

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



I try to not repeat myself in these columns. However, there are a few topics that I cover almost every year. One of these topics is a column about coming to Mass in the winter. So why write a similar column again and again? Because it is important to remind people that although we do have an obligation to come to Mass on Sundays, we also have an obligation to our own health and well-being and the health and well-being of our fellow parish members.

First things first if you are truly sick you are not obligated to come to Sunday Mass. Under ordinary circumstances we are required to come to Mass on Sundays under pain of mortal sin, but there are legitimate reasons to miss Mass on Sunday and first among these is illness. Beyond not being obliged to come to Mass if you are sick, as your pastor, for the sake of all the others who will be present, I ask you not to come to church. With all care for your soul, if you are truly sick, you can endanger the health and in some cases the lives of other members of the community, and that is not a particularly Christian thing to do. What might be something you can just shrug off might become something life threatening to a person with a compromised immune system or lung problems.

Second if you are sick and you do come to Mass, please take precautions to not pass your illness on to others. Do not hold hands at the Our Father. Do not shake hands at the sign of peace. Do not receive communion from the chalice. Although no outbreak of illness has ever been traced back to Mass, why take unnecessary risks. The other side of this coin is do not be offended if someone refuses to hold hands during the Our Father or will not shake your hand at the sign of peace. Since generally speaking I cannot miss Mass unless I am truly on death's doorstep, I will take similar precautions. If I am sick, I will make sure to sanitize my hands just before beginning the Eucharistic Prayer, and again before giving out communion. I also will not greet people before or after Mass. I will do what I can to not share my germs with all of you and I ask you to do the same with each other.

Lastly, I want to write just a bit about winter weather. The meteorologists are expecting a winter here, with extreme cold and more of the white stuff than usual. I want to make a point to mention it. First, no matter how bad the weather is, we will have Sunday Mass, but just as if you are sick you are excused from the obligation to attend Mass, so too if you cannot safely get to Mass you are excused. If you are able to get to Mass then you should come, but if getting here endangers you or your family then please do not come.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

November 30, 2025

Sun	11/30	07:00 AM	Johnny Simms
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parish
Mon	12/01	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	12/02	07:00 AM	Judy Peak
Wed	12/03	06:55 AM	David Albin
Thurs	12/04	07:00 AM	Deanna Edmonds
Fri	12/05	07:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat	12/06	04:00 PM	Charles Kamuf
Sun	12/07	07:00 AM	Hazel, John & Arthur Chandler
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

DECEMBER 6

Parish Christmas Party
5:00 PM (following 4PM Mass)



DECEMBER 7

Faith Formation
9:00-10:15



DECEMBER 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
7:00 am Mass

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DECEMBER 10

St. Martin
Penance Service
6:00pm



DECEMBER 14

Faith Formation
9:00-10:15



DECEMBER 24

Christmas Masses
Christmas Eve (Wed) 24th @ 4:00 PM
Christmas Day (Thur) 25th @ 8:00 AM



DECEMBER 17

Christmas Break



MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 29th— 4:00 PM

Lector: David Clark
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff McCarthy
Janice McCarthy
Brent McCarty
Altar Servers: Isaac Self & Grayson McCarty

Sunday, November 30th —7:00 AM

Lector: Jeanne Hayden
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Hamilton
Darlene May
Mike Wade
Altar Servers: Hagan Ebelhar & Abi Murphy

Sunday, November 30th — 10:30 AM

Lector: Debi Hopkins
Eucharistic Ministers: Michaeline Chandler
Bobby Kennedy
Darlene Berry
Altar Servers: Spencer Medley & Ali Williams

Saturday, December 6th— 4:00 PM

Lector: Mark McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers: Robynn Clark
Nicholas Fischer
Kathy Simmons
Altar Servers: Corley Cheek & Tanner Cheek

Sunday, December 7th —7:00 AM

Lector: Isaac Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers: Will Clayton
Lauren Ebelhar
Erica Tapp
Altar Servers: Luke Murphy & Abi Murphy

Sunday, December 7th — 10:30 AM

Lector: Keith Evans
Eucharistic Ministers: Cheryl Clark
Nancy Greenwell
Michaeline Chandler
Ali Williams & Jude Evans
Altar Servers:



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TODAY'S MUSIC:
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Taste & See
Beyond the Moon & Stars
Christ Be Our Light

TODAY'S READINGS:
Ritual Song #1090

STEWARDSHIP

November 23, 2025

(Includes Picnic & Fundraising Deposits / Insurance Claim Money Excluded)
(These 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:	\$ 6,069.00
Building Fund:	\$ 100.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 845.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,014.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 10,692.31
Collections (YTD):	\$ 214,612.48
Budget (YTD):	\$ 224,538.39
Over/(Under):	\$ (9,925.91)

FAITH FORMATION

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for Children is not in session this Sunday, November 23. We will resume sessions on December 7th and the 14th. Schedules are in the vestibule of church, or you can have one emailed to you. Remember, it is never too late to join us. All children are welcome here!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

The date of the next Confirmation session is Wednesday, December 17. Reminders will be sent out, and we hope to have a special evening planned. Sponsors / parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

WHAT IS FAITH FORMATION?
WHY DO WE HAVE IT?

Continued from last week:
Great teachers, catechists, and “regular” Catholics rescued Faith Formation. It was no longer the unwanted orphan named “CCD,” that many places saw as a necessary burden, but not as an opportunity to bring Christ and His Church into the Light of hope and understanding of the Faith. Many Catholics were failed by those murky years, and over the last few decades we are still trying to reverse the damage done. Catechesis is finally being understood as more than learning doctrine and dogma. THAT IS IMPORTANT, of course, and that learning is now more effectively worked into a “quilt.”

That quilt consists of loving people, caring about learners understanding and relationship with their Creator, accompanying them into Catholic life and our understanding of Scripture, Tradition, and the Church’s teachings as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The “quilt” of Faith Formation is helping people, of all ages, foster strong spiritual lives and prepare them to live out their Faith in the world. This is not just for children, but continues through adulthood, adapting to each stage of life. Please contact Debi with any concerns and /or questions: debihopkins7@hotmail.com or 270-316-2580, or you can always leave a message at the parish office; 270-685-0339

-Debi Hopkins



WE PRAY TO THE LORD FOR: All serving in foreign countries and all over the World, the victims of natural disasters, and for 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, Elaine Glenn, 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 Risse, 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, Betty Wedding, Jerry Wink, Patti Wink, Theresa Wyatt & any others in need of prayer. *Any changes: nicole@grayskymusic.com*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 12/01** Mackenzie Murphy
- 12/02** Hayden Davis
- Xavier Evans
- 12/03** Spencer Medley
- 12/04** John McCormack
- Gary Bickett
- Joe Paul Bickett
- Marilyn Chandler
- 12/06** Jason Hundley
- Linda Powers
- 12/09** Julia Kennedy
- 12/12** Nancy Greenwell
- Benjamin Marks
- Jackson Bittel
- 12/13** Holly McCormack
- Shane Riley
- 12/14** Kristin Aull
- 12/16** Mary Etta Schrecker
- 12/17** Holly Smith
- Anthony Mowers
- Tammy Murphy
- 12/20** Megan McCabe
- 12/21** Maddox LaHugh
- 12/23** Elizabeth Clayton
- Delaney Rae Ebelhar
- 12/24** Caleb McCarthy
- 12/26** Katelyn Knott
- 12/27** Emma Clancy
- 12/29** John Baird

HAPPY Anniversary

- 12/14/90** Luke & Kristin Aull
- 12/16/23** William & Brittany Clayton
- 12/27/03** Jeremy & Sara Mowers
- 12/30/23** Caleb & Mary-Kaitlyne McCarthy
- 12/30/23** Shane & Celia Riley

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

IN THIS TEACHING. JESUS WARNS HIS DISCIPLES TO REMAIN ALERT AND SPIRITUALLY PREPARED FOR HIS RETURN. HE COMPARES THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN TO THE DAYS OF NOAH. BEFORE THE FLOOD, PEOPLE LIVED THEIR ORDINARY LIVES—EATING, DRINKING, MARRYING—COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE JUDGMENT THAT WAS ABOUT TO COME. THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE. IN THE SAME WAY, JESUS SAYS HIS RETURN WILL ARRIVE SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT WARNING.

HE ILLUSTRATES THIS WITH TWO BRIEF IMAGES: TWO MEN WORKING IN A FIELD AND TWO WOMEN GRINDING AT A MILL—ONE TAKEN AND ONE LEFT. THIS SEPARATION SHOWS THAT READINESS FOR THE LORD CANNOT BE BORROWED OR SHARED: EACH PERSON MUST BE PREPARED INDIVIDUALLY.

JESUS URGES HIS FOLLOWERS TO “STAY AWAKE.” NOT IN THE LITERAL SENSE, BUT SPIRITUALLY—LIVING IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS FAITH, OBEDIENCE, AND AWARENESS OF GOD’S PRESENCE. JUST AS A HOMEOWNER WOULD STAY ALERT IF HE KNEW A THIEF WAS COMING, DISCIPLES MUST REMAIN VIGILANT IN THEIR LIVES BECAUSE THE EXACT MOMENT OF CHRIST’S RETURN IS UNKNOWN. HIS MESSAGE IS CLEAR: LIVE EACH DAY READY TO MEET THE LORD. FOR THE SON OF MAN WILL COME AT AN UNEXPECTED HOUR.

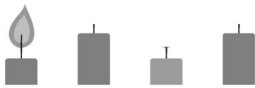
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. WHY DOES JESUS COMPARE HIS RETURN TO THE DAYS OF NOAH?

BECAUSE PEOPLE THEN WERE UNPREPARED AND UNAWARE UNTIL DISASTER CAME. JESUS USES THIS EXAMPLE TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL READINESS.

2. WHAT DOES “STAY AWAKE” MEAN IN THIS PASSAGE?

IT MEANS LIVING WITH FAITH, AWARENESS, AND MORAL READINESS—REMAINING SPIRITUALLY ALERT BECAUSE CHRIST COULD RETURN AT ANY MOMENT.



First Week of Advent

We enter this season of waiting and joyful expectation. The first candle of Advent invites us to stay awake, watchful, and filled with hope in the Lord.

MEN’S CLUB MEETINGS

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

2026 UNCLAIMED Contribution Envelopes

David & Patty Bartley	Tim & Channell Hood
Jack & Delores Beyke	Jason & Jeanne Hundley
Luke & Lauren Bickett	Bill & Debbie James
Gene & Mary Bittel	Linda Kamuf
Steven & Tracey Vaught	Julie Lewis
Dylan & Sarah Brown	Paul & Betty Logsdon
Ryan & Nicole Cheek	Ben & Katie Marks
Mary Celeste Clary	Jeremy & Sara Mowers
John & Michelle Clayton	Isaac & MacKenzie Murphy
Steve & Janel Donahue	Robert O’Bryan
Michael & Becky Ebelhar	Bill Roberts
Tony & Theresa Fischer	Barbara Schell
Mary Freels	Aaron Simmons
Preston Fulkerson	Misty Simmons
Sharon Gillim	Wendell & Melissa Sloan
Mary Lou Hoskins	Elizabeth Thompson
Charles & Caron Head	William & Kelly Wathen
Tom & Lucy Hines	

If you did not have contribution envelopes in 2025 but would like envelopes for 2026, please contact the office.

Offering Envelopes



CHILDREN’S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!

We’re putting together a Children’s Choir for Christmas — and all kids are welcome to join in the joy of singing traditional Christmas carols!

Rehearsals will be limited (only 2–3 practices in the coming weeks), so it’s a wonderful opportunity for children to get involved without a big time commitment.

If your child would like to participate or if you have any questions, please contact Becky Buck, Mary Reisz, or Daven Edmonds for more details.

Let’s make this Christmas extra special with the beautiful voices of our children! 🎵

