

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



One of the great questions of the faith in the Middle Ages was, “Could a person on an isolated island who had never heard of the Gospel of Jesus be saved?” This question was very important because it related to our belief that Baptism is necessary for salvation. This is the teaching of the Church that no one may be saved unless they are baptized. So, the theologians began to ask about this hypothetical person who had never heard the Gospel. They could not be baptized, so was it possible that they were saved? Some theologians argued that it was impossible for them to be saved, but others argued that it was against the nature of God to create millions of people who never had any hope of salvation through no fault of their own. How could God be just if he condemned people just based on where they happened to be born? So, they argued, it must be possible for them to be saved somehow without baptism.

One of the things that came out of this argument was the idea of limbo. Limbo was a place of happiness that lacked the true perfect joy of heaven because they were separated from God. St. Augustine argued that this is where unbaptized babies went where they died. It would not be just for them to be sent to hell because they never committed sin but they could not be admitted to heaven because they were not baptized. While this was commonly believed for centuries, I want to stress that this was never actually Church teaching. In recent years, it has also been explicitly rejected by the Church. However, we still see the after effects of this argument in today's world. For a long time, it was a common practice for Catholic nurses to take Jewish babies, and secretly baptize them because they believed that those babies would not go to heaven if they were not baptized. It has also led many Catholic grandmas to perform bathtub baptisms on their grandchildren for fear of their souls. This is not acceptable and it is founded on a false belief about the nature of salvation. This is a problem because if this is done it places an obligation on that child that they may not ever even know. A baptized Catholic has certain obligations such as marrying in the Church attending Mass on Sunday etc., but if that person does not know that they are baptized then how are they to meet these obligations.

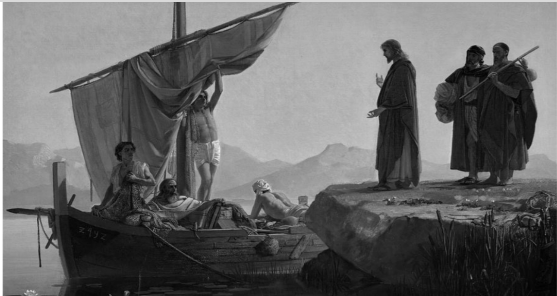
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-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

January 25, 2026

Sun	01/25	07:00 AM	Jordan Andy Evans
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
Mon	01/26	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	01/27	07:00 AM	Lenora Hicks
Wed	01/28	06:55 AM	Florence Stodghill
Thurs	01/29	07:00 AM	Jon Bradshaw
Fri	01/30	07:00 AM	Jo Ann Vessels
Sat	01/31	04:00 PM	Mary Peercy
Sun	02/01	07:00 AM	Sylvester Fischer
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

JANUARY 25

Faith Formation
9:00-10:15



JANUARY 28

Finance Council Meeting 5pm
Parish Council Meeting 6pm



FEBRUARY 1

Faith Formation
9:00-10:15



FEBRUARY 6

FISH FRY
5pm



FEBRUARY 8

Faith Formation
9:00-10:15



FEBRUARY 18

ASH WEDNESDAY
7am and 6pm



FEBRUARY 18

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
5-6PM



MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 24th — 4:00 PM

Lector: Mark McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers: Brent McCarty
Steve Bittel
Bonnie Bittel
Altar Servers: Isaac Self & Grayson McCarty

Sunday, January 25th —7:00 AM

Lector: Jeanne Hayden
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Hamilton
Darlene May
Mike Wade
Altar Servers: Eli Murphy & Luke Murphy

Sunday, January 25th — 10:30 AM

Lector: Darlene Berry
Eucharistic Ministers: Stacy Thompson
Michaeline Chandler
Cheryl Clark
Altar Servers: Spencer Medley & Jude Evans

Saturday, January 31st — 4:00 PM

Lector: Lillian Chapman
Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Bittel
Nicholas Fischer
Jena Hayden
Altar Servers: Corley Cheek & Tanner Cheek

Sunday, February 1st —7:00 AM

Lector: Isaac Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers: Erica Tapp
Will Clayton
Lauren Ebelhar
Altar Servers: Abi Murphy & Eli Murphy

Sunday, February 1st — 10:30 AM

Lector: Michaeline Chandler
Eucharistic Ministers: Darlene Berry
Debi Hopkins
Bobby Kennedy
Altar Servers: J.T. Edge & Hayden Edge



706
397 (BB)
693
765

TODAY'S MUSIC:

All Creatures of Our God & King
These Alone Are Enough
Want to Walk as a Child of Light
Healing River of the Spirit

TODAY'S READINGS:

Ritual Song #1200

STEWARDSHIP

January 18, 2026

(Includes Picnic & Fundraising Deposits / Insurance Claim Money Excluded)
(These numbers consider only actual income vs. budgeted income and do not consider any expense; therefore, budget income less expenses may reflect something different).

Regular Collections:	\$ 4,429.00
Building Fund:	\$ 150.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 800.00
TOTAL:	\$ 5,379.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 10,692.31
Collections (YTD):	\$ 330,713.13
Budget (YTD):	\$ 310,076.87
Over/(Under):	\$ 20,636.26

FAITH FORMATION

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for Children is in session this Sunday, January 25. We are also in session on Sundays: Feb. 1, Feb. 8, and Feb. 22. (Not on Feb 15)
Remember, it is never too late to join us. All children are welcome here!

NEW DATE FOR 1ST COMMUNION:

The new date is Saturday, April 25, at the 4:00 pm Mass. It's the same weekend as the former date, and was agreed on by all the parents.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

The date of the next Confirmation session is 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 11th.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Part of learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that one receives in the Sacrament of Confirmation is learning that opportunities to use those Gifts present themselves quite often. Some good parish opportunities are coming up:

-February 6: First Parish Fish Fry, in parish hall, volunteers should arrive by no later than 4:30 p.m. Help is welcomed earlier, if possible.

-Early Feb: Birthright donations are to be delivered to their office

-February 27: Second Parish Fish Fry, same as Feb, 6

-March 13: Third Parish Fish Fry, same as above
“Jobs” including serving food, filling drinks, helping guests, clearing tables, collecting trash, washing pans, cleaning up, and generally learning to be of service. Confirmation candidates are expected to have 2 service experiences. Contact Debi with any questions or concerns.

GENERAL NOTE TO THE PARISH AT LARGE:

As our parish grows, so does the number of events, and the busy preparations for events. MANY of the current volunteers at St Martin are above 70 years old, and many are in their 80's. To simply say that this is “not sustainable” is an understatement!

While many of these dedicated volunteers, like those mentioned above, are quite capable, and truly enjoy their service to the parish, more parishioner involvement has to happen. This isn't drudgery, it's actually fulfilling, purposeful, and fun! Friendships and community grow in the shared activity of serving food, helping to decorate the church, “being there” for children at Faith Formation or VBS. There are many ways to volunteer that you cannot imagine you would ever try until you do. Please consider volunteering for an upcoming event. Just call, email or leave word at the parish office that you would like to know more. 😊

-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 Jack & Delores Beyke, Justin Blandford, Kristin Bucio, Danny Campbell, Phillip Cecil, Allen Coomes, Cindy Coomes, Theresa Crowe, Jean Dennis, Anita Dixon, Barbara Dixon, Judy Duncan, Arlene Dunn, Delaney Ebelhar, Harold Ebelhar, Fred and Connie Greenwell, James Glenn, 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, Jeremy Leet, Brent McCarty, Ella Meyers, Debbie Millay, Theresa Murphy, Patrick O’Bryan, James Payne, Robbie Phillips, Rosalee McCarty, Theresa Rhinerson, Martha Riney, Susan Risse, Carissa Roberts, Mark Roberts, Matthew Roberts Family, Will Roberts, Adam Rone, Barbara Schell, Jennifer Self & Family, Todd Self, Jane Shelton, Wayne Shelton, Aaron Simmons, Jimmy Simmons, Erica Tapp Family, Ashton Thompson, Ben Thompson, Elenor Turner, Betty Wedding, Dee Dee Wethington, Jerry Wink, Patti Wink, Theresa Wyatt & any others in need of prayer. *Any changes: nicole@grayskymusic.com*



02/01

August Krampe

Brody Sloan

02/02

Daniel Hamilton

02/06

Wayne Hamilton

Ben Marks

02/08

Al Buck

02/10

Anita Dixon

02/11

Jerry Chapman

Fred Coomes

02/12

John Mark Boarman

Stacy Thompson

Scarlett Edge

02/13

Kyle Joiner

02/14

Lucy Wathen

02/16

Jack Krampe

02/17

Patrick Knott

02/18

Marty Ebelhar

02/19

Mary-Kaitlyne McCarthy

02/20

Jackie Wyatt

Lillie Fischer

Paul Lopez

02/21

Emmilynn Buck

02/23

Darlene May

Peggy Jackson

02/24

Barbara Dixon



02/02/01

Gerard & Donna Johnson

02/23/73

Mark & Mary Keller

02/28/09

William & Janet Clancy

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



BIRTHRIGHT DRIVE

The annual St. Martin Birthright Drive is now underway. We encourage generous participation as we support mothers and children in need through Birthright of Owensboro, which provides free, confidential assistance and essential items to families during pregnancy and early childhood.



Items Needed:

- Infant sleepers and diapers
- Clothing and coats (infant-size 5)
- Baby blankets, hats, diaper bags, crib sheets, lotions
- Maternity clothing, slippers, socks, robes, toiletries

New and gently used, clean items only. A collection area will be located to the left as you enter the church. Monetary donations or gift cards may be placed in designated envelopes, the regular collection, or sent to the parish office. Donated items will be delivered in early February. ***Thank you for supporting life and families in our community.***

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PASTORS COLUMN

This is why such an emphasis is placed on the obligation of the parents to educate their children in the faith. It is their responsibility to educate their children to know these obligations. If parents don't know their child is baptized, how can they educate their children.

In the end, those who argued that a person who did not know the Gospel through no fault of their own could in fact be saved. That the saving power of the cross was enough to save that person if they tried to live to the moral code that they did know to the best of their ability. However, as Christians it is our obligation to proclaim the Gospel so that those people do know and can choose the to follow Jesus of their own free will.

MEN'S CLUB MEETINGS

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



Fish Fry Dates:
02/06, 02/27, 03/13

Doors Open: 4:30 PM
Serving Begins: 5:00 PM

Adults


\$ 13.00

Kids (6-12)

\$ 10.00

Kids < 6

FREE



50/50 Raffle

\$1 / chance




~ DINE - IN OR CARRY OUT ~

GOSPEL REFLECTION

THIS PASSAGE REMINDS US THAT GOD OFTEN MEETS US IN ORDINARY MOMENTS AND CALLS US TO SOMETHING GREATER.

JESUS DID NOT CALL PERFECT OR POWERFUL PEOPLE — HE CALLED FISHERMEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR DAILY WORK. THIS SHOWS US THAT OUR JOBS, ROUTINES, AND STRUGGLES ARE NOT OBSTACLES TO GOD: THEY ARE OFTEN THE VERY PLACES WHERE HE SPEAKS TO US. LIKE THE FISHERMEN, WE ARE INVITED TO LISTEN AND RESPOND. JESUS’ MESSAGE. “REPENT. FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.” APPLIES TO US BY CALLING US TO CHANGE OUR HEARTS AND DIRECTION. REPENTANCE IS NOT JUST ABOUT FEELING SORRY FOR SIN: IT IS ABOUT TURNING TOWARD GOD AND CHOOSING A BETTER WAY OF LIVING. EACH DAY GIVES US A CHANCE TO TURN AWAY FROM HABITS, ATTITUDES, OR FEARS THAT KEEP US FROM FULLY TRUSTING GOD.

THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE OF PETER, ANDREW, JAMES, AND JOHN CHALLENGES US TO EXAMINE OUR OWN READINESS. WHILE WE MAY NOT LEAVE OUR JOBS OR FAMILIES PHYSICALLY, WE ARE ASKED TO LET GO OF WHAT HOLDS US BACK SPIRITUALLY — CONTROL, COMFORT, RESENTMENT, OR DISTRACTION. FINALLY, JESUS BRINGING LIGHT, HEALING, AND HOPE TO GALILEE REMINDS US THAT FAITH SHOULD LEAD TO ACTION. FOLLOWING JESUS MEANS BRINGING HIS LIGHT INTO OUR HOMES, WORKPLACES, AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH KINDNESS, HONESTY, AND CARE FOR OTHERS. IN OUR LIVES TODAY, THIS PASSAGE INVITES US TO HEAR JESUS’ CALL, TRUST HIM, AND FOLLOW — ONE FAITHFUL STEP AT A TIME.



Parishioners are invited to bring palms from home to be used for the ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Please place your palms in the designated collection area before Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for helping us prepare for this sacred season of Lent.

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.