

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



While we just ended the Christmas season and entered Ordinary time, Lent is just around the corner. I wanted to take this week’s column to give everyone a heads up about something that we will be doing during Lent. For the Mass parts, the Holy Holy Holy, the memorial acclimation, and the Lamb of God, we will be singing them in Latin for the duration of Lent. In the weeks leading up to Lent I will take a different Mass part each week and before Mass go over that Mass part. We will also have cards in the hymnal racks with the text of the Mass parts so that everyone can participate.

It begs the question though, why? There is the short answer and the long answer. The short answer is because the Church has said that every Catholic should be able to recite and sing the parts of the Mass that are proper to them in their own language and Latin. These parts are: the Gloria, the Creed the Holy holy holy, the memorial acclimation, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Lamb of God. Even Pope Francis, who was hardly a fan of the Latin Mass, expressed that Catholics should know these things. So, since the Church says we should know these parts in Latin, I, as the pastor, feel like I should make an effort to make that happen. Obviously, we will not work on the Gloria during Lent because we don’t sing the Gloria during Lent. We may eventually learn the Creed and Lord’s Prayer, but I prefer to work on something more manageable at first.

The Longer answer is that while the Second Vatican Council, commonly called Vatican II, allowed for the use of local languages in the Mass, it did not change the fact that for centuries Latin was the language of the Mass. Latin is still the official language of the Church. Any official document that comes out from the Church, and you are reading it in English, is a translation. It was originally written in Latin. We should not lose touch with our roots and traditions. I am not a priest who is going to advocate for the Mass in Latin, I have no problems with it, but I think it is not the best expression of our worship because it does not facilitate the participation of the faithful in the liturgy. However, I do believe that we need to not forget our history and that we should make an effort to reconnect to this aspect of our faith. Some in the parish will love this and others will find it to be a hardship. Either way, I think that it is important that we learn this.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

January 18, 2026

Sun	01/18	07:00 AM	Patricia Osborne
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
Mon	01/19	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	01/20	07:00 AM	Judy Peak
Wed	01/21	06:55 AM	David Albin
Thurs	01/22	07:00 AM	Lela Wright
Fri	01/23	07:00 AM	Richard Hayden
Sat	01/24	04:00 PM	Kathryn Thomas
Sun	01/25	07:00 AM	Jordan Andy Evans
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

JANUARY 21	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 5-6PM IMMACULATE HEART ROSARY CENACLE FOLLOWING ADORATION	
JANUARY 21	Confirmation Session 6:00pm - Parish Center	
JANUARY 24	1st Reconciliation 11:30am in Church	
JANUARY 25	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
JANUARY 28	Finance Council Meeting 5pm Parish Council Meeting 6pm	
FEBRUARY 1	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
FEBRUARY 6	FISH FRY 5pm	

MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 17th — 4:00 PM	
Lector:	David Clark
Eucharistic Ministers:	Robynn Clark Nicholas Fischer Jena Hayden
Altar Servers:	Molly Knott & Paxton LaHugh
Sunday, January 18th —7:00 AM	
Lector:	MacKenzie Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Erica Tapp Will Clayton Lauren Ebelhar
Altar Servers:	Hagan Ebelhar & Eli Murphy
Sunday, January 18th — 10:30 AM	
Lector:	Keith Evans
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jessica Johnson Cheryl Clark Nancy Greenwell
Altar Servers:	Corley Cheek & Tanner Cheek
Saturday, January 24th — 4:00 PM	
Lector:	Mark McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers:	Brent McCarty Steve Bittel Bonnie Bittel
Altar Servers:	Isaac Self & Grayson McCarty
Sunday, January 25th —7:00 AM	
Lector:	Jeanne Hayden
Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty Hamilton Darlene May Mike Wade
Altar Servers:	Eli Murphy & Luke Murphy
Sunday, January 25th — 10:30 AM	
Lector:	Darlene Berry
Eucharistic Ministers:	Stacy Thompson Michaeline Chandler Cheryl Clark
Altar Servers:	Spencer Medley & Jude Evans
TODAY’S MUSIC:	
	925 All Are Welcome 826 Precious Lord, Take My Hand 918 We Are Many Parts 434 (BB) Though the Mountains May Fall
TODAY’S READINGS:	
Ritual Song	#1197
STEWARDSHIP	
January 11, 2026	
(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:	\$ 6,031.00
Building Fund:	\$ 440.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 160.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,631.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 10,692.31
Collections (YTD):	\$ 325,334.13
Budget (YTD):	\$ 299,384.56
Over/(Under):	\$ 25,949.57

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION
for Children is NOT in session this Sunday, January 18. We are in session on Sundays: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8, and Feb. 22. (Not on Feb 15) Remember, it is never too late to join us. All children are welcome here!

FIRST RECONCILIATION
is on Saturday, January 24, at 11:30, in church. That morning, our 6 children will have a “mini-retreat” in the parish center from 9:30-11:30 a.m. to help prepare them. Please pray for: Cole Bickett Addleigh Glenn Maddox LaHugh Grace Hayden Mason Marks Kallie McCarty

CONFIRMATION NEWS
The date of the next Confirmation session is 6:00 p.m., this Wednesday, January 21st. “Companions” such as a sponsor, parent, older sibling, are welcome to attend. Tentatively, we will meet in the parish center. We can move into the parish hall, if needed.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:
Part of learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that one receives in the Sacrament of Confirmation is learning that opportunities to use those Gifts present themselves quite often. Some good parish opportunities are coming up:

- February 6: First Parish Fish Fry, in parish hall, volunteers should arrive by no later than 4:30 p.m. Help is welcomed earlier, if possible.
- Early Feb: Birthright donations are to be delivered to their office
- February 27: Second Parish Fish Fry, same as Feb, 6
- March 13: Third Parish Fish Fry, same as above

“Jobs” including serving food, filling drinks, helping guests, clearing tables, collecting trash, washing pans, cleaning up, and generally learning to be of service.

Confirmation candidates are expected to have 2 service experiences. Contact Debi with any questions or concerns.

-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 Jack & Delores Beyke, Justin Blandford, Kristin Bucio, Danny Campbell, Phillip Cecil, Allen Coomes, Cindy Coomes, Theresa Crowe, Theresa Crowe, Jean Dennis, Anita Dixon, Barbara Dixon, 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, 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, Elenor Turner, Betty Wedding, Dee Dee Wethington, Jerry Wink, Patti Wink, Theresa Wyatt & any others in need of prayer. *Any changes: nicole@grayskymusic.com*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY Anniversary

01/06/73	Tom & Lucy Hines
01/16/88	Tony & Theresa Fischer
01/22/02	James & Rida Budde
01/22/82	Phillip & Debbie Castlen
01/25/20	Steve & Cindy Murphy
To have your birthday or anniversary listed or if your birthday or anniversary date is missing, call the office. (270) 685-0339.	

01/01	James Mayfield
01/02	Benjamin Fulkerson
	Michaeline Chandler
01/06	Samantha Murphy
01/07	Bill James
01/09	Luke Johnson
	Hunter Mowers
01/13	Sara Mowers
	Samuel Self
	Matt Kamuf
	Katie Marks
	Ada Ebelhar
01/17	Preston Fulkerson
01/18	Cindy Murphy
	Preston Fulkerson
01/19	Kim Bickett
01/22	Marvin Murphy
	Mary Katherine Murphy
	Elizabeth Thompson
01/23	Avery Edge
01/24	Mary Freels
	Kelly Wathen
01/25	Carissa Roberts
	Lilian Medley
	Paul Clayton
01/26	Ella Grace Buckman
	William Peak
	Diane Roberts
01/29	Colton Bickett
	Becky Buck
	Henry McBride
01/30	Kenny Buckman

BIRTHRIGHT DRIVE

The annual St. Martin Birthright Drive is now underway. We encourage generous participation as we support mothers and children in need through Birthright of Owensboro, which provides free, confidential assistance and essential items to families during pregnancy and early childhood.

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- Items Needed:
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- Infant sleepers and diapers
 - Clothing and coats (infant-size 5)
 - Baby blankets, hats, diaper bags, crib sheets, lotions
 - Maternity clothing, slippers, socks, robes, toiletries

New and gently used, clean items only. A collection area will be located to the left as you enter the church. Monetary donations or gift cards may be placed in designated envelopes, the regular collection, or sent to the parish office. Donated items will be delivered in early February. **Thank you for supporting life and families in our community.**

Fish Fry Dates:
02/06, 02/27, 03/14

Doors Open: 4:30 PM
Serving Begins: 5:00 PM

Adults	\$ 13.00	
Kids (6-12)	\$ 10.00	
Kids < 6	FREE	
		50/50 Raffle \$1 / chance

~ DINE - IN OR CARRY OUT ~

♥ THANKS FROM FR. DANIEL:
I want to take just a moment to offer thanks to everyone for a wonderful Christmas season. For those who helped in any way whether decorations or some ministry or simply by sharing in our celebrations over these past weeks. I also want to thank everyone who made a contribution toward my Christmas gift, and also for all those who gave me something individually. I am so grateful for your generosity.

MEN'S CLUB MEETINGS
Men's club meets the 1st Monday of the month, 6:00pm in Winter & 7:00pm in Summer

IMMACULATE HEART ROSARY CENACLE

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON JANUARY 21. 2026. AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH. ST. MARTIN PARISH INVITES YOU TO THE IMMACULATE HEART ROSARY CENACLE. WE WILL PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER AS A GROUP: ALL MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED. ALL ARE WELCOME.

THIS ROSARY HONORS THE PROMISE GIVEN BY OUR LADY OF FATIMA: “MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH.” IT IS OFFERED AS A PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND PEACE. HELPING LAY A SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION FOR A NEW ERA OF PEACE.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ITS ORIGIN AT
WWW.GODSLOVESTORYBEGINS.COM.

Win a GMC 2500!

MOORE
AUTOMOTIVE TEAM

DRAWING: TUESDAY
February 17, 2026
7:30 P.M.
St. Mary Magdalene Hall
Estimated MSRP up to \$70,000.

<https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/stmarymagd/truck-raffle>

Purchase at Stmarymagd.org
Facebook: St Mary Magdalene Parish
Church Office: 7232 Hwy 56 Owensboro

GOSPEL REFLECTION

JOHN THE BAPTIST RECOGNIZED JESUS AND PUBLICLY PROCLAIMED WHO HE TRULY WAS. WHEN JESUS APPROACHED, JOHN CALLED HIM “THE LAMB OF GOD”. REVEALING THAT JESUS CAME TO TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. ALTHOUGH JOHN HAD NOT FULLY KNOWN JESUS BEFORE, GOD REVEALED HIS IDENTITY THROUGH A SIGN: THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE AND REMAINING UPON HIM. JOHN EXPLAINED THAT HIS MISSION OF BAPTIZING WITH WATER WAS MEANT TO PREPARE THE WAY AND MAKE JESUS KNOWN TO ISRAEL. SEEING THE SPIRIT REST UPON JESUS CONFIRMED WHAT GOD HAD TOLD HIM—THAT JESUS IS THE ONE WHO WOULD BAPTIZE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. THROUGH THIS EXPERIENCE, JOHN CONFIDENTLY TESTIFIED THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Q: WHY DOES JOHN CALL JESUS “THE LAMB OF GOD”?
A: IT SHOWS THAT JESUS WOULD SACRIFICE HIMSELF TO TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD.
Q: HOW DID JOHN KNOW JESUS WAS THE SON OF GOD?
A: GOD REVEALED IT TO HIM WHEN HE SAW THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCEND UPON JESUS LIKE A DOVE.