



March 2019

Greetings,

The Season of Lent is upon us. We will celebrate our Annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday—March 5th.

Ash Wednesday occurs on March 6th at a 12 noon and 6:30 pm service. Deacon Mark and I hope to impose “Ashes on the Go” in our front yard to those who wish to receive.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent—40 days before Easter. Sundays are not included in the count.

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, prayer and alms giving. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ.

The season of Lent also invites those of us who follow Christ into a time of deeper reflection on our own seasons of life in the present age. Where is God to be known, encountered and embodied in these turbulent times? How is God revealed in our dreams and visions?

At St. Martin of Tours Lent is visible in the many changes that occur in our Liturgy and in the church. We use **Rite I, Prayer I** for worship. The crosses in the church are covered with purple veils. The changes remind us of the season and provide a signpost for our worship, our reflection, and our devotion.

I invite you to the observance of a holy Lent.

Mother Kim Roberts+

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS NEWS



PANCAKE SUPPER

Our annual Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Supper will be held on **Tuesday, March 5th at 5:30 pm**. Come for pancakes, sausage, and fun. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.



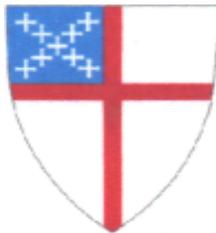
ASH WEDNESDAY

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LENTEN PROGRAM

This year our Lenten Program will be an exciting and unusual event. It will include our usual Soup lunch followed by lessons in Conversational Spanish.



GOOD NEWS!!

Our good friend and former intern, Keith Winton, will be ordained to the Holy Order of Priests on **Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 5:30 PM** at All Saints Episcopal Church. All Saints is located at 9302 Blondo Street. Keith extends an invitation to all of us at St. Martin's to attend this special event.

VESTRY

The Vestry of St. Martin of Tours will meet on **Sunday, March 3rd at 8:00 am**.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Remember to “Spring Forward” on **Sunday, March 10th**.

ACOLYTES, USHERS, AND LECTORS NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to serve St. Martin of Tours as an Acolyte, Usher, or Lector. If you are interested, please talk to Vicar Kim if you want to know more about it.

Topics of Inspiration

The Great Commandment and the Prayer of St. Francis are the inspiration for March hymns. If you have a hymn you would like me to use, please let me know ASAP. AC.

Hymn 593 Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

1. Lord, Make us servants of your peace; where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.
2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.
4. May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.
5. Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day: Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

The Great Commandment

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Scriptures of the Month

These are some of the March scriptures. I will use them to select March hymns. If you have a hymn you would like me to use, please let me know ASAP. AC.

- Luke 9: 28-43a *Transfiguration Story*
- Luke 4:1-13 *Jesus led into the wilderness*
- Luke 13:31-35 *Christ laments a city who has turned her back on her people; he long to comfort them and predicts that he will go, to return as the one who comes in the name of the Lord*
- Luke 13:1-9 *Patience and care for the fruitless fig tree; God's patience with us.*
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 *The story of the Prodigal Son. I came to call sinners. Jesus heals. Which is easier, to heal or forgive sins?*

Profile

Beth Mincer and Ann Chambers are the member from St. Martin of Tours on the Dean Fricke Memorial Episcopal Pantry. Here is an update.

We prepared this list of questions and answers to help clear up misconceptions.

Q: Is the Fricke Food Pantry still providing food to the hungry in Omaha?

A: Yes! We are doing it by providing financial support to other food agencies and pantries through our Food Security Grant Program. We no longer handle food.

Q: Is the Fricke Food Pantry still occupying space at Trinity Cathedral?

A: No. The space now is used for storage. We still receive mail at the church.

Q: Can I still bring food or paper sacks to my Episcopal church?

A: No. Please take your donations to the Pantry on Blondo at All Saints Episcopal Church, 93rd and Blondo.

Q: What is the Pantry on Blondo?

A: It's a food pantry at All Saints Episcopal Church, 93rd and Blondo, operated by that church – not by the Fricke Pantry. The Pantry on Blondo will happily take donations of any nonperishable food or paper bags at All Saints church.

Q: Is the Fricke Food Pantry still asking for financial support?

A: Yes. Your support helps us feed the hungry through Food Security Grants. Current recipients are Youth Emergency Services (YES), Project Hope, Christian Outreach Program in Elkhorn (COPE), Holy Family Door Ministry, and the Family Dinner Table at The Salvation Army's Kroc Center.

Q: Did the Fricke Food Pantry recently start supporting other agencies?

A: No. We've been giving money to other agencies for several years. We instituted the Food Security Grants a couple of years ago.

Q: Why is the Fricke Food Panty no longer sacking food?

A: The Food Bank of the Heartland requires any agency purchasing food to deal directly with the public. We were packing sacks of food for YES and, earlier, Project Hope. Although the Food Bank gave us an exemption for several years, in 2018 it decided it could no longer do that and had to cease our relationship.

Q: What church operates the Fricke Food Pantry?

A: We are registered as a nonprofit, joint effort of seven Omaha-area Episcopal churches: All Saints, Church of the Resurrection, St. Andrew's, St. Augustine of Canterbury, St. Martha's, St. Martin of Tours and Trinity Cathedral.

If you have further questions, please contact Beth Mincer

History

I have finally finished The Docent Book: A brief summary of St. Martin of Tours' History. I have copies for you if you are interested. AC

Pictures

If you have pictures, please E-mail them to me. Here are a few from last December. AC



PRAYER REQUESTS * PRAYER CHAIN

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

- **PRAY FOR:** Judith, Paul, Debbie, Gary, Stephanie, Benji, Patrick; Frank, Conner,
- **PRAY FOR** immigrants, 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, people dealing with natural disasters and those in recovery.
- **PRAY FOR:** Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev Michael Curry; Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker, the South High School Teen Parent Program; Magdalene Omaha.
- **PRAY FOR:** immigrants, the poor and the hungry; the unemployed; the uninsured and underinsured; prisoners and their families; the homeless and near-homeless; immigrants; shelters and food pantries; visitors and newcomers to St Martin of Tours.
- **PRAY FOR** the growth of this baptismal community and for peace in the world and in our hearts.
- **PRAY FOR** those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church

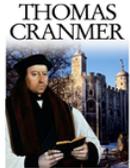
- The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Diocesan Bishop of Nebraska
- Rev. Kim Roberts, Rector bkeroberts@msn.com
- Rev. Mark Kowalski, Deacon kowalskimjk@gmail.com
- Ann Chambers, Parish Administrator, Music Director
StMartinOfToursOmaha@gmail.com
- Cathie Hughes, Sunday School Director
- David Rose, Adult Religious Formation
- Steve Mincer, Senior Warden
- Beth Mincer, Treasurer

Please check your dates and let me know ASAP if you cannot serve that day. AC

	3-Mar	6-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar
	Last Epiphany	Ash Wednesday	Lent 1	Lent 2	Lent 3	Lent 4
	Green	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Laetare Mid-Lent Rose
Altar Team	1 Chambers	1 Chambers	2 Kowalski	3 Mincer	4 Hughes	5 Chambers, Volunteer
Acolyte	Steve M.	TBA	Patrick V.	Steve M.	Patrick V.	Steve M.
Chalice Bearer	Steve M.	Mark K.	Patrick V.	Steve M.	Patrick V.	Steve M.
Deacon	Mark K.	Mark K.	Mark K.	Mark K.	Mark K.	Mark K.
Celebrant	Vicar	Vicar	Vicar	Vicar	Vicar	Vicar
Lector 1	David R.	Gary J.	Paul H.	Beth M.	Stephanie	Patrick V.
Lector 2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Preacher	Deacon Mark	Vicar	Vicar	Vicar	Vicar	Vicar
Usher	Bill R.	Bill R.	Steve M.	Bill R.	Steve M.	Bill R.
Sunday School	Cathie H.	none	Cathie H.	Cathie H.	Cathie H.	Cathie H.
Bible Study	David R.	none	Lenten Study			

- Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday from 9 am until Noon
- LIKE US ON Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/StMartinOfToursEpiscopalChurch/>
- We have tickets and invitations for the Pancake Supper. Ask Mother Kim.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
						Altar Team 1 - Ann C.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Last Epiphany Vestry - 8 AM Quinquagesima - The Last Alleluias before Easter Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Deacon Mark - Sunday School 9:30 AM 2nd Table after Service Lenten Study 11 AM  Keith Winton Ordination at 5:30 pm SEE NOTE BELOW	Office Open 9-12 Service Booklets 	Pancake Supper 5:30 - 7:30 PM Shrove Tuesday   Amanda Kephart Got Real Driver's License - BE AFRAID	Office Open 9-12   Noon & 6:30 pm			Altar Team 2 - Deacon Mark
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Lent 1 Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM 2nd Table after Service Lenten Study 11 AM 	Office Open 9-12 Service Booklets 		Office Open 9-12  Replace Batteries in Smoke Alarms		 Samantha Hughes Sarah Chambers Deadline for April Newsletter inserts	Altar Team 3 - Beth M.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Lent 2 Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM 2nd Table after Service Lenten Study 11 AM 	Office Open 9-12 Service Booklets 		Office Open 9-12   Adam Vossen 			Altar Team 4 - Cathie H.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Lent 3 Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM 2nd Table after Service Lenten Study 11 AM 	Office Open 9-12 Update Service  The Annunciation 		Office Open 9-12 	 Bill Roberts		
31	1	NOTES				
Lent 4 Laetare Sunday - Rose Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM 2nd Table after Service Lenten Study 11 AM 			 April-19 9:30 AM	 April-19 6:30 PM	 April-19 6:30 PM	 April-19 9:30 AM
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