



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

**Confessions  
(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**  
Phone: 314-544-5664  
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**Website**  
<http://stmartinoftours.com>

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St. Vincent DePaul**  
314-296-3733

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



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#### SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General	\$ 3436
Loose	\$ 834
On-Line	\$ 1805
<i>November 28—December 4</i>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 6075</b>
Special Collections	\$ 734

**Total:** **\$ 6809**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 18, 2022**

***"Prepare the way for the Lord."***  
***Is 40: 3***

*Thank  
you*

# PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

## HOSPICE

*Jeanne Krupa  
Rose Lindsay*

*Lois Cliffe*

## SERIOUS ILLNESS

*Chris Acksel  
Arthur Austermann  
Mary Montgomery*

*Mariella G*

## IN REHAB

## CHRONIC ILLNESS

*Helen Iadevito  
Ruth Ann Sullivan  
Carol Venverloh*

*Charlene Fichtenmayer*



## YOUNG ADULT EVENING PRAYER CHRISTMAS EDITION

Young adults age 18+ are invited to a special online evening prayer with the School

Sisters of Notre Dame on Tuesday, December 20 at 7 p.m. This will be the fifth night of a nine-day candlelight Christmas novena beautifully sung/chanted by the sisters. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at [ssnd.org/events/12-20-22/](https://ssnd.org/events/12-20-22/)



## QUILTERS NEWS

The 2023 quilt raffle tickets are available in the vestibule for each parishioner to pick up. Proceeds/ticket stubs may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope addressed as "quilt of the month" or dropped off or mailed to the rectory.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

## QUILTERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On December 6, our Quilters celebrated their 2022 Quilters Christmas Lunch at O'Charley's off Rusty Road. Fr. Noah was there (he took the picture). We had a great time sharing fun and food, smiles and stories. We shared what we were thankful for, most of us mentioning our Faith, our Families, our Furry Friends, both canine and feline, our human Friends, and finally, our great SMT Parish. *Ad multos annos!*



**Casey Albrecht**

*to the St. Martin of Tours  
Parish Family!*

## A SHORT ADVENT PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, give me the strength to have the same trust in You that Mary had as she awaited the birth of Jesus.*

**DECEMBER  
18**



**WEEK 3**

**Group 3 Chairman Ken Harangozo**

**Captains:** Rich Stocking

**Caller:** Tom McIntyre

**Cashiers:** Debbie Borst, Diane Julius & Maria Fendler

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

**Pull Tab Sellers:** Dennis Costello, Dave Kassebaum, Margaret Ruffin, Cathy Krepelnik,  
Tom Tettamble & Terri White

**Call Back:** Kevin Hale & Tyler Effinger

**White Progressive:** \$5250 **Purple Progressive:** \$500

**Thank you to all the Bingo players and our SMT workers!**

**M O N E Y   C O U N T E R S**

**L E C T O R S**

Sunday December 18	Monday December 26	Monday January 2	Monday January 9
Ken Harangozo	Jim Heisner	Debbie Baumann	Frank Ziegler
Greg Buck	Bob Villani	Jim Baumann	Apollo Westrich
Tom Tettamble	Tim Haber	Mike Zoia	John Schmitt
	George Otto	Dave Kassebaum	

*Saturday, December 24  
4 p.m. — Greg Hrbacek*

*Sunday, December 24  
Midnight — Debbie Baumann*

*Sunday, December 25  
10 a.m. — Phillip Wolk*

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

8 a.m.	Monday Holy Souls in Purgatory +	8 a.m.	Saturday Ronald Tecklenburg +
8 a.m.	Tuesday Janet Knobbe +		+ <i>Christmas</i> +
8 a.m.	Wednesday Lou Ann Venhaus +	4 p.m.	Saturday Nathalie Marty +
8 a.m.	Thursday Elbert & Mathilda Witte +	Midnight Mass	Sunday People of the Parish
8 a.m.	Friday Madelyn Witte +	10 a.m.	Sunday Ronald & Judy Lenggenhager +

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

MONDAY 19	TUESDAY 20	WEDNESDAY 21 <i>St. Peter Canisius</i>	THURSDAY 22	FRIDAY 23 <i>St. John of Kanty</i>	SATURDAY 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	SUNDAY 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>
<i>Jgs 13: 2-7 Ps 71: 3-6, 16-17 Lk 1: 5-25</i>	<i>Is 7: 10-14 Ps 24: 1-6 Lk 1: 26-38</i>	<i>Sg 2: 8-14 Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1: 39-45</i>	<i>1 Sam 2: 24-28 1 Sam 2: 1, 4-8 Lk 1: 46-56</i>	<i>Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24 Ps 25: 4-5, 8-10, 14 Lk 1: 57-66</i>	<i>Sm 7: 1-5, 8-16 Ps 89: 2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1: 67-79</i>	<i>Is 52: 7-10 Ps 98: 1-6 Heb 1: 1-6 Jn 1: 1-18</i>



# Pastor's Pen



Dear St. Martin of Tours Family and Friends,

The Mission is over, but new life begins. For those who couldn't make it to the three nights of talks with Patty Schneier, the recordings will be up on the website (under past broadcasts) and will remain there for a year's time.

ON NIGHT ONE, on how to listen to the voice of God, focused on God speaking through 1. *The Teachings of the Church*, which are God's instructions to every human being; 2. *The Scripture Readings of the Day*, which are God's word to the universal church on that particular day; 3. *God's unique word to You* is what happens when you take the day's Scripture readings and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you. You will get insights and direction in limitless ways.

What holds us back in prayer? The greatest roadblocks are:

1. Dissent from an official teaching of the Church,
2. Living in a state of habitual mortal sin.

You cannot progress spiritually if one or both of the above are problems for you. God can "work around" our sin, so to speak, but only so far, until we reach a place of stagnation. *There can be no peace without acceptance of Truth* and there can be no advancement in prayer unless the soul had committed to *believe the Truth* and to *live the Truth*.

ON NIGHT TWO, we were told that why the Sacrament of Confession is essential—because it removes sin from the soul. It unburdens us. According to Patty, Confession is the "*Sacrament of a Happy Heart*," and she is correct. (By the way, our noisy confessional has just been *sound proofed* with professional studio sound insulation. So you don't have to worry about eavesdroppers.)

ON NIGHT THREE, which was for me the most powerful night, was about *fear*, the two kinds of fear, and the three human needs which drive a soul into fear and away from God.

There are only two types of fears.:  
1. Fear of not getting what we want,  
2. Fear of losing what we have.

As for the cause of fear they emerge  
from three human drives:  
1. safety/survival  
2. affirmation/esteem  
3. power/control

The problem comes when we look for safety, affirmation, or power in *creation*, for example, if we look for happiness from other people, or from material things, or from worldly success, etc. But when we try to satisfy those three instincts with creatures, we will forever remain empty. It's the wrong program for happiness. *Because that which is contingent (that which is NOT God) cannot handle the what is a Divine Desire in our souls! The Safety, Esteem, and Power we are looking for are only fulfilled perfectly in God.* So, if we get caught up in the drama of the world (for instance, *All Things New*, the Ukraine conflict, the American Political landscape, who is deemed important to whom, etc.) we will be led downward toward stagnation, unhappiness, and despair. But if we decided instead to get caught up in the drama of God (for instance, focusing on our interior life, how God is present to me every moment of the day, how to love people better, etc.) then the world will not ensnare us in worry, because every day we will be building the houses of our souls on rock.

Here is a final message from Patty Schneier to all of us:

*What a JOY it was to journey with you during the Advent Parish Mission! Thank you so much for your warm hospitality and receptivity! I pray the mission will bear great fruit in your life and that you were able to take away some nuggets of truth. Don't forget to "show up for prayer every day"... "put the big rocks in first"...and frequently receive the "Sacrament of a Happy Heart!" I forgot one final thing...(LOL!) For those of you who would like to listen, I present the Daily Dose of Encouragement at 7:50 a.m. Monday-Friday on Covenant Network Catholic Radio (FM 96.7 or AM 1080). Each week, I throw out a new topic, and then every day of that week, I offer a brief two to three minute reflection, spiritual suggestion, or word of encouragement. You can also listen ANY TIME on all major podcasts: Spotify, Apple, Podbean, etc. (search for The Daily Dose of Encouragement with Patty Schneier) OR go to [www.ourcatholicradio.org](http://www.ourcatholicradio.org) and click on the "programs" tab, where hundreds of audio posts are archived, and new posts are updated daily.*

*Thanks again, for allowing me to be a small part of your spiritual journey this Advent! You are in my prayers,*

*Patty*

# EVENTS

## Mark Your Calendar

# December 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>  <i>Adoration &amp; Rosary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</i>	November 28	November 29 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	November 30 <i>Adoration begins after morning Mass</i>  <i>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	1 <i>Adoration continues</i> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	2 <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> <i>Consecration to Our Lord's Sacred Heart</i> <i>Rosary 7:30 a.m.</i> <i>Adoration until 3 p.m.</i>	3 <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> <i>Consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart</i>
4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>  <i>Fellowship Sunday after both Masses</i> <b>PARISH MISSION 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.</b>	5 <b>PARISH MISSION 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.</b>	6 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>  <b>PARISH MISSION 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m. RECEPTION TO FOLLOW</b>	7 <i>SVdP Mtg 7:00 p.m.</i>  <i>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	8 <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> <i>Day of Obligation</i> <i>Masses 8 a.m., 6 p.m.</i> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i> <b>WOMENS CLUB</b> <i>Xmas Party</i> <i>Genesis 6 PM</i>		10
11 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>  <b>NO ADORATION / ROSARY THIS EVENING</b>	12	13 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	14 <b>50 PLUS CLUB</b> <i>Xmas Party @ Genesis</i> <i>Doors open 10:30 AM</i> <i>St. John Paul II Xmas Concert 7p.m.</i> <i>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	15 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>  <b>NO WOMEN'S CLUB BUNCO UNTIL JANUARY</b>	16 <b>MENS CLUB</b> <i>Xmas Party @ Genesis</i> <i>Doors open 5:30 PM</i>	17
18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>  <b>NO ADORATION / ROSARY THIS EVENING</b>	19	20 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	21 <i>Winter Solstice</i>  <i>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i> <i>* P S A L M 1 0 0 ! *</i>	22 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	23	24 <b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL 4 p.m.</b>  <b>MIDNIGHT MASS 12:00 a.m.</b>
25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10:00 A.M.</b>  <b>NO ADORATION / ROSARY THIS EVENING</b>	26	27 <i>Quilters 9 a.m.</i>	28  <b>NO BIBLE STUDY THIS EVENING</b> <b>WE'RE TAKING A BREAK UNTIL 2023!</b>	29 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	30	31 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>  <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD</b> <i>MASS 4 p.m.</i>