

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.

ANOINTING 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



MONDAY, March 6—Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Celebrants Intention

TUESDAY, March 7, 2017—Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Larry Braun

WEDNESDAY, March 8, 2017—Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Patricia Oder

THURSDAY, March 9, 2017—Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Rose Marieucci

FRIDAY, March 10, 2017—Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Martha & Joseph Hildebrand

SATURDAY, March 11, 2017—Lenten Weekday

5:00 p.m. Liam Herzog

SUNDAY, March 12, 2017—2nd Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parish

9:30 a.m. Lenny Re

11:30 a.m. Jack Poehner

MASS SERVERS

8:00 A.M. Tuesday & Thursday March 7 & 9

Madeline Bagley, Jaela Bayless

Saturday & Sunday, March 11 & 12

Mass	Servers	Lectors
5:00 p.m.	Aidan Fulmer Noah Fulmer	Laura Sullivan
8:00 a.m.	Haley McCulloch Sophia Rogers	Ann Petersman
9:30 a.m.	Olivia Anderson Elijah McCulloch Kyle Walz	Brian Heinz
11:30 a.m.	Catherine Elliott Connor Pokora Jaela Bayless	Debbie McGill

Readings for the Week

Monday, March 6	Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, March 7	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, March 8	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, March 9	Est C:12,14-16,23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday, March 10	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, March 11	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday, March 12	Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Facts of Life: The heartbeat of an 8 week old unborn baby can be heard on an office ultrasonic stethoscope.

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

Mary Suzanne Stath, dear mother of Maggie, Emily, Anne and Kat.

Recent Baptisms:

Wyatt Samuel Dutle, son of Wayne and Allison.

Penelope JoAnn Sketch, daughter of Kevin and Maureen.

1st Sunday in Lent:

Following his baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus went out to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. When Jesus emerged from the desert, the devil tries to tempt Him three times. Jesus was hungry after fasting for 40 days, so the devil tempted him first with food. Next, he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test to see if angels would come to help Jesus if he jumped from the top of the temple. Finally, he offers Jesus all of the glory and power of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. To each temptation, Jesus resists, rebuking the devil and holding fast to what he knew was God's will for him. As we start our journey through Lent, we will surely be tempted to choose our will over God's will. We must adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation. We need God's help and to trust His promise of protection and strength to overcome the lies and attacks of Satan, who seeks to destroy us.

Prayer Moment:

Lord Jesus, You, and You alone are life and joy, fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it.

Vocation View

During this time of fasting, we may be tempted to go astray. Pray for the grace to follow the way that leads to life.

CHURCH COLLECTION:

		Deficit
Sunday, February 26, 2017	\$8,762.43	\$2,937.57
Average Weekly Needed	\$11,700.00	
Fiscal Year to Date	\$423,205.00	
Needed Fiscal Year to Date	\$409,500.00	
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.

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.



The Journey Begins: Once again, with the whole church throughout the world, we have begun the season of lent. On Ash Wednesday as we received ashes, we were challenged to “Repent and believe in the Gospel”. May these days of Lent be a time of spiritual growth and springtime for all of us as we journey towards Easter.

Operation Rice Bowl: I encourage you to make Operation Rice Bowl part of your Lenten pilgrimage. Almsgiving has traditionally been an important element of Lent and Operation Rice Bowl puts us in touch with God’s people throughout the world who are in need of food and the necessities of life. Rice Bowls are available at all the entrances of the church.

2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal: Many thanks to all of you who have returned your pledge cards. If you have not yet made a pledge, you can do so throughout the season of Lent. Your support makes possible a wide variety of ministries throughout the Archdiocese. Specifically it is a major source of funding for the retirement fund for diocesan priests, the education of seminarians and lay ministers, St. Rita School for the Deaf, Chaplaincy Service for area hospitals and prisons, College Campus Ministry, and the work of Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services. Pledge Cards are available at the doors of the church and please know that every gift is important no matter how large or small it may be.

The Light is On for You: On Tuesday March 14, 2017, St Martin will be participating with all the parishes in the Archdiocese in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our respective parishes from 7:00 till 9:00 p.m. This night of “hearing confessions” is entitled “The Light Is On For You”. I want to invite everyone to consider receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation that evening and I extend a special invitation to those who may not have received this sacrament for some time. Please do not worry about what to do after you come into the Reconciliation Room (Confessional). I will be happy to gently guide and help you. In one of his recent homilies, Pope Francis has reminded us that “Jesus never gets tired of forgiving”.

Lenten Blessings!
Fr. Terry

The Spare Change Collection this weekend 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.

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.



St Martin Skating Parties are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Western Rollarama from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per skater and includes skate rental. This month’s Skating Party is Wednesday, March 8, 2017. So grab a buddy. Bring a friend.

Bring the whole family! Don’t miss out on all the fun!!!

** PTO receives \$1 per skater for 50 or more skaters **

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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.

FYI: There is now a St. Vincent de Paul drop off donation box located in the rear lot of the Knights of Columbus Hall on Glenmore Ave.

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).



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.

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, March 6, 2017		
7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Red School
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Red School
Tuesday, March 7, 2017		
7:00 p.m.	Prayer for Peace	Church
Wednesday, March 8, 2017		
7:00 p.m.	Music Practice	Church
7:00 p.m.	Bingo	Fr. Mick Hall
Friday, March 10, 2017		
1:00 p.m.	Knit & Crotchet	Red School
5:00 p.m.	Fish Fry	Fr. Mick
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
Sunday, March 12, 2017		
8:00 a.m.	PSR 1 st Eucharist Prep	Red School
1:00 a.m.	PSR Confirmation Prep	Red School

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

Lent has just begun but too easily it can go the way of New Year's resolutions - Good idea but soon forgotten. Help each other. If you choose the same practice you can reinforce each other. If you choose different ones support each other's growth - but don't nag. It's not a contest.

Parenting Pointer

Lent has just begun. March 3 or 4 is also National Day of Unplugging. Can your family do a "tech fast" of a day without TV or the internet? If not today, choose another day soon. What kind of homemade fun can you substitute?

<http://nationaldayofunplugging.com/about-us/>

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

Future Bobcat Theatre Night at Mercy, 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to enjoy a preview show of Mercy's spring play Stage Door at no cost. Join us in the Mercy Theatre on Thursday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. Rivalry explodes among female theatre actresses at a New York City boarding house when a new resident moves in! No tickets necessary - please just arrive by 5:15 p.m. on March 9! For more information, contact Tricia at reisman_t@motherofmercy.org.

A Healing Service with Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm, in Hilvert Center at St. Ignatius Church. Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational aspects of our lives; it is not limited to a physical cure. You can receive prayer for yourself or any of your loved ones. Come and experience Jesus' healing power! For more info call 471-5483 or www.LRC1.org or [facebook.com/lrc1.org](https://www.facebook.com/lrc1.org)

Lenten reflections at Saint Catharine of Siena Church. Come, join Fr. Bob Hater for a Lenten Reflection: "Finding God in the Stories of our Lives" on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m.

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