

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.

ANOIDNTING 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.

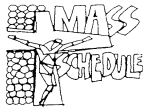
CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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 19, 2018—St. Joseph

6:30 a.m. Celebrants Intention

TUESDAY, March 20, 2018—Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Dolores Kemme

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2018—Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Poor Souls

THURSDAY, March 22, 2018—Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Matt Kammerer

FRIDAY, March 23, 2018—Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. Jeanne Wissel

SATURDAY, March 24, 2018—Lenten Weekday

2:00 p.m. Stegman-Tepe Wedding

5:00 p.m. Neiheisel/Stricker Families

SUNDAY, March 25, 2018— Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parish

9:30 a.m. Mary Terbruegen-Douthwaite

11:30 a.m. Virginia & Ralph Rust

MASS SERVERS

8:00 A.M. Tuesday & Thursday, March 20 & 22

Morgan Fightmaster, Aidan Fulmer

Saturday & Sunday, March 24 & 25

| Mass | Servers | Lectors |
|------------|---|------------------------------|
| 5:00 p.m. | Noah Fulmer Aidan Fulmer Grace Hauer | Sr. Nancy Bob Hammann |
| 8:00 a.m. | Aaron Westermeyer Bob Hammann Debbie Kleisinger | Carol Dragan Bob Schmitz |
| 9:30 a.m. | Rachel Heinz Morgan Fightmaster Destinie Sharpe | Margie Hammitt Dave Emery |
| 11:30 a.m. | Shawn Wyatt Katherine Rust Mathew Kammerer | Mary Jo Betz Lou Winston |

Readings for the Week

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| Monday, March 19 | 2 Sm 7:4-4a,12-16;Rom;13-18,22/Mt 1:16-24a |
| Tuesday, March 20 | Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-31 |
| Wednesday, March 21 | Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Jn 8:31-42 |
| Thursday, March 22 | Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 |
| Friday, March 23 | Jer 20:10-13/J 10:31-42 |
| Saturday, March 24 | Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-46 |
| Sunday, March 25 | Mk 11:1-10;Is 50:4-7;Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 |

Upcoming Wedding:

Melinda Stegman and Ben Tepe will be married at St. Martin of Tours on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

5th Sunday in Lent:

Shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover, Jesus announced to his disciples that the "hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified" But this glorification will take place only after His suffering and Death on the Cross. Jesus came to free us from sin. He came to bring us into a new relationship with God that would not end with death but lead to eternal life. Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat to show how God brings life from death and good fruit through patience and suffering. A Seed only produces fruit when it falls to the ground and dies, then it can rise to new life and bear fruit. He promises that those who die to themselves by serving Him will know the reward of eternal life.

Prayer Moment:

Lord Jesus, let us be wheat sown in the earth, to be harvested for You and follow wherever You lead. Give us joy in serving You all the days of our lives.

Vocation View:

Stranger come to Philip with the simple request: "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." In your actions and words, are you able to show the love of Christ to the Stranger in your midst?

| CHURCH COLLECTION: | | |
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| | | Deficit |
| Sunday, March 11, 2018 | \$8,327.93 | |
| Online Donations | \$810.00 | |
| Average Weekly Needed | \$11,700.00 | \$2,562.07 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$455,704.00 | |
| Needed Fiscal Year to Date | \$432,900.00 | |
| Preserving Our Treasures | \$68,126.00 | |

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 **will not be held** on Tuesday, March 27 due to practice for Holy Week. Prayer For Peace will resume on Tuesday April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in church.



**FROM
THE PASTOR**

Palm Sunday: As we approach the most important week of the Church calendar, I would like to invite you to participate in the Palm Sunday procession that will take place at all the Masses next weekend, March 24 and 25. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was highly symbolic to the people of His time. It was the custom in the Near East to cover the path of someone worth the highest of honors with cloaks or palm branches. In addition, the palm frond was a symbol of triumph and victory in the Jewish tradition. In our celebration of this important event, we hail Jesus as the Messiah and thus set the stage for the Holy week events, which will follow.

In addition, please join us for all the liturgies of Holy Week. The Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our Good Friday Service will be at 12:00 Noon, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m. Coral Music will be interspersed between these services until 3:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil Service will start on Holy Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and on Easter Sunday, the Masses will be at their usual Sunday times.

Let us use these final days of Lent to renew our Ash Wednesday resolution "To repent and believe in the Gospel"

Lenten Oases: If you are looking for a reflective hour of prayer during these Lenten days, I invite you to join us for a Vesper/Evensong Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Blessings
Fr. Terry

The Spare Change Collection next weekend March 24/25 will benefit St. Martin's conference of St. Vincent de Paul. There is an envelope for this purpose in your packet, but if you forget to use it, we will be collecting at the door. Please be generous.

St. Martin Prayer Chain-Let's Pray Together:

When you're down to nothing, that's when God is up to something. For prayer requests or to join the prayer group, call Carol at 451-8566 or Peg at 922-7575.

P.S. We also send "Thank you, God" prayers.

The St. Martin Book Discussion Group is currently reading The Second Greatest Story Ever Told by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, a book in which Fr. Gaitley reveals St. John Paul II's witness for our time. We will meet to discuss this work on Tuesday, April 3 at 6:45 p.m. in the Red School Building. Please join us - we welcome new readers. There are several copies of the book available to borrow. Contact Eileen Duffy (481-6732 or duffyey@aol.com) to borrow a copy or with any other questions.



Fish Fry: The traditional Scout Fish Fry Dinners during Lent at St. Martins is back. They are every Friday in Lent (not Good Friday), in Fr. Mick Hall from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Enjoy a fish or shrimp dinner or LaRosa cheese pizza with sides. Girl Scouts will be selling desserts and Girl Scout Cookies. Let us do the cooking and meet your friends and neighbors. Thank you for supporting the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Afterwards at 7:00 p.m. join everyone in church for Stations of the Cross.

We need your help ! In three short weeks, it will be Easter Sunday . . . April 1. St. Martin's traditional Easter Egg Hunt for the children follows the 11:30 Mass. And, no foolin' - - there will be lots of eggs for the children to "find." We need your help filling those eggs with candy surprises. Please drop off a bag or two of individually wrapped Easter Candy, so that we can fill thousands of our special eggs. Take your candy to the Parish Office or the School Office by March 28. We thank you for supporting this special event.

Attention SMOT Class of 1968: We are currently planning a 50th Class Reunion! We would love to see as many of our classmates there as possible. We have a date of June 1, 2018, time/place to be determined. Please send your address/phone number/e-mail address to: smotclass68@gmail.com. You can also like us on our Face Book Page - St. Martin Class of 1968. If you are in contact with any of our classmates, please pass on the information to them.

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 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 kkmeshep@gmail.com or at 550-3802. I thank you for your help.

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.

| SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | | |
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| Date/Time | Event | Place |
| Monday, March 19, 2018 | | |
| 7:00 p.m. | RCIA | Red School |
| 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study | Red School |
| 7:00 p.m. | Lenten Vesper Service | Church |
| 7:00 p.m. | Caregivers Support Group | Fr. Kotter |
| Tuesday, March 20, 2018 | | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Prayer for Peace | Church |
| Wednesday, March 21, 2018 | | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Music Practice | Church |
| 7:00 p.m. | Bingo | Fr. Mick |
| Thursday, March 22, 2018 | | |
| 6:15 p.m. | Pastoral Council | Red School |
| Friday, March 23, 2018 | | |
| 1:00 p.m. | Knit & Crochet | Red School |
| 5:00 p.m. | Fish Fry | Fr. Mick |
| 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross | Church |
| Sunday, March 25, 2018 | | |
| 8:00 a.m. | PSR 1 st Eucharist Class | 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

Spring officially begins Mar. 20. The changing of the seasons can remind us of the changing seasons of marriage. Are you experiencing any transitions in your marriage? A New job, a move, a baby? Health or money problems? Aging? Don't fight the change. Embrace whatever it brings.

Parenting Pointer

On March 21 we honor single parents. Single parents are like a Swiss Army knife. They have to perform many functions. If you are not a single parent, help one you know this week by mowing a lawn, babysitting, providing a listening ear etc.

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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.

On Sunday, March 18, the La Salle Wind Ensemble, combined grade school bands, and the La Salle Winter Guard will perform a FREE concert at 3:00 in La Salle's gym. All are welcome to attend and enjoy the concert.

On Sunday, March 18, the Pride of La Salle Band program is hosting an all you can eat spaghetti dinner in the La Salle cafeteria from 4-7 pm. Both dine in and carry out options are available. Tickets are \$6/person.

The La Salle Marching Band is hosting two information nights on March 22 and April 19. The sessions start at 7:00. Students and parents need only to attend one information night. Currently, the Marching Band is comprised of students from five different high schools and seven different grade schools. The Marching Band is open to both boys and girls that will be in the 8th grade in the 2018-19 school year. 7th grade students (current 6th graders) will need permission from the Band Director to join. The Pride of La Salle Marching Band is a pep band for the Friday Night Lancer Football games and a competition marching band. Come to one of the Information Nights to learn more about the Pride of La Salle Band program.

Tom Sparough, nationally known Christian juggler and storyteller will present "Like a Child" at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. Jesus' message that he is going to prepare a place for us, but that we must welcome the Kingdom of Heaven as a child, is presented through a dynamic mix of story-telling, prayer and whole-group activity for the whole family. Free will offering.

Sisters of the Precious Blood will host a Come and See weekend, Friday April 27 at 5 p.m. to Sunday, April 29 at 12 p.m. The weekend begins with dinner on Friday at 5:00 and will conclude on Sunday after Liturgy and lunch. Please register by April 20, 2018, Salem Heights - 4960 Salem Avenue • Dayton, Ohio 45416. We invite you to learn more about, Life as a Woman Religious, What do the Vows Mean, The Power of Prayer and the Reality of Community in our Life and Ministry. Contact, Sister Patty Kremer, CPPS, (937) 609-0653 or pkremer@cppsadmin.org.