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Tom Melchior (Term 2 ends 2024)
Karen Monfre.... (Term 1 ends 2025)

Parish Council (3-yr.term)

Janet Ramseth..... (Term 1 ends 2024)
Open (Term 1 ends 2023)
Lynn Schaal (Term 2 ends 2023)
Jim Mahloch (Term 1 ends 2023)
Steve Kohlbeck.... (Term 1 ends 2024)
Dale Vannes..... (Term 1 ends 2024)
Gary Pawlak (Term 2 ends 2025)

Finance Council (3-yr.term)

Paul Sheridan (Term 1 ends 2025)
Open..... (Term 1 ends 2023)
Joe Michel (Term 1 ends 2025)
Bob Weiske..... (Term 2 ends 2025)
Todd Lorbiecki.... (Term 1 ends 2023)

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00 pm
Sacred Heart

Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9 am—3 pm.

Parish Website

www.stmartin-cecil.org



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Prepare the way of the Lord.” - Mk 1:3

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December 10, 2023



DEACON'S CORNER

Often times, as I speaking with someone about their faith journey, I hear the statement, "I'm looking for something more," or the question "Is there more to life than this?" Well the answer is, of course, yes, but I've struggled to help them find the tools to discover it for themselves. Until now.

The tool I've discovered is called Formed.org. And, while I've known about Formed for many years, I've

never really dug into it deeply. We have recently subscribed to Formed as a parish, and it was during my orientation that I was astounded by all of the tools available. Whether you are at the start of your discipleship journey, or have a deep faith. No matter if you are a child, or a senior member of our parish, there is something on Formed for you. All you need to open the toolbox is a computer or smart device, and an email address. Once you are logged in, you can explore and will not be disappointed.

To sign up here's what you need to do:

- 1: Go to signup.formed.org
- 2: Use our zip code 54111 and choose St. Martin of Tours
- 3: Enter your name and email address.

That's it!

My plan is to use some of their programs for some of our instruction in the future. Be on the watch for links in our newsletter and bulletin. May God fill you and your desire to find the "more" in your life.

Blessings,

Deacon Todd

Our Prayer Circle

Please Pray for these People:

Shane Weiske
Patricia Williams
Theresa Arneson
David Slaski Jr.
John Peplinski Sr.
Jerry Peplinski
Deacon Ken Banker
Maxine Sturm
Shirley Kurowski
Alice Armitage
Gerry Buech

Nancy Dietz
Lil Konitzer
Jeff Mueller
Julie Borowitz
Lee Mecikalski
Cookie Strasman
Mike Welcing
Betty Marcks
David Majeski
Joe Welcing
Vicky Britton
Joe Sell



Mass Intentions

December 10

David Slaski, Sr.

December 17

Geri & Ed Allen

This Week at St. Martin of Tours

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| Tues. | December 12 |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 6:00 pm | Chosen-Season 3 |
| Wed. | December 13 |
| 7:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Meeting |
| Thurs. | December 14 |
| 1-8:00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration |
| 5:15 pm | CCW Christmas Event |
| Friday | December 15 |
| Sat. | December 16 |
| 3:00 pm | Reconciliation-Sacred Heart |
| Sunday | December 17-Flower Donation Deadline |
| 8:25 am | Praying of the Rosary |
| 9:00 am | Mass |
| 10:00 am | Christmas Choir Practice |

Financial Stewardship Report

December 3, 2023

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| Offertory | 372.00 |
| Adult Envelopes..... | 4,576.00 |
| Online Donation..... | 165.00 |
| Total..... | 5,113.00 |
| Helping Hands | 1,765.00 |

PRAYER HOURS

DAILY

8:00 AM—8:00 PM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

for

Sunday, December 17, 2023

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| FIRST READING | Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10.11 |
| PSALM | Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 |
| SECOND READING | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 |
| GOSPEL | John 1:6-8, 19-28 |



Mass Attendance

Sunday, December 3.....212

GIVING TREE DEADLINE

Sunday, December 10th is the deadline for returning wrapped gifts inside the Santa sack for our Giving Tree with tag and ornament attached. Be sure to check your sack in when you drop it off by the number on the tag. Also, there is still a need for warm mittens (5 and under) and gloves for school age children. We have extra time for those, up to distribution day, December 19. Thank you for your participation in giving to those in need!



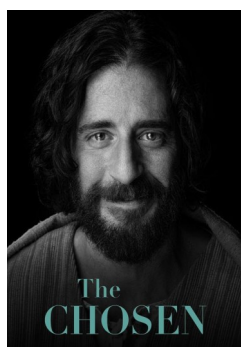
MARK THE DATE!! **CCW CHRISTMAS EVENT**

December 14, 2023

Register online in the Flocknote Newsletter
or register in the parish hall

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION

If you would like to donate toward purchasing Christmas Flowers for the church in honor or in loving memory of a friend or family member, please submit the donation to the parish office no later than December 17th. Please include your name as well as the ones you are honoring. This may also be dropped in the black collection box.



Join us for The Chosen Season 3, Tuesday nights 6-8 pm starting October 24 through December 12. Come see Jesus firsthand from the eyes of His early followers and discuss the scriptural references as well as the show's creative interpretations. If you have not watched the other seasons you can still join as you know the general story. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



And we'd like to try something new for the Christmas Eve celebration: A Family Choir. And in trying to encourage young people to participate more fully in the liturgy, what better way to start than by having them sing with their family-whether that family is mom and dad, grandparents, an aunt or uncle, or older sibling, cousins... The first practice will be to learn some of the traditional Christmas carols. Practices will be held following Sunday liturgy beginning December 3.

HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

If you've ever wondered what to donate to our food pantry, here's a list of items that we give every month. If we don't have enough, we will purchase them:

Hamburger Helper (or boxed meal)
Spaghetti or pasta
Mac N Cheese
Flavored Rice box
Potato Box
Cereal
Ravioli or Spaghetti O's
Pasta Sauce (Plastic jars only please)
Tuna
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Canned Soup
Peanut Butter (plastic jars only)
Jelly (plastic jars only)
Bar of soap
Shampoo



If you're able to donate these items. Please place them in the shopping cart located in the Parish Hall.

PAPER DRIVE!!!

Our Food Pantry is running low on paper products that we supply during our distribution each month. Please consider making a donation of Toilet Paper or Facial Tissues.

Thank you for all that you do!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
7:00 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

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| Sunday, December 24th | 9:00 am | 4th Sun day of Advent |
| Sunday, December 24th | 4:00 pm | Christmas Eve |
| Monday, December 25th | 9:00 am | Christmas Day |

ONLINE GIVING

Giving online has become easier than ever at
St. Martin of Tours.

Scan the QR Code below with your cellphone to be directed to
<https://www.stmartin-cecil.org/donate>



If you have any questions, please call the parish office.