

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 - 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.

**Baptisms**  
 Contact parish office to  
 register for baptism

**Marriages**  
 Contact parish office at  
 least six months prior to  
 wedding

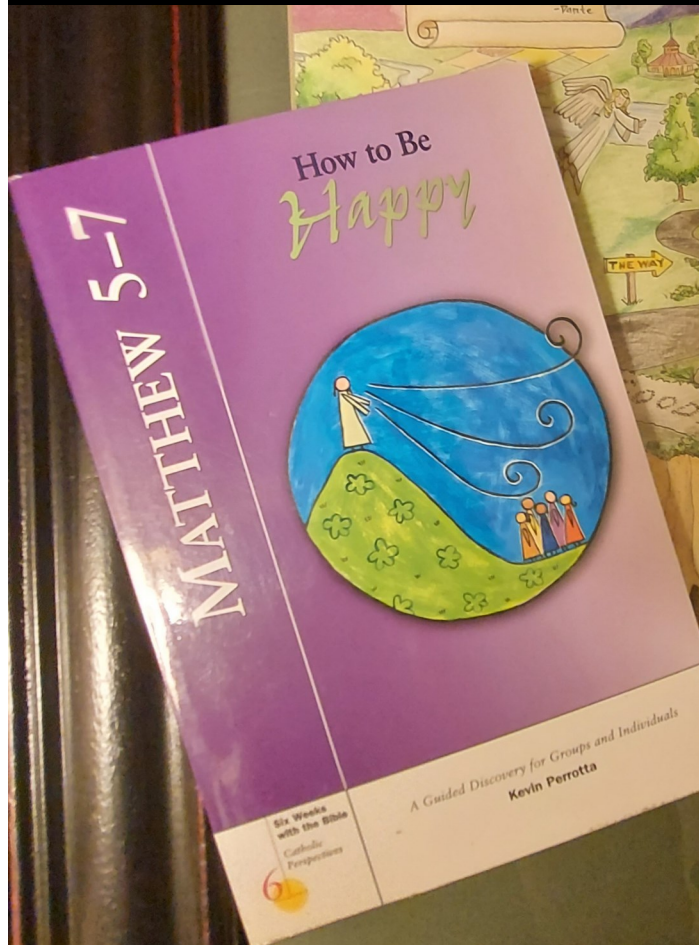
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**Website**  
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 St. Vincent DePaul**  
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**Parish Office Hours**  
 Monday - Thursday  
 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:  
 THE BEATITUDES  
 &  
 SERMON ON THE MOUNT**



Mark your calendars! Starting **Thursday March 3**, we will be offering a six-week Bible study on one of the most important passages in all of Scripture: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount which answers the question, *"How am I to be happy in this life?"* We will be using the book shown above, which is divided into six sections for easy digestion. We will meet every Thursday evening of Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the church. (Having the study in the church will make parking easier.) The study is free. We ask that you register for the course by calling the office so we can issue you a book. We hope to see you on **3/3/2022 at 7:00 p.m!**

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 Mrs. Bridget Gabel

**SUNDAY  
 CONTRIBUTIONS**

General	\$ 3322
Loose	\$ 710
On-Line	\$ 2055
Feb. 7-13	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 6087</b>

Special Collections \$ 35

**Total:** \$ 6122



# FEB 20 WEEK 3

## Group 3 Chairman Kenny Harangozo

**Captains:** Rick Stockling, Kevin Hale & Frank Speck

**Caller:** Alex Henderson

**Cashiers:** Diane Julius, Debbie Borst & Nancy Zoia

**Machines:** Anne Allen

**Pull Tab Stand:** Mike Allen & Francine Tolliver

**Pull Tab Sellers:** Dave Kassebaum, Margaret Ruffin, Frank Ziegler, Bill Grahl & Mike Zoia

**Bingo Call Backs:** Rob Wetzel & Dave Matecki

**White Progressive:** \$6750 **Purple:** \$500

**Thank you to all the players and volunteers!**

## MONEY COUNTERS

## LECTORS

**Tuesday**  
February 22

**MONDAY**  
February 28

**Monday**  
March 7

Saturday, Feb. 26 @ 4 p.m.  
Stephanie Parker

Jim Heisner  
Bob Villani  
Tim Haber  
George Otto

Debbie Baumann  
Jim Baumann  
Mike Zoia  
Dave Kassebaum

Larry Skaggs  
Frank Ziegler  
Apollo Westrich  
John Schmitt

Sunday, Feb. 27 @ 7:30 a.m.  
Debbie Baumann

Sunday, Feb. 27 @ 10 a.m.  
Lisa Hale

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

8 a.m.	Monday Elbert & Mathilda Witte +	8 a.m.	Saturday Lydia Pinson +
8 a.m.	Tuesday Gerry Jansen +	+ + 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + +	
8 a.m.	Wednesday Ray & Marie Austermann +	4 p.m.	Saturday Bernice Hernandez +
8 a.m.	Thursday Madelyn Witte +	7:30 a.m.	Sunday People of the Parish
8 a.m.	Friday Donna Fichtenmayer +	10 a.m.	Sunday Marianne Myler +

## DAILY MASS READINGS

<b>MONDAY</b> 21 <i>St Peter Damian</i>	<b>TUESDAY</b> 22 <i>Chair of St Peter</i>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 23 <i>St Polycarp</i>	<b>THURSDAY</b> 24	<b>FRIDAY</b> 25	<b>SATURDAY</b> 26 <i>B.V.M</i>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 27
<i>Jas 3:13-18</i>	<i>1 Pt 5: 1-4</i>	<i>Jas 4: 13-17</i>	<i>Jas 5:1-6</i>	<i>Jas 5:9-12</i>	<i>Jas 5:13-20</i>	<i>Sir 27:4-7</i>
<i>Ps 19:8-10, 15</i>	<i>Ps 23: 1-6</i>	<i>Ps 49:2-11</i>	<i>Ps 49:14-20</i>	<i>Ps 103:1-4, 11-12</i>	<i>Ps 141:1-3, 8</i>	<i>Ps 92:2-3, 13-16</i>
<i>Mk 9:14-29</i>	<i>Mt 16: 13-19</i>	<i>Mk 9:38-40</i>	<i>Mk 9:41-50</i>	<i>Mk 10:1-12</i>	<i>Mk 10:13-16</i>	<i>1Cor 15:54-58</i>
						<i>Lk 6:39-45</i>

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOSPICE

SERIOUS  
ILLNESS

*Bill Stemmeler  
Mark B.  
Chris Acksel*

*Frank & Tony V.  
Mary Montgomery  
Larry Skaggs*

*Scott K  
Pat Ellis  
Dolores Sunkel*

IN REHAB

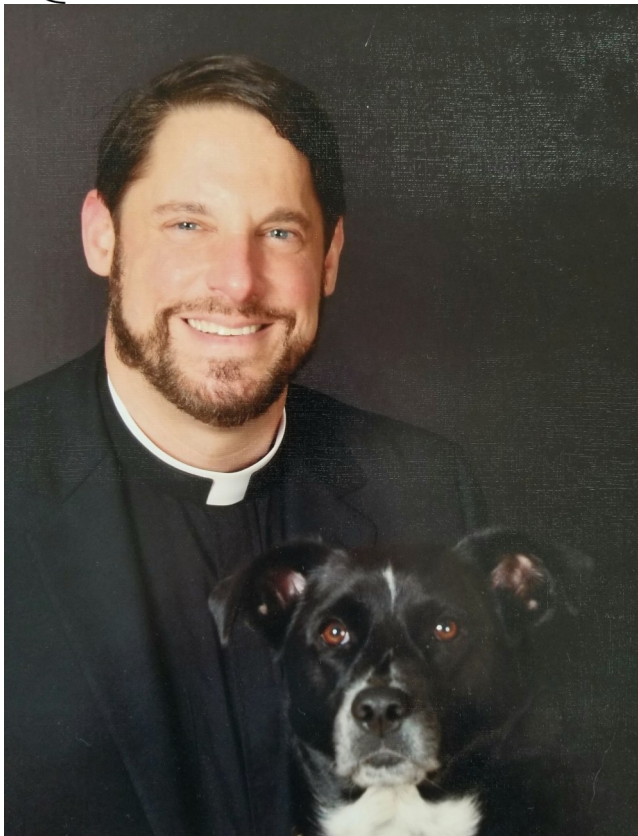
*William Machino, Jr.  
Lynne & Dino Bova*

CHRONIC  
ILLNESS

*Helen Iadevito  
Joyce Taylor  
Linda Ritter*

*Carol Venverloh  
Charlotte Brown*

*Ruth Ann Sullivan      Linda Cowick  
Linda Hoefl  
Kenny McWhorter Sr*



**FATHER WALDMAN!**

**PARISH MEMBERS OF ST  
MARTIN OF TOURS WANT  
TO WISH FATHER  
WALDMAN A VERY HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY AND THANK  
HIM FOR ALL HE BRINGS  
TO HIS PEOPLE! WE WILL  
CELEBRATE WITH CUPCAKES  
AFTER ALL  
MASSES  
THIS  
WEEKEND!**



# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar



## February 2022

<p>January 30</p> <p>Adoration &amp; Rosary 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>January 31</p>	<p>February 1</p> <p>Quilters 9 a.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Adoration begins after morning Mass</p> <p>SVdP Mtg. 7 p.m.</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>ST. BLAISE Throat Blessings after Mass, after which Adoration will continue</p> <p>Quilters 9 a. m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY Devotions before Mass 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Adoration until Benediction 3 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>FIRST SATURDAY</p> <p>Consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Adoration &amp; Rosary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Quilters 9 a.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>50+ Club Mtg. 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Quilters 9 a. m.</p> <p>Women's Club Mtg. &amp; Bunco 7 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Adoration &amp; Rosary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Quilters 9 a.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Quilters 9. a.m.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Adoration &amp; Rosary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>President's Day Rectory Closed</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Quilters 9 a.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Quilters 9 a. m.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Fellowship Sunday after 7:30&amp;10 Masses</p> <p>STOCKHOLDERS DRAWING AFTER 7:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Adoration &amp; Rosary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>Quilters 9 a.m.</p>	<p>March 2</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY 8 a.m. Mass/Ashes</p> <p>Adoration begins after 6 p.m. Mass</p> <p>6 p.m. Mass/Ashes</p> <p>SVdP Mtg. 7 p.m.</p>	<p>March 3</p> <p>Adoration contin- ues after morning Mass</p> <p><b>FIRST BIBLE STUDY "HOW TO BE HAPPY" MATTHEW 5-7 7 P.M. IN CHURCH</b></p>	<p>March 4</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY Devotions before Mass 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Adoration until Benediction @ 3 p.m.</p> <p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p>	<p>March 5</p> <p>FIRST SATURDAY</p> <p>Consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart</p>



# Pastor's Den



Is it really unconditional love? While I have no doubts that my dog loves me, I do have my doubts that his love for me is actually unconditional. Faithful? Yes. Trusting? Well, considering how upset he gets when I have to leave him, I would say not. Affectionate? Absolutely. Ungrateful? No, not at all. But unconditional?

If I give Dash attention and affection, if I play with him, do my best to interpret his wants and needs (for example going outside at 2 a.m. or going to the church because he knows that once there he can get a cookie from George or a parishioner), and if I continue to give him treats at the proper times, then indeed Dash shows me a lot of affection and love.

However, if I were to ignore Dash, not play with him, or yell at him for doing things that are instinctual to him; or if I were to leave him for long periods of time all by himself; or if I were to ignore his desires to go outside at 2 a.m. or to go to the church or to have a treat, then what would happen is that—in time—his love for me would begin to run cold. He would understand that my care for him is minimal. He would, in kind, return minimal affection.

And rightly so. Because love does not mean “never having to say you’re sorry,” as was said in that terrible movie and novel, “Love Story,” but what love does mean is that there is certainly communication, and a degree of proportional give-and-take, an understanding that by each party involved that love must be patient and kind because creaturely love is imperfect. If one person in a love relationship is doing all the giving, and the other is doing all the taking, the love relationship will die.

In proportion to the love I show to Dash, he has responded with changes in his behavior over the years. He used to disobey my commands to come inside when it was time to stop playing. He used to move himself away from me in the bed if I tried to cuddle with him. He also used to pout when he didn’t get what he wanted when he wanted it. Things have now changed. He is far more obedient. He understands that pouting isn’t a good response to not getting what he wants, so instead he knows to lie quietly. He also allows me to cuddle with him in bed, so much more in fact that it’s quite possible he even likes it now. At times it seems he tolerates it because he knows how much I enjoy holding him, and I know how much he needs his space. Now that’s interesting, to think that Dash allows me to show him love in a way I want because he knows it makes me happy, even if he’d rather some other form of communication.

In the end, what I take away from my relationship with my dear pet is a nuanced understanding of God’s love for me (and perhaps for all of us): When we say that God’s love is “unconditional” we are speaking in a very absolute manner, indicating that God will always forgive us of our sins if we confess them. However, in the day-to-day relationship we have with God (which we call “the spiritual life”) what we learn is that God’s love for me is in fact very conditional. It depends on how I have chosen to respond to the love God has given to me so far. If I show gratitude (which is, by the way, one of the greatest natural attributes of a dog, hence why having a dog can be so edifying), then the manner God chooses to next show his love for me will manifest accordingly; if I were to show *in-gratitude*, then the unfolding of God’s love for me will indeed be very different. If you think I am wrong in this, then pick up Scripture—anyplace in Scripture actually—and what you’ll discover is that this is *exactly* the way God behaves with his creatures! This does not, however, mean that God is predictable in his ways, since as we know full well from the Book of Job that God’s love sometimes seems anything *but* love—it feels and seems even cruel at times—and this is a very great mystery which finds its meaning in the Cross, though its resolution won’t be *felt* until the next world (which is why the only satisfying “answer” to the Book of Job is actually the Book of Revelation).

Now back to Dash. If there is any party in our relationship whose love approximates something of non-conditionality, that would be



the love I show *him!* For example, Dash has no idea that my office is decorated with about a half-dozen pictures of him. He has no idea how much I pay for his food or how much it costs for me to let him play at doggie day-care. He hasn’t any idea of how much I brag on him to my family and friends or share pictures of him to others (certainly, Dash has never done such about me—unless he is able to communicate such accounts of me to his friends at Rosie’s Doggie Daycare which, if he could actually do that, would certainly blow my mind). And look at this wonderful Valentine’s Day cookie that was given to him as a gift by one of our parishioners—personalized and everything. And he has no idea! Or does he?



Meanwhile, God shuffles around his office in heaven looking for papers and consulting his schedule, and he takes a glance around. Over there on the far wall is a picture of you that he has from when you were conceived. On another wall is your baptism. There on the table is a triptych of something you did that hurt another of God’s children, and in the middle picture you hear God’s voice, and in the third image you apologize with tears and confess your sins—God loves those three pictures very much! And maybe today he sends you gifts, especially monogrammed for you, things marked with signs that maybe only God can see, but which he *wants* to give you anyway.

You’ll have no idea, perhaps, what God is giving you to show you how much he loves you. Or will

