

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



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 1, 2018—Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m. Celebrants Intention

TUESDAY, January 2, 2018—St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 a.m. Larry Braun

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2018—Christmas Weekday

6:30 a.m. Poor Souls

THURSDAY, January 4, 2018—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 a.m. Laverne Stevens

FRIDAY, January 5, 2018—St. John Neumann

6:30 a.m. Mark Dornett

SATURDAY, January 6, 2018—Christmas Weekday

5:00 p.m. George Kasper

SUNDAY, January 7, 2018—Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parish

9:30 a.m. Memorial Mass fund

11:30 a.m. Mary Danemayer

Monday, January 1		
9:00 a.m.	Servers	Lector
	Bob Schmitz	Sr. Nancy
	Lou Fresse	

MASS SERVERS

8:00 A.M. Tuesday & Thursday, January 2 & 4

Aidan Fulmer, Shayna Gaskins

Saturday & Sunday, January 6 & 7

Mass	Servers	Lectors
5:00 p.m.	Arnold Tepe	Kathy Robinson
8:00 a.m.	Lou Freese	Bob Schmitz
	Elias Singler	
9:30 a.m.	Debbie Brunst	Tom Gilker
	Margie Hammitt	
11:30 a.m.	Sam Wolterman	Debbie McGill
	Shawn Wyatt	

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 1	Nm 6:22-27;Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday, January 2	1Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday, January 3	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday, January 4	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Friday, January 5	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday, January 6	1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11
Sunday, January 7	Is 60:1-6;Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Nt 2:1-12

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

In today's gospel, Mary and Joseph responded faithfully and obediently and presented Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem. He was given the name Jesus as requested by the angel at the annunciation. All the gifts of grace bestowed on the Holy Family did not preserve them from hardship and suffering. A holy man named Simeon approached the family. He foretold several things about Jesus' life including the fact that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah, and Mary would feel pain in her life because her son was to be the salvation of Israel. Mary, Joseph returned to Nazareth with Jesus and under their care, Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace.

Prayer Moment:

Lord Jesus, Son of God and of Mary, bless our families so we may always have God at the center of our hearts and homes and make us one family with you.

A Vocation View:

The voice of God is first heard in the voice of a mother and father. Make a commitment to make your home a domestic church where the Lord's call can be heard and nourished.

CHURCH COLLECTION:		
		Deficit
Sunday, December 17, 2017	\$8,995.64	
We Share	\$575.00	
Christmas to Date	\$2,510.00	
Average Weekly Needed:	\$11,700.00	
Fiscal Year-to-date:	\$280,187.00	
Needed Fiscal Year-to-date:	\$292,500.00	\$12,313.00
Preserving Our Treasures	\$65,642.00	

Stock Donations: Donations of stocks to St. Martin of Tours Church will be processed through St. Martin of Tours new 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:

Also, 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 from St. Martin's, please call the parish office at 661-2000, to remind those who need it that the people of St. Martin's 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's to visit you in the hospital, please call the parish office to notify us.**

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

Matthew Kammerer, beloved husband of Lisa, dear father of Lauren, Margaret, Gabrielle and Matthew II.



World Day of Peace: For many years, New Year's Day has been proclaimed as a Day of Prayer for World Peace. On the church calendar, January 1st is also observed as the Solemnity of Mary. What a positive and prayerful way to begin the New Year by asking Mary's intercession for the gift of world peace and for peace in our community and in our hearts.

Cheviot Bicentennial Celebration: The year 2018 will be a very special time for the City of Cheviot as we celebrate our Bicentennial. The festivities will begin with a fireworks display at the fieldhouse on Robb Ave. on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. That date in our liturgical calendar is the Feast of the Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas. What an appropriate time to begin celebrating our 200th birthday as a city. God has certainly shown forth His blessings to our town and it's people in so many ways over the years. Those of us who grew up in Cheviot some years ago will remember with fondness the "Twelfth Night Bonfire". A few days after New Years all the Christmas trees would be collected from throughout the city and then burned on the Fieldhouse ball field on the night of January 6 signifying the end of the Christmas season. Having the Bicentennial fireworks on the same date brings back that wonderful custom of coming together as a community that night to celebrate the past and look toward the blessings of the future.

Feast of the Holy Family: May this Feast of the Holy Family help all of us to rededicate our family life around Jesus and His gospel teachings. Praying and attending Mass together as a family not only gives our family life a very firm foundation, but also helps us week after week to recognize what is really important in life, namely our relationship with God and reflective of that, our relationship with each other.

Last year Pope Francis composed the following prayer asking for God's blessings on our families.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

In you we contemplate the splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again
experience violence, rejection, and division.

May all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more
mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.
Amen

May God bless and surround you and your family with peace and all good things during the new year of 2018.

Fr. Terry

The St. Martin Book Discussion Group is reading A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens as our holiday title. If you haven't read it recently or have never read it before, check it out and enjoy this holiday classic. We will meet to discuss the story on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:45 p.m. in the Red School Building. Please join us, we welcome new readers. For more information contact Eileen Duffy, 481-6732 or duffyei@aol.com.

St Martin's PRAYER FOR PEACE is cancelling for a few weeks. Prayer for Peace will resume on Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. Happy & Holy New Year 2018.



Don't throw those Box Tops away! Donate them to our school instead. Every Box Top is worth \$.10 cents to our school that is educating your future doctors, nurses, lawyers etc. Please save your Box Tops and place them in the new collection box located in the vestibule of church. Questions, contact Kimberly McCreary Shepherd, Box Top Coordinator at kkmcshep@gmail.com or at 550-3802. I thank you for your help.

Volunteers working with children, you MUST take the Virtus Class. The next St. Martin Virtus Sessions for 2018 is Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Fr. Mick Hall. You must register for Virtus online, no walk-ins admitted. Go to Virtus.org and follow the prompts. Please provide your title, full name as it appears on your driver's license, complete address, phone number, email address, and last 4 digits of your social security number. Be sure to arrive fifteen minutes ahead of your session. Space is limited.

Thank You to the following parishioners who have made a donation to St. Martin's Christmas Flower Fund.

In Memory of:

Nick & Emma Nierlich
Rick, Joseph & Joey Schwartz
McCarthy Family
Ann Troxel
Walter J. Fry
Laverne Postel
Jack Atkins
Bill Bierman
Grandma Lenzer
DeSalvo Family
Kaske Family
Burhoff Fammily
Ed & Elsie Vogt
Mary Danemayer
James S. Montesi
Albert Schlueter
Andras Csicsai
Mary Ann Haap
Margie Morman
Ora & Louise Sammons

In Memory of:

Richard & Ruth Schwartz
Mark E. Hummel
Troxel Family
Beck Family
Jean Yauch
Danny Rose
Bob Bierman
Dorothy & Lawrence Bierman
Landers Family
James Connelly
Reinerman Family
Schwertzer Family
George & Hilda Dragan
Colombo & Anna Montesi
Shirley Gagon
Dorothy Schluter
Bob Stegman
Kammer Family
Will Morman

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 without a lot of questions and call it through to a team of 16 devout people who will be praying for your request. For prayer requests or to join the prayer group, call Carol at 451-8566 or Peg at 922-7575. Give us a call and put your needs in God's hands.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
Date/Time	Event	Place
Monday, January 1, 2018		
	Parish Office Closed NO RCIA	
Tuesday, January 2 2018		
	NO Prayer for Peace	
Wednesday, January 3, 2018		
	Bingo	
Thursday, January 4, 2018		
6:30 p.m.	PTO	Red School
7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class	Red School
7:30 p.m.	Education	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 more.

Please schedule your night to work. Contact Becky Fellerman at beckyfellerman@yahoo.com or 513-265-5642.

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 three 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.

TO MAKE ONLINE DONATIONS OR PAY TUITION to 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) Recurring or Onetime donation 3) Complete and confirm your information.

Family Corner

Marriage Moment

We humans mark time with watches and calendars. As we start a new year, however, perhaps it would be meaningful today, to enter into a conscious NOW with your beloved. As you read this, pause, find your spouse, and look at each other tenderly. Ponder the goodness of being together. Embrace.

Parenting Pointer

How will you celebrate the end of 2017?

Remember the joys of the year (birthdays, accomplishments, milestones) and sorrows (deaths, hurts, mistakes). End with a group hug.

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Mother of Mercy High School will hold a Grade School Basketball Night for grade school girls interested in the athletic programs at Mother of Mercy on Tuesday, January 30. Grade school girls will receive free admission to the game, enjoy snacks and giveaways, and will learn cheers with current Mercy students. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the gym lobby. The Freshman game begins at 4:30 p.m., JV begins at 6 p.m., and Varsity begins at 7:30 p.m. Mercy plays St. Ursula. Students are encouraged to wear a grade school spirit shirt or their grade school basketball jersey. Questions, contact Tricia Reisman at 661-2740 x346 or reisman_t@motherofmercy.org.

The La Salle Football Program is hosting a FREE coaching clinic on Thursday, January 11. Special guests include La Salle alum and Ohio University Co-Offensive Coordinator Scott Isphording and La Salle Head Football Coach Pat McLaughlin. Registration is online at lasallehs.net/chalktalk

Managing Caregiver Stress: The "Managing Caregiver Stress" presentation is from a program called "Powerful Tools for Caregivers". Learn the steps for effective stress management, discuss tools to reduce stress, develop a plan for reducing stress and try a relaxation activity that is easy to incorporate into your daily life. Program is geared for those caring for an elderly or disabled loved one. This presentation is **Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm** at St. Martin of Tours in the Fr. Kotter Library. Event is free, but space is limited and registration is requested. Contact Angie Homoele at (513) 869-4483 or ahomoele@ccswoh.org to register or for more information. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network.

Healing Service with Mass, Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church. You can receive prayer for yourself or your loved ones. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more info call 471-5483 or visit www.LRC1.org.

A Fireworks Show is the first event to celebrate Cheviot's 200th anniversary. The fireworks display will begin at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 6 behind the Cheviot Fieldhouse. The Fieldhouse doors will open at 5:30 pm to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies prior to the fireworks. Also, the Cheviot Historical Society will have photos and historic maps on display. Throughout 2018, the Society will have monthly exhibits at the Cheviot Public Library.