

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 17, 2018—Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Celebrants Intention

TUESDAY, December 18, 2018—Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Marlene Neiheisel

WEDNESDAY, December 19, 2018—Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Bill Zeilman

THURSDAY, December 20, 2018—Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Jim Schottelkotte

FRIDAY, December 21, 2018—Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Eva Kroger & Mary Cuppett

SATURDAY, December 22, 2018—Advent Weekday

5:00 p.m. Denny Kramer

SUNDAY, December 23, 2018—4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parish

9:30 a.m. Loretta & Howard Gould

11:30 a.m. Matt Kammerer

MASS SERVERS:

8:00 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday, December 18 & 20

Bella Nagel, Rachel Heinz

Saturday & Sunday, December 22 & 23

Mass	Servers	Lectors
5:00 p.m.	Aidan Fulmer Grace Hauer	Laura Flight
8:00 a.m.	Bob Schmitz Debbie Kleisinger	Sr. Nancy
9:30 a.m.	Frances Squires Deja Squires	Tom Gilker
11:30 a.m.	Gabriel Kammerer Matthew Kammerer	Lou Winston

Readings for the Week

Monday, December 17	Gn 49:2,8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday, December 18	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday, December 19	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Thursday, December 20	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Friday, December 21	Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
Saturday, December 22	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Sunday, December 23	Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Recent Baptism

Nicholas Edward Walkie Jr. son of Nicholas and Tonya

Kane Alexander Walkie, son of Nicholas and Tonya

McKenna Rose White, daughter of Joseph and Brigid

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.

3rd Sunday of Advent:

John the Baptist was an extraordinary man and a true prophet who spoke in God's name. His ministry was to prepare the way for the Messiah's coming. His task was to awaken the interest of the people to hear the "good news", to turn them back to God and be ready to receive the Messiah when he came. He told the people they should share what they possess, treat others with respect and justice and be content with what they had and not be spiteful or nasty. Advent is our time to make a change it is a time of joyful anticipation when the coming of Jesus is imminent, it is the time God comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation

Prayer Moment:

Lord Jesus, let your light burn in our hearts that we may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom.

Vocation View:

"What ought we to do?" Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus.

CHURCH COLLECTION:

		Deficit
Sunday, December 9, 2018	\$13,368.63	
Online Donations	\$1,050.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$1,588.00	
Average Needed Weekly	\$12,100.00	
Fiscal Year to Date	\$244,845.00	
Needed fiscal Year to Date	\$290,400.00	\$45,555.00
Preserving Our Treasures	\$36,899.00	

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'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.**

The following parishioners have entered Eternal Life. Please remember them in your prayers.

Janet Frey beloved wife of the late Cletus Frey.

Thomas Dietrich, beloved husband of Jackie, dear father of Melissa, Jennifer and Tom Jr.



PASTOR NOTES

Advent Vesper Service and Confessions: I would like to invite you to join us on Monday, December 17 for an Advent Vesper Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This can be a beautiful opportunity for prayer and reflection before Christmas is upon us. In addition, confession will be heard on Monday evening from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. and then after the Vesper Service from 8:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Advent Outreach: Thanks to all who have participated this year in the "Giving Tree" outreach along with your contributions to our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. Your generosity will bring the Christmas spirit to many people especially our homebound parishioners and the children who will be receiving the gifts you have donated.

The Blessings of Martinfest: Our second Martinfest last month was filled with God's blessings. It was an evening of fun and great community as a parish family and also a very successful friend raiser. I am delighted to report that we raised \$40,509.25. Thank you so much to all who supported the evening in so many ways and to our awesome committee who worked so hard to make it such an enjoyable and profitable event.

Welcome: As we move into the final week of advent, we are looking forward to celebrating the Lord's Nativity as a parish community. If you know of someone who would like to attend Mass on Christmas but does not have a parish or church that they regularly attend, invite them to come here to St. Martin of Tours. Better still, invite them to come with you. There is always a warm welcome for everyone at the Manger.

The following is a prayer composed by Thomas Merton who was a Trappist Monk and spiritual writer. I have always found this very meaningful, especially during these days before Christmas. It seems even more timely this year considering the turmoil that is present in so many parts of the world. It is our hope and prayer that the miracle of Christmas will transform and renew all of us in Jesus love.

Eternal God
Let the bells of Christmas signify gentleness
as the answer to all violence,
tenderness as the answer to the world's harshness,
light as the answer to the dark shadows of our misunderstandings,
hope as the answer to the meaning of life
Amen
Advent Blessings
Fr. Terry

Masses for Christmas

Christmas Eve

*Monday December 24
3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.*

Christmas Day

*Tuesday, December 25
12:00 a.m. Midnight
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.*

The Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Martin's is in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. You are already at Mass anyway could you please consider becoming a Eucharist Minister. In most cases, you will only be scheduled twice a month to distribute at Mass. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Joan at 661-4255 for more information. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



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.

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.

Esther Price Candy Sale: All candy orders that were placed by Sunday, December 2 are available for pick-up after all Masses this weekend December 15 and December 16 in Fr. Mick Hall. Thank you for your support of the Esther Price Candy Sale!

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

"If one loves, everything is easy." (Bishop Fulton Sheen)

If you need prayers St. Martin's Prayer Chain will join you in prayer, just call Carol (451-8566) or Peg (922-7575) and leave the first name or initial of the person needing our prayer and why.

We also send "Thank you, God".

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.

Thank You to the following parishioners who have made a donation to St. Martin's Christmas Flower Fund.

In Memory of:

From:

Joe & Ann Graser	
Meyer & Gecks Families	
Al & Bettir Jean Luken	Amy & Mick Richter
Marge Rige Richter	Amy & Mike Richter
Mary Eigel	
Pauline & Vincent Quatromani	Fert & Donna Quatromani
Helen & Boots Fischer	Fert & Donna Quatromani
Juanita Hils	Steven & Barbara Jones
Julian Niceley	Steven & Barbara Jones
Virginia & Ralph Rust	Rust Family
Loretta & Lawrence Bolte	Rust Family
Neal T. Lehane	Trent & Sharon Lewis
Hermon & Virginia Gibson	Tom Gibson
Richard & Videt	Tom Gibson
Jim & Pat Waples	
Fred Schlimm Sr.	
Burnette Family	
Mail Family	
Carl & Clara Baier	Jim Baier
Ray & Joan Giblin	Karen Giblin
Pa & Alma Giblin	Karen Giblin
Albert & Dorothy Schlueter	Elaine Schlueter
Salvatore Petriel	
Antonio Miro	
McCarthy Family	
Troxel Family	Rose Ann Troxel

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
Date/Time	Event	Place
Monday December 17, 2018		
7:00 p.m.	Advent Vespers Servers	Church
7:00 p.m.	Caregivers Group	Fr. Kotter
Tuesday, December 18, 2018		
7:00 p.m.	School Concert	Parish Center
Wednesday, December 19, 2018		
	Music Practice	Church
	Bingo	Fr. Mick Hall
Friday, December 21, 2018		
	Last Day of 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.

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 Moment

"Rejoice in the Lord always...The Lord is near." (Philippians 4:4-5) Sometimes pressure preparing for Christmas can blind us to what's really important. Start by remembering that Christ lives in your beloved. Pause. Take time to rejoice in each other today.

Parenting Pointer

Last Sunday we heard the apostle, John, say "Prepare the way of the Lord." (Luke 3:4) There are usually many preparations to make for Christmas. Help your child focus on preparing and wait for the celebration. (Exception: school celebrations that we don't have control over.)

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The 2019 Panthers Lacrosse sign-ups are open and is accepting all Cincinnati area grade school and middle school boys from K-8th grade. The program focuses on teaching fundamentals and developing skills through practices and games scheduled against other local US Lacrosse teams. Go to www.cincypantherslacrosse.com for more information and signups or Email pantherlax4u@gmail.com or call 941-0399.

Special Advent Concerts with Mike Davis: Prepare for the coming of Christ this advent by joining Mike Davis for a powerful night of prayer, music, and scripture.

December 17th, – St. Dominic – 7 pm - Freewill donations

December 18th, – St. Ignatius – 7 pm - Freewill donations

December 19th, – St. Joseph – North Bend, - 7 pm - Freewill donations

Winter is cold, is your marriage cooling off? Come to a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are January 25-27 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Sharonville, and February 15-17 at Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. For more details or reservations Andy and Jeanne Folfas at (937) 866-5196 jeannemarie42@hotmail.com or esharing.org

Kings Pageant at Krohn Conservatory: On Sunday December 30th, the Kings will arrive at the live Nativity. Join us for the pageant, and Christmas songs by the Roger Bacon Chamber Chorus. Singing begins at 12:30 and the pageant at 1:00 pm. Enjoy the beautiful displays in the Conservatory afterwards.

Remembering, Savoring, Celebrating, Awaiting the New: This program is offered by the Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center on Monday, December 31 from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will look over the graces of 2018, savor and pray them. Then we will look ahead to our direction and prayer as we begin the New Year. The time includes guided reflection, prayer, journaling, sharing and ritual. Bring your journal! It will be held at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse. Fee: \$25 (lunch included). Contact the Spirituality Center 347-5449 or spirituality.center@scharitycinti.org for additional information.

Is your marriage in need of help? Are you already separated or divorced or even thinking about it? Retrouvaille offers hope for a better relationship and can help get you marriage back on track. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication build intimacy and healing. The next Tri-Sate weekend is January 11-13, 2019. For information contact www.cincyretrouvaille.org, www.retrouvaille.org, or call 456-5413