

# St. Martin's Episcopal Church



Annual Meeting  
January 19, 2020

## **Annual Parish Meeting ~ Agenda**

January 19, 2020

**11:30 ~ Invocation and Call to Order – *Rev. M.E. Eccles***

**Presentation of Nominations — *Brian Buchanan***

- Denise Bozza, Junior Warden (4-year term)
- Russell Gruber (3-year term)
- Maria Rasmussen (3-year term)

**11:35 ~ Approval of Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting**

**11:40 ~ Presentation of the Thrive Campaign — *Brian Buchanan***

**11:55 ~ Financial report and presentation of the 2020 budget – *Jack Short & Sue Krauser***

**Discussion of new opportunities for congregational leadership.**

**12:15 ~ Celebration of Leadership & Slide show/video – *Rev. M.E. Eccles, Brian Buchanan***

**12:27 ~ Election**

**12:30 ~ Adjournment / Blessing and Dismissal**

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### **Description of who is eligible to vote**

**THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO (2008 Edition)**

**Canon 22, Section 3:**

All baptized persons of the age of sixteen years and upwards, who regularly attend the public services of the Church in the Parish, and are recognized as members of the Parish by the Rector and at least one of the Wardens, or, if the Rector be not present, by the two Wardens, and whose names appear on the books of the Parish Treasurer as having contributed by pew rent, by pledge, by subscription or otherwise to the funds to meet the expenses or other obligations of the Parish during the six months immediately previous to the Meeting, it being understood that the pledge or obligation for such contributions shall have been incurred prior to the said six months; and in addition declare their willingness to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Church.

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING – ST. MARTIN’S EPISCOPAL**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**

The invocation and Call to Order at 11:30am was given by The Very Rev. M.E. Eccles. Review of Canons and Constitution was presented.

Brian Buchanan, Senior Warden presented the Nominations for Vestry:

Nancy Schaper, vestry (3-year term) and Novalla Suter, vestry (3-year term)

The open floor nomination period of 30 minutes was begun.

The minutes of the 2018 Annual meeting were approved with a motion by Dot Bozza seconded by Dee Vihnanek and were approved unanimously.

Kathy Isaacks, Treasurer presented the Financial Report and the Proposed Budget for 2019. Motion to approve the financial report by Sue Krauser and seconded by Novalla Suter. Motion carried. Dot Bozza moved to approve the balance sheet and Pauline McGinnis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sue moved to accept the Proposed Budget, motion was seconded by Brian Buchanan. Motion carried.

Rev. M.E. presented the results of the music survey.

The vestry and Adam Gruber will begin to have conversations to see where the music program is going.

The Celebration of Leadership and slide show were presented by Rev. M.E. and Senior Warden Brian Buchanan. The new mission statement was proposed: “An inclusive community where all are welcome and fed with the Love of God – Pets too!” After brief discussion, it was accepted.

Many thanks were given to Adam Gruber, JB Enterprises-Jim Nowak & Barb Cortino, Kathy Isaacks, Sue Krauser, Brian Buchanan, Dot Bozza, Pauline McGinnis, Katie Eccles (including Pixie & Raggles) and EVERYONE!

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed, and election proceeded.

A motion was made by Dot Bozza, seconded by Brian Buchanan, that Nancy Schaper and Novalla Suter be elected to the Vestry for a term of three years each. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with a blessing and dismissal. Pauline McGinnis and Maria Rasmussen moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen J. Isaacks

The following were present at the meeting:

Alley, Dennis

Alley, Donna

Bozza, Dot

Buchanan, Brian

Dahlstrom, Karl

Dahlstrom, Kristin

Dierks, Gerry

Dohnke, Kim

Eccles, Katie E.

Eccles, Rev. M.E.

Goerss, Jane

Hish-Morriscal, Melissa

Isaacks, Kathy

Krauser, Sue

Ladner, Chris

Lochirco, Robin

McCarthy, Emma

McGinnis, Pauline

Meyer, Leslie

Modrow, Robert

Morgenthaler, Jill

Morrissey, Kelly

Murray, Timothy

Myers-Hickey, Earleen

Porreca, Martilias (Tony)

Reiser, Cory

Roach, Sandy

Savage, Mary

Setmeyer, Fr. Bob

Short, Jack

Smolik, Libby

Smolik, Bob

Stannard, Sarah

Suter, Novalla

Suter, Rob

Vihnanek, Deanna

I believe our strongest ministry is our ability to create a place of hospitality and community. St. Martin's is a big family that is exceptional at welcoming new people into it. When a family functions well, the joys and sorrows are felt more deeply. In no uncertain terms, 2019 was a difficult year. A rather strange and unusual experience of grief began last year with the unexpected death of Jill Morgenthaler. On the heels of that, we lost three amazing matriarchs within weeks or days of each other: Alice Olsen, Anne Evans and Lois Benton. Because another matriarch, Joan Szabo, died in December 2018 and her memorial was scheduled to be in early 2019, our St. Martin's family experienced five funerals in the seven weeks leading up to Easter!

What was exceptional was how the Holy Spirit worked within and through our family. Jim Nowak, Barb Cortino, Novalla Suter, Kathy Isaacks and so very many more people dove in to help plan the funerals, facilitate receptions and truly be there for the grieving families and friends even while grieving themselves. And I was deeply touched when a parishioner pulled me aside to ask me how I was doing, to thank me for taking good care of the congregation and pointing out that it must be difficult for me to manage all the different levels of other people's grief while grieving myself. Several other people echoed that sentiment through their actions of giving hugs, stepping up to take care of all sorts of tasks, and making sure I always had iced tea and a plate of food.

But there was also jubilation and delight when we baptized Calvin Morrissey, a most wonderful occasion as children crowded around the font to see what all the fuss was about. And I continue to experience a deep level of joy at sharing our two Pet Blessings and our Paws-in-the-Pews Sundays with all who find their way here. It is good to be reminded in times of grief, chaos and anxiety that there are other creatures, beloved creatures of God, who are as generous with their love for us as God is.

It is in the DNA of St. Martin's to be and share community. Another expression of that are the community meals, which continue to be a place where people are fed both physically and spiritually. As many of you know, we leave pads of paper on the tables where people can write prayer requests asking for intercessions and expressing gratitude. At the end of the dinners, folks from the Healing Ministry and some guests gather around the fire pit to pray these prayers and burn the papers both to maintain confidentiality, but more importantly, to allow the smoke to drift skyward as a symbol of the prayers rising to God. This year someone left a particularly touching request, illustrated in this photo:

## Prayer Requests Gratitudes & Intercessions

Thank you for the delicious homemade dinner. It is the best meal I've had in a long time. Reminds me of Sunday dinners at home when I was a child.

Thank you for your service.

So please don't think your efforts to bring and share your food and your time with others goes without notice.

One of my strongest prayers is that this important part of who we are continues to grow and strengthen us throughout the years to come. One reason for that is because we will need to call on that strength to help us this year. We need to make a significant change which will present new opportunities for people to participate at a deeper level than before. While the decision for my hours to be reduced to three-quarter time was initially about being fiscally responsible, the Wardens, Vestry and I discovered, with the help of Rev. Andrea Mysen (Director of Ministries for the Diocese), that it really provides a positive opportunity for our community and individuals to grow stronger.

As you will hear from Brian Buchanan, Sue Krauser, and Denise Bozza, this change coincides with an exciting discernment process about what our ministry is and if we should do a capital campaign to expand and support it. Each of you will be invited to small cottage meetings (and we truly need everyone to participate) for discussion of what excites you about the parish and what ways you see that St. Martin's might connect more deeply with the community around us.

None of what we do at St. Martin's happens without a whole lot of help. Special thanks go to so many people and I'm going to risk naming them all, but please forgive me if I leave anyone out.

We could not do what we do without the strong and cheerful support of Kathy Isaacks, Jim Nowak and Barb Cortino, Senior Warden – Brian Buchanan, Junior Warden – Sue Krauser, the Vestry, Music Director and Organist – Adam Gruber, Treasurer and Interim Organist – Jack Short, LEM scheduler and preacher – Denise Bozza, Healing Ministry leader – Nancy Modrow, and our special blessing this year – our deacon intern – Timothy Murray. I certainly would not be able to be fully present if it were not for the love, care, and hard work my spouse, Katie Eccles, provides for our family (especially

when it came to my physical care and her patience with my completely unrealistic ideas of how fast my knee would heal from knee replacement surgery). I am deeply grateful for our puppy piles with Pixie & Raggles; they are one of the most important and restorative parts of my life.

I give special thanks to and for the Holy Trinity – the God who creates us, to Jesus who loves and redeems us and to the Holy Spirit, who moves in such mysterious and wonderful ways.

Most of all, thank you for being you and to quote Billy Joel, “don’t go changing”!

With deep gratitude, your brother in Christ,

ME +



As I finish up my tenure first on the Vestry, then as Junior Warden, and finally Senior Warden, reflection is inevitable. And I will do a little. But, despite my term ending, I also want to look to the future.

First, the look back. Despite being here for circa 30 years, it wasn't until I got involved with the Vestry that I realized the amount of time and effort that many people give to make St Martin's what it is. We have the Sextons, Counters (and their head), Altar Guild (and coordinators), Lay Ministers (and a coordinator), weekly Coffee Hour hosts, an Event Coordinator, an Audit Committee, people that do one-offs such as run fundraisers, a Treasurer, an Organist, an Operations Manager, a Deacon Postulate and a Rector-Priest. Then all the little things like "I'll take the dishcloths home and wash them." So a big thank you of appreciation to everybody that pitches in and helps because....if you didn't...someone else would have to also.

We certainly have mourned our losses this year but we are blessed to have new congregants that found their way to us. One reoccurring theme I hear is how friendly we are. Please never lose this. All are welcome.

As said, despite my tenure ending, I want to look forward. We have been blessed to have an offer from the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) to assist us in discerning our future. Recently Sue, Denise and myself spent a Saturday downtown being introduced to the Thrive Capital Campaign Program. Despite us currently feeling we did not have a need for a capital expenditure (well...maybe a new parking lot), we went anyway. The ECF made us an offer we couldn't refuse. They have a time proven process whereby they assist congregations in discerning who they are, who they want to be, and how to get there. The end result of the process is a capital campaign if a specific need is identified. (Note: raising money for an ongoing program or ministry is not the intent.) Soon we will organize and hold small "listening sessions". What would you like to see St Martin's do if there were enough funds? The meetings will identify if there is a common idea that emerges, and the level of enthusiasm. The ECF will provide, at no expense to us, a trainer to come and train the listening session facilitators. If the process does identify a common vision across the congregation and we eventually move into a fundraising campaign, then ECF receives 10% of the amount raised as their payment. And if there is no common vision identified, then the process ends and nothing is owed.

We will be looking for anyone interested in facilitating a session or two to receive training on Sunday March 8. We will also look for people willing to host such sessions, either in their home or at St Martin's. And we also will need scribes who will be the meeting notetakers. We feel this is an opportunity we cannot afford to pass up.





## **Junior Warden Report**

*Sue Krauser*

This has been a challenging year and the St. Martin's community did what we do best: be a community of love and strength and hospitality to all. Everyone came together to show their love and support.

I am grateful for this wonderful community that loves to celebrate together. I have been a member of St. Martin's for over 30 years and I am looking forward to serving you as Senior Warden for 2020-2021. This is a special place with extraordinary people and I would like to share why I love St. Martin's.

Top reasons why I love St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Des Plaines

Our Mission Statement:

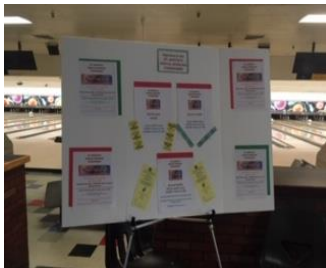
AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY WHERE  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
AND FED WITH THE LOVE OF GOD ~  
PETS TOO!

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Super.** The perfect way to fight the cold and prepare for Ash Wednesday.



**2nd Annual Bowling Fund Raiser** was an **AWESOME** event! Good time was had by all and we raised over \$5,000!!

Save the Date for our Third Annual Bowling Fund Raiser on **Friday, May 8, 2020**. 7:00pm at River Rand Bowl on River Road in Des Plaines. Watch for details on our Facebook and in our eNews!!

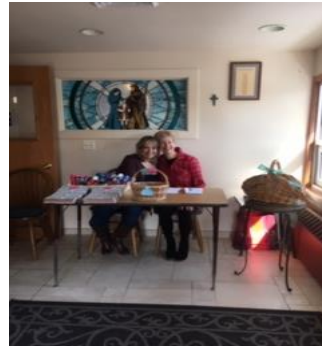


**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.** Wonderful way to celebrate the USA and promote our Pet Ministry at St. Martin's!! I love a Parade and we had a blast handing out fliers to create awareness of St. Martin's and our Pet Ministry. It was truly a team effort and a perfect example of how well we all work together to make things happen and have fun while doing it.





**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Designer Bag Bingo.** This was a spectacular event. It has become a St. Martin's tradition. Fantastic handbags, Fabulous silent auction, Great food and Fun!! We raised over \$3,700!!



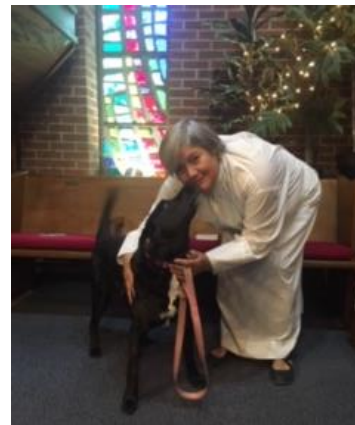
**Carols & Casseroles.** Another St. Martin's tradition. Jack did a fabulous job on the piano and I loved the look of joy on his face as he played all the Christmas Carols. The Casseroles were scrumptious, and a good time was enjoyed by all.



**Christmas Cookie Sale.** 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas cookie sale was a success. Fun to do and ever more fun to eat. And we raised money too!



**Paws in the Pews & Pet Blessings.** What a pleasure it is to see all of God's creatures join us at our 10:00 a.m. service. This is so special and totally unique to St. Martin's.



**Reverse Advent.** This is such a special program. So grateful to be part of this giving community.



Looking forward to a New Year filled with new members, new activities, and continuing to do God's work.

## Proposed Budget for 2020

	Budget 2020
<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b>	
INCOME	
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Pledges & Regular Giving	\$ 95,000.00
Easter	1,500.00
Christmas	1,500.00
Initial	
Altar Flowers	800.00
Miscellany	
Facility Sharing	7,000.00
Other Fundraisers	6,500.00
Plate (Loose)	1,500.00
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES</b>	
Transfer from Investment	16,000.00
Grants & Other Giving	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$134,800.00</b>
EXPENSES	
HUMAN RESOURCE EXPENSES	
Rector: Compensation	13,712.50
Ministerial Expenses	1,500.00
Housing Allowance	35,000.00
Pension, Rector	15,596.48
Rector Insurance (Medical -Dental)	21,199.50
Rector Continuing Ed	100.00
Parish Administrator	13,000.00
Music Director	7,785.00
Property Manager	6,500.00
ER'S FICA	3,000.00
Supply Priest & Musicians	2,000.00
Payroll Service	600.00
<b>Subtotal Human Resource Expenses</b>	<b>\$136,571.48</b>
COMMON RESOURCES EXPENSES	
Electricity	3,800.00
Water	500.00
Heating Fuel	9,000.00
Snow/Lawn Care	6,000.00

Pest Control	360.00
Cleaning Supplies	300.00
Safety Equipment	1,800.00
Garbage Disposal	700.00
Office Supplies	500.00
Facilities Maintenance	700.00
Insurance Package	6,500.00
Bank Charge	50.00
Elevator Expense	350.00
On-Line Giving	450.00
Worker's Comp. Insurance	1,000.00
Office Equipment Maint	4,000.00
<b>Subtotal Common Resources Expenses</b>	<b>\$36,010.00</b>
VISIBILITY & HOSPITALITY	
Postage	60.00
Web, Phone, E-News	3,500.00
Advertising	300.00
Events	500.00
<b>Subtotal Visibility &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>\$4,360.00</b>
WORSHIP VITALITY	
Worship Supplies	600.00
Flowers & Other Decor	250.00
Music	200.00
Music-Licenses	150.00
Instrument Maint.	500.00
<b>Subtotal Worship Vitality</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
SPIRITUAL FORMATION	
Books and Materials	\$100.00
Children/Youth Events	\$100.00
Honoraria and Fees	\$200.00
<b>Subtotal Spiritual Formation</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
OUTREACH	
Diocesan Pledge	\$1,210.00
Healing Ministry	\$100.00
Organization Donations	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal Outreach</b>	<b>\$1,310.00</b>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$157,035.25
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$22,235.25</b>

*St. Martin's Episcopal Church*  
**Balance Sheet**  
Year Ending December 2019

Current Year

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH

First Midwest- Mem. Fund \$7,455.67

1st Midwest GENERAL FUND 5,802.60

First Midwest-Build Fd 4,636.64

Subtotal Cash 17,894.91

INVESTMENTS

Vanguard 126,366.20

Subtotal Current Assets 144,261.11

FIXED ASSETS

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Land 100,000.00

Church Building 603,459.00

Parish Hall Bldg & Shed 231,546.00

Parish House 159,989.00

Howell Pipe Organ 115,000.00

Subtotal Land And Buildings 1,209,994.00

EQUIPMENT OR CONTENTS

Church 75,826.00

Hall Contents 42,374.00

Parish House Contents 29,211.13

Office equipment 9,885.21

Subtotal Equipment Or Contents 157,296.34

Subtotal Fixed Assets 1,367,290.34

TOTAL ASSETS \$1,511,551.45

FUND BALANCES

Beginning fund balance \$1,511,551.45

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$1,511,551.45

TOTAL ASSETS AND FUND BALANCE \$1,511,551.45

## Budget Report

January 2019 - December 2019

Account		Actual	Budget	Difference	%
01	GENERAL FUND CHECKING				
INCOME					
01-7000	INCOME				
01-7050	CONTRIBUTIONS				
01-7100	Pledges & Regular Giving	103,461.25	110,000.00	6,538.75	94
01-7101	Easter	580.00	1,500.00	920.00	39
01-7102	Christmas	5,202.00	1,500.00	-3,702.00	347
01-7103	Initial	25.00	0.00	-25.00	0
01-7104	Altar Flowers	1,092.00	500.00	-592.00	218
01-7105	Miscellany	343.00	0.00	-343.00	0
01-7106	Facility Sharing	7,170.00	2,000.00	-5,170.00	359
01-7107	Plate (Loose)	790.35	1,500.00	709.65	53
01-7109	Other Regular Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-7111	Grants & Other Giving	335.05	5,000.00	4,664.95	7
01-7112	Gratitude Sunday	50.00	0.00	-50.00	0
01-7125	Raffle Fundraiser	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-7126	Craft Fairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-7127	Other Fund Rais. - Dinner	10,917.74	0.00	10,917.74	0
01-7408	Refunds	111.00			
TOTAL INCOME		130,077.39	122,000.00	-8,077.39	107
Budgeted INCOME		129,966.39	122,000.00	-7,966.39	107
Non-Budgeted INCOME		111.00			
EXPENSE					
01-8000	EXPENSES				
01-8100	HUMAN RESOURCE EXPENSES				
01-8110	Rector:Compensation	27,425.04	27,425.00	-0.04	100
01-8111	Ministerial Expenses	1,216.36	1,500.00	283.64	81
01-8113	Housing Allowance	35,000.04	35,000.00	-0.04	100
01-8115	Pension, Rector	17,635.52	15,596.48	-2,039.04	113
01-8117	Rector Insurance	13,980.00	20,600.00	6,620.00	68
01-8119	Deacon Min. Exp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-8120	Rector Continuing Ed	0.00	250.00	250.00	0
01-8121	Parish Admin/Treas.	13,000.08	13,000.00	-0.08	100
01-8122	Music Director	7,200.00	10,500.00	3,300.00	69
01-8124	Property Manager	6,500.04	6,500.00	-0.04	100
01-8125	ER'S FICA	2,415.21	3,000.00	584.79	81
01-8131	Supply Clergy/Musician	4,184.90	2,000.00	-2,184.90	209
01-8135	Payroll Service	505.19	1,200.00	694.81	42
	Subtotal Human Resource Expenses	129,062.38	136,571.48	7,509.10	95
	Budgeted HUMAN RESOURCE EXPENSES	129,062.38	136,571.48	7,509.10	95
	Non-Budgeted HUMAN RESOURCE EXPENSE	0.00			



01-8500	COMMON RESOURCES EXPENSES				
01-8501	Electricity	3,852.90	3,800.00	-52.90	101
01-8502	Water	358.81	600.00	241.19	60
01-8503	Heating Fuel	8,127.98	10,000.00	1,872.02	81
01-8504	Snow/Lawn Care	5,320.00	6,000.00	680.00	89
01-8505	Pest Control	366.00	360.00	-6.00	102
01-8506	Cleaning Supplies	115.64	500.00	384.36	23
01-8507	Safety Equipment	1,559.50	2,000.00	440.50	78
01-8508	Garbage Disposal	713.07	700.00	-13.07	102
01-8509	Office Supplies	522.35	750.00	227.65	70
01-8510	Facilities Maintenance	590.00	1,000.00	410.00	59
01-8511	Insurance Package	6,501.00	6,400.00	-101.00	102
01-8512	Bank Charges & Fees	158.00	50.00	-108.00	316
01-8513	Elevator Expense	75.00	700.00	625.00	11
01-8514	On-Line Giving	466.29	450.00	-16.29	104
01-8515	Worker's Comp Insure	911.00	1,200.00	289.00	76
01-8516	Misc. Repairs	1,850.00	0.00	-1,850.00	0
01-8517	Office Equipment Maint	3,919.02	4,500.00	580.98	87
	Subtotal Common Resources Expenses	35,406.56	39,010.00	3,603.44	91
	Budgeted COMMON RESOURCES EXPENSES	35,406.56	39,010.00	3,603.44	91
	Non-Budgeted COMMON RESOURCES EXPEN	0.00			
01-8520	VISIBILITY & HOSPITALITY				
01-8521	Postage	72.85	125.00	52.15	58
01-8522	Web, Phone, E-News	3,786.40	3,500.00	-286.40	108
01-8523	Advertising	239.00	750.00	511.00	32
01-8524	Printing	1,513.09	0.00	-1,513.09	0
01-8526	Events	814.96	500.00	-314.96	163
	Subtotal Visibility & Hospitality	6,426.30	4,875.00	-1,551.30	132
	Budgeted VISIBILITY & HOSPITALITY	6,426.30	4,875.00	-1,551.30	132
	Non-Budgeted VISIBILITY & HOSPITALI	0.00			
01-8530	WORSHIP VITALITY				
01-8531	Worship Supplies	551.02	1,000.00	448.98	55
01-8533	Flowers & Other Decor	137.92	500.00	362.08	28
01-8534	Music/Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-8534-100	Music	215.00	200.00	-15.00	108
01-8534-200	Music Licensing	0.00	150.00	150.00	0
01-8535	Instrument Maint.	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
	Subtotal Worship Vitality	903.94	2,850.00	1,946.06	32
	Budgeted WORSHIP VITALITY	903.94	2,850.00	1,946.06	32
	Non-Budgeted WORSHIP VITALITY	0.00			
01-8550	SPIRITUAL FORMATION				
01-8554	Books and Materials	198.96	100.00	-98.96	199
01-8556	Children/Youth Events	0.00	100.00	100.00	0
01-8557	Honoraria and Fees	0.00	200.00	200.00	0
	Subtotal Spiritual Formation	198.96	400.00	201.04	50
	Budgeted SPIRITUAL FORMATION	198.96	400.00	201.04	50

	Non-Budgeted SPIRITUAL FORMATION	0.00			
01-8560	OUTREACH				
01-8561	Diocesan Pledge	1,393.34	1,210.00	-183.34	115
01-8562	Discretionary Fund Payout	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-8563	Organization Donations	430.00	0.00	-430.00	0
01-8565	Healing Ministry	0.00	100.00	100.00	0
	Subtotal Outreach	1,823.34	1,310.00	-513.34	139
	Budgeted OUTREACH	1,823.34	1,310.00	-513.34	139
	Non-Budgeted OUTREACH	0.00			
TOTAL EXPENSE		173,821.48	185,016.48	11,195.00	94
Budgeted EXPENSE		173,821.48	185,016.48	11,195.00	94
Non-Budgeted EXPENSE		0.00			
TRANSFER					
01-9000	TRANSFERS				
01-9005	TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS				
01-9010	Transfer to Gen'l Fund	45,650.00	16,000.00	29,650.00	285
02	<b>BUILDING FUND</b>				
INCOME					
02-7000	INCOME				
02-7050	CONTRIBUTIONS				
02-7100	Pledges & Regular Giving	3,940.00	0.00	-3,940.00	0
02-7408	Refunds	0.08			
02-7413	Interest Income	0.93			
TOTAL INCOME		3,941.01	0.00	-3,941.01	0
Budgeted INCOME		3,940.00	0.00	-3,940.00	0
Non-Budgeted INCOME		1.01			
EXPENSE					
02-8000	EXPENSES				
02-8512	Bank Charges & Fees	20.30			
TRANSFER					
02-9000	TRANSFERS				
02-9505	TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS				
02-9520	Transfer from Bldg Fund	-4,150.00			
07	<b>MEMORIAL FUND/RESERVE</b>				
INCOME					
	INCOME				
07-7100	Pledges & Regular Giving	3,965.00			
07-7116	Int-Savings 1st Midwest	0.33			
07-7413	Interest Income	0.67			
TOTAL INCOME		3,966.00	0.00	-3,966.00	0
Budgeted INCOME		0.00	0.00	0.00	0

Non-Budgeted INCOME	3,966.00			
EXPENSE				
EXPENSE				
07-8512 Bank Charges & Fees	72.78			
07-8514 On-Line Giving	12.40			
TOTAL EXPENSE	85.18	0.00	-85.18	0
Budgeted EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Non-Budgeted EXPENSE	85.18			
TRANSFER				
07-9000 TRANSFERS				
07-9005 TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS				
07-9030 Transfer to Mem Fund	4,000.00			
07-9505 TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS				
07-9530 Transfer from Mem Fund	-4,000.00			
TOTAL TRANSFER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Budgeted TRANSFER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Non-Budgeted TRANSFER	0.00			
08 INVESTMENT FUND				
INCOME				
08-7000 INCOME				
08-7108 Investment Income	25,628.78			
TRANSFER				
08-9000 TRANSFERS				
08-9505 TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS				
08-9550 Transfer from Vanguard Wllsly	-13,000.00			
08-9560 Transfer frm Vngrd Wlngtn	-28,500.00			
TOTAL TRANSFER	-41,500.00	0.00	41,500.00	0
Budgeted TRANSFER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Non-Budgeted TRANSFER	-41,500.00			

# MINISTRY REPORTS

## Altar Guild

Barbara Cortino & Robert Modrow

**Altar Guild** is a volunteer group of parishioners whose ministry is to care for and clean the linens, vessels, banners and frontals with meticulous care.

We setup the sanctuary and altar for each Sunday's services and clean up afterwards. We help decorate the church throughout the year and brighten up the sanctuary with flowers weekly. Extra care is given to setup for weddings, funerals, baptisms, Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas, Community Meal services and any other special services during the year.

**Altar Guild** work is a ministry - our gift of talent and time. We prepare for Christ's presence among the people in His Church through bread and wine. Just as we prepare our home and table for an important person, we diligently and carefully prepare the Church and Altar for the presence of Christ our Lord.

St. Martin's Altar Guild has a membership of 10 women and 1 man serving our church throughout the year: Barb Cortino, Pam Wink, Nancy Schaper, Lee Hickey, Denise Bozza, Dee Vihnanek, Pauline McGinnis, Susan Krauser, Kris Dalstrom, Sarah Field and Bob Modrow.

The Altar Guild is always looking for dedicated men and women to share in this ministry and to give some time each month to help. If you are interested or want some more information, please speak with either of us.



### Reverse Advent Calendar

For the fourth year in a row, we had another successful Reverse Advent Calendar. Rather than opening a little door in an Advent calendar and getting something, we gave by putting a non-perishable or personal item in a bag. Over 50 bags were collected and donated to the Des Plaines Self-Help Food Pantry & Closet. Thank you, St. Martin's, for your generosity!



### Community Meals

Held on the second Friday of the month, from May - September, St. Martin's continues to feed all who attend from the community for a home-cooked meal, at no cost to the attendees. Members of the church enjoy the fellowship of working together to provide these meals.

## PEO

Dee Vihnanek

**PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization)** promotes educational opportunities for women. It was founded 150 years (January 21, 1869) ago by 7 women at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. We own and support Cottey College, which is a liberal arts and sciences college for women, located in Nevada, Missouri. The PEO Sisterhood has supported them since 1927. Collectively, all the Chapters in the United States have raised over 220 million dollars supporting women furthering their educations. I belong to Chapter KK-NI which rents space at St Martin's for our monthly meetings. Our annual dues are \$65. As you know, when you work together for a common goal, you develop warm relationships (like we have here at St Martin's) PEO is the same. If any of you are interested in knowing more, see me or Pili, Kris, Sarah, Leslie, Nancy Schaper or Libby.

In 2019 as our main service of bringing “a part of St. Martin’s” to those who cannot attend our worship services due to illness, family crisis, rehabilitation or other individual situations, we made 72 visits and gave 135 people communion.

We also provided healing prayers during both the 8 o’clock and 10 o’clock services on the last Sunday of each month.

In 2019 the ministry worked on some outreach projects:

- During our Community Meals, we offered visitors the opportunity to write prayer requests on slips of paper. We then invited them to come outside and join our prayer circle, where those requests were prayed for.
- During the year we sent out “Get Well” and “We miss you and we are thinking about you” cards to those on our prayer list as well as phone calls.

I want to thank this team for their loving kindness to others:

The Very Rev. M.E. Eccles, Denise Bozza, Dot Bozza, Dee Vihnanek, Libby Smolik, Timothy Murray.

The Healing Ministry is looking forward to 2020 and to where the Holy Spirit will guide us in bringing God’s healing to St. Martin’s, our community, and the world.

## **Des Plaines Chronic Pain Support Group** Amanda Vandervort

This year the Des Plaines Chronic Pain group has seen huge changes. We have created a closed Facebook group for discussion. Our average monthly in-person meeting at the church averages 4 members, which allows everyone a chance to talk and share. We have had amazing things happen (Holy Spirit moments!): 2 sets of members found someone with the same pain disorder in the group. This isn't just Fibromyalgia but 2 rare syndromes with multiple issues creating huge vindication for one of these syndromes only 1 in every 280,000 people have this. They now have someone local to meet up with that understands them medically. One of these members was becoming suicidal because of feeling alone.

On top of the Facebook page, meet up page, and monthly meetings, members text in for info or research at anytime. I usually receive 10 texts or phone calls a week to help with patient issues. We have created a relationship with the Illinois Medical Cannabis Community to help any patients get the latest info on both products and laws. Our plan for 2020 the year is to be more visible in the community via a booth at Taste of Des Plaines, Fall Fest, Community Services fair and Diocesan Convention.

2019 was a year St. Martin's congregation got to see and hear many of the wonders of the Organ, and more of what it is capable of. We started 2019 with Adam as our Music Director and Organist who truly brought the musical ministry to a new level with his talent. Adam left us this summer for another opportunity. While the search for a new Music Director/Organist is underway I am lucky enough to fill in on the organ temporarily. It is a great experience to be able to sit on the bench and play the hymns and participate in the services. The Christmas services, the ultra-fun Carols and Casseroles night, and the Blue Christmas service, was my personal favorite. I feel extremely blessed I did get the privilege to play the holiday services this year. The Christmas Choir provided some lovely music and vocal support and of course Phillip and his talent added to the festive service on Christmas Eve.

Now that the holidays are over, and the search for a permanent Organist continues, I will continue playing whenever St. Martins needs me. Thanks for your support, and I'm sure we all look forward to more flowing music in 2020!

## Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) & Readers Denise Bozza

Administering Communion and sharing The Word on Sunday mornings is a sacred duty. The Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) assists in this central act of our liturgy, feeding the faithful with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lay readers share the word of the Lord during the service. We are blessed to have these Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers assist in our church services

### LEMS

Brian Buchanan  
Karl Dahlstrom  
Nancy Pardee  
Judy Ladner  
Denise Bozza

### READERS

Kris Dahlstrom  
Cyndi DeBock  
Colleen House  
Leslie Meyer  
Nancy Modrow  
Maria Rasmussen  
Dee Vihnanek  
Novalla Suter

I know you will share with me in thanking these folks and letting them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

Should you have questions or interest in this vital ministry please feel free to contact me directly with any questions you may have.

God be with you.

Respectfully, Denise Bozza

## **Ushers**

Dennis Alley & Gerry Dierks

The Ministry of Usher is one of welcoming and hospitality. As ushers we may be the first impression visitors have of our wonderful church.

Our eight o'clock ushers are Gerry Dierks, Ann Davis, Hank Klages, and Gail & Wayne Atwater. They work on a rotating schedule.

At ten o'clock you'll find Dennis & Donna Alley, Barb Cortino, Suzie Fitterer, and Nancy Olsen.

We thank those tapped from the congregation when extra help is needed.

We greatly appreciate the participation of all who assist with the ushering duties and thank them for their service.

If you are interested in assisting with the ushering duties at either service please contact Dennis Alley, Barb Cortino or Gerry Dierks.

## **Deacon-in-Training Intern**

Timothy Murray

My overall impression is that the past year since I arrived at St. Martin's has passed very quickly indeed. I have had more internship experiences than I hoped for, which is a tremendous positive. Some of the types of service will have been visible to many in the congregation, while others have been quieter but not less critical forms of diaconal ministry. I am deeply grateful for the many, many conversations, prayers, meals, and laughter.

Nearly every Sunday has featured service at the altar for worship, both for the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. I feel quite welcomed by Reverend M.E. and appreciate his encouragements. Several Sundays featured service with supply or guest priests while Reverend M.E. was away. These provided opportunities for adaptation and exposure to different ways of participation in liturgical service, valuable experiences in a diaconal formation process. I am grateful and humbled to have had numerous opportunities to preach. I hope you feel my confidence in this feature of ministry is growing, deepening.

In addition to Sunday worship, I served in Holy Week services, several of the funeral services, the Blue Christmas service, and I participated in nearly every Community Meal event last summer, with the pre-meal worship, with service of food and table conversation, with post-meal prayers at the fire pit. I thoroughly enjoyed marching in the Independence Day parade and talking up Paws in the Pews with parade-goers along the route. I found Wednesday evening gatherings profound, exploring faith and psalms and the life of Jesus during Lent, summer months, then Advent, respectively. The men's monthly suppers at the Elks Club is another form of solid small group ministry I have enjoyed. Following on the red tub food donations to the Des Plaines Self Help Closet



and Food Pantry, I have volunteered there about two Saturdays per month on average since last summer. Thanks for sharing your Jewel game tickets last spring in support of the food pantry.

I have occasionally visited parishioners in medical settings or at home, either with simple pastoral visits and prayers, or sometimes also sharing Holy Communion. Thankfully, I feel welcomed by the members of the Healing Ministry in this service. I am confident that a congregation's vitality is grounded by prayer plus radical hospitality in sharing meals and in sharing compassionate care for one another prodigally.

I have additionally found St. Martin's to be a fun, enthusiastic congregation, having experienced Bowling Night, being dunked at the parish picnic, and serving the participants in Designer Bag Bingo. I am thankful for the enthusiastic attention to congregational vitality I've experienced in Vestry meetings. I am particularly grateful to the small group that serves as a sounding board and resource to me. It has been for me a deeply satisfying year serving with you. May God's blessings be with you and yours.

## **Nominations to Vestry**

### **Denise Bozza – Junior Warden**



Denise Bozza was born in New Jersey into a loving and large family. She was raised in Des Plaines where she resides and cares for her dear mom, Dot and her 2 loyal, energetic, 70+ pound lap dogs, Gabby and Morty.

She works as a Warehouse and Procurement Manager at a fast paced and always changing audio, visual technologies company. She enjoys traveling and an active lifestyle, participating in everything from bicycling to yoga with many activities in between! She is blessed to share much love and lots of laughter with her fun and boisterous family and a large diverse circle of friends.

She has made St. Martins her church home for 30+ years, joyfully serving in nearly every volunteer position offered; including, but not limited to VESTRY/LEM/VISITING LEM & HEALING MINISTRY/ALTAR GUILD/WEDDING LIAISON/EVENT COORDINATOR. She has also been humbled to have been invited to share her unique and sometimes humorous interpretations of scripture by preaching every couple of months. She is currently in her 2nd year of Education for Ministry; learning much about the bible, Gods love for all and focusing on enhancing her spiritual maturity.

Denise aims to bring a positive, CAN DO outlook to each challenge and task. Her love for St. Martins continues to grow as she is open to the opportunities to share the church, the Holy Spirit and Gods love with the greater community.

## Russ Gruber



I am from Litchfield, Illinois a small town in central Illinois. I'm a Vietnam Veteran, and a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Horticulture. I have worked in the landscape industry for over thirty years. I have been in the insurance industry for 15 years now and work for Farmers Insurance and Hagerty Insurance, who insures the classic cars you see at car shows. I grew up with these cars, and it has become my hobby also.

I am married to my beautiful wife Barbara and we live in Arlington Heights. We have three sons, Derek, Doug and Adam. Derek lives in Roslyn, Washington with his wife Anne and their son Walter. Doug lives in Round Lake Beach, and Adam lives in Deerfield.

I have served in many church positions over the years, in many different roles and enjoy working for my church. I started out to be a minister and have always tried to be there for my church. I have called myself "the Chauffer" traveling with Adam. He has gotten me to places I'll never forget from Seattle to Scotland watching him perform. When Adam came to St. Martin's, Barb and I felt we had found our stopping place.

Adam has moved on with his talent and future, but we feel we're where we want to be. I will work hard for Pastor M.E. and this church and thank you for this opportunity.

## Maria Rasmussen



Maria's connection with Saint Martin's started in June of 2017, when she and her husband were searching for a local church, a safe and accepting environment to help teach their young son about Christian values. The slogan "All Are Welcome" and the inclusion of pets were intriguing, of course, but it was the friendly and open people who made her feel right at home. Having only experienced the anonymity of large Catholic congregations, it has been a pleasant experience to belong to a smaller parish where everyone knows you. Maria enjoys being useful at St. Martin's as a lay reader, counter and occasional coffee maker.

She also volunteers for Adopt-a-Pet, the school's PTC and the local Cub Scout Pack.

## The Vestry

Brian Buchanan, Senior Warden

Sue Krauser, Junior Warden

Chris Ladner

Maria Rasmussen

Nancy Schaper

Libby Smolik

Novalla Suter

Dee Vihnanek



Jack Short, Treasurer & Interim Organist

Kathleen Isaacks, Clerk of the Vestry

## The Staff

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Bishop of Chicago

The Very Rev. M.E. Eccles, Rector

Kathleen Isaacks, Communications/Operations Manager,  
Clerk of the Vestry

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