



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.

## May 14, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.  
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another  
Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth,  
whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees  
nor knows him. But you know him, because  
he remains with you, and will be in you."

John 14: 15-17

#### Pastor

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#### Deacons

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Mr. George Mueller

**Maintenance**  
Mrs. Bridget Gabel  
Mr. Jeffrey Boeger

#### SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General	\$ 3101
Loose	\$ 753
On-Line	\$ 1295

*April 24 to April 30*

**Subtotal** \$ 5149

Special Collections \$242

**Total:** \$ 5391

*Thank  
you*

**MAY  
14**



**WEEK 2**

**Group 2 Chairman Kevin Hale**

**Captains:**

**Caller:** Tim Simms

**Cashiers:** Stephanie Stotts & Eileen Haubrich

**Pull Tab Stand:** Greg Hrbacek, Debbie Sneider & Dan Godfrey

**Pull Tab Sellers:** Ann & Joe Hensiek, Bill Grahl, Linda Finklang,  
Maureen Hof & Kelly Goodman

**Call Back:** Rob Witzell & Ken Harangozo

**White Progressive \$3750 Purple \$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**

<b>Monday May 15</b>	<b>Monday May 22</b>	<b>Tuesday May 30</b>	<b>Monday June 5</b>
Jim Heisner	Debbie Baumann	Frank Ziegler	Ken Harangozo
Bob Villani	Jim Baumann	Apollo Westrich	Greg Buck
Tim Haber	Mike Zoia	John Schmitt	Tom Tetttable
George Otto	Dave Kassebaum		

**L E C T O R S**

*Saturday, May 20, 4 p.m.  
Marge Fedke*

*Sunday, May 21, 7:30 a.m.  
Bobbi Villani*

*Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m.  
Sr. Kathleen Donovan*

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

8 a.m.	Monday Joseph Baumann, Sr. +	8 a.m.	Saturday Jeanette Bessen +
8 a.m.	Tuesday Larry Skaggs +		<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>
8 a.m.	Wednesday Daniel Lance +	4 p.m.	Saturday Dale Bachle +
8 a.m.	Thursday—Family of Elmer & Catherine Sucher-Sunkel +	7:30 a.m.	Sunday People of the Parish
8 a.m.	Friday Ray & Dolores Karcher +	10 a.m.	Sunday Don Bequette Family +

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

<b>MONDAY 15</b>	<b>TUESDAY 16</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 17</b>	<b>THURSDAY 18</b>	<b>FRIDAY 19</b>	<b>SATURDAY 20</b>	<b>SUNDAY 21</b>
<i>St. Isidore</i>					<i>St. Bernardine of Sienna</i>	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>
<i>Acts 16: 11-15 Ps 149: 1-6, 9 Jn 15: 26— 16:4</i>	<i>Acts 16: 22-34 Ps 138: 1-3, 7-8 Jn 16: 5-11</i>	<i>Acts 17: 15, 22—18: 1 Ps 148: 1-2, 11-14 Jn 16: 12-15</i>	<i>Acts 18: 1-8 Ps 98: 1-4 Jn 16: 16-20</i>	<i>Acts 18: 9-18 Ps 47: 2-7 Jn 16: 20-23</i>	<i>Acts 18: 23-28 Ps 47: 2-3, 8-10 Jn 16: 23-28</i>	<i>Acts 1: 1-11 Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9 Eph 1: 17-23 Mt 28: 16-20</i>

# PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

## HOSPICE

*Rose Lindsay*

## SERIOUS ILLNESS

*Joe Pericich  
Carol Venverloh  
Charlene Fichtenmayer*

## IN REHAB

## CHRONIC ILLNESS

*Helen Iadevito  
Ruth Ann Sullivan  
Mariella G*

*O Mary,  
con-  
ceived  
without  
sin.*



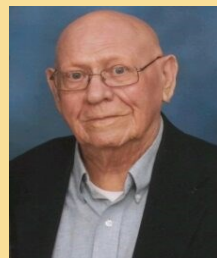
*Pray for  
us who  
have  
recourse  
to you.*

### THE LEGION OF MARY

*During the month of May please join the Legion of Mary as we will be praying the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother.*

*Monday-Saturday at 7:30 A.M.  
Sunday at 9:30 A.M.*

St. Martin of Tours mourns the loss of



***Richard Hoefl***  
who died in Jesus' arms  
May 8, 2023.

*Eternal Rest grant unto him,  
o Lord, and let perpetual  
light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace.*

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY**

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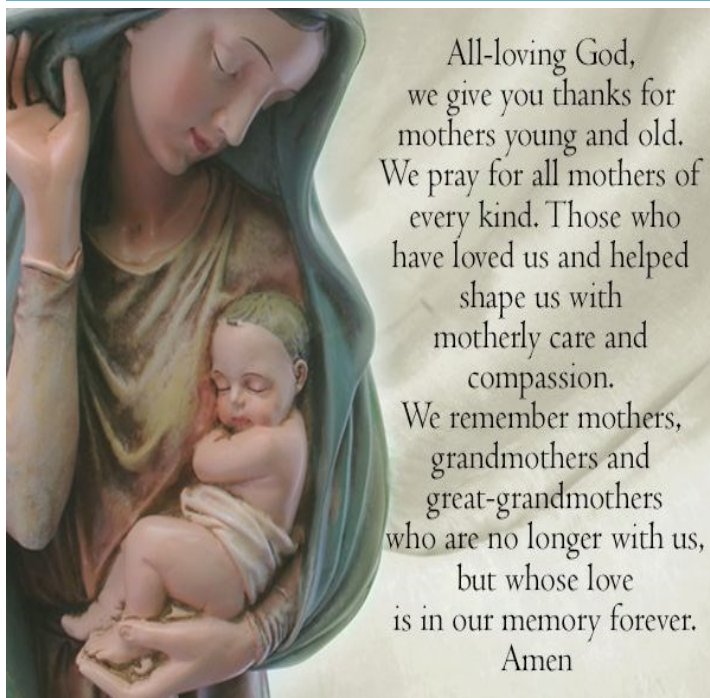
***Betty Schwartz***  
who died in Jesus' arms  
May 3, 2023.

*Eternal Rest grant unto her, o  
Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.*

### BINGO SCHOLARSHIP

The deadline for Applications for the Bingo Scholarships is Friday, June 9, 2023

The application can be found on the SMT website.  
A copy of the application can also be found in this bulletin.



# Pastor's Pen

Dear St. Martin of Tours Family and Friends,

Many of us have a friend or a loved one who is an unbeliever in God. We pray for that person; we ask God to remove obstacles to their acceptance of the Faith; we ask God to remove their hardness of heart; we ask God to conform their intellect and will to the Truth and Goodness of God. Eventually, such a soul will come to a point of decision, and we will be asked by that soul some version of the question, “How do I believe?” Often the person is expecting “something” to “happen” to them: some mystical revelation; some infused insight, vision, or voice; or some inner feeling which, once experienced, that soul will emerge from the moment of spiritual grace and then — all the sudden — without their being aware of it — the soul is transformed: “Amazing grace! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see!”

How often do we hear of a story of some wretched lost soul, who hits rock bottom, finds himself in prison or in the ICU or the psych ward, who then in an act of desperation humbles himself in prayer and says, “Lord, if you are there, help me!” And then, as described by the person, a sudden influx of grace pours into their soul, and in an instant, that person has become a believer?

Let me reveal to you a secret that, for some reason, almost all of us have never been told: Conversion does not work that way. In fact, let me be more direct: Conversion *never* works that way. The reason is because God has given to man something called “free will.” Every soul has the perfect freedom to accept or reject God. No soul is “predestined” to belief and salvation (by some mysterious act of grace which by-passes free will); and no soul is “predestined” to unbelief and damnation. *Every soul — yours included — has to make a choice.* Even a soul which has been baptized must, in his or her first moral act, make that choice to believe in God by doing right or wrong.

Now what this inviolability of free will means is that belief in God, and by extension belief in the truths of the Catholic Faith, are *an act of the will*. That is, a person makes the transition from unbelief to belief, from damnation to salvation by their own free choice.

So, for example, when I converted to God, to Christ, and to the Catholic Faith, which indeed my decision to convert was strengthened by my own study of the Faith, by the prayers of others, and by my own soul searching, nevertheless in the final instant, it was *my decision to make a choice to believe* which brought me to salvation, and which allowed God to embrace my soul and to prepare it for Holy Baptism.

Where do we get the idea that God circumvents our free will to cause us to believe—as is implied in the Protestant hymn “Amazing Grace”? In the Reformed Protestant theology of John Calvin, the founder of Presbyterianism, he posits the idea of “irresistible grace,” which teaches that when God elects someone for salvation, that individual must come to faith and cannot resist God's call. Free will is circumvented. The corollary of Calvin's “irresistible grace” is quite sinister, namely that if a person is not of the “elect” to receive this “irresistible grace” then no amount of wanting to be saved on the part of such a soul will suffice. The person is damned even if he chooses to believe, since the choice has a human origin, and nothing of a human origin (according to Calvin this is called “utter depravity”) can rise to any level of holiness.

Catholic theology rejects the concept of irresistible grace because it conflicts with the idea of human free will. According to Catholic teaching, God offers grace to all individuals, but it is up to each person to choose to accept or reject that grace. While God's grace can be a powerful aid in helping individuals choose to follow Him, it does not necessarily guarantee that they will do so. The decision to accept or reject God's grace is ultimately left up to each individual, and not predetermined by God.





So if your friend finds his or her soul at a point of decision, tell them the truth: “You must choose to believe! God is waiting! He will encourage you, but He will not interfere with the dignity of your Free Will.” Does this mean conversion involves a kind of leap of Faith? Does it require courage? Does it involve a radical trust in God's promises? Yes, it does. So, friend: Leap! Have Courage! Trust! But the choice to believe — that is yours and yours alone! It belongs to each one of us to accept or deny salvation.



# EVENTS

## Mark Your Calendar

### MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30  Adoration & Rosary 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.	1	2  Quilters 9:00 a.m.	3  Adoration begins after morning Mass  BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.	4  Adoration continues Quilters 9:00 a.m.	5  <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> The day is especially consecrated to the Sacred Heart  Rosary 7:30 a.m. Adoration until 3 p.m.	6  <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> The day is especially consecrated to the Immaculate Heart
7  Adoration & Rosary 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.	8	9  Quilters 9:00 a.m.	10   Socially Motivating Together 50+ Club 11:30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.	11  Quilters 9:00 a.m.   Ladies Night Bunco! Women's Club Bunco 7:00 p.m.	12	13
14   Adoration & Rosary 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.	15	16  Quilters 9:00 a.m.	17  BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.	18  <b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>  Quilters 9:00 a.m.	19	20
21  Adoration & Rosary 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.	22	23  Quilters 9:00 a.m.	24  <b>FINANCE COUNCIL</b> 6 P.M. RECTORY  BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.	25  Quilters 9:00 a.m.  Parish Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. in Rectory	26	27
28  <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>  Fellowship Sunday after both Masses  Adoration & Rosary 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.	29  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> (Rectory Closed)  	30  Quilters 9:00 a.m.	31  BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.	1  Quilters 9:00 a.m.	2  <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> The day is especially consecrated to the Sacred Heart  Rosary 7:30 a.m. Adoration until 3 p.m.	3  <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> The day is especially consecrated to the Immaculate Heart