

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



This week the column will focus on the phrase in the Creed that says, “For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” Here we begin to talk about the Incarnation and its saving power. There are two key parts to this section of the Creed and I want to look at them separately.

I'm actually going to look at the second part first, “He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” This is one of the more straightforward statements of belief in the Creed. We know that we believe that Jesus was in heaven. We know that Mary was a virgin and conceived Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit coming down upon her. Even in the days of great controversy in the early years of the Church there was not much dispute about those things. However, as I have said previously there was great disagreement over the last statement there, “And became man.” Many rejected the very idea of the Incarnation because if God became man, it would have diminished God. Others had a problem with the idea of the Incarnation because if God came to earth who was in heaven while Jesus was on the earth. These objections seem strange to us today because we know the answers to these objections, but before the Creed was written these were serious disputes in the Church.

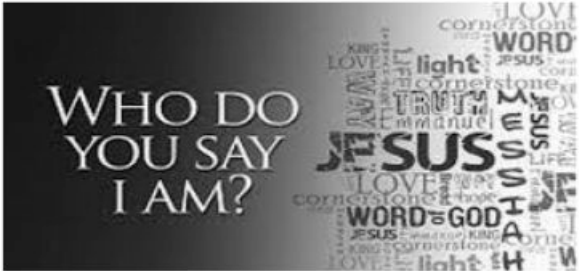
It is the first part of this that is more interesting to me, “For us men and for our salvation.” This is interesting to me because these seven words convey a great deal of meaning that we just miss most of the time. The first three words, “For us men,” tells us that Jesus did not just come down from heaven to save those who follow him. If us and men are the same people then why repeat it. No, us and men are different. So, in this instance us is the followers of Jesus and men is all of humanity. I am not going to discuss the criticism of the use of men as a stand in for all humanity that is a discussion for another time. The fathers of the council felt it was important enough to say that Jesus died for all humanity and not just for Christians that they made a point of putting it in the list of things we must believe. The last four words, “And for our salvation,” tell us why Jesus came to earth. It was not to impart a philosophy or to teach us how to be good people. He came down from heaven for our salvation; so that we might be freed from our sins and from eternal death.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

August 23, 2026

Sun	08/23	07:00 AM	Angela Crowe
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
Mon	08/24	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	08/25	07:00 AM	Diane Lane
Wed	08/26	06:55 AM	David Albin
Thurs	08/27	07:00 AM	Kenny Self
Fri	08/28	07:00 AM	Leonora Hicks
Sat	08/29	04:00 PM	Judy Peak
Sun	08/30	07:00 AM	Barbara Dixon
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

SEPTEMBER 13	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
SEPTEMBER 14	MEN'S CLUB MEETING 7:00pm	
SEPTEMBER 16	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PRAYING THE IMMACULATE HEART ROSARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADORATION	 5pm
SEPTEMBER 20	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
SEPTEMBER 24-26	Altar Society RUMMAGE SALE	
SEPTEMBER 27	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
OCTOBER 4	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
OCTOBER 5	MEN'S CLUB MEETING 7:00pm	

MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 22nd — 4:00 PM	
Lector:	David Clark Jena Hayden Jeff McCarthy Brent McCarty
Altar Servers:	Grayson McCarty & Paxton LaHugh
Sunday, August 23rd — 7:00 AM	
Lector:	Sherry Krampe
Eucharistic Ministers:	Will Clayton Lauren Ebelhar Erica Tapp
Altar Servers:	Abi Murphy & Ali Williams
Sunday, August 23rd — 10:30 AM	
Lector:	Krystal Medley
Eucharistic Ministers:	Caleb McCarthy Darlene Berry Cheryl Clark
Altar Servers:	Corley Cheek & Hayden Edge
Saturday, August 29th — 4:00 PM	
Lector:	Mark McCarty Steve Bittel Bonnie Bittel Kathy Simmons
Altar Servers:	Isaac Self & Grayson McCarty
Sunday, August 30th — 7:00 AM	
Lector:	Mackenzie Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty Hamilton Darlene May Mike Wade
Altar Servers:	Hagan Ebelhar & Luke Murphy
Sunday, August 30th — 10:30 AM	
Lector:	Debi Hopkins
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bobby Kennedy Nancy Greenwell Jessica Johnson
Altar Servers:	Tanner Cheek & Spencer Medley
TODAY'S MUSIC:	
	793 688 886 423 (BB) Ritual Song
How Firm A Foundation O God, You Search Me The Summons One Spirit, One Church	
TODAY'S READINGS:	
Ritual Song # 1254	

STEWARDSHIP

August 16, 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:	\$ 5,160.00
Building Fund:	\$ 940.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 295.00
(1) TOTAL:	\$ 6,395.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 11,096.15
(2) Collections (YTD):	\$ 102,645.50
Budget (YTD):	\$ 77,673.08
Over/(Under):	\$ 24,972.42
(1) This Sunday Last Year (08/16/2025):	10,072.00
(2) Collected Last Year Year-to-Date:	\$103,410.24

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN begins on Sunday, September 13, the Sunday after Labor Day. There is plenty of room here for your child, Preschool through 8th grade (this is not a Confirmation year for St Martin). We have combined grade groups, and still have fairly small class sizes. We warmly welcome All Children here, regardless of affiliation or parish membership. St Martin is a place of peace, safety, and compassion, where the children and adult leaders are engaging in lively and fun sessions, all while learning the Gospel for that particular Sunday (Lectionary-based catechesis). Faith Formation meets, on average, 3 times a month. There is an optional “snack breakfast” time, lasting from 8:30-9:00 a.m., on scheduled Sundays, in the parish hall. We begin sessions at 9:00 sharp, and end at 10:15 a.m. We have managed to usually have enough help, but never turn down of offer of more. Planning for more leaders than we may anticipate eliminates the problem of finding subs last minute, and allows volunteers to be away from sessions when needed. We plan around school holidays as much as we can, to afford families a balance of faith and family. We highly value our volunteers here, and never lose sight that without them, we would have No program to offer. At present, the real need for leaders has been with the 6th -8th grade group. This is a great group of about 12 children, who have mostly come here throughout their childhood for Faith Formation. (I am working with 4 adults to juggle their schedules to lead this particular class). Most people are surprised at how smoothly sessions operate when you have others at your side to work together with. Like the Apostles, no one is sent out alone to do the Lord’s work! Please consider sitting in on session, starting on September 13, to see what its all about. Schedules and registration forms are in the church entry area. Keep watching the bulletin weekly for more information. Debi Hopkin’s contact info is on the front of the bulletin, which is also on our website: www.stmartinowensboro.org <i>-Debi Hopkins</i> Heavenly Father, Bless all of our students, teachers, catechists, parents, and volunteers as we begin a new school year and Faith Formation at St. Martin Parish. Open our hearts to grow in wisdom, faith, and love for You. Guide us each day to follow Christ with joyful hearts and help us share His love with everyone we meet. May this year bring many blessings as we grow together in faith. Amen.
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 **WE PRAY TO THE LORD FOR:** All serving in foreign countries and all over the World, the victims of natural disasters, and for 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, Brent McCarty, Ella Meyers, Debbie Millay, Theresa Murphy, Patrick O'Bryan, James Payne, Robbie Phillips, 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, Elenor Turner, Betty Wedding, Dee Dee Wethington, Jerry Wink, Patti Wink, Deborah Wright, Theresa Wyatt & any others in need of prayer.



08/01	Bobby Kennedy
08/02	Abigail Murphy
08/03	Kathleen Kitt
	Larry Kamuf
	John Wethington
	Allyson Bell
08/04	Tanner Glenn
08/05	Betty Hamilton
	William Harrison
	Danielle Fulkerson
	Wendell Sloan
08/07	Rick Thomas
	Aaron Self
	Colten Harper
	Grace Hayden
	Harold Ebelhar
08/09	Reed Davis
	Jena Hayden
08/12	Sharon Garrett
	Gene Bittel
	Donna Blandford
	Jackson Fischer
08/13	Lauren Ebelhar
	Nicole Ebelhar
	Michael Wade
08/14	Margaret Ann Hayde
	Bryon Lane
08/15	Danny Campbell
	Chelsea Hamilton
	Emily Sloan
08/17	Annalee Lopez
	William Lopez
	Leslye Krampe
08/19	Mark McCarty
08/20	Rida Buddle
08/21	Mattie Glenn
08/24	David Bartley
	Jeff McCarthy
08/25	Ralph Reisz
08/28	Larry Krampe
	Michael Ebelhar
08/29	Darlene Berry
	Mary Evans
08/30	James Roberts
	Geary Thompson
08/31	Donnie Risse
	Josie Marks

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



Kids Challenge

Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter knew that Jesus was the Son of God. This week, think about who Jesus is to you. Choose one way each day to show that you are a follower of Jesus. You could say a prayer, help someone without being asked, forgive someone, include someone who feels left out, or do something kind in secret.

At the end of the week, ask yourself: Did my words and actions help someone see Jesus in me?

Bonus Challenge: Tell someone one reason why Jesus is important to you! ❤️

GOSPEL REFLECTION

IN TODAY’S GOSPEL, JESUS ASKS HIS DISCIPLES AN IMPORTANT QUESTION: “WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?” PETER ANSWERS WITH FAITH, DECLARING THAT JESUS IS “THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.” JESUS THEN TELLS PETER THAT HE IS THE ROCK UPON WHICH HE WILL BUILD HIS CHURCH AND GIVES HIM THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

THIS GOSPEL REMINDS US THAT FAITH IS MORE THAN SIMPLY KNOWING WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT JESUS. EACH OF US MUST ANSWER HIS QUESTION PERSONALLY. IN TODAY’S WORLD, WHERE SO MANY VOICES COMPETE FOR OUR ATTENTION AND INFLUENCE WHAT WE BELIEVE, JESUS CALLS US TO KNOW HIM, TRUST HIM, AND LIVE OUR FAITH WITH CONFIDENCE. LIKE PETER, WE ARE CALLED TO STAND FIRM IN OUR FAITH AND HELP STRENGTHEN CHRIST’S CHURCH THROUGH THE WAY WE LOVE, SERVE, FORGIVE, AND CARE FOR OTHERS.

QUESTION: JESUS ASKED, “WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?” HOW CAN WE ANSWER THAT QUESTION THROUGH THE WAY WE LIVE EACH DAY?

ANSWER: WE ANSWER BY PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION—FOLLOWING JESUS’ TEACHINGS, LOVING OTHERS, FORGIVING, SERVING THOSE IN NEED, PRAYING, AND ALLOWING OUR CHOICES TO SHOW THAT CHRIST TRULY IS AT THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES.

Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of life and spend quiet time with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. **Why go?** Because Jesus is waiting for us. We can bring Him our worries, joys, questions, and prayers—or simply sit quietly in His presence.



08/07/1982	Gregory & Leah McCarty
08/09/1997	Derrick & Stacy Thompson
08/11/1972	Larry & Donna Kamuf
08/13/2016	Phillip & Jena Hayden
08/19/2006	Ryan & Nicole Cheek
08/20/1988	Daniel & Linda Coomes
08/23/1980	Steve & Bonnie Bittel
08/27/2011	Eric & Lauren Ebelhar
08/29/1985	Thomas & Julie Lewis
08/31/1990	Allen & Sandra Self



It's time to clean out those closets, garages, and storage rooms! Your gently used items can help make our Annual Rummage Sale a success while supporting the mission of St. Martin Catholic Church.

Parish Hall - Drop-Off Hours:
Wednesdays
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Need another time?
Betty: 270-316-0405
Karen: 270-570-5336

MEN'S CLUB MEETINGS

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