

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

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

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

Parish Office Hours
 Monday - Thursday
 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER
14
 2021



Jesus said to his disciples,
 “And then they will see
 ‘the Son of Man
 coming in the clouds’
 with great power and glory.”

MARK 13:26

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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!*

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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
Jeanne (Fedke) D
Jane Anvender*

IN REHAB

*William Machino, Jr.
Sue Jernigan*

Lynne & Dino Bova

Linda Cowick

CHRONIC ILLNESS

*Helen Iadevito
Joyce Taylor
Linda Ritter*

*Vince Candela
Carol Venverloh
Charlotte Brown*

*Ruth Ann Sullivan
Linda Hoefl
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Sr. Kathleen Donovan
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Mr. Rick Jobin

PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.

Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.

You are our Mother.

Pray for us to your Son.

Amen.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General	\$	5429
Loose	\$	491
On-Line	\$	1805
	Nov. 1-7	
Subtotal	\$	7725

Total: \$ 7825

Special Collections \$100

*Congratulations to
Barb Snow!
Lucky winner of this month's quilt*

Pastor's Pen

*"The Lord giveth,
and the Lord taketh away.
Blessed be the name of the Lord."
– Job 1:21*

Dear St. Martin of Tours Family and Friends,

I have been taking some time off. On Sunday October 24, we had the Gospel reading about Bartimaeus who was born blind and who was cured by Jesus. I spoke about miracles and healing prayers. I brought up an example of one miracle that occurred early in my priestly ministry, when Debbie Pecher, the school principal at Saints Joachim and Ann, made a truly miraculous recovery from a step infection in her body. I ended the homily with two observations: First, that for some miracles of healing to occur, we must pray over the person in a similar manner used for exorcisms, commanding all that is in the person's body which is not lined up with the Word of God to be washed away by the Blood of Christ and sent to the foot of the Cross. Second, there are times we get miracles, and there are times we don't, and that all we can be certain of is that God stands by us and remains with us during our prayers. The result is always an increase in love.



From Monday November 1 through Wednesday November 3, I was in Brownwood, Texas to prepare one of my very best friends for eternal life. I knew Matt McConnell for about seven years. We met on a chat board to help foster community amongst people with Asperger's. Despite our very different backgrounds, we really hit it off. He was from a very broken family and left home as soon as he could. He joined the Navy and worked on a ship which was a central command post for Naval intelligence. He spoke with the thickest amalgam of southern dialects you could imagine. He was physically strong, low maintenance, loved the outdoors, and by nature was a man of the earth. Calculating his future prospects, he got a degree in library science and became chief librarian for the town of Brownwood, Texas, where he modernized the library. In the meantime, he managed and then inherited a cattle ranch and spent his free time reading political philosophy and teaching his border collie Rebel to manage the ranch when he was gone. (Matt was teaching Rebel the alphabet just before he died.) He was able to manage his money in such a way that he could retire from his library job when he was 55, about four years ago.

Matt and I spoke on the phone at least once a week, and often for hours. He was brilliant. He was a self-taught political philosopher. He recommended books for me to read. He was a gifted writer. His memory was stupefyingly detailed. His ability to analyze contemporary events and also to write about them (he would post his ideas on various websites) caught the attention of a number of prominent conservative commentators who would then sometimes consult him for his opinion.

Having Asperger's, he had a difficult time with the idea of having a relationship with God. Even though he was raised Catholic, he had put religion to the side because he couldn't grasp how to have a relationship with a spiritual entity. Nevertheless, through our friendship he gravitated back to his Catholicism. He started praying

the rosary, and even though he couldn't stand the institutional church, he once more grasped the beauty, truth, and (for Matt, always a practical person) the reasonableness of the religion of his birth. He once posited that Catholicism could even be understood in light of evolutionary, since his study of world cultures convinced him that the Catholic way of life, both for the individual and for those societies which honored and implemented the truths of the Faith, was best for the survival and flourishing of the human species. That was a Classic Matthew argument: Take two subjects as distant and diverse as religion and evolution, and combine them in a way that destroys atheism and grants victory to what is truth and good.

Matthew never smoked. Neither did Matt's parents. However, both died of lung cancer. For that reason Matt made certain to get a chest X-ray every year. Last June, the doctors found cancer in his left lung. He began the standard protocol recommended by M. D. Anderson, and after three chemo treatments, the cancer was completely eradicated.



As a kind of insurance that the cancer would never return, he was given a round of the immunotherapy drug Keytruda. He began to experience back pain and lethargy. We all thought that was a side effect of the Keytruda. Still, he was getting worse. When Matt had his PET scan October 13, the results showed that the cancer had resurfaced in both lungs, his bones, and his brain. Apparently for Matt, who had many autoimmune sensitivities (which are often comorbid with Asperger's), the immunotherapy drug caused his immune system to go into shock, allowing the cancer to return without any impedance.

Matt and his wife Lynn hoped to get him back into chemotherapy, but he deteriorated too rapidly for that. The last time I heard his voice was when I was speaking to his wife Lynn on the phone the evening of Sunday October 31. In the background, I heard Matt's voice: "Father Noah, Last Rites! Last Rites!" I booked a flight to Dallas for the next day and drove three hours by rental car to get to the hospital in Brownwood.

When I entered the hospital room, Matt's speech was slurred and he was visibly weakened. This was the first time I had met him.

The man I knew to be about 6' - 2", built like a rock, with a don't-mess-with-Texas shaven head and fierce brow was now reduced to a desiccated figure, short of breath, and emaciated. Tears rolled down his cheeks when he saw me. I stayed with him all night. The next day I anointed Matt, gave him the Apostolic Pardon, and gave him Holy Communion, probably the first communion Matthew had received in over forty years.

Matt left the hospital on hospice the morning of Friday, November 5, the Feast of the Elizabeth. He died that afternoon at 3:09 p.m., with his wife Lynn and dog Rebel next to him, which is exactly where he wanted to die, and with whom he wanted to die. There was no miracle of physical healing for Matt. In fact, quite the opposite. Everything went wrong. However, Matt had a blessed death. Matt invited his family, estranged from him for many years, to come visit and to let bygones be bygones. He died believing in God. He died in the arms of the Church, with the sacraments, the Apostolic Pardon, and Viaticum.

I miss Matt terribly. I have many regrets. I wish I had phoned him more. I wish I had visited him on his ranch when he was healthy. The lesson for me is to take advantage of the time I have now to love my family and friends, and not delay. With Matt's passing I have lost four wonderful friends in 2021: Bob Hollander (Dante scholar from Princeton, age 88), Thomas Gordon Smith (Architect from Notre Dame, age 75), Michael Ewbank (Catholic philosopher from seminary, age 75), and now Matt McConnell (self-taught redneck and philosopher, 59). Outside of some of you whom I know from the parishes I've served at, I now have no one to talk to about various intellectual subjects.

As our friends die, so, too, we die, a bit at a time. Each friend takes with them a part of us. Until we find ourselves, like Job, all alone, with little more than our naked self and God left. We feel a persistent longing to be with those who have left us for the next world. Such a temptation! If we remain here below, we remain for a reason. Just the same as, if our loved ones are taken from us, they are taken for a reason.

It's a hard saying. We cannot prove the truth of it through reason or philosophy. But life experience proves it to be an unavoidable conclusion.

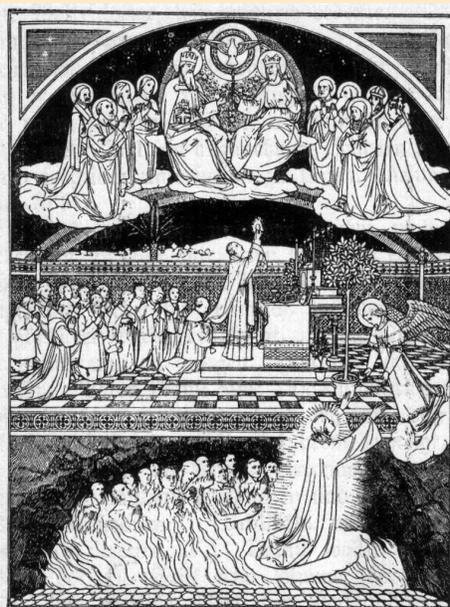
Because Matthew was a man of the earth who called it like he saw it, Matt knew what was real and what was not. And sometimes, reality really hurts.

I asked Matthew to give me a sign when he died. He didn't. I'm a bit peeved at him! But neither he nor I have ultimate control over such things. Graces of an extraordinary nature which pierce the veil between worlds are granted only at God's discretion.

Rest in Peace, Matthew.

HOW TO GAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR A SOUL IN PURGATORY

Any day during the month of November you can gain a *Plenary Indulgence* for a particular soul in Purgatory. You do this by visiting a cemetery (any cemetery, doesn't have to be Catholic) and when you are there, devoutly



pray for the departed soul. No particular prayers are mentioned as a requirement, but at least an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be ought to suffice. Most important is that the prayer is said from the heart.

NOV 14, WEEK 2

Group 2 Chairman Larry Skaggs

Captains: Stacy Kiser & Debbie Snyder

Caller: Dan Godfrey

Cashiers: DeAnn Pappageorge, Stephanie Stotts & Eileen Haubrich

Machines: Dolores Sunkel

Bingo Call Backs: Rob Witzel **Pull Tab Stand:** Greg Hrbacek

Pull Tabs Sellers: Bill Grahl, Anne and Joe Hensiek, Terri White, Linda Finkling

White Progressive : \$3500 Purple \$500

Thank you players and volunteers!

MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER FOR PLAYERS AND WORKERS

MONEY COUNTERS

LECTORS

Monday November 15	SUNDAY November 21	Monday November 29	Saturday, Nov 20	4 p.m. Dolores Sunkel
Larry Skaggs Frank Ziegler Apollo Westrich John Schmitt	Ken Harangozo Greg Buck Ken McWhorter Tom Tettamble	Jim Heisner Bob Villani Tim Haber George Otto	Sunday, Nov. 21	7:30 a.m. Debbie Baumann
			Sunday, Nov 21	10 a.m. Philip Wolk

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

8 a.m. Monday Martha Buck+	8 a.m. Saturday Madelyn Witte+
8 a.m. Tuesday Ray & Marie Austermann+	+ + Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe + +
8 a.m. Wednesday Joan Lewis+	4 p.m. Saturday Dave "Skip" Tettamble+
8 a.m. Thursday Len Wieland+	7:30 a.m. Sunday People of the Parish
8 a.m. Friday Penny Burgess+	10 a.m. Sunday Ray Austermann, Jr.+

DAILY MASS READINGS

MONDAY 15	TUESDAY 16	WEDNESDAY 17	THURSDAY 18	FRIDAY 19	SATURDAY 20	SUNDAY 21
<i>St Albert the Great</i>	<i>St Margaret Of Scotland</i>	<i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	<i>Sts. Peter & Paul</i>		<i>B.V.M</i>	<i>Jesus Christ Sovereign King</i>
<i>1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63</i>	<i>2 Mc 6: 18-31</i>	<i>2 Mc 7:1, 20-31</i>	<i>1 Mc 2:15-29</i>	<i>1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59</i>	<i>1 Mc 6:1-13</i>	<i>Dn 7:13-14</i>
<i>Ps 119:53,61, 134, 150, 155,158</i>	<i>Ps 3:2-7</i>	<i>Ps 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31</i>	<i>Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15</i>	<i>1 Chr 29:10-12</i>	<i>Ps 9:2-6, 16&19</i>	<i>Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5</i>
<i>Lk 18:35-43</i>	<i>Lk 19:1-10</i>	<i>Lk 19:11-28</i>	<i>Lk 19:41-44</i>	<i>Lk 19:45-48</i>	<i>Lk 20:27-40</i>	<i>Rv 1:5-8</i>
						<i>Jn 18:33-37</i>

SMT MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARY

AT GENESIS BANQUET HALL
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17
5:30-MIDNIGHT
DINNER & OPEN BAR



TICKETS ARE \$35 AND MUST
BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

OPEN BAR AT 5:45 P.M.
(bottled beer, mixed drinks, wine & soda)
Appetizers 6:00 -7:00 Dinner at 7:00
Choices are: Sirloin of Beef & Gravy or
Chicken Prima Bianca

Tickets will go on sale after all Masses starting
November 21 and at the Rectory. See Kevin Hale at
DuBowl for tickets on November 23&30. You can
buy them everywhere EXCEPT at the door of
Genesis! **Deadline for purchase Saturday, Dec. 4.**

Any questions call Ken 314 409 3114 or
Tom 314 422 7270

SMT WOMEN'S CLUB IS HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY

AT GENESIS BANQUET CENTER
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
7:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.
DINNER & CASH BAR

TICKETS ARE \$25 AND MUST
BE PURCHASED BY NOVEMBER 21.



FOR TICKETS:

STOP BY THE
OFFICE OR CALL
BETTY KOCH
314 775-7534

Please bring a wrapped ornament.
It can be old, new or homemade.

50+ CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



December 1, 2021 11:30 A.M.
At Genesis Banquet Hall
Doors open at 10:30

*For tickets call Mary Ann Justin
314 627-1108*

Must be purchased by November 23rd
Entertainment and attendance prize

*Bring a Friend!
Anyone over 50 is welcome!*

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

It's that time of the year and
the shelves at SVdP need to
be filled up! We are in need
of vegetables of all kinds,
potatoes, canned and boxed,
stuffing mix, soups, Chef
Boyardee, canned meats,
cranberries and whatever
you feel in your heart you
want to give.



*We could not survive without the generosity from the
people of SMT!*

WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE

*November 20 & 21
After all Masses*



THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF SVdP

Would like to thank all those that attended the card
party last month. It was a wonderful success and all
proceeds went to help those in need.

EVENTS

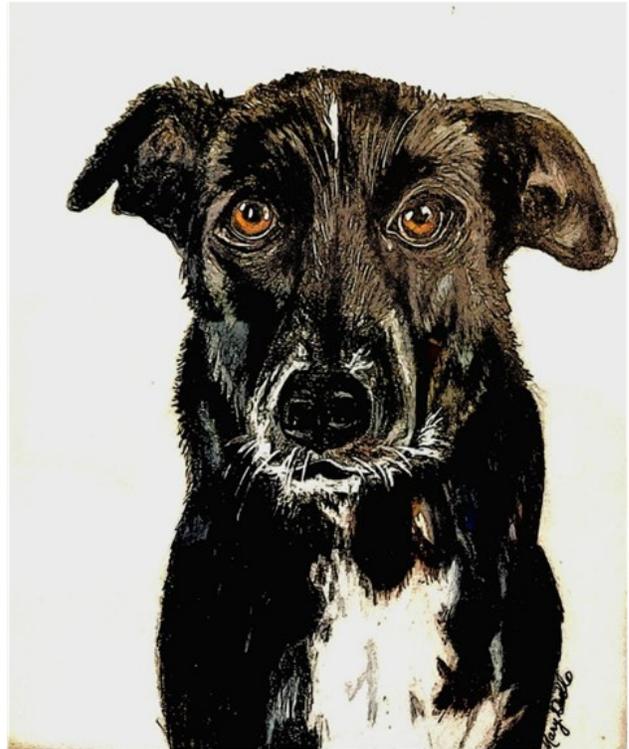
Mark Your Calendar



November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>October 31</p> 	1	2	3 Adoration begins after 8 a.m. Mass SVdP Mtg. 7p.m. BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.	4 Adoration continues	5 Adoration until Benediction 3:00 p.m.	6 First Saturday Consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart
<p>7 Set Your Clock Back Adoration & Rosary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	8	9 Quilters 9 a.m.	10 50+ Club 10 a.m. BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.	11 VETERANS DAY Ladies' Club 7p.m. 	12 STOCKHOLDERS CLUB DINNER ANDRE'S 6 P.M. 	13
14 Adoration & Rosary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	15	16 Quilters 9 a.m.	17 Finance Council 6 p.m. @ Rectory BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Adoration & Rosary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	22	23 Quilters 9 a.m.	24 BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.	25 THANKSGIVING Mass at 8 a.m. 	26	27
28 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT Fellowship Sunday after 7:30 & 10 a.m. Masses Adoration & Rosary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	29	30 Quilters 9 a.m.	December 1 Adoration begins after 8 a.m. Mass SVdP Mtg. 7p.m.	2 Adoration continues	3 Adoration until Benediction 3:00 p.m.	4 First Saturday Consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart

DASH'S DEN



Handsome Dash
Parish Mascot
Honorary Parochial Vicar

My Daddy's mad-talented friend Mary Duello from his first parish drew a wonderful picture of me! As my way of saying thank you to her, I would like to pass on the good word of her talents! I'm thinking of having Mary make a drawing of my Daddy, too, but . . . I got to thinking . . . like most humans, he's not anything *I'd* want to have hanging on *my* wall. *Bleh!*

Pet Portraits

By Mary Duello

Great gift idea and so easy. Just call and then text me your photos. 30.00. 314-583-9556

WO  OF!

