

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH



MONDAY, January 9, 2012—Baptism of the Lord

6:30 a.m. Celebrants Intention

TUESDAY, January 10, 2012—Weekday

8:00 a.m. Ernie Schulte

WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2012—Weekday

6:30 a.m. Mary Gilker

THURSDAY, January 12, 2012—Weekday

8:00 a.m. Sue Brendle

FRIDAY, January 13, 2012— Weekday

6:30 a.m. Joe Ott

SATURDAY, January 14, 2012—Weekday

5:00 p.m. Lizzie Dckey & Sue Fronk

SUNDAY, January 15, 2012—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parish

9:30 a.m. George Koch

11:30 a.m. Virgene Nester

MASS SERVERS

8:00 A.M. Tuesday & Thursday, January 10 & 12

Evan Daughtery, Ricky David, Johnny David

Saturday & Sunday, January 14 & 15

Mass	Servers	Lectors
5:00 p.m.	Alex Dickey	
	Brandon Hogue	Dorothy Meisenhelder
	Andrew Hogue	
8:00 a.m.	Jacob Gilday	Robert Schmitz
	Jordyn Gilday	
9:30 a.m.	Ben Merk	
	Nick Merk	Eileen Murray
	Tiffany Miller	
11:30 a.m.	Laura Burkart	
	Cassidy Gaskins	Matt Kammerer
	Chase Gaskins	

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 9:	Is 42: 1-4,6-7; Acts 10: 34-38/Mk 1: 7-11
Tuesday, January 10:	1 Sm 1: 9-20/Mk 1: 21-28
Wednesday, January 11:	1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20/Mk 1: 29-39
Thursday, January 12:	1 Sm 4: 1-11/Mk 1: 40-45
Friday, January 13:	1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2: 1-12
Saturday, January 14:	1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10: 1a/Mk 2: 13-17
Sunday, January 15:	1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19; 1Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1: 35-42

St Martin's PRAYER FOR PEACE is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in church. Please consider coming to pray for our country, for peace in the world and for our brave soldiers around the world. All are welcome.

Facts of Life:

Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. - Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The "Spare Change" collection this weekend will benefit Joseph House for Homeless Veterans. Please be generous.

Epiphany of the Lord:

The story of the astrologers, or magi, following the light of a distant star is full of surprises. The astrologers, Gentiles, were the first to worship Jesus as the newborn King of the Jews. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus, we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but also for all the nations. They found him, not in a palace surrounded by signs of wealth and might, but as a helpless baby in the arms of Mary, his mother. Yet the magi believed and worshiped him, offering him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They had the faith and wisdom to see in this baby the promised Messiah. Christ shows himself to us and comes into our lives in many ways and through many people. Jesus, the Son of God, born a Jew in Israel is the Savior of all people.

Prayer Moment:

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. Help us to share our faith with other, for you are the Savior of the world.

A Vocation View:

God is not made manifest in magnificence, but in the small and the ordinary. Use your talents to manifest God's ever faithful love for His people.

CHURCH COLLECTION:	
Sunday, December 25, 2011	\$25,256.96
Sunday, January 1, 2012	\$11,166.00
Additional Christmas Jan 1	\$1,640.00
Fiscal Year to date	\$324,228.00
Needed Fiscal Year to Date	\$307,800.00

"Preserving Our Treasure" Thanks to everyone who contributed and continue to contribute to the "Preserving Our Treasures" fund. St. Martin of Tours received the \$67,650 that was needed for the painting of the church windows and the repairs to the bells. We will continue with the "Preserving our Treasurer Fund" for future work in order to maintain the beauty of our church and school. Currently, there is \$5,669.00 in the Preserving our Treasure Fund.

Stock Donations: Donations of stocks to St. Martin of Tours Church will be processed through St. Martin of Tours new individual custodial account at Fifth Third Bank. Please contact Lois Sundrup for specific information and delivery instructions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Remember in your prayers those who are in hospitals, nursing homes, sick at home, and all who have received prayer blankets.

In April 2003, new national hospital-patient privacy laws were enacted. Therefore, many hospitals will not notify St. Martin's of your admission. **If you would like someone from St. Martin's to visit you in the hospital, please call the parish office to notify us.**

If you know of anyone who can benefit from a PRAYER BLANKET from St. Martin's, please call the Parish Office at 661-2000, to remind those who need it that the people of St. Martin's are praying for their physical, mental and spiritual health.

The following parishioners have entered Eternal Life. Please remember them in your prayers.

Norma Telscher, loving wife of the late James E. Telscher, dear mother of James Jr., Edmond, John, Fred Telscher and Jenniffer Roll.

Anna Wachter, beloved wife of Frank Wachter, loving mother of Renate Thomas.



The Spirit of Christmas: The Lord's blessings are shown forth in a multitude of ways during this joyful time of the year and the generosity and dedication of so many people are God's way of making that a reality.

I am grateful to all who had a part in helping with our Christmas Celebrations. A special word of thanks to our Art and Environment Ministry and our staff members for the long hours they spent in decorating the church. We have received many compliments about how beautiful it looks. I also want to thank all the members of the Music Ministry for blessing our Masses with song and music. The choir and instrumentalists certainly made a joyful sound for Jesus' birthday. I am grateful, too, for all of our Lectors, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters and Sacristans who assisted with the liturgies and the youth of our parish who prayerfully presented the story of the birth of Jesus at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve.

The generosity of the whole parish was very evident in all the gifts that were shared as part of our "giving tree" outreach and the donations of food and funds to St. Vincent de Paul. May the Lord bless you for your loving hearts.

Finally, a sincere "thank you" to all our parishioners and visitors for your contributions to our Christmas offering. We are deeply grateful for your generosity.

Vocation Awareness Week: We begin today our annual Archdiocesan Vocation Awareness Week. God calls each of us through our Baptism to use our talents and gifts to spread His love throughout the world. This call is our "vocation". Our vocation may be lived as a single person, a member of a vowed religious community, a married person or an ordained priest or deacon. We pray especially this week that God will bless our Church with an increase of vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life as a brother or sister, to the diaconate and the lay ministry.

Loving and Gracious God,
you call us by name and ask us to follow you.
Help us to imitate your example of service
and to share our talents and gifts with your people.
Give us the energy and courage of your Spirit
to proclaim and live out your gospel.
Grant us faith filled leaders in your Church
who will embrace Christ's mission of love and justice.

Bless this parish of St. Martin of Tours by raising up dedicated and generous ministers from our families and community who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.
Open our hearts to hear your call.

Amen

Winter Blessings
Fr. Terry

Attention Married Couples who will be celebrating 25, 50, 60, 65, 70 or more years of marriage! We will honor you and your marriage at a special blessing during the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, February 12, 2012. Please call the office at 661-2000 **by Wednesday, February 9, 2012** and let us know your name and how long you have been married. We will need to know about how many family members will be attending with you so we can plan for the reception that will follow Mass.

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary during 2012 will receive an invitation to the Anniversary Mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Bible Study: On Monday, January 9th, we will begin a 13 week study on: "Prayer: Every Christian's Connection." We will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Red School Building. Please call Ron Hancock- 451-8021 or Martie Barnes - 661-2000 to register. The cost for materials is \$5.00.

Have you or someone you love been away from the Catholic Church for a while? Do you feel anxious about returning? Your Church misses you and really wants you to return. Whatever reason kept you away, be it anger, hurt, a marriage issue, or simply got out of the habit, we want more than anything to welcome you home. In January, we will have meetings scheduled to help make this process of returning a positive, warm experience for you or someone you love. Please call Marti at 661-2000 for information or to sign up for these meetings.

Bereavement Support Group to Resume: If you're in need of support after losing a loved one, or know someone in need of comfort, we will begin offering *Seasons of Hope*, a Christ-centered bereavement group. We will meet for six consecutive Saturdays beginning January 14, 2012 and continue through February 18, 2012. We will begin at 10:00 am and conclude around 11:30 am. All sessions will be held in the rectory. For more details call the parish office at 661-2000.

Children's Protection Decree Workshop: A Child Protection Workshop will be this **Thursday, January 12, 2012**, in the Red School. If you are a new volunteer for sports, planning to do field trips this year with the school or new to St. Martin in any way and working with children you must attend this workshop and be fingerprinted before you can work with children.

First Festival Meeting of 2012 is January 11 at 7PM. Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas. For location information, please call Margie at 574-1056.

Thank You to the following parishioners who have made a donation to St. Martin's Christmas Flower Fund.

<i>In Memory of:</i>	<i>From:</i>
Albert Schlueter Deceased member of the Noyes & Heithaus Families	Dorothy Schlueter Frank & Donna Noyes
Deceased member of the Berg Family	Ruth Berg
Ed & Elsie Vogt George & Hilda Dragan Robert King John & Carrie Himmiler John & Henrietta King	George & Carol Dragan George & Carol Dragan
Edward & Marie Vonderhaar All Deceased Clergy Dan & Dolores Sandman Marianne Stern Paul V. Jungkunz Huebner Family Lavern Postel Albert Schlueter Joyce Neiheisel Richard & Kathleen Stepaneak DeSalvo & Landers Families	Joan Vonderhaar Joan Vonderhaar Debbie Sandman Larry & Sue Stern Joan Jungkunz Catherine Huebner DebbieKleisinger Elaine Schlueter Greg & Carol Stoecklin
Carl & Clara Baier Keller & Enxel Families Bob Barnes Kaske & Reinerman Families William Lucero Salvatore Petrillo Pasternak & Weber Families Estrella A. Kopp	Jim Baier Don & Dot Keller Mildred Kaske Christine Pasternak Danielle Kopp

Tis the season for re-gifting! Did you get something for Christmas that's not your style, size or color? Please re-gift it to the 2012 St. Martin's Festival Bid 'N Buy. We can pick up your gift. For information, call Debbie at 574-5725.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
Date/Time	Event	Place
Monday, January 9, 2012		
6:30 p.m.	Property & Grounds	Fr. Kotter Room
7:00 p.m.	Children's RCIA	Red School
7:30 p.m.	Athletic Meeting	Fr. Mick Hall
Tuesday, January 10, 2012		
7:00 p.m.	Caregivers Support Group	Red School
7:00 p.m.	Knit & Crotchet	Red School
Wednesday, January 11, 2012		
6:15 p.m.	Music Practices	Church
7:00 p.m.	Bingo	Fr. Mick Hall
Thursday, January 12, 2012		
6:00 p.m.	Finance/Education Meeting	Room 108
7:00 p.m.	Child Protection Workshop	Red School
7:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church

Play St. Martin's BINGO on Wednesday evenings in Fr. Mick Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. games begin at 7:00 p.m.

To volunteer to work please call Rose Galvez at 742-1206. If you are scheduled to work at bingo, please arrive by 6:00 p.m.

Bingo provides a substantial amount of financial assistance to the parish. Without bingo we would have to raise school tuition considerably more. **Please** schedule your night to work.

We need brown paper grocery bags for Bingo. Please drop bags off at the Parish Office. Thank You!

FINGERPRINTING: Reminder to anyone who coaches, chaperones, volunteers or has any contact in any capacity with the children at St. Martin's. **BEFORE** you can begin coaching, chaperoning, volunteering, etc., you must meet the requirements of the Archdiocesan Child Protection policy. The requirements are **1:** that you attend a Child Protection Workshop, and **2:** that you be fingerprinted and your "prints" are cleared through the Archdiocese. **Please note that the fingerprinting "clearance process" could take up to three weeks, and you will NOT be permitted to participate with the children at this time.** If you have lived out of state at any time over the past five years, the "clearance process" could take months.

St. Teresa of Avila will offer fingerprinting Monday thru Friday every afternoon from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Friday ONLY - they will offer fingerprinting from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Also, they will be available every 2nd Thursday of the month from 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm. Questions please call the parish office at 921-9200.

St. James, White Oak, will have fingerprinting available Monday's 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Thursday's 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Friday's 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Questions, call the parish office at 741-5300.

CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO MAKE IT EASIER TO DONATE to St. Martin of Tours Parish by credit card. Just go to www.saintmartin.org and click the "Online Giving" icon. You will be in the St. Martin of Tours "E-Giving" page. Select the type of contribution: Sunday; Second; or Other. Other contribution can be used also for paying tuition online. There are only three steps on the "E-Giving" page: 1) Enter your information; 2) Confirm the information; and 3) Get a receipt

Family Corner

Marriage Moment

Guard against online infidelity and Facebook flings. Honor your spouse by stating your status as "married" and throw out any old photos of you hugging past flames that might be misinterpreted. Make your commitment to your spouse clear and public.

Parenting Pointer

Think of a wise thing that your child has done or something that he/she has taught you? Affirm this wisdom in your child. Learn from each other.

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Telephone Prayer Chain: Are you or someone you know in need of prayers? St. Martin's Telephone Prayer Chain will take your request for prayers without a lot of questions and call it through to a team of 28 devout people who will be praying for your request. Give us a call and put your needs in God's hands. For prayer requests or to join the prayer group, call Bob or Mary at 662-0178 or call Peg at 922-7575.

Did you know: St. Martin of Tours has an app on the Android Market. If you have an Android powered device, just search the Market for our app and download it free!

Baby Bottle Campaign 2012 supports the work of the Pregnancy Center West. The money collected in the baby bottles will go to support all facets of this ministry. The baby bottles will be distributed after masses this weekend January 7 & 8. Please fill the bottle with pocket money & return to church the weekend of **January 28 & 29.** If you miss these turn-in dates, please return the bottle directly to the Pregnancy Center West or call us at 244-5700. Thank you in advance for your generosity

St. Al's Adults Only Cornhole Tournament is Saturday, January 14th at St. Aloysius School Gym. Doors open 6:30; tournament starts 7:00, \$30 per team / \$5 for spectators. Prizes : \$200 first, \$100 second Limited to 64 teams; Amateurs only please 2 loss format; Must be 21 or over to enter Proceeds to benefit Cub Scout Pack 187.

In support of their annual auction, Hooray for MERCYWOOD, Mother of Mercy High School is hosting a Girls Night Out event on Friday, January 20 from 7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at Boogie Nights at Hollywood Casino. Grab your girlfriends and dance away those winter blues! For more details and to purchase tickets please visit www.motherofmercy.org/GirlsNight.

Mercy Grade School Basketball Night. Grade school girls are invited to the Mercy vs. Mt. Notre Dame basketball games on Thursday, January 26. Win cool prizes and see Mercy's Dance Team perform at halftime of the Varsity game. Admission is FREE for grade school girls. Game times are 4:30, 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Paint the Town a program of Give Back Cincinnati that paints the exterior of houses in a single community in a single day announced Cheviot as its 2012 community. Organizers will work closely with Cheviot city officials to execute the event. Paint the Town will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2012. Homes are selected through an application process based on a homeowner's physical and financial need. **They must be Cheviot homeowners.** Applications will be available Jan. 1, 2012 at Cheviot City Hall, local businesses, or by contacting Debbie Slaughter, at dslaughter@cheviot.org. For information call 661-0866, or visit www.paintthetowncincinnati.org