

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



This week I am going to continue writing about issues regarding life. I will write about the gravest offense against life in our modern world the stain of abortion. I will start with the bottom line. There is no situation where abortion is an acceptable solution. It is not acceptable to have an abortion in case of rape or incest; it is not acceptable to have an abortion to preserve the health of the mother. When the mother's life is at risk it is still not morally acceptable to have an abortion, though the child's life is not more valuable than the mother's, the intentional killing of an innocent is always morally wrong. That said a treatment that saves the life of the mother even if it results in the death of the child can be morally acceptable, but the intentional killing of the child can never be. We are considered unnecessarily harsh by most with our restrictions but we are remarkably consistent in our beliefs. If we want to argue that abortion is murder, then it is murder regardless of how the child came to be. If we say abortion is acceptable in certain situations then we put the lie to our stated belief that abortion is murder.

Though we are accused of this, it is not about controlling women. It is not about viewing women as second class. It is not about "keeping women in their place." It is about the fact that we believe that a pregnant woman is carrying a human being within her, and that human being is no less entitled to the protection of its human rights than any other human being. The question that has always plagued me in this situation is this, if that unborn child is not a human being with human dignity worthy of protection. At what point does it become one? When does a child become a child? When it is born? When it is viable? Our laws are highly inconsistent on this point. If a woman wants the baby and someone kills her that person can be charged with two counts of murder, but if she chooses to kill the baby herself, she is exercising her control over her own body. Is a fetus a child or not, and if it is not when does it become one?

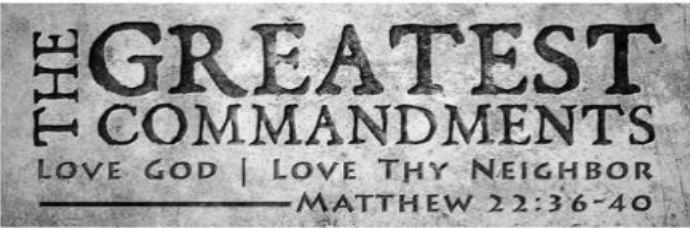
With all of this said I believe that we as pro-life people have failed because rather than making it easier for women to choose to keep their babies, we have made it harder. If we are to be truly "Pro-life" then we as a society must help the women, who do not believe they have the resources to support a child, find those resources. We must support them in their financial difficulties. We must be better at providing child care. We must give them emotional support when they are struggling. When we do these things abortion will decline and we can work towards its end in our world.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

October 25, 2026

Sun	10/25	07:00 AM	Judy Peak
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
Mon	10/26	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	10/27	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Wed	10/28	06:55 AM	NO MASS
Thurs	10/29	07:00 AM	Jason Roberts
Fri	10/30	07:00 AM	Mary Freels
Sat	10/31	04:00 PM	Gene Wink
Sun	11/01	07:00 AM	Sharon Gillim
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

OCTOBER 25	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
NOVEMBER 1	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
NOVEMBER 1	ALL SAINTS DAY	
NOVEMBER 2	ALL SOULS DAY	
NOVEMBER 2	MEN'S CLUB MEETING 6:00pm	
NOVEMBER 11	Finance Council Meeting 5pm Parish Council Meeting 6pm	
NOVEMBER 11	FEAST OF ST. MARTIN and Veteran's Day	
NOVEMBER 11	COAT, GLOVE & SOCK DRIVE BEGINS	

MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24th — 4:00 PM	
Lector:	Mark McCarty Janice McCarthy Jeff McCarthy Robynn Clark Isaac Self & Molly Knott
Altar Servers:	
Sunday, October 25th — 7:00 AM	
Lector:	Sherry Krampe
Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty Hamilton Darlene May Mike Wade
Altar Servers:	Hagan Ebelhar & Ali Williams
Sunday, October 25th — 10:30 AM	
Lector:	Darlene Berry
Eucharistic Ministers:	Michaeline Chander Jessica Johnson Cheryl Clark
Altar Servers:	VOLUNTEER & Hayden Edge
Saturday, October 31st — 4:00 PM	
Lector:	Stacy Thompson Debi Hopkins Nicholas Fischer Jena Hayden
Altar Servers:	Grayson McCarty & Paxton LaHugh
Sunday, November 1st — 7:00 AM	
Lector:	MacKenzie Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Will Clayton Lauren Ebelhar Erica Tapp
Altar Servers:	Luke Murphy & Eli Murphy
Sunday, November 1st — 10:30 AM	
Lector:	Jennifer Hamilton
Eucharistic Ministers:	Nancy Greenwell Bobby Kennedy Michaeline Chandler
Altar Servers:	Tanner Cheek & Spencer Medley

TODAY'S MUSIC:	
	940 Gather Your People 763 Open My Eyes 822 You Are Mine 793 How Firm A Foundation
TODAY'S READINGS:	
Ritual Song	# 1281

STEWARDSHIP

October 18, 2026	
<i>Not all income is reflected in weekend collections which do not consider expenses. Budget income less expenses may reflect something different.</i>	
Regular Collections:	\$ 6,327.00
Building Fund:	\$ 400.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 703.00
(1) TOTAL:	\$ 7,430.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 11,096.15
(2) Collections (YTD):	\$ 164,548.37
Budget (YTD):	\$ 177,538.46
Over/(Under):	\$ (12,990.09)
(1) This Sunday Last Year (10/19/2025):	\$ 8,368.00
(2) Collected Last Year Year-to-Date:	\$176,781.53

FAITH FORMATION

FORMATION FOR CHILDREN:
We are in session this Sunday, October 25.
Upcoming sessions: Nov.1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, and Nov. 23.
No session on Nov. 29.

It is never too late to join us. 😊 You are welcome to visit, too, so Come and See!

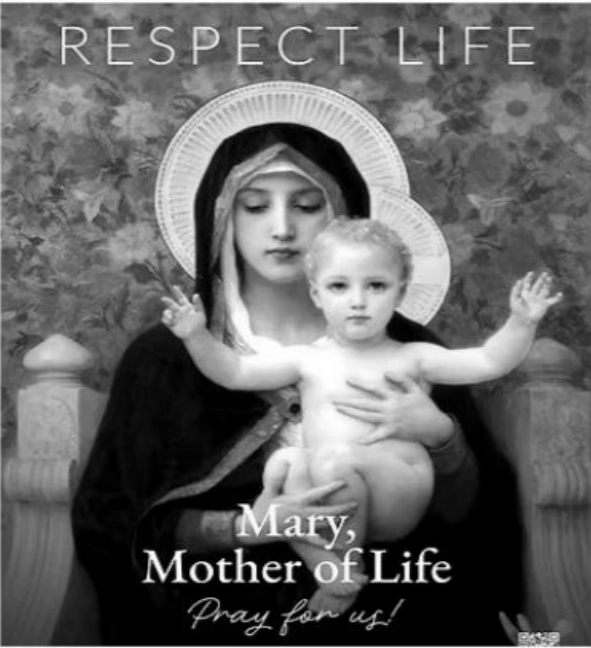
PRAYER FOR HEALING FOR POPE LEO
God, at the very dawn of creation, You breathed upon the waters, making them the wellspring of creation.

In those same times, after Your divine breath entered into Adam's lungs, You gave life to all humanity.

When Your Son, Jesus, died on the Cross, He offered His very last breath to You, His heavenly Father. After the Resurrection, when You breathed new life into Your Son, He, in turn, breathed on His disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. In our time, that Holy Spirit guided the cardinals in their election of Pope Leo XIV. Now we turn to You and ask You to fill his injured lungs with that same Holy Spirit, making him strong and healthy, and removing any trace of illness.

As Leo faces treatment, give him all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially fortitude. Guide the actions of his doctors, nurses and caregivers, giving them the Spirit's gifts as well, especially wisdom and knowledge. Finally, help Your Son's Vicar, and our Pope, Leo, trust in You, Both now in his time of illness, during his treatment and after his recovery.

Come, Holy Spirit! Amen
-Debi Hopkins





WE PRAY TO THE LORD FOR: All serving in foreign countries and all over the World, the victims of natural disasters, and for Mike Atherton, Gabe Bartley, Jack & Delores Beyke, Jimmy Dale Blandford, Justin Blandford, Kristin Bucio,Danny Campbell, Phillip Cecil, Darlene Cook, Allen Coomes, Cindy Coomes, Carolyn Crabtree, Theresa Crowe,Jean Dennis, Anita Dixon, Blaine Dockemeyer, Judy Duncan, Arlene Dunn, Delaney Ebelhar, Harold Ebelhar, Fred Greenwell, June Hamilton, Richard Hamilton, Wayne Hamilton, Bob Hayden, Lorraine Hayden, Rose Hayden, Meredith Hendershot, Tommy Hermann, Dena Hiller, Lucy Hines, Dan Hopkins, Steve Hopkins, Dorothy Howard, Julie Jackson, Donna Kamuf, Larry Kamuf, Jeremy Leet, Jeff Lucky, Kristin Marx, Brent McCarty, Ella Meyers, Debbie Millay, Theresa Murphy, Patrick O'Bryan, James Payne, Robbie Phillips, Jennifer Perdue, Theresa Rhinerson, Martha Riney, Carissa Roberts, Mark Roberts, Matthew Roberts Family, Will Roberts, Adam Rone, Barbara Schell, Jennifer Self & Family, Todd Self, Wayne Shelton, Aaron Simmons, Jimmy Simmons, Heather (Hopkins) Sorensen, Erica Tapp Family, Ashton Thompson, Ben Thompson, Justin Todd, Elenor Turner, Betty Wedding, Dee Dee Wethington, Jerry Wink, Patti Wink, Deborah Wright, Theresa Wyatt & any others in need of prayer.

<i>Happy Birthday</i>	
11/03	Theresa Wyatt
11/04	Kevin Thomas
	Caron Head
11/05	Mary Todd
11/06	Robert Fischer
	Martha Riney
11/07	Tammie Thomas
	Steven Vaught
	Heath Smith
11/09	Nick Krampe
11/11	Benjamin Hardesty
	Kynslee Sloan
11/12	Eli Murphy
	Weston Jacob
11/13	Gerard Johnson
11/14	Jansen Glenn
11/15	Claire Riley
	Harper Thomas
11/16	Patrick Krampe
11/17	Janice McCarthy
	Jessica Johnson
	Natalie Smith
11/19	Lucas Sweeney
	Aubrey LaHugh
11/21	Anna Rae Ebelhar
	Grant Hardesty
11/22	Lydia Hayden
	Karen McCarty
11/24	Richard Dixon
11/26	Andrew Gray
	Luke Evans
	Walker Chandler
	Janet Clancy
	Nora Hundley
	Sharon McMahan
11/27	Sharon Reisz
11/28	Chris Todd
	Andrea Harrison
11/29	Marcie Fischer
	John Bickett
	Allen Self
11/30	Ava Brown

Happy Anniversary

11/04/1995	Joe & Cheryl Clark
11/05/2022	Timothy & Channell Hood
11/05/2011	Ben & Katie Marks II
11/06/1965	Wayne & Betty Hamilton
11/09/2024	Nicholas & Lillie Fischer
11/09/2019	John & Lindsey McBride
11/10/2023	Will & Lauren James
11/18/2023	William & Andrea Harrison
11/18/2017	Eric & Alyssa Thomas
11/25/1972	Bobby & Mary Colette Reisz
11/26/1993	Tim & Debra Wright
11/29/2014	Alex & Sarah Marks



Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters!
Isaiah 55:1

A Space for Grace

Women's Retreat
An Invitation to
Intimacy with the Trinity

Saturday, November 14th
Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish Hall
514 East 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

If you long for an opportunity to deepen your communion with God and connect more deeply with the women of your diocese, join us for a special retreat day designed to nourish a woman's heart and soul. Scan the QR code:



Welcome Fr. John Jamnicky

This weekend, we welcome Fr. John Jamnicky of Cross Catholic Outreach. Fr. Jamnicky will speak at all Masses about the work Catholic missions are doing to serve those in need around the world. Please give him a warm St. Martin welcome and prayerfully consider supporting this worthy Catholic ministry.



THE RESPONSE TO OUR 52-WEEK RAFFLE HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS PURCHASED A TICKET AND SUPPORTED OUR PARISH. WE ARE DOWN TO THE LAST FEW TICKETS, SO IF YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN YOURS YET, NOW IS THE TIME! CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 685-0339 TO GET YOURS BEFORE THEY'RE GONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

IN THIS GOSPEL, JESUS REMINDS US THAT THE TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS ARE TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART, SOUL, AND MIND, AND TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES. THESE COMMANDMENTS ARE AT THE HEART OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH. LOVING GOD MEANS MORE THAN PRAYING AND ATTENDING MASS. IT MEANS ALLOWING HIS LOVE TO GUIDE OUR EVERYDAY CHOICES. LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR MEANS SHOWING KINDNESS, PATIENCE, FORGIVENESS, AND COMPASSION, EVEN WHEN IT IS DIFFICULT. OUR FAITH IS MOST VISIBLE IN HOW WE TREAT OTHERS. THIS WEEK, LET US STRIVE TO PUT THESE COMMANDMENTS INTO ACTION AND ASK OURSELVES: CAN OTHERS SEE CHRIST THROUGH OUR WORDS, OUR ACTIONS, AND THE LOVE WE SHARE?

There will be no Mass on Monday, November 2nd commemorating All Souls' Day.



♥ KIDS CHALLENGE ♥

Love in Action!

Jesus teaches us to love God and love our neighbors. This week, your challenge is to show God's love through three kind actions. Help someone without being asked, say something kind to a friend or family member, and pray for someone who needs God's love. Remember, even small acts of kindness can make a big difference! Can you share God's love in a new way every day this week?



ST. MARTIN PARISH ANNUAL COAT, GLOVE & SOCK DRIVE

In honor of the Feast of St. Martin of Tours on November 11, St. Martin Parish will hold its annual Coat, Sock & Glove Drive to help veterans in need stay warm this winter.

St. Martin is the patron saint of soldiers and is remembered for his generosity and compassion. Let us follow his example by sharing with those in need!

A donation box will be placed at the back of the church beginning November 11. Please donate new or gently used, clean coats, socks, and hats.

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-597-2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562.