begin their final preparation for the Easter Sacraments. As a parish, let us accompany them on their faith journey and do our very best during these forty days to repent and believe in the Gospel.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence: For many centuries, it has been the custom of the Church for Catholics to fast and abstain from meat on particular days during the penitential season of Lent. Here is a summary for your reference: **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fasting (which is often described as limiting yourself to a single full meal). The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year.** Obviously, it is important to embrace not just the "letter of the law" about fasting and abstaining, but also the "spirit of the custom." Fasting can be a very spiritual exercise and a way to literally make a place for the Lord in our lives. While the Church asks us to fast and abstain on certain days, we might find it beneficial and prayerful to embrace some type of fasting on all the days of Lent this year.

Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe: The collection on Ash Wednesday will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. After decades of religious persecution under communist rule, the people there are now free to practice their faith, but have very few resources to rebuild facilities and establish ministries.

Catholic Ministries Appeal: The season of Lent has always been a time for almsgiving. Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal is one way to participate in this important action of the Lenten season. The gift you give to the appeal makes possible a wide variety of religious, educational, pastoral and charitable programs and services throughout the Archdiocese. I ask your participation in this appeal in whatever way you can. Remember that every gift helps and no gift is too small.

The Light is on For You: Once again, this Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in every parish throughout the Archdiocese on the same evening. The date this year is Tuesday, March 14 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for all Catholics, especially those who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for some considerable period of time, to once again experience the healing power of the Sacrament.

Winter Blessings
Fr. Terry

The Spare Change Collection on March 4 & 5 will benefit Old St Mary's Pregnancy Center in Over-the-Rhine. They serve many impoverished women and their children in the area. Please be generous.

Facts of Life:

Within two months after conception, the unborn baby has a brain, which sends out impulses that coordinate the functioning of the other organs.

Baby Bottle Campaign 2017: Please return the baby bottles for Pregnancy Center West this weekend February **25 & 26**. Thank you for your generosity. For information about Pregnancy Center West, visit www.pc-west.org.

Fish Fries: The traditional Scouts Fish Fry Dinner during Lent is here at St. Martins in Fr. Mick Hall. They will be every Friday in Lent, (Not Good Friday), from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious Fish or Shrimp dinner or LaRosa cheese pizza. Many sides available, including baked potatoes, green beans, mac'n cheese. Girl Scouts will be selling deserts and Girl Scout cookies. Come have dinner with friends and family. Afterwards there are stations of the cross in church at 7:00 p.m.

St. Martin of Tours Classes of 1983-1990: There will be a multi-class reunion for SMOT graduates from 1983-1990 at Harvest Home Lodge on April 8, 2017, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Appetizers will be provided as well as water and pop. You may bring your own alcohol. We will feature music from the 1980s. Since there will be multiple classes invited space might be limited, but we do have the outdoor area as well! To attend, please secure your tickets by submitting your payment by March 1, 2017. Checks made payable to: Eric Gagnon (Class of 1987), 5927 Willow Oak Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45239. Cost: \$10 per ticket (spouses/guests are welcome).

Attention St. Martin of Tours Alumni please join us on Sunday, March 19, 2017, at 11:30 a.m., for our spring Alumni Mass. A reception will follow in Father Mick Hall. Our Pastor, Fr. Terry Hamilton (Class of 1961), will be our Celebrant. Please invite former classmates, relatives and friends who attended St. Martin of Tours Grade School for this opportunity to reminisce.

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly 4th Sunday Food Collection: The items most needed this month are: canned meat, toothpaste, shampoo and toilet paper. Thank you, we are grateful for all you do for our St. Vincent de Paul.

St Martin's PRAYER FOR PEACE is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in church. Please come to pray the rosary for peace for our country, peace for the world and for the protection of our soldiers stationed around the world. All are welcome.

If you have a change of address or phone number, please call the Parish Office at 661-2000. Also, if you are new to the parish please call the parish office to register.

Telephone Prayer Chain: Are you or someone you know in need of prayers? St. Martin's Telephone Prayer Chain will take your request for prayers and pass it on to a team of devout people who will be praying for your request. For prayer requests or to join the prayer group, call Bob or Mary at 662-0178 or call Peg at 922-7575. Give us a call and put your needs in God's hands.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
Date/Time	Event	Place
Monday, February 27, 2017		
7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Red School
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Red School
Tuesday, February 28, 2017		
7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Fr. Kottter
7:00 p.m.	Prayer for Peace	Church
Wednesday, March 1, 2017		
7:00 p.m.	Bingo	Fr. Mick
Thursday, March 2, 2017		
6:30 p.m.	PTO	Red School
7:30 p.m.	Education	Red School
7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class	Red School
Friday, March 3, 2017		
5:00 p.m.	Fish Fry	Fr. Mick
7:00 p.m.	Station of the Cross	Church

Play St. Martin's BINGO on Wednesday evenings in Fr. Mick Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. games begin at 7:00 p.m.

Bingo provides a substantial amount of financial assistance to the parish. Without bingo, we would have to raise school tuition considerably.

PLEASE schedule your night to work. Contact Becky Fellerman at beckyfellerman@yahoo.com or 389-0108.

If you are scheduled to work at bingo, please arrive by **6:00 p.m.**

We need brown paper grocery bags for Bingo. Please drop bags off at the Parish Office. Thank You!

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS...

A requirement from **THE ARCHDIOCESE of CINCINNATI** The **Required VIRTUS® Monthly Continuing Education Bulletins** are posted around the first week of each month. You do not need an email reminder from VIRTUS® to read your monthly Bulletin. Set up a monthly reminder to log in to VIRTUS® and click the VIRTUS® Training tab to view the monthly VIRTUS® Bulletin and answer the question. If you **fall two VIRTUS Bulletins behind** you **WILL BE MADE INACTIVE.**

Reminder to anyone who coaches, chaperones, volunteers or has any contact in any capacity with the children at St. Martin: BEFORE you can begin volunteering, The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is REQUIRING that all volunteers and staff who work with children must **1) attend a VIRTUS® Program** and **2) Beginning January 1, 2014, volunteers do not need to be fingerprinted, BUT they MUST do a background check with Selection.com from within their VIRTUS account.** The background check will be required for anyone **who has not had fingerprints or had a background check done in the last five years.**

GO ONLINE TO YOUR VIRTUS ACCOUNT TO DO THE BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH SELECTION.COM (the link is found in the Toolbox Tab of your VIRTUS page). In order to do the background check through Selection.com, please call the parish office for a Fastrax Token worth \$25.00.

Family Corner

Marriage Moment

"Do not worry about your life." (Mt 6:26) Worries come naturally into most couple's lives. It may seem unrealistic not to worry. Try watching some birds today. It's winter, but somehow they are surviving. Do they look sad? Learn from the birds.

Parenting Pointer

Children whine and complain. (OK, adults do this too.) Join with your child to make a "Gratitude List." See how many things you can each think of for which you are grateful.

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St. Martin of Tours by credit card, go to saintmartin.org and click the "Give Online with WeShare" icon at the bottom of the home page.

- 1) Select the type of contribution.
- 2) Select Recurring or One time donation.
- 3) Select Complete and confirm your information.

Fifth and sixth grade girls are invited to Be Inspired at Mercy on Friday, March 3 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, music, dance, crafts, a campfire and pizza party, plus each girl will go home with a free t-shirt! The fun at Mercy awaits you! Admission is \$5. RSVP at www.motherofmercy.org/juniorbobcat. Questions? Contact Tricia '92 at reisman_t@motherofmercy.org.

Join Mike Davis, in an evening of prayer, meditation, and music as you walk the Via Dolorosa/Way of the Cross. Friday evening, March 3rd, at Our Lady of Lourdes. The concert begins at 7:00 pm in the Church. Free will donation.

Pregnancy Center West 33rd Annual Luncheon on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at The Farm on Anderson Ferry Road. Doors open at 11:00 AM with lunch served at noon. Prizes, Chicken Dinner, Can Raffle and more. \$25 per person, seating is limited and fills up quickly. You may reserve a seat on-line on our event calendar at www.pc-west.org or call Karen at 244-5700.

Bring your lunch and a friend and have Lunch with the Lord! Msgr. Frank Lane offers inspiring insights on the Sunday Scriptures during Lent. The sessions are free and open to the public. They are on Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. in Synod Hall of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Drinks are available for purchase. For details, call 421-5354.

A Lenten Lecture Series will be at St. Dominic Parish starting Wednesday March 8 at 7:00 p.m., followed by time for discussion, reflection and light refreshment. It continues for five consecutive Wednesday evenings. Presentations by Deacon Amado Lim of All Saints Parish, Fr. Ray Kellerman, Fr. Jim Schutte, Bishop Joseph Binzer and Fr. Bob Hater. If unable to make all five, each one is meaningful on its own. No need to pre-register.