



# Tour Times

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Alumni News

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Annual Fall "Heritage Days" Events Provide us an Opportunity to Celebrate our Parish Heritage during our Patron Saint Week:**

On Thursday, **November 10, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** in church, we will celebrate an *Evening of Mercy* with Bishop Joe Binzer. A choral prelude of Mercy Hymns will be presented by our choir, followed by Prayer, Scripture, Reflection and a dessert Fellowship. We will be collecting hats/gloves/mittens, nonperishable food and personal care items for SVdP as part of our presentation on Mercy. All alums are welcome to join us on this special evening.

On Sunday, **November 13, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.**, we invite you and your guests to our fall Alumni Mass. A reception will follow in Fr. Mick Hall (church basement). 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.

## What's New With You?

Tell us about yourself: your family, your career, an honor or degree earned. Send us a note or an email to [dbroerman@fuse.net](mailto:dbroerman@fuse.net). Be sure to include your year of graduation and your maiden name.

## Planning a Move?

Please help us to keep our records current. Send us your change of address. This will allow us to keep our returned postage fees down. Plus, it will make it easier for your class captain to locate you for any upcoming reunions. **Attention Parents: If you are tired of getting your (adult) children's mail – Please send in their current addresses so we can update our data base!**

## Reunion Plans?

Any SMOT classes that held reunions recently are asked to send a copy of their updated class list to our Parish Office.

## [www.saintmartin.org](http://www.saintmartin.org).

Be sure to log on to get parish and school updates. Viewing our website is a great way to stay in touch with your beloved grade school. Log on today! You can also send us e-mail through this site.

## Parishioner Hired as Our New Principal

We are pleased to introduce our new Principal, **Jason Fightmaster**. Please join us in welcoming Jason and asking the Holy Spirit to guide and direct him as he joins our pastoral staff. Jason and his family have been parishioners here at SMOT for the past 11 years and beginning this fall, all four of his children will be students at St. Martin School.



Jason has been in education for 16 years including, 12 years at St. Boniface in Northside where he taught a variety of subjects to students in grades 5-8. He also started his journey in Educational Administration at St. Boniface where he was Assistant Principal, Co-Principal, and two years as Principal. He spent the last three years as Principal at St. Nicholas Academy serving the communities of Reading, Deer Park, and Norwood.

As the Principal of our parish school, Jason said he looks forward to working with all of us to continue the wonderful ministry of St. Martin of Tours.

## Funding Needed for School Technology

As all of you graduates know, St. Martin of Tours School works together with parents to start its students on a path with the knowledge, skills, and values to make a lifetime commitment to the Church and the community. We truly are "A School You Can Have Faith In."

Our graduates enter high school with the confidence needed to succeed. They represent us well. Today, technology is a large part of their education. When most of you attended our school, computers did not exist! Today, we rely on computers for all aspects of our lives. As we have mentioned in past newsletters, our school Technology Fund is such an important part of maintaining the quality education that we provide here at St. Martin of Tours School. In past years, and in part through your generosity, we have purchased laptop computers, rewired our older school building, and purchased smart boards for our classrooms.

We would like our Alumni to once again consider helping us in our ongoing technology endeavors, by making a donation to our school technology fund. The enclosed envelope is provided for your convenience. Please consider a gift to help us keep our school technology up to date. No donation is too small. We appreciate your continued support.

## Class Memos



### Welcome!

St. Martin of Tours Alumni Association welcomes our newest members, the Class of 2016.

### Long-time Teacher Retires

At the end of the schoolyear we bid farewell to **Carol Gilligan** who retired after teaching in the Archdiocese for 35 years, 32 years here at SMOT. During her time here, Carol identified the need and began our after school "Homework Club" for students who required help with their daily homework assignments. She was also our advisor for Speech and It's Academic contests, as well as our faculty representative to Education Commission for many years. We are grateful for Carol's dedication to Catholic education and the blessings which she brought to several generations of our children. May God bless her with an enjoyable retirement.



## Alumni Gather



We had a wonderful gathering at our Spring Alumni Mass and Reception. Join us in November!



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## Congrats!

Congratulations to SMOT alumnus **Alex Dickey** (Class of 2010) on a great season with the Cincinnati Steam Baseball Team. The Cincinnati Steam is a collegiate summer baseball club that competes in the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League, which is one of eight leagues formed under the National Alliance of College Summer Baseball. Alex started playing baseball at the age of five here at St. Martin. He went on to play two years of varsity baseball at La Salle High School. He is currently starting his junior year at Wabash College where he has been a relief pitcher. This summer, Alex played his first season with the Cincinnati Steam. While he was on the mound, they turned their first ever triple play in the team's 11 year history!

The Cincinnati Steam is affiliated and work with the Reds Community Fund. It is co-owned by SMOT alumnus **Steve Brown** (Class of 1974). Steve's son, **Stevie Brown** (SMOT Class of 2001), is the only other St. Martin alum to play for the team. Alex has been following and rooting for the Steam since their first year and always said that he would one day play for them! Congratulations to Alex and his proud parents, SMOT parishioners **Deron and Debbi (Fronk) Dickey** (Class of 1976).



**SMOT Alumnus & Cincinnati Steam Player Alex Dickey pictured with his Parents**