

 **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 Rissee, 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
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

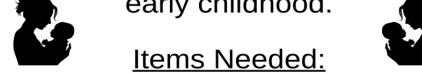
HAPPY Anniversary

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.