

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



Now that I have covered the more difficult topics about Jesus in the Creed I'm going to try and speed things up a bit and cover the rest of the Creed in the next few weeks. The following section of the Creed is what remains about Jesus. "For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end."

The most essential thing to understand is that we believe that each of the events recounted here, Crucifixion, death, burial, Resurrection, and Ascension actually happened. They are not metaphors. They are not symbols. They are not exaggerations of the facts to prove a point. They are not fables or fairy tales. We believe that they happened. This is one of the few areas of the Creed where there is more controversy now than there was in the time when the Creed was written. There are whole schools of people who claim to say this is what "really" happened to Jesus, or they claim that there never was a person named Jesus at all. He was just made up. This controversy and the related one that Jesus was merely a great teacher are contrary to our faith.

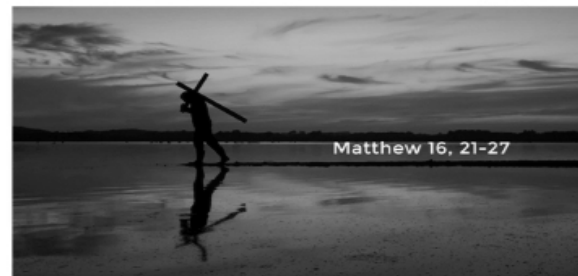
It is also important in this part of the Creed to note that we believe that Christ will return and that when he returns it will mark the end of this world and the beginning of his everlasting Kingdom. Again, we do not believe that this is some symbolic return. We believe that Jesus will physically return to this earth and when he does the final judgment will begin. When He returns if we are still here, we will be judged as either a sheep or a goat as Matthew says in his Gospel and we will either enter into his eternal kingdom or else we will depart from him for eternal punishment. Again, we as Catholics believe that both heaven and hell are actual places not just figments of someone's imagination. Finally, I want to be sure to point out that the Creed says why Jesus endured everything that he went through. It says, "For our sake," Everything that Jesus suffered he endured for us so that we might know God and be reconciled to him. He suffered and died that we might have life. I stress that we do not believe this symbolically we believe it literally. Jesus died for us and for our sins.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

August 30, 2026

Sun	08/30	07:00 AM	Barbara Dixon
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
Mon	08/31	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	09/01	07:00 AM	John & Josie Hayden
Wed	09/02	06:55 AM	Kathryn Thomas
Thurs	09/03	07:00 AM	Colleen Roberts Remole
Fri	09/04	07:00 AM	Norma Hagan
Sat	09/05	04:00 PM	Sylvester Fischer
Sun	09/06	07:00 AM	Charles Kamuf
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

SEPTEMBER 13

Faith Formation
9:00-10:15



SEPTEMBER 14

MEN'S CLUB MEETING
7:00pm



SEPTEMBER 16

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
PRAYING THE IMMACULATE HEART ROSARY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADORATION



5pm

SEPTEMBER 20

Faith Formation
9:00-10:15



SEPTEMBER 24-26

Altar Society
RUMMAGE SALE



SEPTEMBER 27

Faith Formation
9:00-10:15



OCTOBER 4

Faith Formation
9:00-10:15



OCTOBER 5

MEN'S CLUB MEETING
7:00pm



MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29th — 4:00 PM

Lector:

Mark McCarty
Steve Bittel
Bonnie Bittel
Kathy Simmons

Altar Servers:

Isaac Self & Grayson McCarty

Sunday, August 30th — 7:00 AM

Lector:

Mackenzie Murphy
Betty Hamilton
Darlene May
Mike Wade

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hagan Ebelhar & Luke Murphy

Sunday, August 30th — 10:30 AM

Lector:

Debi Hopkins
Bobby Kennedy
Nancy Greenwell
Jessica Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tanner Cheek & Spencer Medley

Saturday, September 5th — 4:00 PM

Lector:

Stacy Thompson
Roni Reisz
Janice McCarthy
Nicholas Fischer

Altar Servers:

Inoah McBride & Molly Knott

Sunday, September 6th — 7:00 AM

Lector:

Isaac Murphy
Will Clayton
Lauren Ebelhar
Erica Tapp

Eucharistic Ministers:

Abi Murphy & Eli Murphy

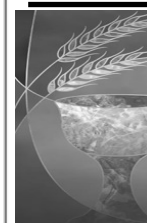
Sunday, September 6th — 10:30 AM

Lector:

Keith Evans
Michaeline Chandler
Darlene Berry
Cheryl Clark

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jude Evans & Corley Cheek



TODAY'S MUSIC:

981 Lift High the Cross
1031 Taste & See
664 (BB) Loving & Forgiving
380 (BB) Take the Word of God With You

TODAY'S READINGS:

Ritual Song # 1257

STEWARDSHIP

August 23, 2026

Not all income is reflected in weekend collections which do not consider expenses.

Regular Collections:	\$ 5,739.00
Building Fund:	\$ 100.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 765.00
(1) TOTAL:	\$ 6,604.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 11,096.15
(2) Collections (YTD):	\$ 109,249.50
Budget (YTD):	\$ 88,769.23
Over/(Under):	\$ 20,480.27

(1) This Sunday <u>Last Year</u> (08/16/2025):	6,771.00
(2) Collected <u>Last Year</u> Year-to-Date:	\$110,181.24

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

begins on Sunday, September 13, the Sunday after Labor Day. There is plenty of room here for your child, Preschool through 8th grade (this is not a Confirmation year for St Martin). We have combined grade groups, and still have fairly small class sizes. We warmly welcome All Children here, regardless of affiliation or parish membership.

St Martin is a place of peace, safety, and compassion, where the children and adult leaders are engaging in lively and fun sessions, all while learning the Gospel for that particular Sunday (Lectionary-based catechesis).

Faith Formation meets, on average, 3 times a month. There is an optional "snack breakfast" time, lasting from 8:30-9:00 a.m., on scheduled Sundays, in the parish hall. We begin sessions at 9:00 sharp, and end at 10:15 a.m. Please consider sitting in on session, starting on September 13, to see what it's all about. Schedules and registration forms are in the church entry area. You may return forms and fees to any staff member, the parish office, or on Sept. 13, but please inform Debi that your child (children) is / are attending

Keep watching the bulletin weekly for more information. Debi Hopkin's contact info is on the front of the bulletin, which is also on our website: stmartinowensboro.org

Gaining access to reliable Catholic content is easy! Local Catholic radio is on 107.9 Fm, Savior Radio. There are great call-in shows to listen to as you drive, and much more.

If you like to listen to podcasts, or want to try them out, there is a vast assortment of good Catholic priests and laity. FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students has listed "10 Catholic Podcasts You Should Listen To." Those are: 1) Poco a Poco, hosted by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal; 2) Abiding Together, a woman centered inspirational podcast; 3) The Bible in a Year, hosted by Fr Mike Schmitz; 4) The Word on Fire Show, with Bishop Robert Barron; 5) Clerically Speaking, described as, "approachable theology infused with sharp humor and priestly banter"; 6) Pints with Aquinas, "Thomistic philosophy and Catholic theology, making sense of faith through reason." 7) Ave Explores, big topics with expert guests on real-world issues; 8) Catholic Stuff You Should Know, a blend of humor, education, and trivia; 9) He Leadeth Me Podcast, for Catholics navigating life's uncertainties and needing reassurance and trust in God's providence; 10) The SEEK Podcast, hosted by FOCUS, for anyone seeking to grow in their faith.

Whether you're looking for growth in knowledge, or more joy and encouragement in your life, God can use even a 20-minute podcast to touch your heart in ways you never expected!

-Debi Hopkins



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

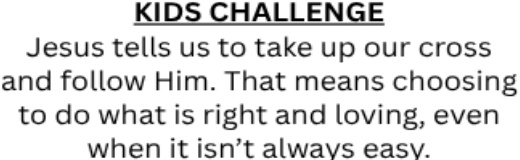
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09/04	Gabrielle Cheek John "J.T." Edge Michael Medley
09/06	Mary Wade
09/08	Braylin Clancy Emily Davis
09/09	Tom Hines Claire Clayton Luke Bickett
09/10	Bobby Reisz
09/11	Ben Marks
09/12	Zander Reisz
09/14	Jennifer Self Ann Dixon
09/15	Caroline Wathen
09/16	Teri Murphy McKinley Coomes
09/17	Jimmy Blandford Lucy Hines Daniel Coomes
09/19	Thomas Murphy
09/20	Chloe Ebelhar
09/21	Isaac Murphy Keith Krampe
09/22	Anne Elise Edge
09/25	Becky Ebelhar Tricia Buckman
09/27	Daniel Gray Dee Dee Wethington
09/28	Joyce Ebelhar
09/29	Phyllis Henderson



09/01/07 Jonathan & Crystal Jones
09/06/80 Mark & Karen McCarty
09/08/79 James & Kathy Simmons
09/09/00 Brandon & Sharon Reisz
09/12/20 Jacob & Sarah Allen
09/21/13 Jamie & Aubrey LaHugh
09/21/84 Donnie & Susan Risse
09/22/18 Steven & Tracey Vaught
09/24/66 Jack & Dolores Beyke
09/28/19 Joseph & Erica Tapp

To have your birthday listed or if your birthday or anniversary is missing, call the office at (270) 685-0339.

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- ❤️ Do a chore without being asked.
- 🤝 Share something with a sibling or friend.
- 😊 Include someone who feels left out.
- ★ Let someone else go first.
- 🙏 Pray for someone who needs help.
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At the end of the week, think about how your small acts of love helped you become more patient, generous and kind—more like Jesus!

A graphic for a rummage sale. At the top, the words "RUMMAGE SALE" are written in a large, bold, serif font. Below this, on the left, is an illustration of a cardboard box filled with various items: a lamp, a framed picture of a flower, a mug, and some folded fabric. The box is labeled "GENTLY USED ITEMS" with a small heart icon below the text. To the right of the box, the dates "SEPTEMBER 24-26" are displayed in a white serif font inside a dark banner. Below the banner is a small heart icon, followed by the text "DONATIONS NOW ACCEPTED!" in a bold, sans-serif font.

It's time to clean out those closets, garages, and storage rooms! Your gently used items can help make our Annual Rummage Sale a success while supporting the mission of St. Martin Catholic Church.

Parish Hall - Drop-Off Hours:
Wednesdays
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Need another time?
Betty: 270-316-0405
Karen: 270-570-5336



GOSPEL REFLECTION

IN THIS GOSPEL, JESUS TELLS HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE MUST GO TO JERUSALEM, WHERE HE WILL SUFFER, DIE, AND THEN RISE AGAIN. PETER CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY JESUS WOULD WILLINGLY FACE SUCH PAIN AND TRIES TO CONVINCE HIM THAT IT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN. JESUS RESPONDS STRONGLY BECAUSE PETER IS LOOKING AT THE SITUATION THROUGH HUMAN EYES RATHER THAN TRUSTING GOD'S PLAN.

JESUS THEN EXPLAINS WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO FOLLOW HIM: "WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME." FOLLOWING CHRIST DOES NOT MEAN THAT LIFE WILL ALWAYS BE COMFORTABLE OR EASY. IT MEANS CHOOSING FAITHFULNESS EVEN WHEN DOING THE RIGHT THING REQUIRES SACRIFICE.

THAT MESSAGE IS ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL IN TODAY'S WORLD. WE ARE OFTEN ENCOURAGED TO SEEK COMFORT, SUCCESS, RECOGNITION, POSSESSIONS, AND HAPPINESS ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE. JESUS CHALLENGES US TO ASK A DIFFERENT QUESTION: WHAT IS TRULY WORTH LIVING FOR? WE CAN GAIN EVERYTHING THE WORLD CONSIDERS IMPORTANT AND STILL LOSE SIGHT OF THE PERSON GOD IS CALLING US TO BECOME. OUR "CROSSES" TODAY CAN TAKE MANY FORMS. THEY MAY BE CARING FOR SOMEONE WHEN WE ARE TIRED. FORGIVING SOMEONE WHO HAS HURT US. STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT WHEN IT IS UNPOPULAR. REMAINING FAITHFUL DURING DIFFICULT TIMES. OR PUTTING ANOTHER PERSON'S NEEDS BEFORE OUR OWN. JESUS REMINDS US THAT DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT SIMPLY BELIEVING IN HIM WHEN LIFE IS EASY. IT IS TRUSTING HIM ENOUGH TO FOLLOW WHEN THE ROAD IS DIFFICULT AND WE CANNOT SEE WHERE IT LEADS. WHEN WE CHOOSE LOVE OVER SELFISHNESS, FAITH OVER FEAR, AND GOD'S WILL OVER OUR OWN DESIRES, WE BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO TAKE UP OUR CROSS AND FOLLOW HIM.

MEN'S CLUB MEETINGS
Men's club meets the 1st Monday of the month.
6:00pm in Winter & 7:00pm in Summer