

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



This week I am going to write about just a single line of the Creed, but it is possibly the most confusing line in the whole Creed, “Consubstantial with the Father.” I think that I have received more questions and comments about that single word than I have about any other part of the Creed since the new translation of the Creed was issued. Usually the comments are about, “What kind of word is consubstantial?” or “What does that even mean?” Well, if you have had questions like that fear not, I will try to answer them today.

To begin to explain the meaning of this line I have to begin with a brief lesson in ancient philosophy. In philosophy anything has two main properties substance and accidents. The substance of something is its nature. It is what makes that thing what it is. For example, if you look at a table you know it is a table because it has the substance of a table or it has “tableness” I realize that this is not how we view the world today but it is how the world was viewed when the Creed was written. Accidents in this case doesn't mean you knocked the vase off the table. No, in this case accidents means the attributes of a thing, what it looks like, what it feels like, what it tastes like, etc. So going back to that table we might say that it was hard, smooth, heavy, it looks like wood, and it has four legs and a top. These things are some of its accidents. So, substance is the nature of a thing and accidents is the appearance of a thing. We encounter this idea in the Church in Transubstantiation. The dogma of the Church that we believe that the Eucharist changes from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. We believe that the substance of the Eucharist changes but the accidents remain the same. In other words, we believe that it is no longer bread but it still looks, smells, and tastes like bread.

So, with this idea of substance what then does the word consubstantial mean. Well, the prefix con in this instance means with, so when we say consubstantial, we are saying that the Father and the Son share one substance, or they have the same essential nature. No other two things in existence can be said to have the same substance. While you may have two tables that are identical, they are only identical in their accidents not in their substance. However, we say that while the Father and the Son are distinct Persons they are the same substance. It seems like an awkward word and it is not a word that we would readily use in everyday conversation, but it is the only word that accurately describes what we believe the relationship between the Father and the Son to be.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

August 09, 2026

Sun	08/09	07:00 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
		10:30 AM	Gene & Charlotte Boarders
Mon	08/10	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	08/11	07:00 AM	Diane Lane
Wed	08/12	06:55 AM	Sharon Gillim
Thurs	08/13	07:00 AM	Mary Freels
Fri	08/14	07:00 AM	Eileen Fulkerson
Sat	08/15	04:00 PM	Rosa Lee McCarty
Sun	08/16	07:00 AM	Gary Grant
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners

Solemnity of the Assumption of
The Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 15th
7:00 AM

Holy day falls on Saturday, therefore, it is not a holy day of obligation. No vigil mass will be celebrated.



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

AUGUST 12	Finance Council Meeting 5pm Parish Council Meeting 6pm	
AUGUST 19	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PRAYING THE IMMACULATE HEART ROSARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADORATION	 5pm
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	

MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 08th — 4:00 PM

Lector: Lillian Chapman
Kathy Simmons
Roni Reisz
Stacy Thompson
Altar Servers: Noah McBride & Paxton LaHugh

Sunday, August 09th —7:00 AM

Lector: MacKenzie Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers: Will Clayton
Lauren Ebelhar
Erica Tapp
Altar Servers: Hagan Ebelhar & Abi Murphy

Sunday, August 09th — 10:30 AM

Lector: Michaelaine Chandler
Eucharistic Ministers: Cheryl Clark
Darlene Berry
Stacy Thompson
Altar Servers: Corley Cheek & Spencer Medley

Saturday, August 15th — 4:00 PM

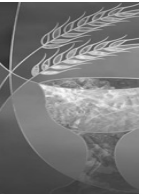
Lector: Allen Self
Janice McCarthy
Robynn Clark
Nicholas Fischer
Isaac Self & Molly Knott
Altar Servers:

Sunday, August 16th —7:00 AM

Lector: Isaac Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Hamilton
Darlene May
Mike Wade
Altar Servers: Eli Murphy & Will Murphy

Sunday, August 16th — 10:30 AM

Lector: Jennifer Hamilton
Eucharistic Ministers: Krystal Medley
Jessica Johnson
Debi Hopkins
Altar Servers: Jude Evans & Tanner Cheek



659
567 (BB)
826
434 (BB)

TODAY'S MUSIC:

Holy, Holy, Holy
O Bless the Lord, My Soul
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Though the Mountains May Fall

TODAY'S READINGS:

Ritual Song #1248

STEWARDSHIP

August 02, 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:	\$ 6,518.00
Building Fund:	\$ 595.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 44,510.00
TOTAL:	\$ 51,623.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 11,096.15
Collections (YTD):	\$ 89,353.00
Budget (YTD):	\$ 55,470.77
Over/(Under):	\$ 33,872.23

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

begins on Sunday, September 13, the Sunday after Labor Day. At present, we need 1-2 more catechists. Like the Apostles, no one is sent out alone! With 2 leaders per class (or 3 for a large class), it allows for times when a leader needs to be absent. Lesson plans are created for you and sent to you the week before. This is not complicated and is easy to follow. (Adults who can do their own lesson plans, like teachers, are welcome to do that).

You do not even need to have some “great knowledge” of the Faith. You will learn along with the kids. If you love God, kids, and want to grow stronger in your Faith and with your parish, this is a great opportunity. Safe Environment coverage which includes a background check, is required by the diocese. We can walk you through that, if needed. A mix of men and women, young and older people, new Catholics, all are welcome in catechetical ministry. Please contact me, if interested, or just have questions.

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. 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).

-We offer a combined Preschool through 1st grade; 3rd through 5th grades, 6th through 8th grades.

-2nd grade is primarily for preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, which occurs in late January, and First Eucharist, in early May. Unless your child is specifically instructed in these Sacraments at Catholic school, or in homeschool, they are required to attend these sessions. That said, all parish 2nd graders, or baptized children above 2nd grade who have not yet received the Eucharist, are highly encouraged to attend.

Faith Formation meets 3 times a month, on average. There is an optional “snack breakfast” beginning at 8:30 a.m. on scheduled Sundays, in the parish hall. We begin sessions at 9:00 sharp, and end at 10:15 a.m.

Schedules and registration forms are in the church entry area.

Keep watching the bulletin weekly for more information. The bulletin is also on our website: www.stmartinowensboro.org

-Debi Hopkins



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

Thank You

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
08/31/1990	Allen & Sandra Self

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

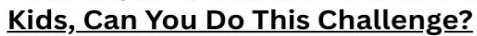
AFTER HEARING THAT JOHN THE BAPTIST HAD BEEN KILLED, JESUS WENT AWAY TO BE ALONE. BUT WHEN HE SAW THE LARGE CROWD WAITING FOR HIM, HE PUT ASIDE HIS OWN GRIEF, HAD COMPASSION ON THEM, HEALED THE SICK, AND FED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH JUST FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO FISH. EVERYONE HAD ENOUGH TO EAT, AND THERE WERE EVEN LEFTOVERS.

THIS GOSPEL REMINDS US THAT GOD CAN DO AMAZING THINGS WITH WHAT LITTLE WE ARE WILLING TO OFFER. LIKE THE DISCIPLES, WE MAY THINK WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME, TALENT, OR RESOURCES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BUT WHEN WE PLACE WHAT WE HAVE IN GOD'S HANDS, HE CAN MULTIPLY IT IN WAYS WE NEVER IMAGINED.

JESUS ALSO TEACHES US THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPASSION. EVEN WHILE GRIEVING, HE SAW THE NEEDS OF OTHERS AND RESPONDED WITH LOVE. WE ARE CALLED TO NOTICE THOSE AROUND US WHO ARE HURTING, LONELY, HUNGRY, OR IN NEED OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP.

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FEED FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE, BUT WE CAN SHARE A MEAL. LEND A HELPING HAND. OFFER A KIND WORD. VOLUNTEER AT CHURCH. OR SIMPLY BE PRESENT FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDS US. SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS, OFFERED WITH FAITH AND LOVE, CAN HAVE A MUCH GREATER IMPACT THAN WE REALIZE.

REFLECTION: WHAT "FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH" CAN YOU OFFER GOD THIS WEEK? YOUR TIME. YOUR TALENTS. YOUR GENEROSITY. OR SIMPLY YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE MAY BE EXACTLY WHAT HE USES TO BLESS SOMEONE ELSE.



Peter walked on water when he kept his eyes on Jesus. But when he looked at the wind and waves, he became afraid and began to sink. Jesus reached out and helped him.

This week's challenge:

When you feel worried or afraid, say,
"Jesus, help me trust You."

★ Bonus: Be like Jesus by helping someone who is having a difficult day.

Talk About It:

What is one thing you're worried about that you can give to Jesus this week?

MEN'S CLUB MEETINGS

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