



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



Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday 8 a.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 & 10 a.m.

**Masses on Holy Days
National Holidays**
Consult Bulletin

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

Eucharistic Adoration
From 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday through
3 p.m. First Friday
&
Every Sunday Evening
Adoration and Rosary
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Marriages
Contact parish office at
least six months prior to
wedding

Baptisms
Contact parish office to
register for baptism class

Parish Contact Info
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<http://stmartinoftours.com>

**Society of
St. Vincent DePaul**
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Parish Office Hours
Monday — Thursday
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

January 3, 2021

YOUR
DESCENDANTS
SHALL BE
AS MANY AS
THE STARS

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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.

Pastor's Pen



Dear St. Martin of Tours Family,

2020 has taught me that I am far less in control of my life (and by extension the lives of those whom I love so dearly) than I would like to believe. 2020 has taught me that the common subplot to the story of every human life is how to endure loss, and how to live when there appears to be no light at the end of the tunnel.

Once in a homily I quoted Janis Joplin's signature verse from her signature song "Me and Bobby McGee":

"Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose."

The song dares us to look on the bright side of darkness. The problem is that no one in this life can be said to have lost *everything*. Only the souls in hell are dispossessed of *everything*. A soul in hell is not free.

I would love to revise Janis's verse this way:

"Freedom is just another word for ... losing your life for My sake."

The revised verse doesn't work with the rest of the song, but it does work with the rest of our lives!

Without God, we are *nothing*. All our works will come to nothing. What seems to us to be freedom is illusory, a combination of some good planning and a lot of good luck.

However, *with God*, we are *everything*. Our works, even if they appear to fail, will flourish, maybe in our time, but most certainly so in eternity.

I want to keep this simple. Here are three levels of *divine freedom*:

Freedom is giving our cares and worries to God.
Freedom is thanking God for all things, in all things.
Freedom is giving our selves to God.

Jesus has said many times the more we trust Him, the more He will bless us.

It's his promise to us. Besides, what have we got to lose?

In Our Lady's Immaculate Heart,

Pastor

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SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General

Loose

On-Line Giving

(December 21-December 27)

Subtotal

Special Collections

Submitted before collection

St. Vincent de Paul wants to thank those who have donated to our pantry! You've always been extremely generous and the past two months have been no exception. Yet our pantry is always in need of dry goods, cans, and other essentials. Please continue to help us help our neighbors. May God reward you!

**CONSECRATING THE LAST TWO HOURS
OF YOUR LIFE
to the Most Holy Virgin by
Fr. Ildefonso M. Izaguirre, O. P.**

Prostrated at thy feet, and humiliated by my sins, but full of confidence in thee, O Mary! I beg thee to accept the petition my heart is about to make. It is for my last moments. Dear Mother I wish to request thy protection and maternal love so that in the decisive instant that thou wilt do all thy love can suggest in my behalf.

*To thee, O Mother of my soul, I consecrate **THE LAST TWO HOURS** of my life. Come to my side to receive my last breath and when death has cut the thread of my days, tell Jesus, presenting to Him my soul, **"THIS SOUL I LOVE!"** That word alone will be enough to procure for me the benediction of my God and the happiness of seeing thee for all eternity.*

I put my trust in thee, my Mother and hope it will not be in vain. O Mary! Pray for thy child and lead him to Je-

**PRAYER FOR DIVINE PROTECTION
OF OUR BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT**

In His Name and by the power of His Cross and Blood, I ask Jesus to bind any evil spirits, forces and powers of the earth, air, fire, or water, of the netherworld and the satanic forces of nature. By the power of the Holy Spirit and by His authority, I ask Jesus Christ to break any curses, hexes, or spells and send them back to where they came from, if it be His Holy Will. I beseech Thee Lord Jesus to protect us by pouring Thy Precious Blood on us (my family, etc.), which Thou hast shed for us and I ask Thee to command that any departing spirits leave quietly, without disturbance, and go straight to Thy Cross to dispose of as Thou sees fit. I ask Thee to bind any demonic interaction, interplay or communications. I place N. (person, place or thing) under the protection of the Blood of Jesus Christ which He shed for us. Amen.

**Efficacious Novena to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

This novena prayer was recited every day by Padre Pio for all those who asked for prayers. The faithful are invited to recite it daily, so as to be spiritually united with the prayer of Padre Pio.

I. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of:

[insert your intention.]

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask any thing of the Father in my name, He will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of:

[insert your intention.]

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of:

[insert your intention.]

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender mother and ours.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

LECTORS

Saturday, January 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Ken McWhorter

Sunday, January 10 at 7:30 a.m.

Kathy Harangozo

Sunday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Ackermann

A big thank you to all that helped support St. Martin of Tours these past few months. You purchased so many gift cards which provided a wonderful Christmas to those families in need. The cookbooks were sold in no time at all. The masks sales for the Bova family was a great success because of all of you. We are hoping to have Bingo up and running sometime in the near future.

MONEY COUNTERS

Monday

January 4

Ken Harangozo

Greg Buck

Ken McWhorter

Tom Tettamble

Monday

January 11

Deb Baumann

Mike Baumann

Mike Zoia

Dave Kassebaum

MILESTONES

Buck, Carolyn A. (nee: Vils), died on December 16, 2020. Carolyn was the beloved wife of Greg E. Buck for 44 years. She is the mother of Scott, Barbie (Mike) Shawhan, and Kathy Buck, and Grandma of Collin, Morgan and Owen. She is also survived by her brother Guy Vils. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, December 23 at 10 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church with Msgr. Kevin Callahan presiding. In lieu of flowers the Buck family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Cancer Society.

Carl F. Handte, died on December 7, 2020. Carl lost his beloved wife Joann to Alzheimer's on April 19, 2018. Then, in less than three months, his daughter Karen passed away on July 17. To Carl's surviving daughters, Sharon (Paul) Fritts, Diana (Tim) Morrison, Linda (David) Foote; to his eight grandchildren and five grandchildren; and to their spouses, and to their many friends, we express our deepest condolences. The burial was private. A memorial Mass at St. Martin of Tours will be held at a later date. If you would like to honor Carl's memory, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Martin of Tours Church and the Alzheimer's Association.

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 a.m. Monday

Phil Belpulsi+

8:00 a.m. Tuesday

Suzanne Kern+

8:00 a.m. Wednesday

Bernice Huebner+

8:00 a.m. Thursday

Joseph Dockery+

8:00 a.m. Friday

Michael & Amelia Naes+

8:00 a.m. Saturday

Frances Winschel+

4:00 p.m. Saturday

Linda Purvis+

7:30 a.m. Sunday

Jane Burley+

10:00 a.m. Sunday

Mariah Cherry+

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1J 3: 22-24:6	1J 4: 7-10	1J 4:11-18	1J 4: 19-5:4	1J 5: 5-13	1J 5: 14-21	I 55: 1-11
M 4: 12-17, 23	M 6: 34-44	M 6: 45-52	L 4: 14-22	L 5: 12-16	J3: 22-30	1J 5: 1-9
-25						M 1: 7-11

STOCKHOLDER CLUB

Happy New Year to one and all at St. Martin of Tours and to family and friends that are visiting us.

One of the fun things planned for the New Year at St. Martin of Tours is our Stockholder Club. Monthly dividends will begin to be paid out to one lucky winner in January. We will have our first drawing after the 10:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, January 17. So there are a few more weeks to get your ticket in and take advantage of every opportunity to reap the dividends of investing in the future of St. Martin of Tours!

For those who may be visiting this week, we have initiated a Stockholders Club with a monthly drawing of \$100 and a grand prize drawing of a minimum of \$500 at our Shareholders Gala to be held on November 12, 2021. Check out the details on our website <http://stmartinoftours.com>.

For more information or to offer help with the Gala, please contact Nancy Zoia at 314-952-3172 or zoia.nancy@gmail.com.



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
St. Louis, Missouri

IPO (Initial Public Offering) **STOCKHOLDERS CLUB**

When you purchase a share of stock for \$100, you will automatically be entered into:

- **10 MONTHLY DRAWINGS for \$100 each beginning in January 2021**
- **ONE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING of a minimum of \$500.00**
- **ONE TICKET TO ATTEND THE SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2021 at Andre's South for an evening of dining and entertainment**
- **WANT TO BRING A GUEST? PURCHASE ADDITIONAL DINNER and DANCING TICKETS at \$50.00 each**

All gains will be used as an investment in the future of St. Martin of Tours.

Complete this registration form and return with payment to:

St. Martin of Tours
Stockholders Club
610 West Ripa Ave
St. Louis, MO 63125

Tickets are \$100 each

Make checks payable to:
St. Martin of Tours
Memo: Stockholders Club

Name

Address

City

State & Zip

Phone

Email address

Guest Name - add \$50

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

January 2021

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

December 27 Adoration and Rosary 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	28	29	30 Adoration 8:30 a.m. continues all day	31 Adoration Continue New Years's Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.	1 Solemnity of Mary. The Holy Mother of God Mass at 10:00 a.m. Adoration continues FIRST FRIDAY Benediction @ 3:00 p.m.	2
3 The Epiphany of the Lord Adoration and Rosary 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6 BIBLE STUDY L-STREAM / ZOOM 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Adoration and Rosary 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13 BIBLE STUDY L-STREAM / ZOOM 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Adoration and Rosary 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20 BIBLE STUDY L-STREAM / ZOOM 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24 Adoration and Rosary 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	25	26 Finance Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	27 BIBLE STUDY L-STREAM/ZOOM 7:00 P.M.	28 Parish Council Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	29	30 31

DASH'S DEN

I love going to Day Camp at Rosie's. I get to play with other dogs. I like to talk with them about their lives and what their Dads and Moms are like. Most of the other dogs love their moms and dads dearly, but they also have tricks for manipulating them to get the things they want. My best friend is Sebastian the Husky mix. He and I are the cool dogs. He and I are the popular dogs.

Sebastian led me to a corner of the dog-trot and gave me some counsel: "Dash, if you *really* want to be cool, you need to do *this*." He next picked up a toy, slanted his eyes and growled deeply. "GRRRRR! See?" He said, "When you play tug or fetch with your Dad, just growl like this: GRRRRR! You'll be so fierce that your Dad will cower to your every desire, and he'll give you all the toys you want!"

"But, Sebastian," I said, "I'm concerned growling might chase him away. I already have all the toys I want. What I *really* want most is for Daddy to stop going places without taking me!"

WOOF SNORT! "Oh ye of little fur! I promise you that if car rides are something you want, then demand it! Channel your inner wolf!"

(I guess that's easy for a husky mix to say.) Could I do it? Could I be a wolf? Dad picked me up late today (I was the last dog left), and I while I was very happy to see him, I was upset he was so late. When we got home, I immediately tried Sebastian's suggestion. I jumped to place my paws on Dad's tummy – and growled! Then I picked up a toy (actually a woolen hat that I am in the process of unraveling), and as we played some tug-o-war with it, I got in Dad's face and displaying my deadly canine teeth, I growled at him like a fearsome wolf.

"Dashy, are you a wolf today?"

I was elated! "Yes, yes! I am a big bad wolf! Respect me!"

"Did Sebastian teach you that, Dashy?"

Wait ... *wuht?*

"Sebastian and I are a *team*!" The next thing I knew, Dad had the toy. But I grabbed it from him and growled!

"Dash, Sebastian is a great dog, but he's also a husky. That breed is made for pulling heavy sleds hundreds of miles across the frozen tundra. Is that something you'd like to do?"

My mouth fell open, my eyes got big, and no sooner had I dropped the hat onto the floor, found that I had rolled onto my back. Then I couldn't help myself: "Give me belly rubs, Dad!"

Daddy rubbed my belly. I smiled and closed my eyes. I was so happy. "Daddy, I don't think I'm a wolf. I think ... I think I'm a *person*! You and I are a *team*! Isn't that right?" My brow furrowed in an expression of adorable concern.

"You're just like a person. That's why you get some of my food, you sleep in my bed, and I also take you to see Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

I thought to myself, "I have it so very good, don't I? I don't think I want to be a wolf anymore. I want to be your companion. I want to be Dash."

