



# St. Martin of Tours CATHOLIC PARISH

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**The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 (Year B, the Gospel of Mark) — January 28, 2018**

*Gospel Acclamation: The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen. Matthew 4:16*

**Please sign up for our Annual Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Party:** Plan on bringing the whole family Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> for some great food and fun. Please sign up on the bulletin board and let us know how many people are coming. Please bring a side and a dessert.

**Pastoral Council Meeting This Wednesday**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN**

**Sunday, January 28**

CCD K-8th - 8:30 am  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am  
 Rosary – 9:30 am  
 Holy Mass – 10:00 am  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm  
 Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm  
 High School Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

**Monday, January 29**

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

**Tuesday, January 30**

Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

**Wednesday, January 31**

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm  
 Holy Mass - 5:15 pm  
 Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Thursday, February 1**

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm  
 RCIA - 6:00 pm

**Friday, February 2**

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

**Saturday, February 3**

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 4:45 to 5:15 pm  
 Holy Mass—5:30 pm

**Sunday, February 4**

CCD K – 8th - 8:30 am  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am  
 Rosary – 9:30 am  
 Holy Mass – 10:00 am  
 Holy Mass in Spanish - February 4th at noon  
 Misa en Espanol - Domingo Febrero 4, a las 12:00 media.  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm  
 Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm  
 No High School Meeting

**Catholic Charities Appeal Began Last Weekend**

This year's theme is: *"We are the Hands of Christ reaching out to those in need"*

**What is it?** Catholic Charities is the Annual Archdiocesan appeal that funds more than 30 agencies and programs for the poor and needy, children, teens, college students and adults.

**What are some of these programs & agencies?** One program is our own campus ministry here at Troy University. We would not be able to have our Newman Center, four FOCUS missionaries, nor offer the students the opportunities to learn and do spiritual activities without the substantial help that Catholic Charities provides. In addition, two of our agencies are the Catholic Social Service offices in Dothan and Montgomery; they give direct aid to the poor. Other ministries include: Youth Ministry, Crisis Pregnancy ministries, outreach to the disabled and elderly, Prison Ministry, and Hispanic Ministry.

**How much should I give?** The basic pledge is \$45 per month. Many people can and do give more; others give less, all according to their ability. The money goes toward helping those who are materially less fortunate as well as to help spread the good news of God's love. Jana Rogers will serve as our appeal chairperson again this year; Jana may be calling you to give you an opportunity to donate. Thank you Jana!

**How do I give?** There are a number of ways; please see a Catholic Charities envelope for details. Hopefully, an envelope was mailed to you with a letter from Archbishop Rodi. Please fill out this envelope and put it in the collection basket next weekend or feel free to drop it by the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA2018" to 41444 for a link. Envelopes are also available in the church if for some reason you did not receive one.

**Would You Like to Bulletin Emailed to You?** Then simply send an email to [stmartintroyalabama@gmail.com/](mailto:stmartintroyalabama@gmail.com). Please put "Email me the bulletin" in the subject line, and we will get it to you hot off the press!

**Check out the Catholic Charities Video;** it is excellent. It is posted on our website as well as the Archdiocesan website.

*Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am*



## Let us Pray for:

Debi Green, The Spitulski Family, Mack Brownlee, Nicholas Drosyk, Ellen Blum and Brian Britt. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



**ACYC 2018 (Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference) "VERSO L'ALTO" (Toward the Heights) February 23- 25:** at Perdido Beach Resort. The cost is \$100 per person or \$150 for two teens in a family. However, money should never stop anyone who is part of our youth group from going. Talk to Father Irwin or Emily or Parker if there is a problem. Please turn in your registration forms and payment no later than January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see Emily or Parker for a registration form or call Adriana in the office.

**Called to Lead Men's Conference February 21 at Holy Spirit Parish, Montgomery:** (it will happen again in Mobile on February 22). Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, (a Franciscan priest) will be the featured speaker. Fr. Dave has spoken at many national events including Steubenville youth conferences, and he recently produced a series on the Holy Spirit called, "The Wild Goose" (check it out at [www.thewildgooseisloose.com](http://www.thewildgooseisloose.com)). This conference is open to men as well as young men who are juniors or seniors in high school. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.mobarchconferences.org/called-to-lead>. The parish will reimburse you for the cost of the conference if you register and attend.

**The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG:** is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

**Blessing of the sick February 11 after Holy Mass:** February 11<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the apparitions of Mary in Lourdes, France. Briefly, Lourdes is a small city where Mary appeared to a young girl named Bernadette and asked her to dig into the ground where she would find a spring of water. She did as Mary asked and sure enough a miraculous spring was revealed. People came from all over to ask for the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, and to seek healing. Incredible miracles have occurred in Lourdes through Mary's motherly intercession, but most importantly, people have turned their lives over to God. We will take the opportunity Feb 11<sup>th</sup> to bless those who are sick, be they Catholic or not. Anyone can receive the blessing. One with a serious illness who desires to receive the anointing of the sick should contact Fr. Irwin separately; the sacrament will not be given on this day.

### SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

#### **Saturday – February 3, 2018**

Greeters: Volunteers  
Lectors: Brittney Meyer, Beth Ann Gibson  
Ushers: John Leveque, Barbara Staskowski  
Gift Bearers: The Gibbs Family  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Dianne Leveque, Julia Tran  
Altar Servers: Volunteers

#### **Sunday – February 4, 2018**

Greeters: Jeffrey and Stace Blair  
Lectors: Douglas Bradford, Emily Reiss  
Ushers: Bobby Hussey, Barry Smolcic  
Gift Bearers: The Green Family  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mickey and Cheryl Dichiarra  
Altar Servers: Joyce and Marie Gallie, Brady Huner

#### **Tithing Report January 21, 2018**

Regular - \$2,999.00  
iGiveCatholic - \$1,184.63  
Total - \$4,183.63

#### **Renovation Campaign**

Pledges Received -  
\$98,209.00  
Percent of Total Pledged -  
92%