

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



This week I'm going to continue what I started last week as a reflection on the importance of the Creed. I will, over the next few weeks, go through the Creed part by part and discuss what each part means and what it tells us about our faith. Today I'm going to write about what the Creed says about God the Father.

The Creed begins by speaking about the Father, but it doesn't really say much about Him. It just says, "I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth of all things visible and invisible." In the whole of the Creed this is all that it says about the nature of the Father, and that's not much. The reason for this is that there is very little that we know for certain about the father, but there is more in that short phrase than we think.

The first statement of faith in the whole Creed is, "I believe in ONE God." This is an essential statement that seems obvious to us today. Of course, we believe in only one God, but this was not something that was taken for granted in the beginning. In fact, many opponents of the Church, argued that we professed faith in three gods, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. However, from the earliest days of the Church we have always maintained that we believed in one God. A triune God made up of three persons, but one God. It is important that the very first thing that we say about our faith is that we believe in one God.

The next part of the statement, "The Father," is equally significant. Anything we say about God will fall short truly describing the essential nature of God, but these statements of faith tell us real about God. So, the fact that we are instructed to call God "Father" means that title in some way describes the nature of God. We do not believe that God fathered the Son in any biological way, nor do we believe that he is our true father as we understand that word here on Earth. However, using the word father to describe God is the closest our human minds can come to comprehending the relationship between the Father and the Son and between God and us.

The next phrase is fairly self-explanatory, "The Almighty." We believe that God is all-powerful that nothing is beyond his power and that he can do all things. So, I will move on to the last phrase, "Creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible." In this we state our faith that God created all things. That nothing was created without God's intervention. It also means that we believe that there is more to creation than what we can see. It is important to note that the Creed makes no statement about how God accomplished this act of creation. Next week we will begin to get into deep waters when I begin to talk about the nature of Christ

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

July 19, 2026

Sun	07/19	07:00 AM	Phyllis Roberts
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
Mon	07/20	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	07/21	07:00 AM	Kenny Self
Wed	07/22	06:55 AM	Gene Schell
Thurs	07/23	07:00 AM	Barbara Dixon
Fri	07/24	07:00 AM	Patricia Bumm
Sat	07/25	04:00 PM	Gene & Charlotte Borders
Sun	07/26	07:00 AM	Johnny Simms
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

JULY 22

SUMMER STUDY WITH FR. DANIEL: BOOK OF REVELATION
12:00 PM AND 6:30 PM



AUGUST 3

PREP DAY FOR PICNIC



AUGUST 4

DRIVE- THRU PICNIC



AUGUST 10

No Men's Club Meeting in August
Next Meeting is Sept 14th.



AUGUST 12

Finance Council Meeting 5pm
Parish Council Meeting 6pm



AUGUST 19

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
5pm



SEPTEMBER 14

MEN'S CLUB MEETING
7:00pm



MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 18th — 4:00 PM

Lector:

Robynn Clark
Stacy Thompson
Janice McCarthy
Jeff McCarthy

Altar Servers:

Molly Knott & Paxton LaHugh

Sunday, July 19th — 7:00 AM

Lector:

VOLUNTEER
Betty Hamilton
Darlene May
Mike Wade

Eucharistic Ministers:

Luke Murphy & Abi Murphy

Sunday, July 19th — 10:30 AM

Lector:

Michaeline Chandler
Bobby Kennedy
Nancy Greenwell
Jessica Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hayden Edge & Jude Evans

Saturday, July 25th — 4:00 PM

Lector:

Debi Hopkins
Nicholas Fischer
Jena Hayden
David Clark

Altar Servers:

Isaac Self & Noah McBride

Sunday, July 26th — 7:00 AM

Lector:

Isaac Murphy
Will Clayton
Lauren Ebelhar
Erica Tapp

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hagan Ebelhar & Abi Murphy

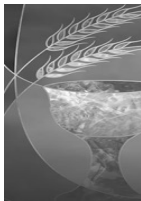
Sunday, July 26th — 10:30 AM

Lector:

Keith Evans
Stacy Thompson
Caleb McCarthy
Michaeline Chandler

Eucharistic Ministers:

Corley Cheek & Tanner Cheek



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475 (BB)
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TODAY'S MUSIC:

Praise to the Lord
Your Words Are Spirit & Life
Shelter Me, O God
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

TODAY'S READINGS:

Ritual Song

#1242

STEWARDSHIP

July 12, 2026

These amounts will include weekend collections, gaming & picnic deposits.
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:	\$	4,687.00
Building Fund:	\$	300.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$	1,411.00
TOTAL:	\$	6,398.00
Weekly Budget:	\$	11,096.15
Collections (YTD):	\$	17,035.00
Budget (YTD):	\$	22,192.31
Over/(Under):	\$	(5,157.31)

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

begins on Sunday, September 13, the Sunday after Labor Day. At present, there is need for a few more catechists, We haven't had to ask for several years, but time waits for none of us, and situations change. We try to have 2 catechists per group, and an increase of one or two more leaders can make a huge difference.

We also may well have fewer children attending, as some are moving away from us, and some are transitioning to OCS. There is plenty of room here for your child, Pre-school through 8th grade (this is not a Confirmation year for St Martin).

We warmly welcome All Children here. We regularly have home-schoolers and OCS students in our sessions, as they enjoy meeting more children their age, and engaging in lively and fun sessions, while learning the Gospel for that particular Sunday (Lectionary-based catechesis). It greatly helps them, and their leaders, stay engaged in the Liturgy, as they already are acquainted with the Gospel when they attend Mass.

FAITH FORMATION IN SUMMER

Great news! Currently, there are 3 people preparing for "full communion with the Catholic Church" here at St Martin Parish. What does that mean? Full communion means that these persons are validly Baptized Christians who desire to be full members of the Roman Catholic Church. They enter into a period of an undetermined length of time, in which they learn about, ask questions about, and discern if they truly want to be part of the Catholic Church.

They do not need to wait until Easter, due to their Baptism. However, the time of receiving the next 2 Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, depends on factors of readiness, and any private concerns shared with their priest. Please pray for these people, and any others who have not yet come to ask for inclusion in the family of the Fullness of Truth of the Roman Catholic Church.

HOW DO WE THANK ALL OF YOU?? IT TAKES LEADERS!!

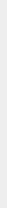
Without these Leaders, there would not have been Bible Adventure #3:

Reese Abney, Darlene Berry, Clare Bivins, Donna Blandford, Jimmy Dale Blandford, Michaeline Chandler, Lillian Chandler, Gabbi Cheek, Ryan Cheek, Emily Cissell, Cheryl Clark, Chelsea Coomes, Fred Coomes, Jessica Coomes, Lauren Ebelhar, Nicole Ebelhar, Daven Edmonds, Nicole Gray, Leslie Greenwell, Caron Head, Alex Hopewell, Debbie James, Allee Kirtley, Darlene May, Kristi McCabe, Pat McCabe, Krystal Medley, Sara Mowers, Martina Payne, Roni Reisz, Holly Smith, Kelly Wathen

MANY MORE HELPED IMMENSLY and a debt of GRATITUDE is owed every one of them!

I pray I did not leave a leader out. If I did, I have a lot of excuses. 😊

-Debi Hopkins



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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.

St. Mary Magdalene:
Feast Day: July 22

St. Mary Magdalene was one of Jesus' most faithful disciples. After Jesus freed her from seven demons (Luke 8:2), she followed Him throughout His ministry, remained at the foot of the Cross, and became the first witness of the Resurrection.

On Easter morning, Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and sent her to announce the Good News to the Apostles. Because of this, she is often called the "Apostle to the Apostles."

In 2016, Pope Francis elevated her memorial to a Feast, recognizing her unique role in proclaiming the Resurrection. Her life reminds us that God's mercy transforms hearts and that every Christian is called to share the hope of Christ with others.

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



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IN THIS GOSPEL, JESUS REMINDS US THAT GOOD AND EVIL EXIST SIDE BY SIDE IN OUR WORLD. JUST AS WEEDS GREW AMONG THE WHEAT, WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE THERE IS BOTH KINDNESS AND CRUELTY, FAITH AND DOUBT, HOPE AND DISCOURAGEMENT. IT'S EASY TO ASK, "WHY DOESN'T GOD JUST GET RID OF ALL THE BAD?" JESUS TELLS US THAT GOD IS PATIENT. HE GIVES PEOPLE TIME TO CHANGE, TO GROW, AND TO TURN BACK TO HIM.

JESUS ALSO COMPARES THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN TO A MUSTARD SEED AND TO YEAST. BOTH START OUT SMALL AND ALMOST UNNOTICED, YET BOTH GROW AND MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. THAT'S A REMINDER THAT OUR FAITH DOESN'T HAVE TO BEGIN WITH GRAND GESTURES. SMALL ACTS OF LOVE, KINDNESS, AND FAITHFULNESS CAN HAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON OTHERS.

**WE SEE THIS EVERY DAY. A SIMPLE INVITATION TO MASS.
CHECKING ON A NEIGHBOR. VOLUNTEERING AT CHURCH.
PRAYING WITH A FRIEND, OR FORGIVING SOMEONE WHO HAS
HURT US MAY SEEM LIKE SMALL THINGS, BUT GOD CAN USE
THOSE MOMENTS TO CHANGE HEARTS.**

HIS GOSPEL ALSO REMINDS US NOT TO SPEND SO MUCH TIME FOCUSING ON THE FAULTS OF OTHERS. WE CAN'T CONTROL THE WEEDS AROUND US, BUT WE CAN CHOOSE THE KIND OF "WHEAT" WE BECOME. OUR JOB IS TO KEEP GROWING IN FAITH, TRUSTING THAT GOD SEES THE WHOLE PICTURE AND WILL BRING ABOUT HIS PERFECT JUSTICE IN HIS TIME. AS CHRISTIANS, WE'RE CALLED TO BE PATIENT, FAITHFUL, AND HOPEFUL. WHEN WE CHOOSE TO LIVE FOR CHRIST EACH DAY—even in small ways—we help His Kingdom grow. WE MAY NEVER KNOW WHOSE LIFE WE'VE TOUCHED, BUT GOD DOES. EVERY PRAYER, EVERY ACT OF KINDNESS, AND EVERY MOMENT WE CHOOSE LOVE OVER ANGER HELPS BRING A LITTLE MORE OF HEAVEN TO EARTH.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. WHAT DOES THE MUSTARD SEED TEACH US?
ANSWER: NEVER UNDERESTIMATE SMALL ACTS OF FAITH. GOD CAN USE EVEN THE SMALLEST ACT OF KINDNESS OR SERVICE TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

2. WHAT IS ONE SMALL THING I CAN DO THIS WEEK TO HELP GOD'S KINGDOM GROW?

**ANSWER: PRAY FOR SOMEONE. INVITE A FRIEND TO MASS.
VOLUNTEER. FORGIVE SOMEONE. OR SIMPLY SHOW KINDNESS.
SMALL ACTIONS DONE WITH LOVE CAN HAVE A LASTING
IMPACT.**



Kids, Can You Do This Challenge?

This week, do one kind thing without being asked. It could be helping at home, praying for someone, or sharing a smile. Small acts of kindness help God's love grow!

MEN'S CLUB MEETINGS

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