

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

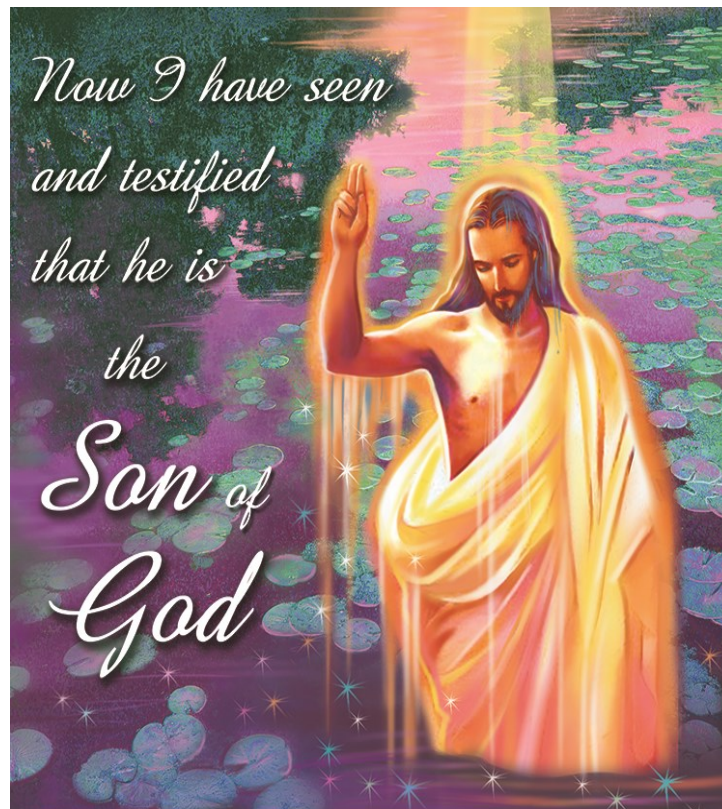
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St. Vincent DePaul**  
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**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 15, 2023



"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, *On whom-ever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.*"

John 1: 33

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#### SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General	\$ 2909
Loose	\$ 6762
On-Line	\$ 1665

January 2 — January 8

**Subtotal** \$11336

Special Collections \$ 206

**Total:** \$11542

*Thank  
You*

**JANUARY  
15**



**WEEK 3**

**Group 3 Chairman Ken Harangozo**

**Captains:** Rich Stocking

**Caller:** Tom McIntyre

**Cashiers:** Debbie Borst, Diane Julius & De Ann Pappageorge

**Pull Tab Stand:** Mike & Anne Allen & Frank Speck

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

**Call Back:** Kevin Hale

**White Progressive:** \$6000 **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**

<b>Tuesday</b> January 17	<b>Monday</b> January 23	<b>Monday</b> January 30	<b>Monday</b> February 6
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	

**L E C T O R S**

*Saturday, January 21, 4 p.m.  
Mike Ackermann*

*Sunday, January 22, 7: 30 p.m.  
Kathy Harangozo*

*Sunday, January 22, 10:00 p.m.  
Greg Hrbacek*

**M A S S   S C H E D U L E   &   I N T E N T I O N S   F O R   T H E   W E E K**

8 a.m.	Monday Stella Grossman +	8 a.m.	Saturday Marie Antonacci +
8 a.m.	Tuesday Vince Candelat +	<b><i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	
8 a.m.	Wednesday Souls In Purgatory +	4 p.m.	Saturday Patricia Mueller +
8 a.m.	Thursday Madelyn Witte +	7: 30	Sunday People of the Parish
8 a.m.	Friday Ann Howe +	10 a.m.	Sunday Jane Burle +

**D A I L Y   M A S S   R E A D I N G S**

<b>MONDAY</b> 16	<b>TUESDAY</b> 17 <i>St. Anthony</i>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 18	<b>THURSDAY</b> 19	<b>FRIDAY</b> 20 <i>St. Fabian St. Sebastian</i>	<b>SATURDAY</b> 21 <i>St. Agnes</i>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 22 <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<i>Heb 5: 1-10 Ps 110: 1-4 Mk 2: 18-22</i>	<i>Heb 6: 10-20 Ps 111:1-5,9-10 Mk 2: 23-28</i>	<i>Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110: 1-4 Mk 3: 1-6</i>	<i>Heb 7: 25-8:6 Ps 40: 7-10,17 Mk 3: 7-12</i>	<i>Heb 8: 6-13 Ps 85: 8, 10-14 Mk 3: 13-19</i>	<i>Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Mk 3: 20-21</i>	<i>Is 8: 23—9: 3 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 1 Cor 1: 10-17 Mt 4: 12-23</i>

# Pastor's Pen

...Continued from last week

How often have you heard that Jesus was most certainly *not* born on December 25? The reasoning goes that the Catholic Church, already infected by paganism (so critics assert), could better corral and control the Roman population by “baptizing” the Pagan Roman festival of *Saturnalia* and turning it into a Catholic holiday.

There are major problems with this view. First, timing: *Saturnalia* lasts from December 17 to 23. Christmas is celebrated December 25 and continues until its octave (8th day) on January 1. Second: There is no similarity between Jesus and Saturn, who is a terror of a god, the deity of magic and sorcery! Saturn loves nothing more than to bring chaos into the world so that another deity might draw order from Saturn’s chaos, a coordinated act of divine trickery and manipulation!

As for the *Saturnalia* itself, it was a series of seven completely lawless and dangerous days and nights in which a fool, selected by lot to be the Jester King of the duration of the festival, could decree anything he wanted to the populace, as long as it was outrageous, immoral, and vengeful. Romans were meant to be drunk for the entire festival. At the end of the *Saturnalia*, the Jester King is sacrificed to Saturn and order is restored. One could suppose a sick sort of correlation between *Saturnalia* and *Holy Week*, but not Christmas.

The real reason the Church chose December 25 for Christmas is much simpler and far more sensible. When Luke writes, “In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a Virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The Virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, You who art full of grace! The Lord is with you” (Luke 1:26-28). Now which sixth month is being referred to? It does *not* say “in the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy,” but simply “In the sixth month.” Only later does Luke say that Elizabeth “is in her sixth month” of pregnancy (Luke 1:36).

This means that John the Baptist was conceived six months prior, at the start of the Jewish Year. He most likely would have been conceived just after Zechariah had served in the Temple in the Holy of Holies for *Rosh Ha-Shannah*, and also *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement, which is 10 in the month of *Tishri*), thus between 11 *Tishri* and the end of that month.

From *Rosh Ha-Shannah*, counting to the sixth month (first month *Tishri*, second *Cheshvan*, third *Kislev*, fourth *Tevet*, fifth *Shevat*), we come to the sixth month of the Hebrew year named *Adar* (corresponding to February or March). This is the month Gabriel came to Mary and greeted her, and it was then that Jesus was conceived in Mary’s womb. Counting nine months from *Adar* (one month gets us to *Nisan*, two brings us to *Iyar*, three to *Sivan*, four *Tamuz*, five *Av*, six *Elul*, seven *Tishri*, eight *Cheshvan*) and at nine months we arrive at the month of *Kislev*, which corresponds to our November or December, depending upon how the Hebrew Calendar was structured that year. \*

To our happy surprise, what we discover is that if we take the most common year attributed to Jesus’ birth, which is 5 B.C. (or 3757 according to the Hebrew numbering allegedly from the Creation of the World), we discover that on that year *Kislev 25* which is the first night of Hanukkah, which celebrates the rededication of the Temple, was also December 25.

Hanukkah always falls on *Kislev 25* which varied with the Roman calendar, but in 5 BC that day coincided with December 25. But it makes sense of course that Jesus, the light of the world, the one who would rededicate the Temple by his life, would arrive on the holiday which celebrates rededication and renewal.

Which, if the *Kislev 25*, 5 B.C. date is correct, and if we hold with tradition that Jesus preached until he was 33 ½, then according to calculation, Our Lord’s Crucifixion would have taken place Friday, 14 *Nisan* 3790, which was April 5, 30 A.D.



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\* We can’t do a simple conversion from the Western calendar to the Hebrew because the former is purely solar, and the latter is a lunar calendar with secondary solar adjustments to keep the months in line with the seasons. Every month starts on a new moon and has either 29 or 30 days (a lunar cycle is about 29 1/2 days). Twelve of these alternating 29-30 day months gives a year of 354 days, which is about 11 ¼ days short of a solar year. To make up this difference, an entire *leap month* which they call uninventively *Adar II*, is added making some years 13 months long. Leap years occur in a fixed pattern of 19 years called the *metonic cycle*. 3rd, 6th,



# PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

**HOSPICE** *Jeanne Krupa  
Rose Lindsay*

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

## IN REHAB

**CHRONIC  
ILLNESS** *Helen Iadevito  
Ruth Ann Sullivan  
Carol Venverloh*

*Charlene Fichtenmayer*

St. Martin of Tours mourns the loss of

*Jerry Lamprecht*

who died in Jesus' arms

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

## MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

Mark your calendars—the Men's Club Christmas party will be held Friday, December 15, 2023 at Andre's Banquet Center. More information to come in November.

Happy New Year to all!

St. Martin of Tours mourns  
the loss of

*Dale Bachle*

who died in Jesus' arms  
Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

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

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# EVENTS

## Mark Your Calendar

# JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary</i> <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Adoration &amp; Rosary</i> <i>6:30 — 7:30 p.m.</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Rectory closed in observance of New Year's Day</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Adoration begins after morning Mass</i> <i>SvDP Mtg 7:00 p.m.</i> <i>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Adoration continues</i> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	<b>6</b> <i>FIRST FRIDAY</i> <i>Consecration to Our Lord's Sacred Heart</i> <i>Rosary 7:30 a.m.</i>	<b>7</b> <i>FIRST SATURDAY</i> <i>Consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart</i>
<b>8</b> <i>Epiphany</i> <i>Adoration &amp; Rosary</i> <i>6:30 — 7:30 p.m.</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	<b>11</b>  <i>50+ Club 11:30 a.m.</i> <i>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>  <i>Women's Club Bunco 7:00 p.m.</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Adoration &amp; Rosary</i> <i>6:30 — 7:30 p.m.</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (rectory is closed)</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	<b>18</b> <i>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>Fellowship Sunday after both Masses</i> <i>Adoration &amp; Rosary</i> <i>6:30 — 7:30 p.m.</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	<b>25</b> <i>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>Parish Council 6:00 p.m. Rectory</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>Adoration &amp; Rosary</i> <i>6:30 — 7:30 p.m.</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	<b>1</b> <i>BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Quilters 9:00 a.m.</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>