



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

Phone: 314-544-5664
Fax: 314-631-3118

Website

<http://stmartinoftours.com>

**Society of
St. Vincent DePaul**
314-296-3733

Parish Office Hours

Monday — Thursday
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY

OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



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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,

Christ the Worrier became a popular devotion in Lithuania, where the figure is called *Rupintojelis* (roo-pinto-YAY-lis). Lithuanians relate the figure to their own suffering as a people, having endured persecution under the Soviet regime and mass deportations to Siberian gulags where about 60 per cent of the 130,000 Lithuanian deportees died or were never allowed to return to their homes.

Christ the Worrier is a devotion that reminds us how God identifies with our suffering. As he sits and worries, he contemplates the fears and the sufferings which accompany us during times of uncertainty.

A photograph of this beautiful statue of *Christ the Worrier* was given to me by my friend, Sister Stephen Marie Barney, who is a member of the religious order of the *Sisters of Jesus Christ Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother*.



TAKING A BREAK

I was feeling overworked and then I realized that I needed to take a break. So Dash and I are taking it easy for a week or so. (It's nice! — I suggest you try it sometime.)

We return next week, the 4th Sunday of Advent.

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SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General	\$4937
Loose	\$ 676
On-Line Giving	\$2000
(November 30-December 6)	
Subtotal	\$7613
Special Collections	\$ 675
TOTALS	\$8288

Pray, hope, and don't worry....

**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, December 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Stephanie Parker

Sunday, December 20 at 7:30 a.m.

Deacon Kurt

Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Ackermann

CHRISTMAS GIVING SPIRIT

Due to mask sales and to the generosity of the people of St. Martin of Tours, we raised \$1700 toward the Bova benefit fund. If you missed out on purchasing a mask they will still be on sale at Century Credit Union 1540 LeMay Ferry Rd. or call Anne Hensiek at 314 650-8512 to arrange for a

MONEY COUNTERS

December 14

December 21

Larry Skaggs

Ken Harangozo

Frank Ziegler

Greg Buck

Apollo Westrich

Ken McWhorter

John Schmitt

Tom Tettamble



IT IS TIME TO DECORATE OUR CHURCH AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On December 16 at 9:30 a.m. we are meeting at the annex to carry the trees over to the church. We will set the trees into the stands to allow the limbs to fall into place.

On December 17 at 9:30 a.m. we will meet back in the church to string the lights on the trees.

We look forward to seeing you and appreciate any help for this event.

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 a.m. - Monday

Bob Sunkel & Children+

8:00 a.m. - Tuesday

Catherine Griffin+

8:00 a.m. Wednesday

Barb Brockhaus+

8:00 a.m. Thursday

Borek Family+

8:00 a.m. - Friday

Souls in Purgatory+

8:00 a.m. - Saturday

Jack Bettag+

4:00 p.m. - Saturday

Rosina Vergano+

7:30 a.m. - Sunday

People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. - Sunday

The Marty Family+

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY

14

Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a

Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9

Mt 21: 23-27

TUESDAY

15

Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13

Ps 34: 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 and 23

Mt 21: 28-32

WEDNESDAY

16

Is 45: 6c-8. 18. 21c-25

Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14

Lk 7: 18b-23

THURSDAY

17

Gn 49: 2. 8-1

Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17

Mt 1: 1-17

FRIDAY

18

Jer 23: 5-8

Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19

Mt 1: 18-25

SATURDAY

19

Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a

Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17

Lk 1: 5-25

SUNDAY

22

Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16 Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 (2a)Rom 16: 25-27

Lk 1: 26-38

STOCKHOLDER CLUB

The Club begins operations in January 2021 and the dinner is next November. Each share you buy is a chance for a monthly drawing and reservation for dinner. If you would like to bring a guest to the dinner you may purchase a ticket for \$50 or why not purchase another stockholder ticket to have additional chances at the monthly drawings! Monthly drawings will be \$100 and the minimum grand drawing in November is \$500! This will increase as the ticket sales increase. If you are a lucky winner for a particular month your name will again be entered for the remaining months and grand prize drawing.

What are you waiting for? Invest in St Martin of Tours!



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

December 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>29 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Adoration and Rosary 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>December 1</p>	<p>2 Adoration 8:30 a.m. continues all day</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY L-STREAM / ZOOM 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3 Adoration continues</p>	<p>4 Adoration Continues</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY Benediction @ 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 2nd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Adoration and Rosary 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 The Immaculate Conception of the BVM Mass 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9 BIBLE STUDY L-STREAM / ZOOM 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 3rd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Adoration and Rosary 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 BIBLE STUDY L-STREAM / ZOOM 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 4th Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Adoration and Rosary 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 BIBLE STUDY L-STREAM / ZOOM 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE Masses: 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Midnight</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY Mass: 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Adoration and Rosary 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Adoration 8:30 a.m. continues all day</p> <p>(No Bible Study)</p>	<p>31 Adoration Continues</p> <p>New Year's Eve Mass 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>January 1 New Year's Day Mass 10:00 a.m. Adoration continues FIRST FRIDAY Benediction @ 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>January 2</p>

DASH'S DEN

Dear Humans,

I'm almost always worrying.

When Daddy leaves, I worry.
Maybe he's not coming back.
Or maybe he won't be back
for hours.

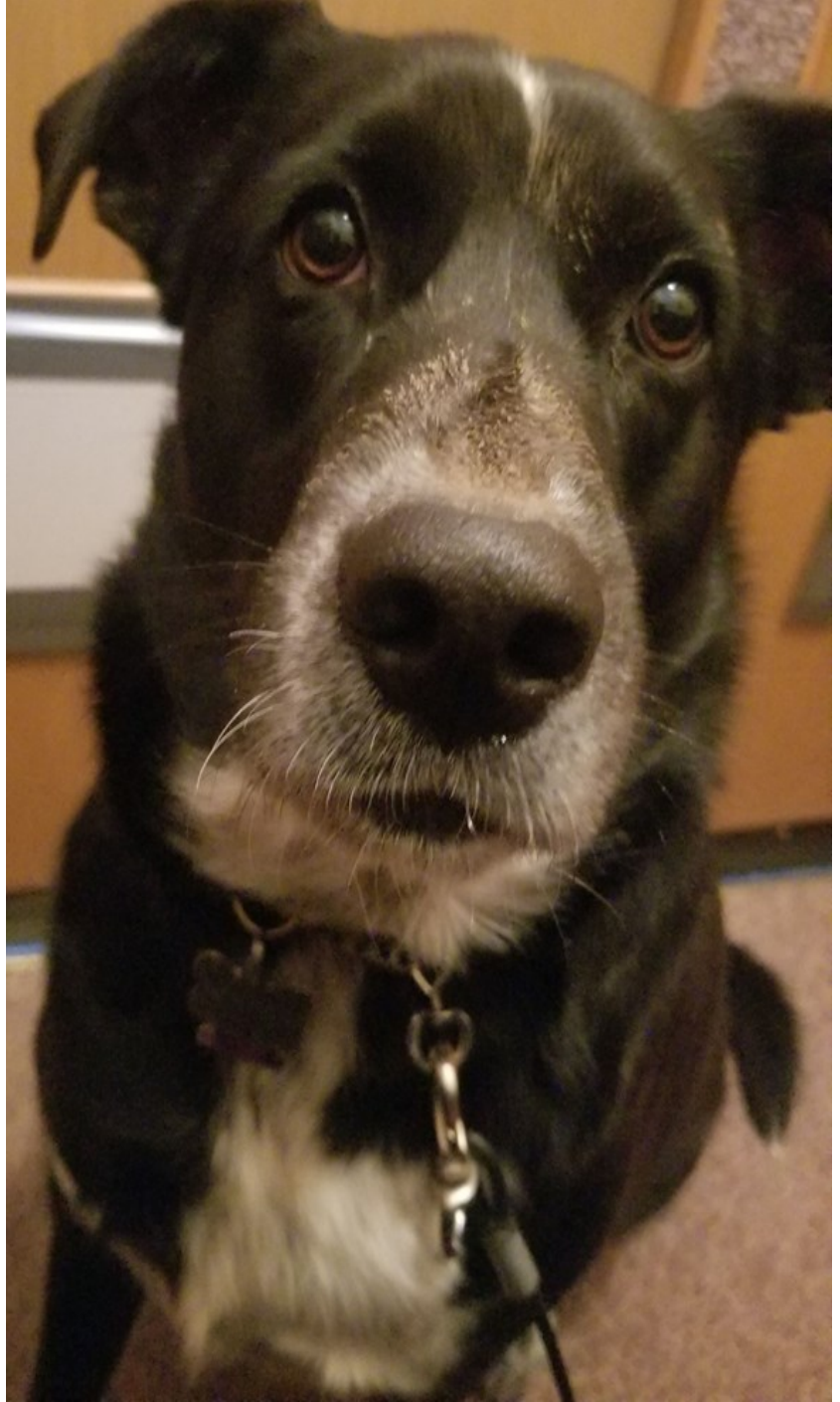
When he isn't paying attention to me, I worry that I did something wrong.

I try to not worry by looking outside for squirrels. But I worry even then.

Daddy told me not to worry, but that he promises to protect me in every way he can.

He said as long as I remain near him, he will remain near to me.

"But it doesn't feel like that sometimes," I think to myself.



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