

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

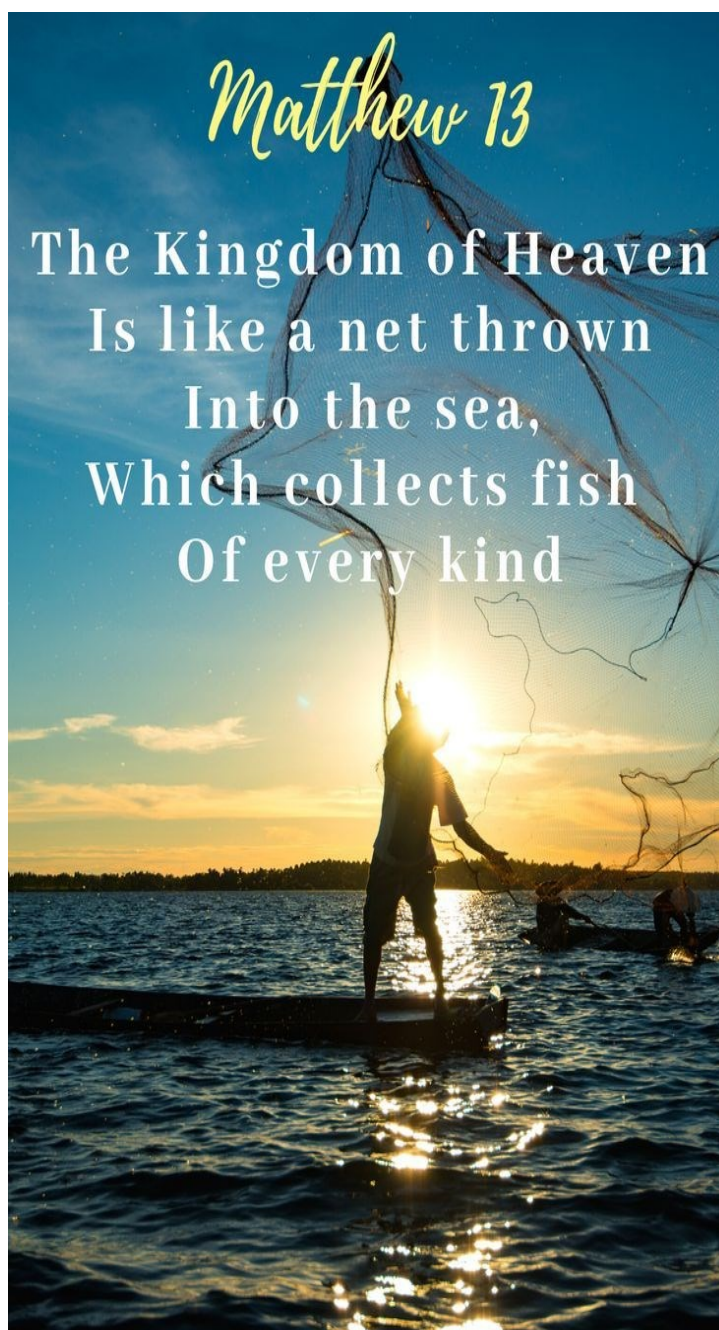
Parish Contact Info
Phone: 314-544-5664
Fax: 314-631-3118

Website
<http://stmartinoftours.com>

Society of
St. Vincent DePaul
314-296-3733

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2023



Pastor

Rev. Noah A. Waldman
314-544-5664

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Kurt Loeffler
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Rev. Mr. Edward Fronick,
retired / emeritus
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Administrative Assistant

Colleen Fanz
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Acolyte & Sacristan
Mr. George Mueller

Maintenance
Mrs. Bridget Gabel
Mr. Jeffrey Boeger

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General	\$ 1783
Loose	\$ 400
On-Line	\$ 80

July 17 to July 23

Subtotal \$ 2263

Special Collections \$114

Total: \$ 2377

*Thank
you*

**JULY
30**



WEEK 5

Group 5 Chairman: Ken Harangozo & Frank Speck

Captains: Maria Fendler

Caller: Alex Henderson

Cashiers: Nancy Zoia, DeAnn Pappageorge & Maria Fendler

Pull Tab Stand: Bob Eike & Greg Hrbacek

Pull Tab Sellers: Cathy Tucker, Mike Zoia, Apollo Westrich & Joe Henson

Call Back : Tyler Effinger & Frank Speck

White Progressive 6500 Purple \$1000

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

MONEY COUNTERS

Monday

July 31

Greg Buck

Mike Zoia

Bob Villani

LECTORS

Sunday, August 6, 10 a.m.

Phillip Wolk



† St. Vincent de Paul



Neighbors helping neighbors®

PLEASE DONATE TO ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Until further notice, our SVDP Conference will continue to operate as usual from our lower level (Runge Hall). Your donations to SDVP Society go to assist families with utilities, food and other necessary expenses. This assistance is accomplished through your generous contributions for families that live within our parish boundaries.

Beginning August 1, monetary and/or other donations (non-perishable food items, paper products, toiletries, cleaning supplies) can be dropped off before or after 10 AM Sunday Mass at our SMT site. **For monetary contributions using a check, please make it payable to SVDP Conference #2224.** Some suggested items are: **cereal, canned goods, pasta, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, Hamburger Helper, crackers, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, syrup, cake mix, frosting, soup, Chef Boyardee canned products, pork & beans, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, dish and hand soap, paper towels, toilet tissue, assorted candies and cookies for the children.**

We want to thank you for your continued generosity and support. Your help matters and makes all the difference.

SMT BINGO UPDATE

As of now, our bingo will continue as usual until further notice. We have been very blessed this year. As of June 30, we have profited \$173,500!!

The Catholic Education Scholarship Fund for the entire school year (2023-24) was sent out this past week to all schools. Recipients might want to check to see if their schools received it.

Our anniversary special (\$1,000 purple) is still on until the end of July.

A special thanks to Kevin Hale, Frank Speck and all our hard working volunteers and our pulltab counters throughout the week for keeping our bingo so successful. Thanks again,

Ken Harangozo (SMT Bingo since 1985)

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOSPICE	<i>Rose Lindsay Joe Pericich</i>	<i>Joyce Taylor</i>
SERIOUS ILLNESS	<i>Carol Venverloh</i>	
IN REHAB		
CHRONIC ILLNESS	<i>Helen Iadevito Ruth Ann Sullivan Tony Berding</i>	<i>Rose S Tony V Gerard V</i> <i>Frank V</i>

MEET THE NEW PRIESTS

With August almost upon us, the new priests of St. Mark Parish are gearing up and anxious to begin their new ministry among the Catholic Community of Lemay.

Determined to hit the ground running—within the first two weeks among us Father Bob Burkemper, Father Allen Boedeker, and Father Rick Schilli invite all the people of the Parish to voice any concerns about our new parochial reality—to ask for initial details on the way this experience is being worked out on the ground—or to share some insight into the real sadness but also the firm hope so many of us feel in this time of transition.

These sessions will be held in the Churches at each of the five parish sites—with all meetings open to anyone from any parish.

We will gather:

*at St. Martin of Tours
on Thursday, August 3 at 7:00 PM
at St. Andrew
on Saturday, August 5 at 11:00 AM
at St. Mark
on Sunday, August 6 at 1:00 PM
at St. Matthias
on Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00 PM
at St. Bernadette
on Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 PM*

Whether morning, afternoon or evening, all are invited to choose the time and place that suits them to meet and be listened to by our new pastoral team of St. Mark Parish for the first time.



All great things seem to have to come to an end. That's what's happening to the 50+ Club my friend. We have one less opportunity to meet as a gang. To celebrate our friendships and go out with a bang. We'll be at Royale Orleans for our **"It's Been Fun!"** celebration. If you bought a ticket, come join us with much anticipation. It's on Wednesday, August 9th and our last big HURRAY! So please be there from 10:30 to 2:30 and don't delay.

Question? Contact Paulette Martin @ 314-892-9009

ONLINE GIVING CORRECTION

Please ignore the information provided in last week's bulletin. For the present, continue to make online donation's through the St. Martin of Tours website.

However, all recurring donations have been cancelled. For parishioners who previously had set up recurring donations please go to the website to re-establish recurring donations you wish to continue.



Pastor's Pen



*Perhaps it might be said rightly that there are three times: a time present of things past;
a time present of things present; and a time present of things future.*

For these three do coexist somehow in the soul, for otherwise I could not see them.

*The time present of things past is memory;
the time present of things present is direct experience;
the time present of things future is expectation.*

St. Augustine, Confessions, Book 11, Chapter 20, # 26

As my time at St. Martin of Tours comes to an end, and as these eighty-four years of many generations of parish life come to an end, we find ourselves living in a state of reverie, anticipating future sadness while we reminisce on many wonderful years. Such is the nature of life and its timeline, intersected by events which mark various gains and losses.

St. Augustine chose to include many beautiful reflections on the human experience of time, of which I have included just one excerpt above, in his autobiography, since in the process of writing his life story he – philosopher and theologian that he was – felt it fruitful to write about his experience writing his experiences. Hence his musings on memory and expectation.

We can find contemporary examples of such reflections, too.

Time Past: “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” - A. A. Milne

Time Present: “Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.” - Dr. Seuss

Time Future: “The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again.” - Charles Dickens

If death were the end of existence, then meaning of the human experience of time would be a constructed fiction. For what good is memory if all who do the remembering will one day be forgotten? There is One however who remembers all, and He is the one who is the Alpha and the Omega, the end and the beginning (Rev. 22:13); He is the Lord of time (Is. 9:6); He is the Salvation of the human race (Phil. 1:6; John 10:27-30; Rom. 8:29-36).

All the souls in heaven will receive what is called the Beatific Vision: every one of us will “see” all things in God, and what that actually means is that we shall experience in fullest illumination all that is good in space and time. So all those memories, all those lost moments, shall become present once more. What was lost is now made present and permanent.

There is only one exception: The damned. We must pray therefore for every departed soul, so that by our prayers and sacrifices offered even now will bring about their salvation, even if their death occurred in the past! For God, being the Author of time, is not limited by time. In fact we have a word for this spiritual "time travel" – prevenient grace, which literally means a grace granted "before" the causes of the grace "are to come." This is how Our Lady could be made Immaculate, since her immaculateness was itself dependent upon a future event, Her Son's Passion, death, resurrection, and ascension.

As for ourselves, we must be certain we do all that is within our power to be assured of our salvation.

Here are what I call the "Great Eight":

1. Prayer – every day!
2. Mass – Sundays and Holy Days of obligation
3. Confession – as soon as possible if you find yourself in mortal sin, but at least once a year.
Confession is necessary for salvation.
4. Living a Moral Life – if you are unsure what that entails, read the Catechism: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you; obey the commandments of the Church, even if they are difficult; never accept an evil means to some alleged good end; love others, most especially by forgiving them from your heart. If you need to forgive anyone, you must forgive them from your heart. Say, "Lord, I do not like this person, and I do not have good feelings toward them, but I choose to forgive them. Grant them the grace to go to heaven.."

Then there are these special reassurances:

5. Be enrolled in the Brown Scapular and be faithful to its responsibilities:
Brown Scapular Information

<https://www.sistersofcarmel.com/brown-scapular-information.php>

6. Pray the Rosary daily
7. Complete 9 First Fridays and/or 5 First Saturdays to receive the graces necessary for salvation
8. Ask for the grace every day to passionately and fervently *fall in love with Jesus:*

*"Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to fall madly in love with you.
I want you to be my best friend, and I want to be your best friend.
Amen."*

I came to St. Martin of Tours for one reason. To show each of you the way to salvation. I pray I have done that. May God and all of you forgive me in any way that I have fallen short of such a task.

Until the day we die, let us pray for one another. I will never forget you. Our hope is that one day, in heaven, we shall come together once more as St. Martin of Tours Parish – resurrected, perfect, joy-filled, unsubsumable – which shall remain forever.

With love, to my favorite parish and favorite parishioners,

Your Pastor,

