



St. Martin of Tours CATHOLIC PARISH

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The Feast of St. Martin of Tours (Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time)—November 12, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: Stay awake and ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Matthew 25:1-13

No Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel for the Next 2 Sundays: due to the Veteran's Day Holiday Weekend and Thanksgiving break. The next Mass at Sorrell will be Dec. 3rd.

Human Development Special Collection Next week: This collection is made to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education (25% retained for use in our Archdiocese).

Changes in the Schedule for the Week of Thanksgiving: Mass will be offered on Monday at 12:15 pm. There will be no Mass on Friday. We will not have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week. **Thanksgiving Day Mass** at 9:00 am; let us come and give thanks to God for his many blessings.

Please let us know if we have any Families in Need: in our parish. We can make sure that they will have food (and possibly gifts) for Thanksgiving & Christmas. You may inform Jeff Blair [redacted] and [redacted] head of Outreach and Evangelization, or Fr. Irwin.

November, the Month of the Holy Souls: We take the month of November to pray for the souls of the faithful departed each year. Please let Father know if you would like to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for a deceased loved one. Envelopes can be found at the back of the church. The typical Mass offering is \$10. However, it is not necessary to make an offering in order to have a Mass offered.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, November 12

CCD K-8th - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
No Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel
No High School Meeting

Monday, November 13

No Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 14

Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, November 15

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Thursday, November 16

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm
RCIA - 6:00 pm
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, November 17

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

Saturday, November 18

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

Sunday, November 19

CCD K-8th - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
No Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel
High School Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Saturday Dec 9th 9a-5p at the Piggly Wiggly on Hwy 231 S. The signup sheet is in the hall. For further info or questions contact Jeffrey Blair at [redacted] or [redacted].

Our Parish by the Numbers: numbers certainly are not everything, however, just for you information, we count the number of people at Holy Mass each October. We averaged 252 people (vs. 259 last year) for the total attendance at our 3 Masses over the course of the 5 Sundays of October (plus the number at the Spanish Mass and Latin Mass). 338 people was the highest Sunday attendance and 183 was the lowest. Let us thank God for blessing our parish.

Come and get Your Picture Taken for the Parish Directory: For all of you who did not already get your picture taken or who would like another picture, Lifetouch will be here on **Thursday, November 16th from 2:00 - 9:00 pm** taking pictures once again. This is your last chance to get your picture into the parish directory which will be coming out pretty soon. We want to make sure that all of our parishioners are in it. Please contact Kathy Sauer at [redacted].

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

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.



Mark your Calendars: Parish Christmas Party:
Sunday, December 17th.

Did you know that our parish has subscribed to a great Website called Formed.org.

Every parishioner and student will soon be able to go to Formed.org and ...

- 24/7 access to the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic Faith anytime, anywhere... with FORMED
- Use it on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Catholic movies for both adults and children
- Informative and inspiring teaching from renowned speakers Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Edward Sri, Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Tim Gray, Father Michael Gaitley, Teresa Tomeo... and many more
- Multiple programs to address multiple parish needs:
 - Scripture Studies, Adult Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more!

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

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – November 18, 2017

Greeters: Volunteers

Lectors: Brittney Meyer, Anna Gooden

Ushers: Michael Meyer, Doug Gooden

Gift Bearers: The Gibbs Family

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Julia Tran, Barbara Staskowski

Altar Servers:

Sunday – November 19, 2017

Greeters: Annette Tustin, Anne Klinkhammer

Lectors: Mary Michael Hussey, Mark Christensen

Ushers: Barry Smolcic, Jeffrey Blair

Gift Bearers: The Smolcic Family

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Mickey and Cheryl DiChiara

Altar Servers: Eduardo Martinez, Lisbeth Martinez, John Michael Childs

If You or Someone You Know is in Need of a Coat: please let Jeffrey Blair know: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday Nov 15th at 6:30 PM

Stewardship of Treasure: Thanks to everyone who filled out a stewardship of treasure card and made a pledge. We received 33 pledges for \$66,960.

CommUNITY Thanksgiving service Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 pm at the Troy Recreation Center:

This is an effort to bring local churches together to worship God and build unity. There will be singing by local choirs and Rev. Darryl Caldwell, Pastor at Antioch Baptist Church, will share a Thanksgiving message.

St. Martin Participating in

iGiveCatholic: iGiveCatholic is an opportunity to contribute to one's parish online on Giving Tuesday, November 28th, which follows both Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It is a way to encourage younger people to contribute to the parish by giving online. It is also a great way to counterbalance some of the shopping craze that happens in the days leading up to it by focusing on GIVING. You have the opportunity to make your gifts in advance beginning November 11 and running through November 26. Transactions made on iGiveCatholic.org are secure and your donations of \$25 or more are tax deductible
<https://igivecatholic.org/designee/st-martin-of-tours-troy-al>



Tithing Report **November 5, 2017**

Regular - \$4,316.75

Total - \$4,316.75

Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received -
\$97,887.00

Percent of Total Pledged -
92%