

## St. Martin of Tours

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### Parish Support Staff

*Parish Secretary:* Braeton Erhardt

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Office Hours: Tuesday 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

*Custodian:* Janice Theurer 301-9009

*DRE:* Joletta Schmidt 794-3285

*Ministry Schedule:* Mary Erhardt 220-0595

*Parish Council Chair:* Emily Pearson

*Cemetery:* Judy McNulty 794-3191

*Prayer Chain:* Helen Berger 794-8866

Luella Berger 794-3226

*Care Cards:* Rita Giesen 794-3582

*Parish Funeral Contacts:* Carla Wolf 794-3489

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**Reconciliation:** Half an hour before Masses held at 6:00 pm & 8:30 am, or by appointment. If you are homebound and need Fr. Stephen to come to your home, please call either cell number listed above.

**Rosary:** Half an hour before Mass

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married should contact Fr. Stephen **9 months** in advance in order to complete required paperwork and take the FOCCUS premarital inventory.

**Baptism:** Please contact Fr. Stephen to arrange for your child's baptism. Parents must be registered members of our parish or have permission from their parish. You will be asked to attend a short class prior to the birth of your first child.

### Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial?*

### St. Martin's Prayer List

Alice Henderscheid	Jim Marrow
Cindy Neibauer	Jeremy Hewey

The complete prayer list is on the back of the monthly calendar.

## Liturgy Ministers

### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 am

**Music:** Joletta **Reader:** Braeton

**Servers:** Vander, Ava

**EM:** Judy

**Ushers/Greeters:** Tom Haag, Mark A. Erhardt

**\*\*Please remember, if you are unable to serve when scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. If in attendance at Mass and you see a need for help—please come forward and fill that ministry position. Thank You!**

**Confession** will be held on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm.

**Lenten Parish Mission:** Father Michail Ford O.P. from the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus will join us for our Parish Mission Mass and Talks at St. Pius on **February 25-27** and at **St. Martin's on February 28**, beginning at 6:30 each evening.

**African Mission Appeal: Mission Education Sunday** "Come, See, Experience our Brothers and Sisters in Christ" is the theme for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual African Mission Appeal, which begins next weekend in every parish in the Bismarck Diocese. Your gift will help support the work of our Mission Team as they minister on our behalf to our brothers and sisters in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa. The African Mission Appeal brochure and envelopes are included with this bulletin. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to the appeal. You may return your envelope nest weekend to our parish. You are invited to read the exciting articles in our *Kenya Connection* newsletter which is found inside the *Dakota Catholic Action* magazine. It contains interesting news and pictures of our mission in action. You are also encouraged to follow our missionaries in action at: <https://www.facebook.com/BismarckCatholicMission>.

**CRS Rice Bowl: Overcoming Hunger** In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun	Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<b>St. Martin's</b> +Wilbert Mosbrucker
Tue	Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	<b>St. Martin's</b> +Jeremy M. Goetz
Wed	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<b>St. Martin's</b> Aaron & Britt Meyer Family
Wed	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	<b>St. Martin's</b> Lynette Dagley
Sun	Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 am	<b>St. Martin's</b> +John Berger & Family

### St. Pius/St. Mary's

Sun	Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	<b>St. Pius</b> +Kevin Norton
Mon	Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	<b>St. Pius</b> +Jeremy M. Goetz
Tue	Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	<b>St. Pius</b> +Tony & +Rita Goetz
Thur	Feb 29 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	<b>St. Pius</b> +Judy Kreidt
Fri	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am	<b>St. Pius</b> Deceased Silbernagel & Erhardt Family Members
Sat	Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 pm	<b>St. Mary's</b> +Edwin Thiel
Sun	Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 am	<b>St. Pius</b> Parish Members of St. Pius, New Salem St. Martin's, Center St. Mary's, Almont

**Stewardship Thought:** *Do for others with no desire of returned favors. We all should plant some trees we'll never sit under.*

### St. Martin's Parish Stewardship January 2024

Adult Envelopes: \$7,690.00  
Online Giving: \$1,025.45  
Loose Collection: \$264.06  
Building Fund: \$270.00

Year to Date Income -- \$61,546.41  
Year to Date Expenses -- \$53,840.53

*\*Building Fund Balance: \$34,050.24\**

**Online Giving:** Text 'Give' to 701-394-3943

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 25-27 – Lenten Mission @ St. Pius  
Feb. 27 – Mass @ 5:30pm with soup & bread afterward  
Confession 7pm – 8pm  
Feb. 28 – Daily Mass @ 8:30am  
Mission Mass @ 6:30pm & Mission @ 7pm  
Mar. 3 – Stations of the Cross @ 8am  
Mar. 5 – Adoration 5-5:30pm  
Mass @ 5:30pm with soup & bread afterward  
Confession 7pm – 8pm  
Mar. 6 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30pm  
Mar. 10 – Parish Council Nominations

### Youth Education

March 10<sup>th</sup> Snack: Hopfau

March 24<sup>th</sup> Snack: Henke



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent: **GOD GAVE HIS SON...**



One thing that Abraham and God had in common was that they both gave their only son for sacrifice (ready to...). This is why we Christians see Abraham as our father in faith. During our lifetime as Christians, God may ask us for something (hopefully not our children), whatever it is, it will be like a tough demand: like the ones He made of Job. Can we follow Job's example and say, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, naked I shall return, the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord...shall we receive the good from the Lord and not receive the bad?" (Job 1:21, 2:10) May God bless us on our Lenten journey. Amen  
- Rev. Stephen Folorunso

**Encounter Nights Experiencing the Eucharistic Revival:** The Church of Corpus Christi invites you to experience the U.S. Catholic Bishop's Eucharistic Revival and Encounter Christ's True Presence. In response to the parish phase of the Eucharistic Revival, Corpus Christi will host Encounter Nights to draw the faithful deeper into relationship with Jesus. Encounter Nights will offer opportunities for Scripture, meditation, reflections by clergy, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, sacred silence, praise music and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us on **Tuesday, February 27 from 7-8:30 PM**. All are invited.

