

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



I want to take a break from writing about the seven deadly sins to briefly write a message for Easter.

Tragedy, suffering, and fear can bring out the best and worst in people. We see this in the Gospels of Holy Week. From Jesus' agony in the garden to Judas' betrayal. From Peter's denial of Jesus to the courage of Joseph of Arimathea in approaching Pilate to seek Jesus' body for burial. The Apostles hid when they knew of Jesus' death but Mary Magdalene boldly went to the tomb. We look to the actions of some in the stories of the Passion and admire them, others we look upon with judgment or disdain, and others we look upon with pity and compassion. However, regardless of our emotions and thought about the various people in the story of the Passion there is one truth that holds them all together: Jesus, through his death and his resurrection saved them and redemption was offered to them all. Judas' betrayal could have been forgiven. Peter's denial was wiped away. The Apostles were welcomed back with open arms. Those who had no need to be forgiven for their actions during the Passion were still offered mercy for all their wrongs and glory for their virtuous actions. Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning and brought salvation to all the righteous and the unjust alike.

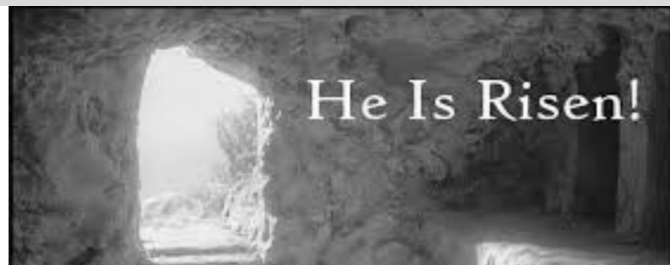
As we celebrate his resurrection today, we celebrate with joy the same salvation being offered to us. So, whether you embraced this Lenten season to its fullest and used it to grow in your relationship with God, or whether this Lenten season was a particular struggle for you. Whether you feel close to God or distant from him at this moment. Rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord. Jesus is risen from the dead and salvation has come to the world. Rejoice and be glad and receive the risen Lord with open arms for the world was in darkness and has received a great light. It was dead and has been restored to life. God's mercy can overcome all our shortcomings if we just let him. This makes for a very Happy Easter. He is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

April 05, 2026

Sun	04/05	07:00 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
		10:30 AM	Donald Boarders & Kevin McCarthy
Mon	04/06	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	04/07	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Wed	04/08	06:55 AM	NO MASS
Thurs	04/09	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Fri	04/10	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Sat	04/11	04:00 PM	Joey Neal
Sun	04/12	07:00 AM	Pearl & Bobby Chandler
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

<b>APRIL 5</b>	<b>Easter</b> 7:00a & 10:30a We rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new life!	
<b>APRIL 6</b>	<b>VBS</b> planning meeting - 6:15pm parish center	
<b>APRIL 12</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b> 9:00-10:15	
<b>APRIL 12</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> NO SIN IS GREATER THAN GOD'S MERCY TRUST IN HIS LOVE, RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS, AND EXTEND THAT MERCY TO OTHERS.	
<b>APRIL 19</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b> 9:00-10:15	
<b>APRIL 25</b>	<b>1st Holy Communion</b> 4:00pm	
<b>APRIL 26</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b> 9:00-10:15	
<b>MAY 3</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b> 9:00-10:15	

MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Saturday, April 4th — 8:00 PM**

Lector: David Clark, Mark McCarty, Robynn Clark & Debi Hopkins, Jeff McCarthy, Janice McCarthy, Darlene May  
Altar Servers: J.T. Edge, Hayden Edge, & Isaac Self

**Sunday, April 5th — 7:00 AM**

Lector: Jeanne Hayden  
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Hamilton, Erica Tapp, Mike Wade  
Altar Servers: Hagan Ebelhar & Spencer Medley

**Sunday, April 5th — 10:30 AM**

Lector: Keith Evans  
Eucharistic Ministers: Stacy Thompson, Bobby Kennedy, Nancy Greenwell, Hayden Edge  
Altar Servers:

**Saturday, April 11th — 4:00 PM**

Lector: Brent McCarty, David Clark, Jeff McCarthy, Kathy Simmons  
Altar Servers: Issac Self & Grayson McCarty

**Sunday, April 12th — 7:00 AM**

Lector: Sherry Krampe  
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Hamilton, Darlene May, Mike Wade  
Altar Servers: Abi Murphy & Eli Murphy

**Sunday, April 12th — 10:30 AM**

Lector: Krystal Medley  
Eucharistic Ministers: Michaeline Chandler, Darlene Berry, Cheryl Clark  
Altar Servers: Ali Williams & Jude Evans

**TODAY'S MUSIC:**  
Jesus Christ is Risen Today  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Three Days  
Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

**TODAY'S READINGS:**  
Ritual Song #1165

STEWARDSHIP

March 29, 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:	\$ 7,501.40
Building Fund:	\$ 100.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 700.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 8,301.40</b>
Weekly Budget:	\$ 10,692.31
Collections (YTD):	\$ 420,044.58
Budget (YTD):	\$ 416,999.97
<b>Over/(Under):</b>	<b>\$ 3,044.61</b>

FAITH FORMATION

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN** is NOT in session this Sunday, April 5. Looking ahead, we have sessions on: April 12th, 19th, April 26th, and May 3.

NOTE: April 26th is a change from the original schedule.

Even though April 12th is the end of Spring Break, we intend to have Faith Formation for those who can be here. Please try to come if you can.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

July 6--9, Monday-Thursday, 6:00-8:20 pm. There is an optional meal at 5:30 pm each evening.

Bible Adventures #3-- Following in the footsteps of Moses in Exodus, Joshua, Ruth, and Samuel. We welcome all children to this beautiful interactive Bible experience—no matter their faith or no faith. Let the children come!

Ideally, between 60-70 children can be accommodated, not counting young volunteers in crafts and games. Spread the word! Hold a spot now! (If your plans change later, we can open that spot up for someone else).

Registration forms, one per family, are in the vestibule on the tables. Please return in an envelope in the collection, or directly to staff, or the office. There is no fee, but donations will be gratefully accepted to benefit our designated non-profit for this Bible Adventures, Borrowed Hearts.

The next planning session is this Monday, April 6, at 6:15 p.m. in the parish center (office building). Volunteers or anyone interested is strongly encouraged to attend. We need your input!

We also ask for the prayers of the parish that God will continue to bless this humble effort to serve Him. Thank You!

First Communion is Saturday evening, April 25, at 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please pray for:

- Cole Bickett**
- Addleigh Glenn**
- Maddox LaHugh**
- Grace Marks**
- Mason Marks**
- Kally McCarty**

-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 Gabe Bartley, Jack & Delores Beyke, Jimmy Dale Blandford, Justin Blandford, Kristin Bucio, Danny Campbell, Phillip Cecil, Allen Coomes, Cindy Coomes, Carolyn Crabtree, Theresa Crowe, Jean Dennis, Anita Dixon, Blaine Dockemeyer, Judy Duncan, Arlene Dunn, Delaney Ebelhar, Harold Ebelhar, Fred and Connie 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, Diane Lane, Jeremy Leet, Jeff Luck, Brent McCarty, Ella Meyers, Debbie Millay, Theresa Murphy, Patrick O'Bryan, James Payne, Robbie Phillips, Rosalee McCarty, Theresa Rhinerson, Martha Riney, 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, Heather (Hopkins) Sorensen, 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.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 04/01 Alexander Hood
- 04/02 Matthew Hayden
- 04/03 Rosemary Krampe
- 04/05 Derrick Thompson  
George Fischer
- 04/06 Dolores Beyke
- 04/07 Alyssa Bickett  
Joe Clark  
Charyce Harper
- 04/08 Mary Jane Freels  
Lovey Brown
- 04/10 John Murphy  
William Murphy
- 04/11 Mason Marks
- 04/12 Margaret Lambert
- 04/13 Sharon Rone  
Charles Hayden
- 04/14 Harrison Taylor
- 04/15 Collins Simmons
- 04/16 Alex Marks  
David Clark
- 04/17 Carter Kirtley  
Robert Hayden  
Steve Hopkins
- 04/20 Roni Reisz
- 04/21 Holly McCarty
- 04/23 Brian Hayden
- 04/24 Luke Murphy
- 04/25 Doris Marsh  
Joseph May  
Bill Drury  
Patti Bartley
- 04/27 Brittany Clayton
- 04/28 Wes James  
Will James
- 04/29 Lorraine Hayden
- 04/30 Aaron Simmons

## HAPPY Anniversary

- 04/06/91 Gary & Karen Bickett
- 04/07/18 John & Dee Dee Wethington
- 04/09/63 Richard & Anita Dixon
- 04/16/16 Walker & Michaeline Chandler
- 04/16/05 John & Lauren Edge
- 04/22/17 Luke & Lauren Bickett
- 04/25/75 Thomas & Teri Murphy
- 04/28/79 Ralph & Roni Reisz

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

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

EARLY ON EASTER MORNING, WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK, MARY MAGDALENE FOUND THE TOMB EMPTY AND RAN TO TELL PETER AND THE BELOVED DISCIPLE. THEY HURRIED TO THE TOMB AND SAW THE BURIAL CLOTHS LEFT BEHIND—SIGNS THAT SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY HAD HAPPENED. IN THAT MOMENT, BELIEF BEGAN TO GROW AS THEY REALIZED JESUS WAS NO LONGER THERE—HE HAD RISEN. THIS GOSPEL REMINDS US THAT THE RESURRECTION OFTEN MEETS US IN MOMENTS OF CONFUSION, FEAR, AND UNCERTAINTY. LIKE THE DISCIPLES, WE DON'T ALWAYS UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD IS DOING RIGHT AWAY. YET EASTER INVITES US TO TRUST THAT EVEN IN THE DARKNESS, GOD IS AT WORK. THE EMPTY TOMB IS A POWERFUL PROMISE FOR OUR LIVES: NO PAIN, NO STRUGGLE, AND NO SIN HAS THE FINAL WORD. BECAUSE CHRIST IS RISEN, THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE, NEW BEGINNINGS, AND THE ASSURANCE THAT GOD CAN BRING LIFE OUT OF ANYTHING.

### APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, is a powerful reminder of the depth of God's love and forgiveness. Instituted by St. John Paul II and rooted in the revelations of St. Faustina, this day emphasizes that no sin is greater than God's mercy when we turn to Him with trust. At the heart of Divine Mercy Sunday is the invitation to receive God's grace in a profound way—especially through Confession and the Eucharist. Jesus promised that those who approach Him with a sincere heart on this day can receive extraordinary graces, a complete outpouring of His mercy. For Catholics, this day is not just about receiving mercy, but also living it. We are called to trust in Jesus ("Jesus, I trust in You"), to seek His forgiveness, and to extend that same mercy to others through our words, actions, and compassion. Divine Mercy Sunday beautifully continues the message of Easter: that through Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, mercy is always available, hope is never lost, and love has the final word.*

### MEN'S CLUB MEETINGS

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

### EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS

*in Memory of*

<u>INTENTION</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>
Our Loved Ones	Mark & Mickie Keller
Our Loved Ones	Sharon Garrett
Barbara Dixon	Ann Dixon
John L Dixon	Ann Dixon
Tom Dixon	Ann Dixon
Bill & Rose Thompson	Keith & Darlene May
Joe & Evelyn May	Keith & Darlene May
Our Loved Ones	Jackie Wyatt
Joe & Maude Blandford	Diane & Byron Lane
Our Loved Ones	Mark & Karen McCarty
Our Loved Ones	Bobby & Peggy Jackson
Our Loved Ones	Brent Hamilton
Jerry & Barbara Boehmann	Phillip Castlen
Joe & Jean Rhinerson	Phillip Castlen
Eugene Castlen	Phillip Castlen
Our Loved Ones	Karen Greenwell
Nicholas Bumm, Sr.	Steve & Bonnie Bittel
Patricia Bumm	Steve & Bonnie Bittel
Edward Bittel	Steve & Bonnie Bittel
Phyllis Bittel	Steve & Bonnie Bittel
Nicholas Bumm, Jr.	Steve & Bonnie Bittel
Charles Dockemeyer	Juaretta Dockemeyer
Tony Dockemeyer	Juaretta Dockemeyer
Our Loved Ones	Robynn Clark
Our Loved Ones	Timothy Hood
Marie Murphy	Steve Murphy
Rick Kamuf	Steve Murphy
Lawrence Murphy	Steve Murphy
Our Loved Ones	David Clark
Frank & Martina Krampe	Patrick Krampe
Francis J. & Angela Hayden	Patrick Krampe
John & Gina Harrison	Patrick Krampe
Rita Adams	Tim Roberts
Joe & Regina Johnson	Gene & Mary Bittel
Betty Rose Johnson	Gene & Mary Bittel
Benita Bittel	Gene & Mary Bittel
Anthony & Ann Bittel	Gene & Mary Bittel
Fr. Carl & Fr. Jerry Glahn	Alice Boarman
Chris Boarman	Alice Boarman
David Boarman	Alice Boarman
Richard Boarman	Alice Boarman
Deceased members of the Leonard & Hopkins Families	Debi Hopkins

## Happy Easter

FROM THE STAFF AT ST. MARTIN

- Jr. Daniel Dillard*
- Debi Hopkins*
- Becky Krampe*
- Daven Edmonds*
- Nicole Gray*
- Betty Hamilton*

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.