

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, December 3, 2018 - St. Francis Xavier

8:00 a.m. Laverne Postal

TUESDAY, December 4, 2018 – Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. George Koch

WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2018 – Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Georgianna Donley

THURSDAY, December 6, 2018 –Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Danny & Kathy Young

FRIDAY, December 7, 2018 – St. Ambrose

8:00 a.m. Celebrants Intention

5:00 p.m. Mildred Ferneding Boehm

SATURDAY, December 8, 2018 –Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m. Gordon Ray

5:00 p.m. Marie Riga

SUNDAY, December 9, 2018 –2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass for Parish

9:30 a.m. Fr. Richard Kreimer

11:30 a.m. John Huth

MASS SERVERS:

Tuesday & Thursday, December 4 & 6

8:00 a.m.

Kiersten Schwarte, Destinie Sharp

Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & 9

Mass	Servers	Lectors
5:00 p.m.	Becky Rutherford Richard Rutherford	Tod Grieco
8:00 a.m.	Josh Huff Lou Freese	Ann Petersman
9:30 a.m.	Haley Bonecutter Destinie Sharp Debbie Brunst	John Dumont
11:30 a.m.	Kiersten Schwarte Evelyn Schwarte Laurie Huff	Deborah McGill

Immaculate Conception		
	Servers	Lectors
5:00 p.m. Fri. Dec. 7	Aiden Fulmer Morgan Fightmaster	Eileen Duffy
9:00 a.m. Sat. Dec. 8	Lou Freese Bob Schmitz	Bob Hildebrand

Readings for the Week

Monday, December 3	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, December 4	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 5	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 6	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday, December 7	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, December 8	Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Sunday, December 9	Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6

1st Sunday in Advent:

Jesus said the end of the world would be unmistakable. All would recognize and "see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory". Advent is a time to prepare for Christ's coming it affords us the opportunity to prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming today, at Christmas, and at the end of all time. This Advent let us open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to the coming of Christ in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Prayer Moment:

Lord Jesus, make our hearts strong in faith, steadfast in hope, and generous in love keep us ever watchful for the coming of your kingdom.

A Vocation View:

Be on the Watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve.

CHURCH COLLECTION:		
		Deficit
Sunday, November 18	\$5,885.10	
Online Donations	\$525.00	
Average Needed Weekly	12,100.00	\$5,689.90
Fiscal year to Date	\$206,326.00	
Needed Fiscal Year to date	\$254,100.00	\$47,774.00
Preserving our Treasure	\$36,756.87	

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:

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, 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.**

St Martin's PRAYER FOR PEACE is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in church. Please consider coming to pray for peace in the world and for our brave soldiers around the world. All are welcome.

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



Notes From The Pastor

Welcome Advent: Today, with the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. While the days of December are always busy times for all of us, let's make it a priority to prepare spiritually for the Lord's coming.

Advent Meditations: Each Sunday of Advent, we will include an insert in the bulletin to help you spend a few minutes in prayer each day as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. The insert has a Scripture reference for each day of the week along with reflections on the saint of the day and various Advent themes. I encourage you to place the insert somewhere in your home where it's visibility will call you and your family to prayer each day of this joyful season.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Next weekend, the annual collection for the Retirement /fund for Religious will take place. This national appeal is to help the religious congregations care for their elderly and infirm sisters, brothers and order priests. Religious men and women have served the Church in the United States for over 200 years. For many years the Sisters of Norte Dame served us her at St. Martin. also many of us were taught in grade school, high school and college by a variety of religious communities and we have made use of the hospitals and retreat centers they have staffed and sponsored. Let us be generous in thanking them for their ministry and commitment.

Advent Reconciliation Service: I invite you to attend our joint Advent Reconciliation Service with St. Catharine Parish here at St. Martin on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. Receiving the Lords' forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of reconciliation can be a very prayerful way to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Saturday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. It is under this title that Mary is the Patroness of the United States. Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated on Friday evening December 7 at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Advent Blessings,
Fr. Terry

SERVERS: We are working on the new server schedule for **January 2019 thru May 2019. If there are any changes, or dates you are unable to serve, please call the parish office at 661-2000 and let us know.**

The Advent Giving Tree is up. We are collecting for:

- 1) Our homebound parishioners
 - 2) Our nursing home parishioners
 - 3) Healthy Moms and Babes serve needy families in Cincinnati
 - 4) Santa Maria also serves the needy on the West Side of town
- Tape your ornament to your gift and WRAP Gifts for our homebound and nursing home parishioners and place under the Giving Tree.

Please Note: gifts for Healthy Moms and Babes are to be UNWRAPPED and placed in the playpens near the Shrine of the Pieta. Gifts for Santa Maria are to be UNWRAPPED and placed under the Giving Tree.

IMPORTANT: *All gifts are to be returned by Sunday, December 9. You may bring your gift to church on Sunday or drop off at the parish office any time during the week.*

The St. Martin Book Discussion Group is currently reading *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham. We will meet to discuss this book on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:45 pm in the Red School Building. The book is available at the public library. Please consider joining us - we welcome new readers. Contact Eileen Duffy (481-6732 or duffyei@aol.com) with any questions.

Advent Wreath Making: Today you can make your own unique wreath for Advent. We invite everyone to Father Mick Hall to enjoy some refreshments after all Masses and to make your wreath for Advent. We will have the fresh greens, candles and ribbons, wreath forms will be available if you can't find yours from last year. Take this opportunity with your family to prepare for the Christmas miracle as you journey through the Advent season. Donations accepted.

The Stations of the Nativity: An Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection. The Stations of the Nativity are a wonderful way for everyone to observe Advent and Christmas. Join us on Monday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in the church as we journey from The Annunciation to The Epiphany. We will pray these unique stations together and conclude our evening with holiday fellowship in the back of church. All are welcome!



St. Vincent de Paul is having a coat drive. There is a bin in the vestibule for you to drop off your **GENTLY USED & CLEAN** coats. We will take any size, from infant to adult. Please help us help others stay warm this winter. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food List: Items needed for Christmas are; bread mix, boxed mashed potatoes, canned mandarin oranges, hot cocoa, mini marshmallows, sugar cookie mix. If you are able, we would appreciate your help, **all donated items need to be received by December 12, 2018.** Thank you for your continued generosity and God Bless.

St. Vincent de Paul is getting ready for Christmas. We have many children that would love Santa to visit their homes. We are asking for **NEW** toys. We are in need of gifts for children from infancy thru teenage years. We will need to have the toys back no later than December 14. There will be bins in church or drop them off at the pantry on Wednesday or Friday mornings.

Esther Price Candy Sale: Thank you for your support of the Esther Price Candy Sale! Please note that all orders are due by Sunday, December 2, 2018 through the collection basket or by dropping it off to the parish office. Additional order forms can be found at the doors of the church. Checks should be made payable to St. Martin of Tours. Candy will be available for pick-up December 15th and December 16th following all Masses in Fr. Mick Hall

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

"Whether or not our prayer is heard depends not on the number of words, but on the fervor of our souls" (St. John Chrysostom)

Want to be active parish members, but because of health or family restrictions cannot serve outside your home. Join our prayer chain to pray for and pass on via telephone those who have requested our prayers. Interested? Call Carol at 451-8566.

Need prayers? There are two ways to be included on our prayer chain:

1. Call Carol (451-8566) or Peg (922-7575) and leave the first name or initial of the person needing our prayer and why.
2. Write your request, place in an envelope, mark it "Prayer Chain" and drop it in the collection basket.

We also send "Thank you, God" prayers.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
Date/Time	Event	Place
Monday, December 3, 2018		
7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Red School
7:00 p.m.	Nativity Stations of the Cross	Church
Tuesday, December 4, 2018		
7:00 p.m.	Prayer for Peace	Church
Wednesday, December 5, 2018		
7:00 p.m.	Music Practice	Church
7:00 p.m.	BINGO	Fr. Mick Hall
Thursday, December 6, 2018		
6:30 p.m.	PTO	Red School
7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class	Red School
Friday, December 7, 2018		
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Fr. Mick
Sunday, December 9, 2018		
8:00 a.m.	PSR 1 st Reconciliation Prep	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 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 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 Moments

Spouses, even very loving spouses, sometimes need a "Do Over." When you catch yourself (or you are caught) saying or doing something hurtful, be humble enough to ask for a Do Over. Apologize. Rephrase your statement in a more sensitive way, Make an amend.

Parenting Pointers

Advent begins December 2. Does your family have an Advent Calendar or an Advent wreath? Children love these religious traditions as it helps them mark the time approaching Christmas. It helps them learn to wait.

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Mass and Healing Service : Wednesday, December 5 at 7:30 pm at St. Ignatius Parish Church. Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational aspects of our lives; it is not limited to a physical cure. Receive prayer for yourself or those you care about. Jesus still heals today! Come and experience His healing love! Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more info call 513-471-LITE (5483).

The Cheviot Bicentennial Committee is asking the community to make family ornament to decorate a tree at the Nativity and celebrate Cheviots bicentennial. Create a waterproof ornament, with your name, year or whatever you like. Drop it off at the Autozone Harrison Ave by the Nativity Scene. Ornaments will not be returned.

The Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra's Holiday Concert " Sing We Now of Christmas" is Sunday, Dec. 9 at 3:00 pm, at the Seton Performance Hall. This free holiday concert, under the direction on Mr. Dave Allen, features your favorite songs of the season. Start off the Christmas season with an afternoon filled with beautiful music as Santa helps the CMO kick off the holiday season. For more information visit us on Facebook or at www.GoCMO.org or call 513-941-8956, and as always donations are welcome.

Restoring our Balance: An Advent Weekend Retreat, facilitated by Dr. Nicki Verploegen, is offered by the Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center on Friday-Sunday, December 14-16 from 6:30 on Friday-noon on Sunday. This retreat will offer us time to slow down and become aware of what we need for spiritual groundedness. With time for solitude and rest, sharing and silence, the weekend will allow us to gently ponder our desire for God and restore our commitment to balance. The program will be held at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse. Fee: \$160 overnight; \$110 commute. Please contact the Spirituality Center 347-5449 or spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org for information.

IMC (International Mission for Children, building Catholic Schools in Africa) Fundraiser at F&N Goode Chicken 5102 Crookshank Rd., Monday, December 3 from 10:30 am-9:00pm. 20% of sales will benefit IMC. For more information please contact Kathy at 368-2530; to donate please write check to IMC and mail to P.O. Box 389123, Cincinnati OH 45238 THANK YOU!