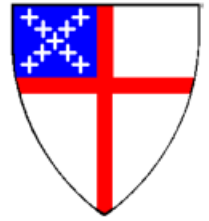




The Cloak

Love God, Love Your Neighbor. ¶
Change the World. ¶



February 2023

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me." – C.S. Lewis

Even though February is in the bleak midwinter and is the shortest month of the year, we will still be busy at St. Martin of Tours.

February will see us hosting our wonderful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The very next day, we will observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The imposition of ashes reminds us that that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

The season of Lent invites us into deeper prayer. Deacon Mark leads us in the Prayers of the People every Sunday to remind us of those in any need or adversity, including the people of Ukraine, victims of violence, trafficking, homelessness. He pays attention to current events, because there is always something in our world that requires our prayers.

This year, may I suggest, let us make daily prayer our main focus of Lent. Some of you may wish to give up something, or make charitable contributions—great! But let us also make an effort to enter prayer and stillness so that we may hear the voice of God.

I suggest that we each make the choice to pray daily during Lent to see how God is working in and transforming our lives.

Episcopalians believe in prayer. Not the kind of prayer that will get God to do our will, but the kind of prayer that will change us—our hearts—our minds—our lives.

Love God, Love your Neighbor, Change the World

Faithfully,

Mtr. Kim +

PRAYER REQUESTS *

You may make prayer request additions, deletions, and modifications via Vicar Kim Roberts at bkeroberts@msn.com, Rev. Mark Kowalski, Deacon at kowalskimjk@gmail.com or through the Parish Administrator Ann Chambers at stmartinomaha@gmail.com (402)-733-8815.

**Always confidential*

- **PRAY FOR:** Stephanie, Steve, Lani, Benji, Becky, Rita, Gary,
- **PRAY FOR** victims of violence and war, victims of gun violence, victims of sex trafficking; people with HIV/AIDS; members of the armed forces and their families, immigrants and refugees, the people of Ukraine
- **PRAY FOR:** Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev Michael Curry; Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker,
- **PRAY FOR:** the poor and the hungry; the unemployed; the uninsured and underinsured; prisoners and their families; the homeless and near homeless; shelters and food pantries; victims of natural disasters
- **PRAY FOR** peace in the world and in our hearts.
- **PRAY FOR** those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.
- **PRAY FOR** our church family, the growth of this baptismal community

St. Mart's News and Announcement

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

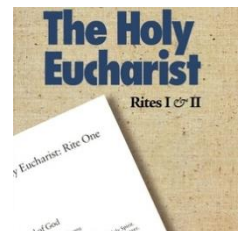
Our annual Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Supper will be held on **Tuesday, February 21st**, from 5 pm-? pm. Come for pancakes and sausage, stay for the fun. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family.



The Ash Wednesday services will be hold at **12 noon and 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 22nd**. Please plan to begin your Lenten season with the Ash Wednesday service.

LITURGICAL NOTE

We will use Rite I, Prayer I during the Lent.



ALL ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE

All worshipping at St. Martin of Tours who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's altar. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.



PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR

Deacon Mark is now St. Martin's **Pastoral Care Director**.

If you have an illness, a hospitalization, require home communion, or any prayer need, please notify Deacon Mark at kowalskimjk@gmail.com or



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please submit articles or items for the Newsletter by the 15th of the preceding month.

VESTRY RETREAT

The 2023 Vestry will meet for a Ministry Review with The Reverend Canon Elizabeth Easton on Saturday, **February 25th from 10am-2pm.**

We will review the mission of St. Martin of Tours and make plans for the future.



Servers-at-a-Glance for February 2023

| | Feb. 5 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 19 | Feb. 22 | Feb. 22 | Feb 26 |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Time | | | | 12 Noon | 6:30 pm | |
| Altar Guild | Ann C. & Conner M. | Judy Metz | Beth Mincer | Team 3 | Team 3 | Cathie Hughes |
| Acolyte | Jimmy Miller | Jimmy Miller | Jimmy Miller | TBA | TBA | Jimmy Miller |
| Lector | David Rose | Gary Johnson | Emily Gomez | Beth Mincer | Bill Roberts | Deb Burse |
| Celebrant | Mother. Kim | Mother. Kim | Mother. Kim | Mother. Kim | Mother. Kim | Mother. Kim |
| Preacher | Mother. Kim | Deacon Mark | Mother. Kim | Deacon Mark | Mother. Kim | Mother. Kim |
| Usher | Juanita Thomas & Bill R | Juanita Thomas | Juanita Thomas | Juanita Thomas | Bill Roberts | Juanita Thomas |

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- Jim Murphy, Senior Warden
 - the senior warden is known as the “priest's warden,”
- Conner Mowery, Junior Warden
 - the junior warden is known as the “people's warden.”
- Beth Mincer, Treasurer
- Judy Metz, Altar Guild Director
- Veronica Garcia, Sexton
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