

# *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](http://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 24, 2018—Advent**

- 8:00 a.m. John Lyons
- 3:00 p.m. Clifford & Jane Drury
- 5:00 p.m. Earl & Anna Borgemenke

**TUESDAY, December 25 2018—Christmas Day**

- Midnight God's Peace Throughout the World
- 9:30 a.m. Ralph Kopp
- 11:30 a.m. Fred Schlimm Family

**WEDNESDAY, December 26, 2018—St. Stephen**

- 8:00 a.m. Celebrants Intention

**THURSDAY, December 27, 2018—St. John**

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

**FRIDAY, December 28, 2018—Holy Innocents**

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

**SATURDAY, December 29, 2018—Christmas Weekday**

- 2:00 p.m. Keller-Hill Wedding
- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Schwing

**SUNDAY, December 30, 2018—The Holy Family**

- 8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parish
- 9:30 a.m. Joyce Roedel
- 11:30 a.m. Ralph & Virginia Rust

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:**

Mary doesn't understand some things, but trusts in God and accepts God's plan for her. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Upon Mary's arrival the infant in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy, Elizabeth understands immediately Mary's situation and praises God. Elizabeth and Mary recognize the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. John the Baptist will grow up to become the prophet who prepares the way for Mary's child, Jesus. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

**Prayer Moment:**

Lord Jesus, increase our faith in your promises, may we be like Mary open and cooperative in God's plan for us.

**Vocation View:**

Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you.

| CHURCH COLLECTION:         |              |             |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                            |              | Deficit     |
| Sunday December 16         | \$9,071.00   |             |
| Online Donations           | \$875.00     |             |
| Average Weekly needed      | \$12,100.00  | \$2,154.00  |
| Fiscal Year to Date        | \$254,791.00 |             |
| Needed Fiscal Year to Date | \$302,500.00 | \$47,709.00 |
| 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.**

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday, December 24 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Lk 1:67-79
- Tuesday, December 25 Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-5,9-14
- Wednesday, December 26 Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
- Thursday, December 27 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a,2-8
- Friday, December 28 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
- Saturday, December 29 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
- Sunday, December 30 1 Sm1:20-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**December 24 & December 25**

| Mass       | Servers   | Lectors      |
|------------|---|--------------|
| 3:00 p.m.  | Shawn Whytt<br>Gabrielle Kammerer<br>Matthew Kammerer | Sue Shukas   |
| 5:00 p.m.  | Josh Huff<br>Shayna Gaskins<br>Ava Gaskins            | Dave Emery   |
| Midnight   | Debbie Kleisinger<br>Bob Hamman                       | Tom Gilker   |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Debbie Brunst<br>Destinie Sharpe                      | Laura Flight |
| 11:30 a.m. | Olivia Braun<br>Kiersten Schwarte<br>Evelyne Schwarte | Tom Gibson   |

**MASS SERVERS:**

**8:00 a.m. Thursday, December 27**

Grace Hauer, Isabell Hess

**Saturday & Sunday, December 29 & 30**

| Mass       | Servers   | Lectors        |
|------------|---|----------------|
| 5:00 p.m.  | Emilian Larios<br>Grace Hauer                   | Bob Hildebrand |
| 8:00 a.m.  | Aaron Westermeyer<br>Bab Hammann                | Carol Dragan   |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Destinie Sharpe<br>Madelyn Emery<br>Jaylen Haas | Dick Murphy    |
| 11:30 a.m. | Henry Young<br>Kayla Matz<br>Laurie Huff        | Angelo Mancini |



## FROM THE PASTOR

**Welcome to All:** Christmas is a time for homecoming and that is especially true for the Church community. There is always a warm welcome for everyone at the Manger! In that spirit, we extend a warm welcome for all those who are joining our parish community for our Christmas liturgies. We are delighted that you are with us for these wonderful days of celebration and please know that you are always welcome here at St. Martin. Also, we are happy to welcome home all of our college students who are on their Christmas break and family members who are visiting from out of town.

Here is a reflective prayer that sets the tone for the beautiful season of Christmas:



Let Christmas come into our world  
And bring us warmth and cheer  
Bring us faith in place of doubt  
And strength in place of fear  
Bring us hope  
and bring us love  
To guide our hearts forever...  
Let Christmas come into our world  
And bring us all together.

Christmas Blessings  
Fr. Terry

**In observance of Christmas Day the Parish Office will close at 12:00 Noon on Monday, December 24 & will be closed all day on Tuesday, December 25.**

**The following parishioner has entered Eternal Life.** Please remember him in your prayers.

**Richard H. Joesting**, beloved husband of Irene Windholtz Joesting, dear father of Richard P., Claire and the late Robert.

### Upcoming Weddings:

**Brittany Keller and Patrick Hill** will be married at St. Martin of Tours on Saturday, December 29, 2018.

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

*"Never pass a day without thanking Jesus Christ for all he has done for you during your life."* (St. John Vianney)

If you need prayers, give us a call and put your needs in God's hands. 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".

### 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.

**Calling St. Martin of Tours Adults and Youth:** As we prepare for the coming of the New Year, we wish to extend an invitation to both our adults and youth (in grades five and up) to the special ministry of altar serving. The Mass times in which we seek your kind assistance include Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:00 a.m. (servers are typically scheduled once a month). For further insight into what serving at Mass entails, check out the link to our training tutorial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Scs0koQR6ro>. If interested call the parish office at 661-2000. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Congratulations

CONGRATULATION to our high school students who made 1st quarter honor roll:

Elder

#### 1st Honors

Cameron Jansing, Tylar Jansing, Emiliano Larios, Stephen Metzner, Richard Rutherford.

#### 2nd Honors

Elias Singler, Michael Sweeney

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

#### In Memory of:

Gertrude, Leonard, Thomas, Carol  
Ramstetter  
Joyce & Kenneth Roedel  
Robert King  
Carrie & John Himmiler  
Henrietta & John King  
Amelia & John Waddle  
Gertrude Reer  
Richard Stepaniak  
Walter & Elizabeth Carroll  
Sharon Fulmer  
George Albrecht  
Walter Albrecht  
Elizabeth & Emmett King  
Walter J. Fay  
Jean Yauch  
Nicholas & Emma Nierlich  
Richard, Ruth, Rick, Joe, Joey  
Schwartz  
Bud Reed  
Alma & William Hanseman  
Samual Rutherford  
Ora Sammons  
Louise Sammons  
Clo, Norb & Jos Nostheid  
Sally Hessling  
Sharon Miller  
Clifford & Eva Cook  
John & Trudy May  
Irma Green  
Todd Biehle  
Reinerman Family  
Kaske Family

#### From:

Mary & Charlene Ramstetter  
Mary & Charlene Ramstetter  
Kathleen Stepaniak  
Kathleen Stepaniak  
Karen & Charley Fulmer  
Karin Albrecht  
Karin Albrecht  
Steve & Kathy Nierlich  
Steve & Kathy Nierlich  
Catherine Red  
Helen Sammons  
Helen Sammons  
Helen Nostheid

Jennifer, Shaun, Jason May  
Jennifer, Shaun, Jason May  
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Jennifer, Shaun, Jason May  
Mildred Kaske  
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| SCHEDULE OF EVENTS                  |       |               |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Date/Time                           | Event | Place         |
| <b>Monday December 24, 2018</b>     |       |               |
| Parish Office Closed at 12:00 Noon  |       |               |
| <b>Tuesday, December 25, 2018</b>   |       |               |
| Merry Christmas                     |       |               |
| <b>Wednesday, December 26, 2018</b> |       |               |
|                                     | BINGO | Fr. Mick Hall |

**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](mailto: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 **fail three 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 Selecton.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](http://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

It's almost here. Perhaps your tradition is to decorate the tree or open presents on Christmas Eve. Keep the focus on your love for each other, not on whether everything will go right. Sometimes the best Christmas stories are about fiascos.

##### Parenting Pointer

As your family prepares Christmas gifts for each other, this is a good time to discuss with your child how to share their older but still good toys, clothes, etc. "Whoever has 2 cloaks should share with the person who has none." (Luke 3-11)

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**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.**

**Facts of Life:** 37 days after conception, the eyelids of the unborn baby begin to form as ridges around the rims of the eyes. One week later the eyelids have grown to cover almost all the eyeball. The eyelids close over the eyes by the 9<sup>th</sup> week and temporarily seal them like a newborn kitten's eyes. They will remain closed until the 6<sup>th</sup> month when the baby will be able to open them.

**La Salle Musician's Advancement Program (MAP)** is an instrumental ensemble designed for musician's in grades 5-8 that are looking for an additional musical challenge in a concert band setting. The Journey: Challenging music that is both classic and contemporary. The Pilots: Taught by the staff members of the award-winning Pride of La Salle. The Trailblazers: Each MAP student will be paired with a high school musician as part of the Musical Mentorship program to guide them on their path. To register, go to [www.lasallehs.net/maptosuccess](http://www.lasallehs.net/maptosuccess). For more information or questions about the program, contact Band Director Angelo Sylvester at [asylvester@lasallehs.net](mailto:asylvester@lasallehs.net)

**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. For more information and signups please visit [www.cincypantherslacrosse.com](http://www.cincypantherslacrosse.com). Please email [pantherlax4u@gmail.com](mailto:pantherlax4u@gmail.com) or call 513.941.0399 if have a question.

**Kings Pageant at Krohn Conservatory:** On Sunday December 30, 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.