



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

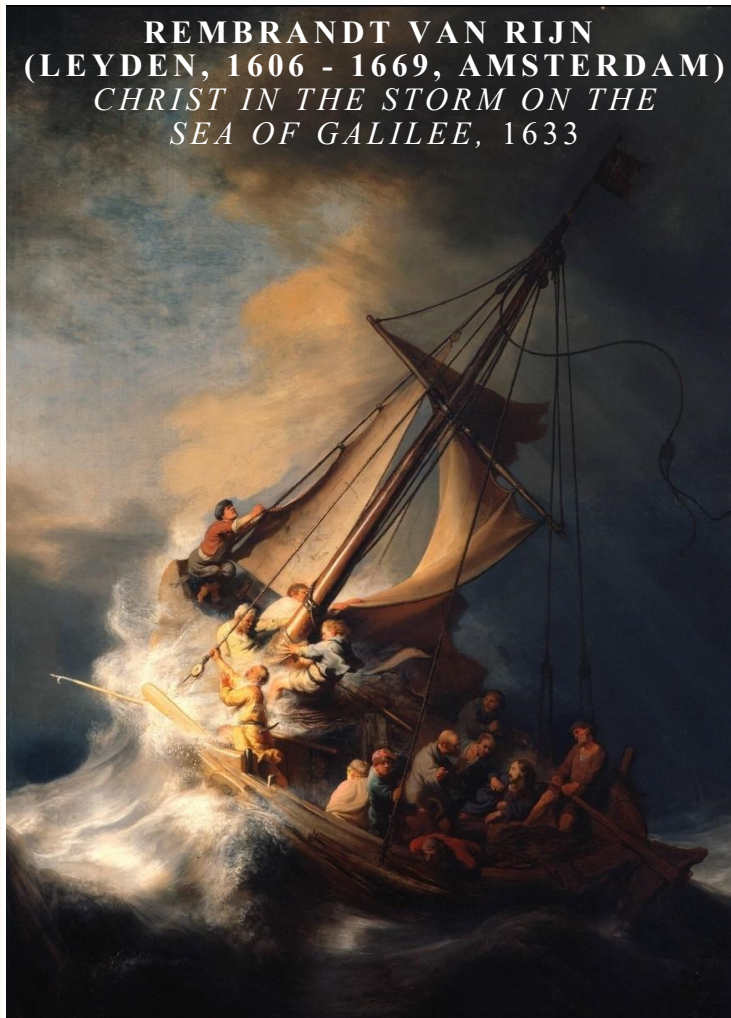
Website
<http://stmartinoftours.com>

Society of
St. Vincent DePaul
314-296-3733

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 19, 2023

REMBRANDT VAN RIJN
(LEYDEN, 1606 - 1669, AMSTERDAM)
*CHRIST IN THE STORM ON THE
SEA OF GALILEE, 1633*



*"Love your enemies that you may
be children of your heavenly
Father, for he makes the sun rise
on the bad and the good."*

Matthew 5: 44-45

Pastor

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Mr. George Mueller

Maintenance

Mrs. Bridget Gabel
Mr. Jeffrey Boeger

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General	\$ 3442
Loose	\$ 826
On-Line	\$ 1365
<i>February 6—February 12</i>	
Subtotal	\$ 5633
Special Collections	\$370

Total: **\$ 6003**

*Thank
you*

FEBRUARY 19



WEEK 3

Group 3 Chairman Kevin Hale—Frank Speck

Captains: Rich Stocking

Caller: Alex Henderson

Cashiers: Debbie Borst, Diane Julius & De Ann Pappageorge

Pull Tab Stand: Mike & Anne Allen & Francine Tolliver

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

Call Back: Kevin Hale & Frank Speck

White Progressive: \$1000 **Purple Progressive:** \$500

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

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday February 21	Monday February 27	Monday March 6	Monday March 13
Jim Heisner	Debbie Baumann	Frank Ziegler	Greg Buck
Bob Villani	Jim Baumann	Apollo Westrich	Tom Tettable
Tim Haber	Mike Zoia	John Schmitt	
George Otto	Dave Kassebaum		

LECTORS

*Ash Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m.
Stephanie Parker*

*Saturday, February 25, 4 p.m.
Debbie Baumann*

*Sunday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.
Sr. Kathleen Donovan*

*Sunday, February 26, 10:00 p.m.
Greg Hrbacek*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

8 a.m.	Monday Dale Bachle +	8 a.m.	Saturday Stella Grossman +
8 a.m.	Tuesday Henry/Katherine Albers +		<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>
	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	4 p.m.	Saturday Dale Bachle +
8 a.m. 6 p.m.	Elbert & Mathilda Witte + Souls in Purgatory +	7:30 a.m.	Sunday People of the Parish
8 a.m.	Thursday Kutis Family +	10 a.m.	Sunday Fred Goldstein +
8 a.m.	Friday Anthony/Christine Kirchoff +		

DAILY MASS READINGS

MONDAY 20	TUESDAY 21 <i>St. Peter Damian</i>	WEDNESDAY 22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	THURSDAY 23 <i>St. Polycarp</i>	FRIDAY 24	SATURDAY 25	SUNDAY 26 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>
<i>Sir 1: 1-10 Ps 93: 1-2, 5 Mk 9: 14-29</i>	<i>Sir 2: 1-11 Ps 37:3-4,8-19, 27-28,39-40 Mk 9: 30-37</i>	<i>Jl 2: 12-18 Ps 51:3-6,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18</i>	<i>Dt 30: 15-20 Ps 1: 1-4, 6 Lk 9: 22-25</i>	<i>Is 58: 1-9 Ps 51:3-6,18-19 Mt 9: 14-15</i>	<i>Is 58: 9-14 Ps 86: 1-6 Lk 5: 27-32</i>	<i>Gn 2: 7-9,3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6,12-14, 17 Rom 5: 12-19 Mt 4: 1-11</i>

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOSPICE *Betty Knittel* *Jeanne Krupa*
Joe Pericich *Rose Lindsay*
Carol Venverloh

SERIOUS ILLNESS *Chris Acksel* *Jose Moncevais*
Arthur Austermann
Mariella G

IN REHAB

CHRONIC ILLNESS *Helen Iadevito*
Ruth Ann Sullivan
Charlene Fichtenmayer

The Ladies Auxiliary Of St. Vincent de Paul Are Hosting A Spring Fling/Bake Sale

Join us for an afternoon of games. Please bring cards, dominoes, board games, or any game of your choosing and come home with some goodies.

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Elks Club

6330 Heege Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123

Doors Open at 12:30 p.m./Play is from 1-3 p.m.

Snacks and drinks will be served.

Cost: \$10.00

All proceeds will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

To reserve your spot, please call/text or e-mail

Carolyn Landwehr

314-707-4772

Denise Lundry

314-832-2556

Payment will be collected in advance. When making your reservation, you will be given the address to send it to. However, your check will not be deposited until after the Spring Fling.

ST. PATRICK CENTER COLLECTION

The mission of St. Patrick Center is to transform lives through sustainable housing, employment and healthcare, following the compassion of Jesus. St. Martin of Tours is partnering with St. Patrick Center to provide needed supplies for their clients moving into new housing. Our goal is to help two families at the very least. Parishioners are asked to sign up for needed household items on the lists in the church lobby and deposit them in the box marked St. Patrick Center in the Ushers Room.

Cash and check donations are also acceptable and can be submitted in an envelope marked 'St. Patrick Center' in the church collection basket. Please make checks out to **St. Martin of Tours** and note 'St. Patrick Center' in the memo.

All donations are requested to be due by Sunday, March 19.
Contact Mary at 314-807-1248 if you have any questions.

ANNOUNCING THE 2nd ST. MARTIN OF TOURS ALL ALUMNI REUNION

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

11:30 am – 6 pm

St. Martin of Tours SMT Runge Hall

Meat trays for sandwiches will be provided by Ruma's Deli

Please supply a side dish and/or dessert

Bring your own drinks

Plates, napkins, cutlery, condiments, etc. will be provided

Spouses/Dates welcome!

Mass is at 10:00 am at SMT

Please plan on attending Mass and see the changes that have been made to the inside of church.

Church has had several renovations since the 1960s

Please pass the word to alumni you may know

RSVP by 3/10/23 to:

Gerry (Minden) Duffin

Gduffin1950@gmail.com / 314-845-2908

Janice Mantia at n2bailo@yahoo.com

or Dee Mantia Laidlaw at Deelaidlaw@sbcglobal.net

Donations are being REQUESTED to pay for the meat TRAYS, ETC. and to help defray costs for future events.



**MEN'S CLUB
SAVE THE
DATE!**

*April 22-23
Barbecue*

WHAT ARE THE PROPHECIES OF THE ALLEGED PRIVATE APPARITIONS AT GARABANDAL, SPAIN? ARE THEY RELEVANT TO OUR TIMES?

Garabandal is a small village in northern Spain that was the site of a series of apparitions of the Virgin Mary in the early 1960s. According to the four young girls who claimed to have seen the apparitions, the Virgin Mary gave them several messages and prophecies. The visionaries of Garabandal were four young girls from the village of San Sebastián de Garabandal in northern Spain: Mari Loli Mazon, Jacinta González, Conchita González, and Mari Cruz Gonzalez. They were aged 10 to 16 years old at the time of the apparitions.

The apparitions took place from 1961 to 1965 and were characterized by Mary's appearances to the girls, which often took place at night and in front of large crowds of people. During these apparitions, the girls claimed to have received messages from Mary that included warnings, calls to conversion, and predictions about future events. Some of the more well-known prophecies of Garabandal include:

THE WARNING. *The Virgin Mary is said to have told the girls that before the end of the world, every person on earth will receive a warning from God, which will be a spiritual experience that will allow them to see their souls as God sees them. All of time will stop throughout the entire world. Every soul will know their destiny if they were to die at that moment. It will occur when communism returns and seems to envelop the entire world. Everyone on the earth will know this Warning comes from God and that it is being sent as the greatest outpouring of love the world has ever known since the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.*

THE MIRACLE. *Not long after the Warning, The Virgin Mary is said to have promised that a great miracle would occur in the village of Garabandal as a sign of the authenticity of the apparitions. The exact nature of the miracle has not been specified, but it is believed to be a supernatural event that will be visible to everyone on earth no matter where they are. It will be permanent, remaining until the end of time.*

THE CHASTISEMENT. *The Virgin Mary is said to have warned the girls that if people do not respond to the Warning and the Miracle, a chastisement will follow, which will be a severe punishment from God. This punishment can be alleviated in severity if people convert.*

Lesser-known prophecies concerning the timing of events (some contested) are as follows:

THE PROPHECY OF THE POPES. *When Pope St. John XXIII died June 3, 1963, Conchita was told by the Blessed Virgin only three more popes after Pope John XXIII remained until the End Times. She later clarified that there would actually be four more popes, but one of them would have a very short reign, while the others would play important roles in the Church. This would make Pope Benedict XVI the last pope before the End Times commence.*

THE POPE GOES TO MOSCOW. *Another prophecy states that a Pope will travel to Moscow to convert the Russian people to the Catholic faith, thereby bringing about the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When this pope returns to the Vatican from Moscow is when the Miracle will occur.*

THE SYNOD. *Mary is said to have told Conchita González about an important future event in the Church. In a locution that took place on June 18, 1965, Mary spoke of a synod of bishops that would be held that would prove very important for the future of the world. Since the Second Vatican Council was going on at the time, Conchita was asked if Our Lady meant the Council. Conchita relates that Our Lady specifically used the word "synod." Since synods are usually local in character, it would have been confusing at the time to speak of a synod affecting the whole Church. The current "Synod on Synodality" began with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021 with each individual diocese and church celebrating the following week on October 17. The Synod on Synodality is expected to conclude October of this year, 2023. Maybe this is the Synod Our Lady is referring to; maybe not.*

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The Virgin Mary reportedly told the visionaries that the world was in a state of crisis, and that many people were living in sin and turning away from God, and were on the path to eternal damnation. She urged the visionaries to be faithful to the unchanging teachings of the Catholic Church, to love God and neighbor, and to live a life of purity and holiness. She urged the faithful to pray the Rosary daily, attend Mass frequently, receive the sacraments, especially Reconciliation, and to make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

In fact, if there is one central message to Garabandal, it is to remind you and me of the power of offering up our sufferings for the salvation of souls. In fact, we as Catholics have a responsibility toward our lost brothers and sisters (especially those who work against us and who actively oppose the Faith), to do penance for them. Penance is no longer to be considered an option, reserved only for the religious or the ordained! In these times, offering up sufferings and taking upon penances is something that all Catholics, you and me, must do if we want as many souls to be with us in heaven, and if we want true peace on earth: *NO HOLINESS, NO PEACE!*

One final note, this about the authenticity of these alleged apparitions: The Catholic Church has a rigorous process for investigating apparitions, and until that process is completed, the Church does not make a definitive judgment on authenticity. The alleged apparitions at Garabandal have not been officially approved by the Catholic Church. There is no consensus among Church authorities regarding their authenticity. *As your pastor, I therefore have the duty to inform you that you are not required to believe in this alleged apparition.*

It is worth noting, however, that although the Catholic Church also has not condemned these apparitions either, and they were believed at the time by a number of very great saints, including St. Padre Pio, St. Maximillian Kolbe, and St. Josemaría Escrivá. As Archbishop of Krakow, the future Pope Saint John Paul II was asked to investigate the events at Garabandal in the 1960s, and he reportedly had a positive view of both the seers and the events. These saints saw in the messages and prophecies of Garabandal a call to prayer, penance, and conversion. In their private writings, they encouraged Catholics to take the events at Garabandal seriously. ■

IS THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION NECESSARY FOR SALVATION?

The concept of sin and the need for forgiveness has been a part of human experience since the dawn of time. In the Catholic Church, sin is seen as a turning away from God and a breach of the covenant between God and humanity. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is seen as a way of restoring that covenant and repairing the relationship between the individual and God. Through the sacrament, Catholics confess their sins to a priest, receive absolution, and perform penance to make amends for their actions.

The importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be traced back to the early Church. Saint Augustine, one of the most influential Church Fathers, wrote extensively about the need for confession and penance. He believed that the sacrament was a means of purifying the soul and drawing closer to God. Saint John Chrysostom, a fourth-century bishop and Doctor of the Church, likewise emphasized the importance of confessing one's sins, saying, "Confession is the gate to heaven."

Late medieval theologian Jean Gerson (1363-1429), Rector of the Sorbonne (the theological faculty of the University of Paris), and reformer held Confession was the necessary means of obtaining forgiveness for sins committed after baptism, and therefore was, in a practical sense, the most important of all the sacraments!

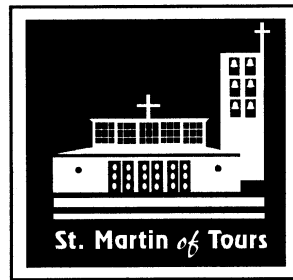
*Moving to the modern era, Pope Saint Paul VI, in his encyclical *Indulgentiarum Doctrina* emphasized the importance of penance and reconciliation, stating that "the sacrament of penance is the ordinary way by which the faithful who fall into sin after baptism can have their sins forgiven."*

*In his encyclical *Reconciliatio et Paenitentia*, Pope Saint John Paul II stated the necessity of the Sacrament for our eternal salvation. He emphasized the role of reconciliation and penance in the life of the Church and the importance of the sacrament of Penance in the spiritual life of individual Christians. In this encyclical, he wrote about the need for conversion, the importance of confession, and the role of the sacrament of Penance in restoring the relationship between the individual and God. ■*

Pastor's Reminder

Dear St. Martin of Tours
Family & Friends,

Lent is just around the corner. Here are two directives from the Archdiocese worthy of sharing with all Catholics. The first concerns the usual rules



and regulations for fasting and abstinence. The second notice grants all Catholics permission to eat meat on Friday, March 17, the Feast of St. Patrick. The rules for abstinence are relaxed as well.

Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2023), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 7, 2023) are days of *abstinence* (refraining from meat) for all Catholics *from age 14 onwards*. On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.





Feast of Saint Patrick (March 17, 2023) falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Feasts of the Church are meant to be a day of celebration and rejoicing, so on this Friday, March 17, 2023, the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are dispensed from abstaining from meat should they choose to celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick.



EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 <i>Adoration & Rosary 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.</i>	30	31 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	1 <i>Adoration begins after morning Mass SvDP Mtg 7:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	2 <i>Adoration continues Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	3 FIRST FRIDAY <i>The day is especially consecrated to the Sacred Heart Rosary 7:30 a.m. Adoration until 3 p.m.</i>	4 FIRST SATURDAY <i>The day is especially consecrated to the Immaculate Heart</i>
5 <i>Adoration & Rosary 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.</i>	6	7 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	8  <i>50+ Club 11:30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	9 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>  <i>Women's Club Bunco 7:00 p.m.</i>	10	11
12 No Bingo— Super Bowl Sunday <i>Adoration & Rosary 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.</i>	13	14  Valentine's Day <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	15 <i>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	16 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	17	18
19 <i>Adoration & Rosary 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.</i>	20  <i>Presidents' Day (rectory is closed)</i>	21 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	22 ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Mass and Imposition of Ashes at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	23 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	24 Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.	25
26 <i>1st Sunday of Lent Fellowship Sunday after both Masses No Evening Holy Hour during Lent</i>	27	28 <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	1 <i>Adoration begins after morning Mass SvDP Mtg 7:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	2 <i>Adoration continues Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	3 FIRST FRIDAY <i>The day is especially consecrated to the Sacred Heart Rosary 7:30 a.m. Adoration until 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.</i>	4 FIRST SATURDAY <i>The day is especially consecrated to the Immaculate Heart</i>