

St. Martin of Tours

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Parish Secretary: Teegan Henke

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Office Hours: Wednesdays 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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Parish Council Chair: John Schwab

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.

March 30th: The Fourth Sunday of Lent

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal son who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he had been given.

Youth Education

April 13th (Snack: Huntimers)

April 27th (Snack: Koapke)

Please contact Joletta Schmidt (794-3285) if you have not registered for classes.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

March 30th – Mass at 10:30 am

Stations of the Cross before Mass

April 1st – Mass at 5pm

April 2nd – Mass at 8:30am

April 5th – Confirmation at 4pm at St. Martins

April 6th – NO 10:30 MASS IN CENTER

April 8th – Daily Mass at 5 pm

April 9th – Daily Mass at 8:30 am

April 13th – Psalm Sunday Mass at 10:30 am

CCD at 9:15 am; Sunday School during mass

April 15th – Mass at 5pm

April 16th – Mass at 8:30am

April 17th – Holy Thursday Mass at 8:00pm

April 18th – Good Friday Mass at 3:00pm

April 19th – Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm at St. Martins

CRS Rice Bowl: PROTECTING CROPS FROM NATURAL DISASTERS IN BANGLADESH

Shahadat's village, and much of Bangladesh is located on flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding that often destroys farms and crops. Find out how Shahadat learned new farming skills from a Catholic Relief Services program that enabled him to increase the yield of his vegetable crops despite the challenges of climate change. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Confirmation April 5th: This year confirmation is at St. Martin's, due to scheduling we have switched mass times with St. Mary's for that weekend. **Confirmation will be at 4pm on April 5th with fellowship to follow.** There will be **NO 10:30am mass on April 6th at St. Martin's.**

Lenten Confessions at St. Martin's:

April 1st, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

April 8th, 6:00 – 7:00pm

April 15th, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Easter Mass/Liturgy Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 17th

St. Pius at 5:00pm, **St. Martins at 8:00pm**

Good Friday, April 18th

St. Martins at 3:00pm, St. Mary's at 5:00pm,
St. Pius at 7:30pm

Easter Vigil, April 19th

St. Martins at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th

St. Pius at 8:30am, St. Mary's at 10:30am

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun	March 30 th	10:30 am	St. Martin's Charles & Monica Folk
Tue	April 1 st	5:00pm	St. Martin's +Jeannie Henke
Wed	April 2 nd	8:30am	St. Martin's Madeline & Bao Tran
Sat	April 5 th	4:00 pm	St. Martin's Confirmation Students

St. Pius/St. Mary's

Sun	March 30 th	8:30am	St. Pius Karen Becker
Thur	April 3 rd	9:00am	St. Pius Janetta Padilla
Fri	April 4 th	9:00am	St. Pius Nick Weinberger
Sun	April 6 th	8:30am	St. Pius Parish Members of St. Pius, New Salem St. Martin's, Center St. Mary's, Almont
Sun	April 6 th	10:30 am	St. Mary's +Bernard & +Jimmy Even

St. Martin's Parish Stewardship February 2025

Adult Envelopes: \$3,830.00

ACH Giving: \$400.00

Loose Collection: \$499.00

Building Fund: \$205.00

Year to Date Income -- \$67,597.67

Year to Date Expenses -- \$60,688.75

Building Fund Balance: \$37,906.17

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, April 5th 4:00 pm

Music: Joletta

Reader: Natalie (NS), James, New Salem

Servers: Claire, Natalie, Monica

EM: **Mary, Judy, Henry

Ushers/Greeters: Ava, Joey

**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!

The Fourth Sunday of Lent THE PRODIGAL FATHER

Most of the time, when we read or hear the story of the Prodigal Son, we place so much emphasis on the son, who was wayward in his thinking, asking for his father's inheritance while still alive and going about to squander it in a life of dissipation, and then coming to his senses and return home. But I think we Catholics should focus more on the "prodigal father", amazing love of the father, who is willing and ready to forgive our sins, to forget them, and to do all that with joy. As we say in Africa, God allows "U-turns". Not only does the father forgive his son but gave him back all his rights as a son. This is how God deals with every sinner who repents. This parable is today's Gospel challenges us to be like the father that is good, and not like the elder son.

- Rev. Stephen Folorunso

St. Martin's Prayer List

Annette Hatzenbihler	+Magnus Keller Family
+Mark Schutt Family	Ken Hevey

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

Women's Lenten Retreat: A Women's Lenten Retreat will be held at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary in Bismarck on **Saturday, April 12**. Women of all ages are invited to join together for a day of prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, inspiring talks, and fellowship. We will also have vendors available throughout the retreat. The retreat begins with check-in at 8:00 am and will conclude around 2:00 pm. Cost to attend is \$25, and registration is required. You can register at the parish website, www.stmarysbismarck.org/womens-retreat. Registration is due by Monday, April 7. Any questions about the retreat can be directed to the St. Mary's parish office at 701-223-5562.

NOW HIRING!

Director of Faith Formation for grades K-12, including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. John the Apostle in Minot. The Director of Faith Formation will also lead Adult Faith Formation programs. For more information contact the parish office at drichter@bismarckdiocese.com or 701-839-7076.

