

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



The second of the seven deadly sins is greed. We often associate greed with wanting more and more money, and indeed that is part of what greed is but it is in fact much more than simply being obsessed with money. Greed is excessive attachment to the things of this world. It is caring more about stuff than about the needs of others around us. The key question of greed is, "When do we have enough?" Greed is not about being rich. There are plenty of rich people who are not greedy and many poor people are. Greed has nothing to do with how much we actually have it is all about our attitude towards what we have or don't have. If what we have is never enough no matter how much we have that is a sign of greed.

This sin can impact almost every area of our lives. If we are constantly trying to obtain more money and stuff, then many times we are neglecting the more important thing in our lives. If we are constantly anxious about if we have enough, then we cannot focus on growth in other areas of our life and we will stagnate. If our only pursuit in life is seeking more, then once we have it, and it is still not enough, we will neglect our obligations to others.

If this sounds like us, how do we change. There are two keys to fighting against an inclination toward greed. First and most importantly is we must learn to trust in God. At its core, many times, greed is rooted in anxiety. If we can learn to let that go. If we can learn to trust that God is going to provide for what we need then that desire to seek out more and more will shrink. So how do we learn to trust? The best way is to make a point of looking back at the times in our lives where we were not sure how we were going to make it, and see how God provided for us in those times. If he has provided for us in the past, why would we think that he wouldn't provide for us now. Secondly if we wish to be less greedy then we must practice its opposite virtue, generosity. It is impossible to be greedy and generous at the same time. By this I don't just mean that we give stuff away. I mean we give to others and we do it cheerfully not reluctantly. This is the essence of generosity as scripture says "God loves a cheerful giver." If we are truly generous, we cannot be full of greed.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

March 22, 2026

Sun	03/22	07:00 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
		10:30 AM	David & Pam Ebelhar
Mon	03/23	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	03/24	07:00 AM	Florence Stodghill
Wed	03/25	06:55 AM	Norma Hagan
Thurs	03/26	07:00 AM	Charles Kamuf
Fri	03/27	07:00 AM	Deanna Edmonds
Sat	03/28	04:00 PM	Joseph Elliott
Sun	03/29	07:00 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
		10:30 AM	Michael Leonard



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

MARCH 22	Men's Spring Cook 12-2	
MARCH 22	Confirmation 6PM	
MARCH 25	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IMMACULATE HEART ROSARY AFTER EVENING ADORATION	5pm
MARCH 29	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
APRIL 4	EASTER EGG HUNT 10am	

HOLY WEEK		
MARCH 31	CHRISM MASS 6:30 SPORTSCENTER	
APRIL 2	HOLY THURSDAY 6:00	
APRIL 3	GOOD FRIDAY 6:00	
APRIL 4	HOLY SATURDAY 8:00	
APRIL 5	Easter Sunday 7:00 & 10:30	

MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21st — 4:00 PM	
Lector:	Brent McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers:	Debi Hopkins Nicholas Fischer Jeff McCarthy
Altar Servers:	Isaac Self & Grayson McCarty
Sunday, March 22nd — 7:00 AM	
Lector:	Jeanne Hayden
Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty Hamilton Darlene May Mike Wade
Altar Servers:	Hagan Ebelhar & Luke Murphy
Sunday, March 22nd — 10:30 AM	
Lector:	Krystal Medley
Eucharistic Ministers:	Nancy Greenwell Michaeline Chandler Bobby Kennedy
Altar Servers:	Ali Williams & Spencer Medley
Saturday, March 28th — 4:00 PM	
Lector:	Lillian Chapman & Brent McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers:	Roni Reisz Kathy Simmons Robynn Clark
Altar Servers:	Corley Cheek & Tanner Cheek
Sunday, March 29th — 7:00 AM	
Lector:	Isaac Murphy & Sherry Krampe
Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty Hamilton Lauren Ebelhar Darlene May
Altar Servers:	Luke Murphy & Will Murphy
Sunday, March 29th — 10:30 AM	
Lector:	Krystal Medley & Darlene Berry
Eucharistic Ministers:	Cheryl Clark Caleb McCarthy Jessica Johnson
Altar Servers:	Ali Williams & Jude Evans
	TODAY'S MUSIC: 134 (BB) The Glory of These 40 Days 683 (BB) I Know That My Redeemer Lives 470 (BB) In Ev'ry Age 576 Led By the Spirit
	TODAY'S READINGS: Ritual Song #1128

STEWARDSHIP

March 15, 2026	
(Includes Picnic & Fundraising Deposits / Insurance Claim Money Excluded)	
<i>(These numbers consider only actual income vs. budgeted income and do not consider any expense; therefore, budget income less expenses may reflect something different.)</i>	
Regular Collections:	\$ 11,293.00
Building Fund:	\$ 100.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 600.00
TOTAL:	\$ 11,993.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 10,692.31
Collections (YTD):	\$ 406,730.18
Budget (YTD):	\$ 395,615.35
Over/(Under):	\$ 11,114.83

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

is in session this Sunday, March 22nd. Looking ahead, we have sessions on: March 29th, April 12th, 19th, and April 26th. NOTE: April 26th is a change from the original schedule.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is taking place here on this Sunday evening, March 22, at 6:00 p.m. Please pray for our 12 Confirmands.

Special Thanks are due to parishioners **Caron Head**, who makes the delightful and delicious baked treats for each of the 12 confirmands, and to **Wayne Hamilton**, who made a rosary for each one of them. What a blessing it is to have their talents bestowed on our church family.

SAVE THE DATES: July 6--9 (Monday-Thursday).

VBS: BIBLE ADVENTURES # 3:

Following the footprints of Moses in Exodus, Joshua, Ruth, and Samuel. We welcome all children to this beautiful interactive Bible experience—no matter their faith or no faith. Let the children come!

It is not too soon to begin VBS registrations. Ideally, between 60-70 children can be accommodated, not counting young volunteers in crafts and games. Spread the word! Hold a spot now! (If your plans change later, we can open that spot up for someone else).

Registration forms, one per family, are in the vestibule on the tables. Please return in an envelope in the collection, or directly to staff or the office.

The next planning session is this Monday, March 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish center (office building). This is a replacement date for last Monday, which was cancelled. Volunteers or anyone interested is strongly encouraged to attend.

We ask for the prayers of the parish that God will continue to bless this humble effort to serve Him. Thank You!

-Debi Hopkins

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI:

Oliver Haines	Jackson Abney
Hudson Hardesty	Reese Abney
Mason Hardesty	Emmilynn Buck
Colten Harper	Emma Clancy
Chelsea Kirtley	Hayden Edge
Pat Knott	Henry Haines

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, Jimmy Dale Blandford, Justin Blandford, Kristin Bucio, Danny Campbell, Phillip Cecil, Allen Coomes, Cindy Coomes, Carolyn Crabtree, Theresa Crowe, Jean Dennis, Anita Dixon, Blaine Dockemeyer, 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, Larry Kamuffer, Jeremy Leet, Brent McCarty, Ella Meyers, Debbie Millay, Theresa Murphy, Patrick O'Bryan, James Payne, Robbie Phillips, Rosalee McCarty, Theresa Rhinerson, Martha Riney, 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, Heather (Hopkins) Sorensen, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

03/01 Hagan Ebelhar
Theresa Fischer
Barbara Fulkerson

03/03 Addler James Glenn
Hayden Edge
Brandon Reisz

03/04 Leo Howard
Addilyn Simmons

03/05 David Clayton

03/07 Timothy Roberts

03/09 Stephanie Sweeney
Mary Reisz
Gail Campbell

03/10 Cameron Davis

03/12 Jane Clark

03/13 Ryan Cheek

03/14 Cheryl Clark
Matt Bell
Debra James

03/15 Adalyn Hayden
Jessie Hayden

03/19 Channell Hood
Luke Aull

03/20 Kelby Krampe

03/23 Mark Krampe

03/24 Sutton Hopewell

03/25 Crystal Jones

03/26 Beatrice Blandford
Natalie Krampe

03/27 Lindsey McBride
Grayson Thomas

03/28 Abigail Sweeney

03/29 Lauren Bickett
Paxton LaHugh

03/30 Dylan Brown
Hillary Evans
Lydia Ebelhar

03/31 Jeremy Mowers

HAPPY Anniversary

03/05/83 Jerry & Lillian Chapman

03/12/16 Charles & Susan Hayden

03/23/85 Keith & Darlene May

03/24/90 Joe & Marcie Fischer

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

HOLY WEEK- ST. MARTIN PARISH

HOLY WEEK IS THE MOST SACRED TIME IN THE CHURCH YEAR AS WE JOURNEY WITH CHRIST THROUGH HIS PASSION. DEATH. AND RESURRECTION. THE SACRED TRIDUUM—HOLY THURSDAY. GOOD FRIDAY. AND THE EASTER VIGIL—IS THE HOLIEST CELEBRATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR. WE INVITE ALL PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES TO ENTER DEEPLY INTO THESE BEAUTIFUL LITURGIES.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CHRISM MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 · 6:30–8:00 PM

AT THIS SPECIAL DIOCESAN LITURGY, THE BISHOP BLESSES THE HOLY OILS USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK, AND HOLY ORDERS.

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THURSDAY · 6:00 PM

COMMEMORATING THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST AND THE PRIESTHOOD.

GOOD FRIDAY – CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION

FRIDAY · 6:00 PM

A SOLEMN LITURGY REMEMBERING CHRIST’S SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS.

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY · 8:00 PM

BEGINNING WITH A CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION, THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST IN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LITURGY OF THE ENTIRE YEAR.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 AM

10:30 AM

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWERFUL STORY OF OUR SALVATION AS WE WALK WITH CHRIST FROM THE CROSS TO THE EMPTY TOMB. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Reverse Raffle		2026 Reverse Raffle Dinner Breakdown	
Income:		Expenses:	
Ticket Sales	\$15,000.00	Food/Drinks	\$3,543.83
1/2 of 50/50 Pot	\$ 993.00	Print Cost	\$ 83.22
Bingo	\$ 1,670.00	Misc. Expense	\$ 0.00
Income:	\$17,663.00	Security	\$ 280.00
Quilt Raffle	\$ 635.00	Cash Pay Outs	\$1,475.00
		Grand Prize	\$4,000.00
		Expenses:	\$9,382.05
NET PROFIT:			
\$8,280.95			

MEN’S CLUB MEETINGS

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



EASTER EGG HUNT

WE ARE COLLECTING INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY FOR OUR PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT ON **SATURDAY, APRIL 4**. A BASKET HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR DONATIONS.

AT THIS TIME, WE DO NOT NEED PLASTIC EGGS, ONLY CANDY. THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THIS A FUN AND JOYFUL EVENT FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR PARISH!



GOSPEL REFLECTION

THIS GOSPEL TELLS THE STORY OF LAZARUS, A CLOSE FRIEND OF JESUS, WHO BECOMES SERIOUSLY ILL. HIS SISTERS, MARY AND MARTHA, SEND WORD TO JESUS ASKING HIM TO COME BECAUSE THEY KNOW HE LOVES LAZARUS. INSTEAD OF COMING IMMEDIATELY, JESUS WAITS TWO DAYS AND TELLS HIS DISCIPLES THAT THE ILLNESS WILL REVEAL GOD’S GLORY. BY THE TIME JESUS ARRIVES IN BETHANY, LAZARUS HAS ALREADY BEEN DEAD AND IN THE TOMB FOR FOUR DAYS.

MARTHA MEETS JESUS AND EXPRESSES BOTH GRIEF AND FAITH, SAYING THAT IF JESUS HAD BEEN THERE HER BROTHER WOULD NOT HAVE DIED. JESUS COMFORTS HER AND MAKES A POWERFUL DECLARATION: “I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN IF HE DIES, WILL LIVE.” MARTHA AFFIRMS HER BELIEF THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. WHEN MARY COMES TO JESUS, SHE IS OVERCOME WITH SORROW. SEEING HER AND THE OTHERS WEeping, JESUS IS DEEPLY MOVED AND EVEN WEEPS HIMSELF, SHOWING HIS COMPASSION AND LOVE.

JESUS GOES TO LAZARUS’S TOMB AND ASKS FOR THE STONE TO BE REMOVED. EVEN THOUGH MARTHA WORRIES ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE BODY, JESUS THEN PRAYS TO THE FATHER AND CALLS OUT. “LAZARUS, COME OUT!” LAZARUS WALKS OUT OF THE TOMB ALIVE, AND JESUS TELLS THE PEOPLE TO UNTIE HIM AND LET HIM GO. MANY WHO WITNESS THIS MIRACLE BEGIN TO BELIEVE IN HIM. THIS STORY IS STILL RELATABLE TODAY BECAUSE IT REFLECTS THE STRUGGLES PEOPLE FACE WITH LOSS, DOUBT, AND WAITING FOR ANSWERS. LIKE MARY AND MARTHA, PEOPLE OFTEN WONDER WHY HELP DOESN’T COME WHEN THEY EXPECT IT. THE PASSAGE REMINDS US THAT EVEN IN MOMENTS OF GRIEF AND UNCERTAINTY, FAITH CAN BRING HOPE, RENEWAL, AND THE PROMISE THAT NEW LIFE IS POSSIBLE EVEN WHEN SITUATIONS SEEM HOPELESS.

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.