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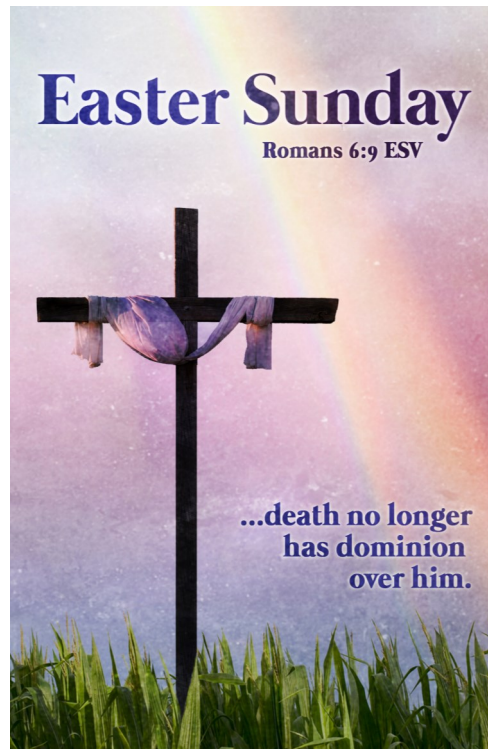
Knights of Columbus
Grand Knight Randy Cox

Ladies Faith Group
Chris Urbanowski



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 12TH, 2020 YEAR A



Weekend Masses

SATURDAY 5:00PM
SUNDAY 8:00 OR 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 8:15 AM
THURSDAY 6:00PM
FRIDAY 8:15AM

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 8:45-9:45AM
CONFESSION AND BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
8:15 AM MASS

PRAYER GROUP WEDNESDAY 1:30 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

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David Garrison-**President**
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Parish Council meetings are held on
the 2nd Tuesday of the month
At 7:00pm in the Gottemoeller Ed
Center
*Next meeting TBA

Sacrament of Reconciliation-Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Sacrament of Baptism-Call the parish office

Sacrament of Matrimony-Pre-marriage preparation is available for all registered members. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Call parish office for arrangements.

Sick Calls-If you wish to receive the Sacraments at home due to infirmity or hospitalization, call the parish office.

Welcome! If you are visiting our parish, welcome! If you are new in our community and are looking for a home parish we hope we have made you feel welcome enough to return. If you will be attending Mass regularly but have not registered, we invite you to do so. This will help the parish to better serve your needs. Registration forms are available in the church vestibules.

Need to update your parish information?

Go to the parish website at <https://stmtours.org/> set up an account with My Own Church.

***You must register with the parish office first before setting up an account.**

Weekend Mass Intentions

+Deceased

April 12 10:30am Easter Sunday

The People of the Parish

Weekday Mass Intentions

April 14 Tuesday

+John Smith

April 15 Wednesday

+Ted Smielewski

April 16 Thursday

+Annette Skiff

April 17 Friday

+Mary & Urban Scheidler

April 18 Saturday

+Leisa Summers

April 19 Divine Mercy Sunday

Intention of Chris Nagy

Due to developments concerning the spread of the COVID-19, or Coronavirus, and for your safety, all public Masses, services and parish activities have been canceled, suspended or postponed until further notice.

The office is closed as most of the staff are working from home.

If you need assistance please email or call. All contact information is on the front page of the bulletin

Thank you to our volunteers!

We recently had several volunteers call our 420 registered families in the parish to check in and see if they needed any help or services during the shut-down.

If you are a registered parishioner and did not receive a phone call or email, your contact information is either

1) private, we don't give it out

2) outdated and may need updated in our system.

If you would like to set up an online giving account or manage your own Church records, update your phone or email, please go to the parish website at <https://stmtours.org/> to set up an account

Look for the **My Own Church Tab**

*to get started you must be a registered member of the parish with a current email address on file.

Join us for our Holy Week liturgy's on the following media

Website: <https://stmtours.org/>

YouTube St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville

Facebook @Saint.Martin.of.Tours.Martinsville.Indiana

Local Television Masses Broadcast Television

WHMB Channel 40.1 Sunday 9:30 am or **WNDY** Channel 23 Sunday 6:30 am

April 9 6:00pm Holy Thursday, Mass of Our Lord's Supper

April 10 3:00pm Good Friday Sacred Liturgy

April 12 10:30am Solemnity of our Lord's Resurrection

Shepherd's Voice

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Peace of Christ!

Hope you all are doing well. It is the Holy week and waiting for a joyful moment to share and witness our faith in the Resurrection of our Lord. We stay at our home and do all things at home and not able to have the normal life in these days. We need more of God's graces in this time. We are called for a mission of God's grace, His love and care for others, as we read from the Psalm 91,

"You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, Say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust." He will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague, He will shelter you with his pinions, and under his wings you may take refuge; his faithfulness is a protecting shield. You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon. Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come."

I encourage you all to keep connected with us all through our Catholic Community connection. I do keep you all in my prayers, especially at all Masses.

I thank you all who made their continual support and love for our Parish through your generous contribution through mail and online stewardship.

I also encourage you to make a prayerful thought and faithful intention to support financially the needs of our Parish and the maintenance of our Church and property and care for our employees. You are most welcome to visit our Parish website to learn how you can support through online stewardship or you can call our Parish office to help you with that purpose.

I request you all to pray for all those are suffering with the epidemic virus and all families who have lost their beloved ones, for all doctors, nurses, first responders and health care workers.

We are the people of life, believing in eternal life through Christ which we hope to attain after this earthly life. Let us light up our minds and hearts along with Risen Christ who has brought us back to God's grace through his resurrection.

I request you all to light a candle of Easter at your home on Easter to signify that Christ is the light to our home to dispel the darkness of this time. Let us bring Christ through the candle and let us lighten up our hearts and minds with Christ who is risen. I wish you all a blessed Easter and safe time.

To be the witness for His love,

Fr. Jegan



We will host our regularly scheduled Blood Drive on April 14th

A consequence of the coronavirus pandemic is a shortage of blood and a need for donations. ... Through March 23, 6,000 Red Cross blood drives have been canceled across the country due to coronavirus concerns, resulting in 200,000 fewer blood donations. This includes nearly 7,200 fewer donations in Indiana.

To help the American Red Cross will be holding our regularly scheduled blood drive here at St. Martin's in Sexton Hall on April 14th from 1:00pm –6:30pm

There are no substitutes for blood, platelets or plasma-they cannot be manufactured. Patients in need of blood or blood products must rely on donations from people like YOU.

The American Red Cross understands public health concerns regarding donating blood during the COVID-19 pandemic, but wants to stress that donating blood is a safe process and Red Cross blood drives have the highest safety standards. American Red Cross blood drives are essential and directly support clinical AND other emergency services remaining open, including for trauma and oncology patients. Over 6,000 blood drives and 200,000 donations have been cancelled in recent days, creating a serious shortage. It is safe to donate at this time.

"You can still go out and give blood. We're worried about potential blood shortages in the future. Social distancing does not have to mean social disengagement." U.S. Surgeon General

We are Easter People!

No matter what we have endured the past few weeks, let us remember that we are an Easter people. The joy of Easter is celebrated not only during the liturgical season we call Easter. It is celebrated every day of the year. The Mass is the Paschal Mystery, and every time it is celebrated, we participate in the sacrifice, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As St. Paul teaches, we die with Christ and rise with Him in the Holy Spirit. We are transformed into new creations. We are renewed.

Stewards of God's abundant gifts hold dear the promise of renewal and pledge themselves to the work of reconciliation, healing and proclamation of the risen Lord no matter what the cost is to themselves. For Christian stewards, each day is a new dawn for living in the light of Christ. There is much about dying and rising with Christ that we do not know; much about the Paschal Mystery we do not understand. But stewards of God's love are always open to learning more; to being called out of their fears and anxieties and into the light of faith which comes with an ever-deeper understanding of its peace and joy. Easter is a good time to reflect on how we can rise above tensions and troubles and experience the joy of Christ's peace. It is also a time to ask ourselves how we can experience the gift of Easter each day of our lives.

Family Members Serving Our Country

May all military personnel be safe as they protect us. We remember especially: Clark Barco, David Burton, Azia Dwigans, Jason Fisher, Greg Johnson, Ashley Krulik, Jordan Krulik, Peter Klippel, Andrew Klippel, Tom Nichols, Joe Ooley, Michael Joe Osburn, Justin Pavey, Nicole Pavey, Kyle Richardson, Jacob Schultheis, Capt. Nathaniel E. Tiffany. God Protect them and keep them safe!

Walking Alongside Jesus with Courage and Hope

On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we are at the entrance to Holy Week. We've made a Lenten journey and now stand with Jesus before the gates of Jerusalem. We know that once we enter through those gates we shall be swept up in events that we cannot control and that will bring us to the very edge of what we can bear, as we walk with Jesus to Calvary and the tomb.

Our Lenten journey with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has become an unusual one indeed. We have walked into the valley of the surreal. The new pandemic has left most members of our society feeling afraid, anxious, isolated and alone. In an increasingly tension-filled society, the Coronavirus could rapidly mutate into an epidemic of despair. But Christian stewards are strengthened by their faith, courage and hope as they have for centuries in times of pandemic. It is precisely at times like these that their stewardship of faith and love of neighbor make the Gospel of Jesus Christ real and not just a mere sentiment. More than ever, their lives of faith give them the courage to live with an open heart even at the center of seemingly unbearable tension.

Holy Week teaches us that God is able to transform everything about us, especially our fears and anxieties, our unfaithfulness and sinfulness. But to be open to that transformation in our lives requires some radical changes in our hearts, so much so that we might be stunned and frightened at the thought. It requires the will to endure some dying to self. Let us start with our stewardship of prayer: Prayer is the great mediating force that gives us hope. Jesus instructed his disciples to pray always and not lose heart. Let us make a commitment to prayer as we have never done before, with great trust that our prayer has real power. Stewardship of health: Let us embrace a new health regimen that includes obsessively maintaining a scrupulous hygienic routine so that we may take better care of ourselves and avoid infecting others.

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Stewardship of our neighbor: Let us follow Jesus' injunction to love our neighbor as ourselves. Let us remember to check in on our neighbors and older family members and help where we may. And let us ultimately be ready and willing to sacrifice for others without counting the cost to ourselves. The gates to the city of Jerusalem are open. Jesus does not steer us away from the gates and send us back into the silence of the desert. He keeps us close to him as we stand at the entrance. He bids us peace and assures us that he will always be with us if we will only listen. With the help of God's grace, let us embrace stewardship more fully and find the strength to enter into the great city with Jesus, to walk with him to his cross and his resurrection with courage and hope.



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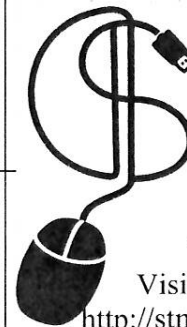
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