

Welcome to St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church 610 West Ripa Avenue St. Louis, MO 63125



Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time AUGUST 11, 2019

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St. Martin of Tours Parish extends a Warm Welcome to all who have come to worship with us. We are honored by your presence. If you would like to join the parish, please contact the parish office. God Bless You! Mass Schedule Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. Saturday 4 p.m. Sunday 7:30 & 10 a.m.

Mass on Holy Days National Holidays Consult Sunday Bulletin

Sacrament of Penance Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m.-noon Also Wednesday to the first Friday of the month

Marriages Contact parish office at least six months prior to wedding

Baptisms Contact parish office to register for a baptism preparation class

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Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS August 17 - August 18

	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Stephanie Parker	Rich Wenk	Marge Fedke
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary McWhorter Dolores Sunkel Greg Hrbacek Ken Harangozo	Barbie & John Swalina	Carol Ritter Vickey Heitzman Harry Albers Carol Mueller
Gift Bearers:	Sue Jones Sam Russo	Barb Muich Loretta Skaggs	Judy & Rich Schindler
Ushers	Lea Goolsby John Schmitt Mike Economon	Loretta & Larry Skaggs Bill Grahl Greg Buck	Harry Albers Art Brinkmeyer Norm Kistner Ray Busiek
Servers	Tom Tettamble Ken McWhorter, Jr.	Bobbi & Bob Villani	John Benedick Kyle Kiser

ATAR SOCIETY: August 16

Jeannette Maloney Dolores Sunkel, Kathy Young

MONEY COUNTERS: August 18

Greg Buck Kevin Hale, Ken McWhorter

MASS INTENTIONS

8.00 a.m Monday August 12
Patrick Kertz+
8:00 a.m Tuesday August 13
Barb Brockhaus+
8:00 a.m Wednesday August 14
Bob Sunkel & Children+
6:00 p.m Vigil/Assumption
Priest Intention
8:00 a.m Thursday August 15 - Assumption
Richard Benedick+
8:00 a.m Friday August 16
Mary Boedeker+
8:00 a.m Saturday August 17
Dan Mazzarini+
4:00 p.m Saturday August 17
People of the Parish
7:30 a.m Sunday August 18
Patrick Devine Family+
10:00 a.m Sunday August 18
Reverend Donald Murphy+

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13- 14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Thursday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10- 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21- 22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Pastor's Pen

Dear St. Martin of Tours Parishioners,

Last week I raised the conundrum of seeming unanswered – or what seems to be unreasonably delayed answered – prayer.

Why pray, if God is going to be so slow to respond?

This is a very good question that ought not be taken lightly. It certainly is not due to your lack of faith or your fervor. Its cause is a hidden reality, a dimension in which there has been a perpetual war since the beginning of time:

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12).

If you do not believe in angels and demons, then this *Pastor's Pen* (and much of Scripture) will not be for you. Over every soul created by God, there is a war in heaven. Angels and demons are in a war over your soul. A war is comprised of battles. Some battles are fierce. Others are mere skirmishes. But battles are strategically arrayed and of different kinds and intensities.

Some battles result in intense human suffering and destruction. Either quietly yet poisonously within the depths of the soul; or with great volume and catastrophe to one's life and to the lives of loved ones. In these cases, the demons involved in battle have been kept in the arsenal of Hell, biding their time, until conditions become ripe; suddenly these assault the soul. Horrible things happen.

The undoing of the damage and stronghold of such powerful demons is not going to be effected by a few rosaries or a novena. For the greatest problems, the demon associated with such can only be driven out, "through prayer *and fasting*" (Matthew 17:21). Keep in mind, the Lord himself had to fast to get these demons out. How much more you and I?

So at times we must step up our prayer and practice what is called *spiritual warfare*:

"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

We fight the war by becoming *resistance fighters* against the onslaughts of the enemy: being more careful to avoid sin; to pray more; augmenting our prayer with self-sacrifice, fasts, the embrace of sufferings, even the forbearance of luxuries and things that make life better (heat during the summer, hunger with a full refrigerator, etc.).

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), the Carmelite nun reformer, once had a vision of her recently deceased friend, the Franciscan Friar St. Peter of Alcantara (1499-1562), a man was one of the holiest lights of the 16th century. She asked him for illumination and guidance. St. Peter, said only three words to her: "Penance! Penance! Penance!"

In Christ,

Thouho Wildon

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SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Total:	\$7299
(July 29–August 4)	
On-Line Giving	\$ 925
Subtotal	\$6374
Loose	\$ 825
Special Collections	\$ 826
General	\$4723

THANK YOU!

To the many parishioners who so generously support ST. MARTIN of TOURS PARISH

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL **PROGRESS REPORT**

Our goal this year is \$25,740.00 Amount collected as of 08/04/2019: \$23,420.00

BINGO - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Our parish probably couldn't survive financially without our Sunday Bingo. Yet, we need more workers! Like a slow, yet persistent leak, drip by drop we are losing workers. There is especially a need for Bingo Callers (a Caller is the person who announces the Bingo letter and numbers). Please consider to volunteer in this way. I assure you, you will be doing our parish a very great favor. Thank you!

ADORATION IN 2019

Would you be willing to commit an hour of adoration time from Wednesday. September 4 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until Friday, September 6 at 3:00 p.m.?



Notice the extended time. Please consider giving to the Lord one hour

To schedule your time slot, sign up in the church vestibule, on our parish website, or please call:

Barb Muich: 314-892-6284 or Betty Koch: 314-775-7534 or

CONCERNING MASS INTENTIONS

The Bishops of the Province of Missouri have determined that the newly established Mass offering for all dioceses in Missouri, as of July 1, 2019, shall be \$10.

Rose Saunchgrow

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 FOR THE HOLY DAY **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK Recently added are in bold

Mark Breihan	Helen Alonzo	Charlotte Brown	Jack Bettag	Clare Hudson
Joyce Taylor	Evelyn Mueller	Gerry Jansen	Lois Cliffe	Carolyn Machino
Terri Morrison	Ken McWhorter	Virginia Matecki	Donna Fichtenmeyer	Ruth Renz
Jackie O'Connell	Kathy Steppig	Kathleen Warth	Carol Venverloh	Jack York
Kathy Raterman	Larry Volk	Richard Volk	Susan Schaap Slake	Jeanine Frey

PEACE WITH THE LORD

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of all our faithful departed. Requiescant in pace.

August 11



WEEK 2

Chairman: Larry Skaggs Captains: Stacy Kiser, Debbie Snyder Caller: Tim Simms; Cashiers: Sephanie Stotts, DeAnn Pappageorge, Eileen Haubrich Paper: Delaney Stotts, Olivia Haubrich; Pull Tab Counter: Larry Skaggs Pull Tab Booth: JoAnn Grahl; Floor Workers: Kelsie Kiser, Bill Grahl, Kaitlin Kiser, Rob Witzel, Linda Finklang, Dave Matecki, Anne Hensiek, Debbie Koeller, Debbie Michler

(Workers please report by 3:30 p.m.) - Can't work? Call Captain/Hotline 645-1877

White Progressive: \$2,500; **Purple:** \$1,000 *Thank you to workers and players for your support.*

August 14: 50+ Meeting in Runge Hall

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. We will be celebrating Birthday Month. Cake & ice-cream will be served.



Drinks will also be provided and prizes will be awarded, followed by Bingo.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!



ST. MARTIN'S SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, AUGUST 12 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Drive will be held in Runge Hall

WALK-INS WELCOME

For an appointment, please fill out name, phone number and preferred time on slips located in the pews and place in the collection basket or give to Barb Muich who will be in the vestibule before & after all weekend Masses on August 4th & 11th.

All donors will be required to bring a state-issued form of ID.

It is important that you eat balanced meals <u>two days</u> <u>prior</u> to donating blood to eliminate low iron count.

UPCOMING EVENTS WOMEN'S CLUB

August 17 & 18: Pretzel sales after 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses



September 14th the Women's Club will be sponsoring a trip to Defiance Ridge Vineyards.

\$15.00 includes roundtrip transportation and covered reserved seating. Reserve your spot after Mass on August 17 & 18.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sponsored by The Men's Club

September 14 & 15: Parish BBQ

October 12: Chicken Dinner

MEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SAVE THE DATE





Friday, Dec. 20th



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			JULY 31	1	2	3
			Adoration begins @ 8:30 a.m.	Adoration Continues	Adoration Continues Benediction @ 3:00 p.m.	Cornhole Tournament @ 6:30 p.m. Concession stand
4 Recitation of Rosary @9:30 a.m.	5	6	7 SVDP mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.	8 Women's Club @ 7:00 p.m.	9	10 Holy Arts display following Mass
11 Holy Arts display following Mass	12 Blood Drive in Runge Hall from 2-6 p.m.	13	14 50+ mtg. @ 11:30 a.m. Vigil Mass @ 6:00 p.m.	15 Assumption Holy Day Mass @ 8:00 a.m.	16	17 Pretzel Boys pretzel sales following Mass
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25 Feast of St. Louis King of France	26	27 50+ Board mtg. @ 9:00 a.m. Finance mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.	28	29 Parish Council mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.	30	31

DASH'S DEN

"The Power of the Dog" by Rudyard Kipling

There is sorrow enough in the natural way From men and women to fill our day; And when we are certain of sorrow in store, Why do we always arrange for more? Brothers and Sisters, I bid you beware Of giving your heart to a dog to tear.

Buy a pup and your money will buy Love unflinching that cannot lie --Perfect passion and worship fed By a kick in the ribs or a pat on the head. *Nevertheless, it is hardly fair To risk your heart for a dog to tear.*

When the fourteen years which Nature permits Are closing in asthma, or tumour, or fits, And the vet's unspoken prescription runs To lethal chambers or loaded guns, *Then you will find-- it's your own affair --But...you've given your heart to a dog to tear.* When the body that lived at your single will, With its whimper of welcome is stilled, how still! When the spirit that answered your every mood Is gone -- wherever it goes -- for good, You will discover how much you care, And will give your heart to a dog to tear.

We've sorrow enough in the natural way, When it comes to burying Christian clay. Our loves are not given, but only lent, At compound interest of cent per cent. Though it is not always the case I believe, That the longer we've kept 'em, the more do we grieve;

> For, when debts are payable, right or wrong, A short-time loan is as bad as a long --So why in -- Heaven (before we are there) Should we give our hearts to a dog to tear?



