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The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 19, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

John 15:4a, 5b

No Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel Next Sunday: due to Thanksgiving break. The next Mass at Sorrell will be Dec. 3rd.

Decorating Meeting after Holy Mass Nov. 26: You are welcome to come to a meeting to plan for Christmas decorating next Sunday following Holy Mass.

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.

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

Angel Tree gifts for the Less Fortunate: St. Martin has 31 Angels from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree this year that are now awaiting adoption. For each Angel selected, the purchased, **unwrapped gift(s)** need to be returned back to the side table in the Parish Hall **no later than December 1st**. When you adopt an Angel, you help a child in the Pike County area who, for various reasons, would not experience Christmas. The point of contact for the Angel Tree is Debi Green, [REDACTED].

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.

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] head of Outreach and Evangelization, or Fr. Irwin.

Thanks for Parish Picnic: thanks to everyone who helped out with the parish picnic, especially Jana Rogers and Cheryl DiChiara, who organized everything and all of our parishioners who helped set up and clean up. It was a great day for our parish!

Attention Parents of Children: our parish is planning to participate in Troy's Christmas parade Monday, December 4th. Please make plans to come and allow your children to ride on our float.

Habitat for Humanity Bake Sale: Habitat for Humanity is having their annual cookie, cake, candy and craft sale at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 2nd from 8 am to noon. If you can donate items for the sale please deliver them to First Methodist on Friday, December 1st from 2 pm to 8 pm. St. Martin parishioners have always supported this fundraiser by cooking and buying; let's continue our support. There will be a **Children's Activity Area** for the kids. For more information about Habitat for Humanity: troypikehabitat@gmail.com; 334-372-7578; troypikehabitat.com

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].

Rudy Argenti to receive Christ the King Medal: Archbishop Rodi confers the Christ the King Medal on an outstanding volunteer from each parish at the annual Archdiocesan Christ the King Celebration. With the help of advice from our parishioners, Rudy was chosen to receive the reward for our parish. He is very deserving of this award as he has given of himself in a number of ways over the years. Rudy has done everything from mow the grass to work with our campus ministry, to serving on the pastoral council. Congratulations Rudy!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

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

Monday, November 20

No Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study
Holy Mass - 12:15 pm

Tuesday, November 21

Men of St. Martin - 6:30 am
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, November 22

No Adoration
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9:00 am (no 12:15pm Mass)
No RCIA
No Bible Study in Spanish

Friday, November 24

No Holy Mass

Saturday, November 25

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

Sunday, November 26

No CCD K-8th
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

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.



Human Development Special Collection This 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).

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 25, 2017

Greeters:

Lectors: Anna Gooden, Brittney Meyer

Ushers: Michael Meyer, John Leveque

Gift Bearers: The Gibbs Family

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Julia Tran,

Dianne Leveque

Altar Servers:

Sunday – November 26, 2017

Greeters: Herb and Anne Huner

Lectors: Stacy Graning, Mike Orlofsky

Ushers: Mike Kreis, Douglas Bradford

Gift Bearers: Anna Chuplis, Jo Ann Gibson

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Pat Block,

Donna Newell

Altar Servers: Joyce Gallie, Marie Gallie, Dominic

Estis

Ideas for Advent: As Catholics we use the Advent season to prepare for Jesus' birth. There are a number of ways that we do this. Spiritually, we can attend Holy Mass whenever possible, especially on Sundays and Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. We should also consider making a good confession, perhaps at our penance service (to be announced). We can also **spend extra time in prayer** reading the scriptures, spiritual reading or praying the joyful mysteries of the rosary. Unlike our society which begins celebrating the generic "holidays" after Halloween, we should be sure and **put off the grand celebrating until Christmas day and the Christmas season**. In our homes we can make this concrete by waiting to decorate until closer to Christmas. We should also consider sending out real **Christmas cards** which help our friends and family recall the real meaning of Christmas.

Mark your Calendars: Parish Christmas Party:
Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 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.

Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study: will not meet again until Monday, January 8.

Small Group Bible Study: will meet Wednesday, November 29 at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 12, 2017

Regular - \$2,838.00

Total - \$2,838.00

Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received - \$97,887.00

Percent of Total Pledged - 92%