

# *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](http://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, January 8, 2018—Baptism of the Lord**

6:30 a.m. Celebrants Intention

**TUESDAY, January 9, 2018—Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Joe & Loretta Beerman

**WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2018—Weekday**

6:30 a.m. William & Theresa Niederhausen

**THURSDAY, January 11, 2018—Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Mary Armstrong

**FRIDAY, January 12, 2018—Weekday**

6:30 a.m. Rita Ray

**SATURDAY, January 13, 2018—Weekday**

5:00 p.m. Lizzie Dickey & Sue Fronk

**SUNDAY, January 14, 2018—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parish

9:30 a.m. Donald Martin Wilke

11:30 a.m. Jonathan Witte

**MASS SERVERS**

**8:00 A.M. Tuesday & Thursday, January 9 & 11**

Jaylen Haas, Grace Hauer

**Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14**

Mass	Servers	Lectors
5:00 p.m.	Anaselena Hess Isabel Hess	Laura Flight
8:00 a.m.	Debbie Kleisinger Olivia Rider	Eileen Duffy
9:30 a.m.	Nick Shukas Kyle Walz Logan Walz	Margie Hammitt
11:30 a.m.	Jaela Bayless Catherine Elliott	Angelo Mancini

**Readings for the Week**

Monday, January 8	Is 55:1-11/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday, January 9	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 10	1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 11	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 12	1 Sm 8:4-4,10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 13	1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Sunday, January 14	1 Sm 3:3b-10,19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**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 Carol at 451-8566 or call Peg at 922-7575. Give us a call and put your needs in God's hands.

**The Spare Change Collection** on January 6/7 will benefit Cincinnati Urban Promise. Their mission is to create holistic change in the lives of individuals, families and neighborhoods by meeting spiritual, physical, and academic needs through a Christ centered approach. Please be generous.

**Epiphany of the Lord:**

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East left their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. They arrived in Jerusalem, asking the whereabouts of the newborn king of the Jews. Herod was troubled by this news. He sent the Magi to Bethlehem to search for the child, asking that they bring news of the child so that he could do the child homage. When the Magi found the newborn child they humbly worshiped him and offered him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh gifts fitting for a king. But they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they left for their country by a different route. God gave his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. Jesus came that both Jews and Gentiles might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that all people of the world will find peace in God on their journey of life.

**Prayer Moment:**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations, help us to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all we meet.

**Vocation View:**

God is not made manifest in magnificence, but in the small and the ordinary. Use your talents to manifest God's ever faithful love for His people.

**CHURCH COLLECTION:**

Sunday, December 24, 2017	\$4,726.13	
Christmas Day 2017	\$32,614.11	
December 31, 2017	\$7,804.41	
Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2018	\$1,408.60	
Online Donations	\$1,655.00	
Average Weekly Needed	\$11,700.00	
Fiscal Year to Date	\$328,920.00	
Needed Fiscal Year to Date	\$315,900.00	
Preserving Our Treasures	\$66,742.00	

**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.



## FROM THE PASTOR

**The Spirit of Christmas:** The Lord's blessings are shown forth in a multitude of ways during this joyful time of the year and the generosity and dedication of so many people are God's way of making that a reality. I am grateful to all who had a part in helping with our Christmas Celebrations. A special word of thanks to our Art and Environment Ministry and our staff members for the long hours they spent in decorating the church. We have received many compliments about how beautiful it looks. I also want to thank all the members of the Music Ministry for blessing our Masses with song and music. The choir and instrumentalists certainly made a joyful sound for Jesus' birthday. I am grateful too for all of our Lectors, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters and Sacristans who assisted with the liturgies and the youth of our parish who prayerfully presented the story of the birth of Jesus at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve.

The generosity of the whole parish was very evident in all the gifts that were shared as part of our "giving tree" outreach and the donations of food and funds to St. Vincent de Paul. May the Lord bless you for your loving hearts. Finally, a sincere "thank you" to all our parishioners and visitors for your contributions to our Christmas offering. We are deeply grateful for your generosity.

**Preserving our Treasures:** Over the last several years with the guidance of our Property and Grounds Commission and the Parish Pastoral Council, we have made a very concentrated effort to make sure that all of our buildings and areas of our parish campus are well cared for. This is especially true in regards to the upkeep of our beautiful Church. Two years ago, we refurbished the bronze doors of the Church, giving them back their original brightness and lustrum. Then last February we undertook a two month project repairing and restoring the Christ the King mural in the dome of the sanctuary along with some extensive plastering and repainting of several sections of the ceiling and walls of the Church. In December, the Verdin Bell Company completed a seven-month project in which all the bells in both towers were remounted on new frames and given new yokes along with an upgrading of their control systems. Now we are embarking on another project, which will involve the repair and restoration of the stained glass window in the choir loft along with plastering and repainting the wall around it. We have been monitoring the condition of this window for some time and it is now imperative to strengthen and re-lead the individual panes that depict the images of St. Cecilia, Pope Gregory, King David and a multitude of angel playing instruments. To achieve this will require some complex preparation since scaffolding will be required to reach the window and disassemble it. Step number one will be to remove the pipes of the Great Division of our beloved Wicks Pipe Organ. These are the pipes that are located right in the middle of the instrument. They constitute the principal diapason pipes along with a four rank mixture and an assortment of flutes and the festival trumpet. The Swell and Choir Divisions, which are in the expression boxes on either side of the organ will not need to be removed and should be still playable during the renovation. This delicate work will be handled by technicians from the J&G Lester Co. who regularly tune and service our organ and who are the local representatives of the Wicks Pipe Organ Co. of Highland, IL, who built the instrument. Once the pipes are removed, protective coverings will be installed and scaffolding constructed allowing the work on the window and walls to begin. The Perry Contracting Company of Norwood who coordinated the project in the sanctuary last February, will also be responsible for the overall direction of this restoration. We will keep you posted as this interesting project progresses.

Winter Blessings  
Fr. Terry

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

**You can help** benefit the students of St. Martin School by shopping at Kroger. Each time you use your Kroger plus card, Kroger makes a percentage donation to the St. Martin of Tours PTO through its community rewards program. There is no cost to you and it will not affect your fuel points or coupon discounts. Enroll at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) and select St. Martins PTO.



**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](mailto:kkmcshep@gmail.com) or at 550-3802. I thank you for your help.

**St Martin Skating Parties**, sponsored by St. Martin PTO, are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Western Rollarama from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per skater and includes skate rental. This month's Skating Party is Wednesday, January 10. 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 \*\*

**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](mailto:duffyei@aol.com).



**Attention Married Couples** who will be celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage! We will honor you and your marriage at a special blessing during the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Please call the office by February 5 at 661-2000 and let us know your name and how long you have been married. We also need to know about how many family members will be attending with you so we can plan for the reception that will follow Mass.

**Managing Caregiver Stress:** 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. This 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](mailto:ahomoele@ccswoh.org) to register or for more information. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
Date/Time	Event	Place
<b>Monday, January 8, 2018</b>		
7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Red School
8:00 p.m.	Athletic Meeting	Red School
<b>Tuesday, January 9, 2018</b>		
7:00 p.m.	Prayer for Peace	Church
7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Fr. Kotter
<b>Wednesday, January 10, 2018</b>		
7:00 p.m.	Bingo	Fr. Mick
7:00 p.m.	Music Practice	Church
<b>Thursday, January 11, 2018</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting	Fr. Kotter
<b>Friday, January 12, 2018</b>		
1:00 p.m.	Knit & Crochet	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](mailto: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.

**TO MAKE ONLINE DONATIONS OR PAY TUITION** to St. Martin of Tours by credit card, go to [saintmartin.org](http://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

#### Family Corner

##### Marriage Moment

Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #7 - Let Lists Rule Your Life. It's the season of New Year's Resolutions. This can be good, but it can also turn your focus away from your beloved to self-improvement. Today, make 1 specific Resolution to deepen your love.

##### Parenting Pointer

Jan. 6 is the feast of the Epiphany when Christians celebrate the 3 wise men's (foreigners) search for God. Legend has it that they followed a star. Gazing at stars can be a mystical experience. Look up at the sky with your child tonight. Hopefully you will see stars. Ponder the universe together.

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**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.**

**Friday Night** at the movies is offered by the Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center on Friday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. Our movie this month is "We Bought a Zoo." The program will be at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, Delhi Road. There is no fee but registration is requested. To register or for information, call 347-5449 or [spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org](mailto:spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org)

**Being Still With God** is offered by the Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center on Thursday, January 11 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We're offering some time and sacred space so you can pause and "be still" with God for a while. We will offer a short reflection and then you are on your own to seek out a prayer space. At the end of our time we will gather for a short prayer. The program will be held at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, Delhi Road. There is no fee but registration is requested. To register or additional information, contact the Spirituality Center at 347-5449 or [spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org](mailto:spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org).

**The Elder/Seton Cabaret** will be Saturday, January 20, at 8:00 p.m. at Fr. Reardon Hall in St. Williams undercroft. \$20.00 includes beer, soft drinks, chips, pretzels. This is a fun event and an important fundraiser for International Mission for Children, building a school in Ghana Africa. For reservations emails [slmotz@twc.com](mailto:slmotz@twc.com) or call 513-471-2042, Sandy Motz, 4744 Rapid Run Road, 45238.

**The Office for Respect Life Ministries** is offering a Day of Reflection for all those who have been affected by abortion. Including fathers, siblings, aunts/uncles, friends. The day is January 27, 2018 in the Cincinnati area from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a healing service, with an opportunity to participate in Reconciliation. We invite you to: "Look into your heart, listen to the voice of God. Help yourself by accepting His love and forgiveness." For more information or registration, call the Office for Respect Life Ministries at 937-222-0227, or the Project Rachel Helpline for information at (513)784-0531. You can register at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel/>

**Sunday, January 14, 2018** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., we invite you to join us for a **Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood**, in the St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, located on the Athenaeum campus on Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH.