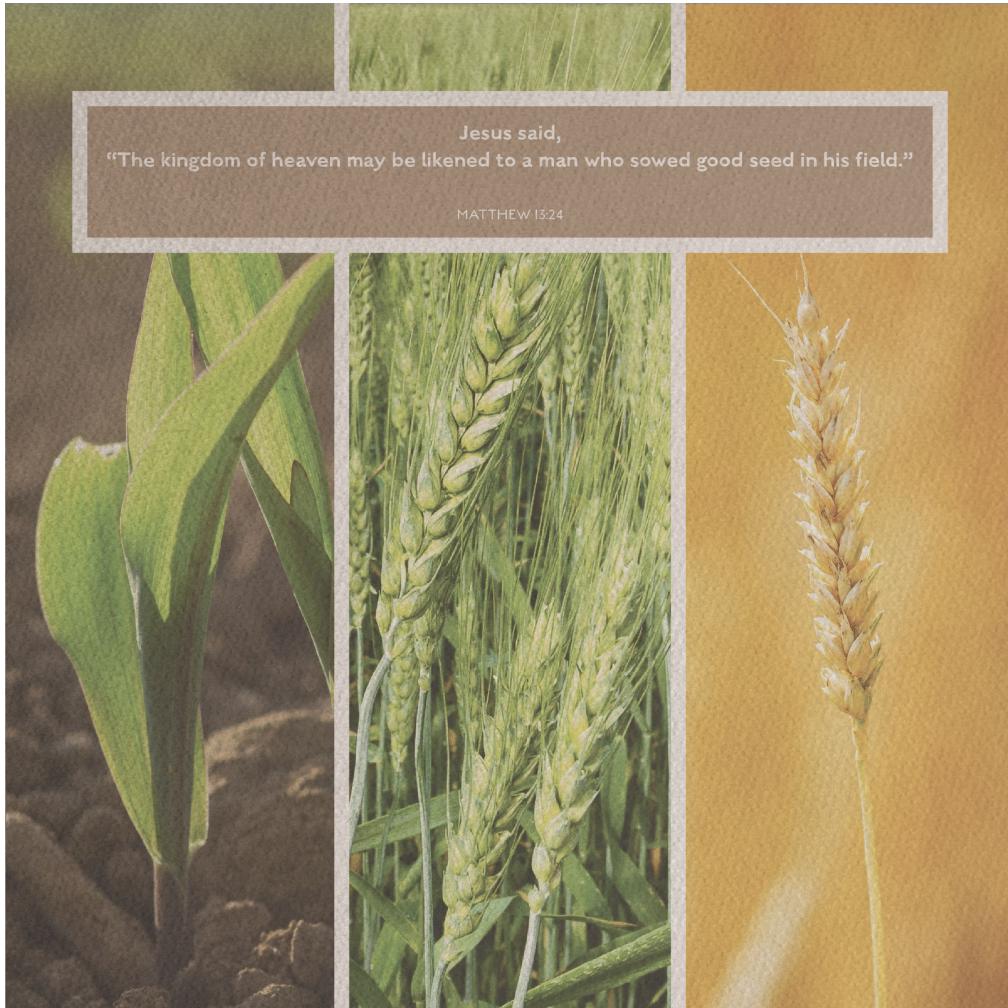
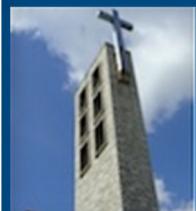


Welcome to St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church 610 West Ripa Avenue St. Louis, MO 63125



**SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

JULY 19
2020

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SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General	\$2926
Special Collections	\$
Loose	\$1432
Subtotal	\$4358
On-Line Giving	\$1520
(July 6—July 12)	
Total:	\$5878

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!

Pastor's Pen

Dear St. Martin of Tours Family & Friends,

Thanks to all of you who participated a week ago on Sunday evening when we prayed the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, with the intention of honoring our city's patron, St. Louis IX King of France.

St. Louis reigned from 1226 until his death in 1270, the period of time of what is called the High Middle Ages. This relatively brief period of Christendom is regarded by Christian historians and the pinnacle of human history, when Europe was for the most part internally at peace; when Catholic art, theology, and jurisprudence was in fullest blossoming; when Catholic fervor was universal. One reason for this great flowering was indeed the personal holiness and heroic virtue and leadership of St. Louis. When St. Louis was just a boy, the Queen Mother Blanche took special care to instill in St. Louis a religious heart. She took him every day to recite the services of the Divine Office (in Latin of course!) and to attend two Masses each day. He continued this practice as an adult, avoiding amusements such as hunting and other popular game, instead preferring to attend Mass at least once a day. He was a brilliant student, mastering all disciplines proper to an educated man of his era.



St. Louis established the Theological College of the Sorbonne (1253) at the University of Paris, where the brilliance of St. Albertus Magnus and St. Thomas Aquinas made it the greatest university in the world. During his reign the Cathedral at Amiens was completed, and the Cathedral at Reims and Notre Dame in Paris were well underway. In consultation with St. Thomas and other great thinkers at the university, St. Louis instituted reforms to establish justice in his kingdom. He reformed the tax system. He established the principle of presumption of innocence. He abolished the superstitious practice of trial by ordeal, instituting trial by jury. He commissioned the building of churches, schools, monasteries, universities, hospitals, orphanages, hostels for the blind, homes for widows.

St. Louis was a brilliant military strategist and negotiator. So respected was he that no sooner had he bested the English King Henry III at the battle at Taillebourg (1242), thus firmly securing large disputed areas of northwestern France that had been claimed by the English, St. Louis convinced Henry to conscript recruits for the Sixth Crusade, to recover the Holy Land from the Turks and to aid the Christians who were living there under harsh conditions of religious and societal oppression. In the following years, Henry III would ask St. Louis for assistance in administering justice on his behalf in his own country. It was not long before foreign princes and monarch asked St. Louis to arbitrate their international disputes.

The Emperor of Constantinople, too, so revered St. Louis and admired his piety that he gave to him the Holy relic of the Crown of Thorns, for which St. Louis had built the most extraordinary example of the "Rayonnant" (literally "radiating") style of French Gothic in his palace chapel, *Sainte Chapelle* (completed 1248).

There is much more to be said about St. Louis, but I cannot condense it to one page. Present day criticisms of St. Louis are due to a lack of knowledge of history and a failure to understand the Medieval Era. We would do well as Catholics of the City of St. Louis to ask for his intercession at this time of confusion, and to pray for the holiness and wisdom of our local, state, and national leaders.

Sincerely,

Thomas Wilden

LECTORS

Saturday, July 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Ken McWhorter

Sunday, July 26 at 7:30 a.m.

Deacon Kurt Loeffler

Sunday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Lisa Hale

ADORATION IN 2020

Would you be willing to commit an hour of adoration time from **Wed., Aug. 5**

following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until **Fri., Aug. 7** 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

Email: Betty Koch44@yahoo.com

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<i>Goal:</i>	\$28,815
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<i>Amount received as of July 19:</i>	\$19,792
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Faith is not something you can gift wrap and put on a shelf to use in case of emergencies. It is a gift God gives you when trials come your way, and He says to you, "Here, I give you an opportunity, and I also give you faith in this time of trial. It's your choice whether you wish to use it or not."

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 a.m. - Monday July 20

Ward Kiser+

8:00 a.m. - Tuesday July 21

Thomas Abkemeier+

8:00 a.m. - Wednesday July 22

Ray & Marie Austermann+

8:00 a.m. - Thursday July 23

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8:00 a.m. - Friday July 24

Bill O'Toole+

8:00 a.m. - Saturday, July 25

Michael McDermott+

4:00 p.m. - Saturday July 25

Deceased members of Westrich & Seitz Families+

7:30 a.m. - Sunday July 26

People of the Parish

10:00 a.m.- Sunday July 26

Gerri & Rita Bernds+

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9,
16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8;
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab,
8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd,
13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6;
Mt 20:20-28

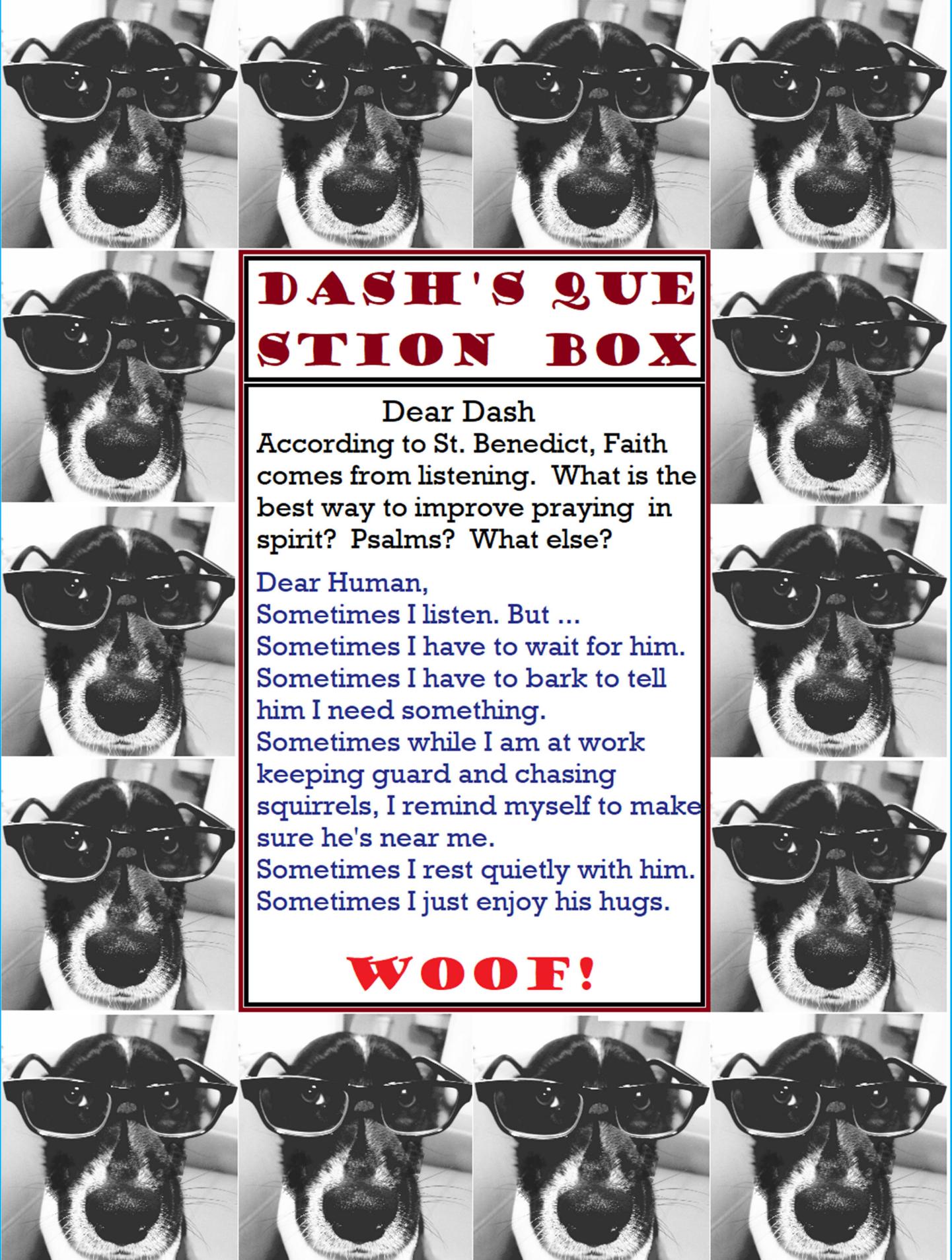
EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

July 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Adoration begins (@ 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon)	Adoration continues	3 Adoration Continues Benediction @ 3:00 p.m.	4
5	6	7	8 Adoration (@ 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon)	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Adoration (@ 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon)	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Adoration (@ 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon)	23 Parish Council ZOOM meeting (@ 6:30 p.m.)	24	25
26	27	28	29 Adoration (@ 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon)	30	31	



DASH'S QUESTION BOX

Dear Dash

According to St. Benedict, Faith comes from listening. What is the best way to improve praying in spirit? Psalms? What else?

Dear Human,

Sometimes I listen. But ...

Sometimes I have to wait for him.

Sometimes I have to bark to tell him I need something.

Sometimes while I am at work keeping guard and chasing squirrels, I remind myself to make sure he's near me.

Sometimes I rest quietly with him.

Sometimes I just enjoy his hugs.

WOOF!

