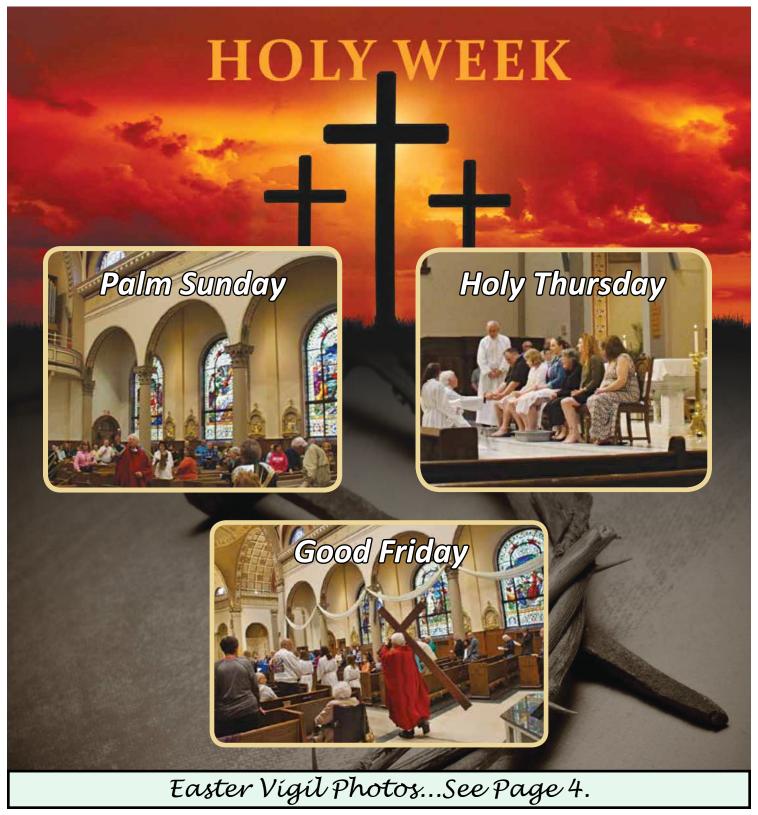


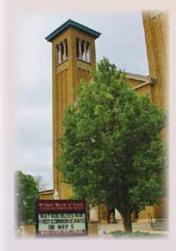
# TOUR TALK

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### First Holy Communion

















#### **Sacred Symbols**

#### By Laurie Huff, Director of Religious Education

Sacred symbols speak without words, shape our lives and leave us forever changed.

Many thanks to our Second Grade youth for sharing the sacred symbols of their First Communion preparations with the St. Martin's Family!













































# It's Time for Our Annual "LUCKY 11s" Major Award Raffle

Grand prize is \$3,011, second prize is \$1,011 and third prize is \$511. We will hold the Drawings at Martinfest on 11-9-19. **PLUS**, we will have our monthly Earlybird Drawings held on: 6-11, 7-11, 8-11, 9-11, 10-11, and two on 11-9 at Martinfest.

Be sure to return your tickets immediately to be included in all 11 of these drawings!

You can purchase them all at once or turn them in monthly.

Or sell them to a friend!

Please return your tickets to the parish office or drop into the Sunday collection.

Please mark your envelope: Major Award.

You don't want to miss out on any of our 11 Drawings.

St. Martin of Tours Church founded in 1911 St. Martin of Tours Feast Day 11-11



#### Meet Our New Business Manager...

#### Welcome Beth!



Beth Emery lives in Cheviot with daughter Madalyn (7th Grader at St. Martin), husband Dave, who owns a DJ Service, and pets; Fritz, Schatzi and Tinkerbell.

Beth grew up in the Colerain area and is a proud Bearcat alumnae spending time in UC's Marching Band and Tau Beta Sigma Sorority.

Some favorite activities include crafts, especially wreaths and décor, following Madalyn's theatre and singing activities, and watching movies at home.

She comes to us with a background in office management and event planning and is happy to call St. Martin's Parish her new home!



#### Why Do Catholics Do That? By Angela Birkhead-Flight, Music & Liturgy Director

## Hearing Scripture By Paul Turner

Imagine you're with a group of friends swapping stories about recent trips. But each of you brings a written copy for everyone else. When it's your turn, you don't tell the story while everyone listens. Instead, everybody pulls out your written account and reads along with you while you speak. Sound like fun? Sorry, that's not how we tell stories.

Listening is an art as rich as reading. We still do it in classrooms, seminars, phone conversations and the living room. Lively interaction between speaker and listener means the speaker proclaims ideas and the listener gives attention. In that low-tech communication, human beings connect.

The proclamation of Scripture recaptures the age-old art of speaking and listening. God's presence appears in the assembly as word. In actively listening to the word of God, as we naturally do in conversation, we open our hearts to wonder. Technology has made the mass production of written materials more available now than ever. With little effort, Scripture readings can be placed in the hands of every worshiper. Advocates of this practice say it permits the worshiper to use sight, not just hearing. However, it's like having everyone read your trip story while you tell it. It can let the air out. The event requires both the proclamation of the reader and the eagerness of listeners. Hearing the word together bonds and expresses our community. If everyone reads the text silently, we become individuals again, with noses in our laps and faces turned down from one another

We'll hear the word of God with better attention if we prepare. Worshipers can read the texts prior to coming to Mass and pray over them throughout the week before. We may also discuss them with family and friends. Then our ears will be open to listen attentively to the Word of God. All eyes will be fixed on the one who reads. And our hearts will be joined as one body of believers. When the divine word resounds in our assembly – heads up! And listen.

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For all priests and deacons, living or deceased, on this month of ordination anniversaries, that God will keep them close and give them the peace of mind of a job well done.

For our graduates, from our grade school and those in our parish graduating from other schools, that as they take the next step in their lives that they will ask God for guidance.

For the teachers and administration at St. Martin of Tours School, that they will be renewed and refreshed over the summer break.

That St. Barnabas, whose feast day is June 11, will help and guide us in establishing peace in our homes, in our communities, in our nation, and in our world.

St. Anthony of Padua, whose feast day is June 13, is a patron of lost things, lost souls and lost spiritual goods. Especially on this feast day, let us pray that the lost be guided back to the path given to us by Jesus.

During this month containing the feast day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, let us pray especially for our young people, that they will be safe from harm during the summer break, and that they keep love for God in their hearts.

Just as St. John the Baptist, whose feast day is June 24, noted: He must increase, but I must decrease, let us all pray for humility in our own hearts, that we take on more and more the mantle of Christ.

During this month of the feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29) and the feast of the First Martyrs of the Church (June 30), let us pray for those martyred for their faith, especially those killed this past year.

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

For those being called to become Catholic this year, that they will hear the call of the Holy Spirit and will find a home in our RCIA program.

That our civic leaders will work for issues of social justice, creating a society of freedom and fairness for all.

For all our parish volunteers and staff, that they be given joyful hearts as they carry out the work of the Church.

For the Intentions in our Memorial Mass Fund book, those prayers entrusted to our Prayer Chain, and all the special Intentions of our parishioners.

#### **Memorial Mass Fund**

For the Memory/ Intention of:

Julia Bernzott
Jim Hoerth
Suzanne Jonson
Eleanor Peters
Patricia A. Waltamath
Julia Bernzott

Julia Bernzott

#### From:

Bill Stuckenberg Bob Hildebrand Frank & Sue Weyer Frank & Sue Weyer John Leuthold, Sr. Nancy Meyer Joan & Dick Vale

#### **Deaths**

Melissa Dekors Virginia Young Mabel Bailey Catherine Huebner Julia Bernzott Patricia Waltamath





Carrie Meyer
Thomas & Barbara Nieman
Jessica Meguire
Kevin Siemer
Lauren Wolterman
Jodie & Jenifer Fetters
Jerame Fetters
Katelynn Busch

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