

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



To continue on with the discussion of what is grave matter, I want to begin writing about the Seven Deadly Sins. They are called the Seven deadly Sins because they bring death to the soul. They are: envy, greed, gluttony, sloth, lust, anger, and pride. In many ways these seven sins are the foundation of so many sins in our lives that it is important to reflect on them. Most people can look at the list of the Seven Deadly Sins and trace most of the sin in their life to that one sin.

I will begin with the sin of envy. Envy is sadness when seeing the goods of another and a desire to possess them for yourself unjustly. It is a desire for evil to befall another person because of the goods they have that we do not. It is more than simply I wish I had that thing or that blessing. It is a resentment of the good things that another person has. It is so very dangerous spiritually because not only does it inspire hatred and detraction but it also leads to a failure to recognize and appreciate the goods and blessings that have been bestowed upon us. If we are constantly obsessing over how God has blessed someone else it is very hard to be grateful for how he has blessed us.

It is important to note that envy is not the attitude of keeping up with the Joneses. It is not a desire for the things that others have per se. You can see your neighbor's new car and think, "That's nice man I'd like a car like that and it is not the sin of envy. If it inspires us to seek those things out through righteous means then it is not the sin of envy. However, if it leads us to resentment and hatred then it is the sin of envy. If instead of "That's a nice car," we think, "I wonder who he cheated to afford that car," then we have fallen into envy. If that car gets repossessed and we rejoice at the fate that has befallen our neighbor and think, "He deserved for that to happen." We have fallen into envy.

The desire for things that are not ours when it becomes obsessive, but does not wish evil on the person who has those things is jealousy not envy. Jealousy is spiritually dangerous as well because it leads to greed and a focus on material things, but it is not as dangerous as envy because it does not involve the resentment and hatred that mark envy.

Envy is above all a sin against the love of neighbor that we are called to. It replaces the joy we should feel at the success and blessings of others, and replaces it with anger and resentment. When one member of the Body is successful, we should all rejoice at their success and when one member is suffering we all share in their pain. If we wish to combat envy and jealousy the best defense is to regularly take stock of our own blessings and offer thanks to God. It is much harder to be resentful when we are consciously choosing gratitude.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

March 15, 2026

Sun	03/15	07:00 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
		10:30 AM	Hazel, John & Arthur Chandler
Mon	03/16	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	03/17	07:00 AM	Gene Schell
Wed	03/18	06:55 AM	Patricia Bumm
Thurs	03/19	07:00 AM	Johnny Simms
Fri	03/20	07:00 AM	Joann Williams
Sat	03/21	04:00 PM	Colleen Roberts Remole
Sun	03/22	07:00 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
		10:30 AM	David & Pam Ebelhar



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

<b>MARCH 18</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>	
5pm	IMMACULATE HEART ROSARY AFTER EVENING ADORATION	
<b>MARCH 22</b>	<b>Men's Spring Cook</b>	
	12-2	
<b>MARCH 22</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	
	6PM	
<b>MARCH 25</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>	
5pm	IMMACULATE HEART ROSARY AFTER EVENING ADORATION	
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>		
<b>MARCH 31</b>	<b>CHRISM MASS</b>	
	6:30	
	SPORTSCENTER	
<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	
	6:00	
<b>APRIL 3</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
	6:00	
<b>APRIL 4</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	
	8:00	
<b>APRIL 5</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
	7:00 & 10:30	

MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, March 14th — 4:00 PM</b>	
Lector:	Mark McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers:	Robynn Clark Janice McCarthy David Clark
Altar Servers:	Molly Knott & Paxton LaHugh
<b>Sunday, March 15th — 7:00 AM</b>	
Lector:	MacKenzie Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Erica Tapp Will Clayton Lauren Ebelhar
Altar Servers:	Abi Murphy & Eli Murphy
<b>Sunday, March 15th — 10:30 AM</b>	
Lector:	Keith Evans
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bobby Kennedy Darlene Berry Cheryl Clark
Altar Servers:	Corley Cheek & Tanner Cheek
<b>Saturday, March 21st — 4:00 PM</b>	
Lector:	Brent McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers:	Debi Hopkins Nicholas Fischer Jeff McCarthy
Altar Servers:	Isaac Self & Grayson McCarty
<b>Sunday, March 22nd — 7:00 AM</b>	
Lector:	Jeanne Hayden
Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty Hamilton Darlene May Mike Wade
Altar Servers:	Hagan Ebelhar & Luke Murphy
<b>Sunday, March 22nd — 10:30 AM</b>	
Lector:	Krystal Medley
Eucharistic Ministers:	Nancy Greenwell Michaeline Chandler Bobby Kennedy
Altar Servers:	Ali Williams & Spencer Medley
	<b>TODAY'S MUSIC:</b>
459 (BB)	Shepherd Me, O God
784	We Remember
757	Amazing Grace
693	I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light
	<b>TODAY'S READINGS:</b>
Ritual Song	#1125

STEWARDSHIP

<b>March 08, 2026</b>	
(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:	\$ 7,288.00
Building Fund:	\$ 300.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 465.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 8,053.00</b>
Weekly Budget:	\$ 10,692.31
Collections (YTD):	\$ 394,737.18
Budget (YTD):	\$ 384,923.04
<b>Over/(Under):</b>	<b>\$ 9,814.14</b>

FAITH FORMATION

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN**

is NOT in session this Sunday, March 15th. Looking ahead, we have sessions on: March 22nd, March 29th, April 12th, 19th, and April 26th. NOTE: April 26th is a change from the original schedule.

**CONFIRMATION NEWS:**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is taking place here on Sunday evening, March 22, at 6:00 p.m. Practice is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Mar. 21, in church, with sponsors, if possible. Please pray for our 12 Confirmands.

Some of our young people will be experiencing Youth 2000 this weekend. Please pray for all those in attendance.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

July 6--9 (Monday-Thursday). VBS

**VBS: BIBLE ADVENTURES # 3:**

Following the footprints of Moses in Exodus, Joshua, Ruth, and Samuel.

It is really not too soon to begin registrations. 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.

We welcome all children to this beautiful interactive Bible experience—no matter their faith or no faith. Let the children come!

The next planning session is this Monday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish center (office building). Volunteers or anyone interested is strongly encouraged to attend. This is the time to give your input and make choices going forward.

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

-Debi Hopkins

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI:

Oliver Haines	Jackson Abney
Hudson Hardesty	Reese Abney
Mason Hardesty	Emmilynn Buck
Colten Harper	Emma Clancy
Chelsea Kirtley	Hayden Edge
Pat Knott	Henry Haines

**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, 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, 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, Larry Kamuffer, Jeremy Leet, 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**
- 03/01 Hagan Ebelhar  
Theresa Fischer  
Barbara Fulkerson
  - 03/03 Addler James Glenn  
Hayden Edge  
Brandon Reisz
  - 03/04 Leo Howard  
Addilyn Simmons
  - 03/05 David Clayton
  - 03/07 Timothy Roberts
  - 03/09 Stephanie Sweeney  
Mary Reisz  
Gail Campbell
  - 03/10 Cameron Davis
  - 03/12 Jane Clark
  - 03/13 Ryan Cheek
  - 03/14 Cheryl Clark  
Matt Bell  
Debra James
  - 03/15 Adalyn Hayden  
Jessie Hayden
  - 03/19 Channell Hood  
Luke Aull
  - 03/20 Kelby Krampe
  - 03/23 Mark Krampe
  - 03/24 Sutton Hopewell
  - 03/25 Crystal Jones
  - 03/26 Beatrice Blandford  
Natalie Krampe
  - 03/27 Lindsey McBride  
Grayson Thomas
  - 03/28 Abigail Sweeney
  - 03/29 Lauren Bickett  
Paxton LaHugh
  - 03/30 Dylan Brown  
Hillary Evans  
Lydia Ebelhar
  - 03/31 Jeremy Mowers

**HAPPY Anniversary**

- 03/05/83 Jerry & Lillian Chapman
- 03/12/16 Charles & Susan Hayden
- 03/23/85 Keith & Darlene May
- 03/24/90 Joe & Marcie Fischer

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

**Support St. Martin Parish for FREE!**

Through the Community Rewards Program, parishioners can help raise money for St. Martin Parish just by shopping. From Nov. 4, 2025 – Feb. 23, 2026, 91 households generated \$240.44 for our parish— at no cost to them!

Imagine how much more we could raise if more families joined. Are you signed up? Need help enrolling? Contact Nicole Gray at nicole@grayskymusic.com.

**HOLY WEEK- ST. MARTIN PARISH**

HOLY WEEK IS THE MOST SACRED TIME IN THE CHURCH YEAR AS WE JOURNEY WITH CHRIST THROUGH HIS PASSION, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION. THE SACRED TRIDUUM—HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND THE EASTER VIGIL—IS THE HOLIEST CELEBRATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR. WE INVITE ALL PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES TO ENTER DEEPLY

INTO THESE BEAUTIFUL LITURGIES.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**CHRISM MASS**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 31 · 6:30–8:00 PM**

AT THIS SPECIAL DIOCESAN LITURGY, THE BISHOP BLESSES THE HOLY OILS USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK, AND HOLY ORDERS.

**HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**THURSDAY · 6:00 PM**

COMMEMORATING THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST AND THE PRIESTHOOD.

**GOOD FRIDAY – CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**  
**FRIDAY · 6:00 PM**

A SOLEMN LITURGY REMEMBERING CHRIST'S SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS.

**HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL**  
**SATURDAY · 8:00 PM**

BEGINNING WITH A CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION, THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST IN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LITURGY OF THE ENTIRE YEAR.

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**  
**7:00 AM**  
**10:30 AM**

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWERFUL STORY OF OUR SALVATION AS WE WALK WITH CHRIST FROM THE CROSS TO THE EMPTY TOMB. ALL ARE WELCOME.

**MEN'S CLUB MEETINGS**

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

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

IN THE GOSPEL OF THE MAN BORN BLIND (JOHN 9). JESUS HEALS A MAN WHOM OTHERS ASSUMED SUFFERED BECAUSE OF SIN. JESUS EXPLAINS THAT NEITHER THE MAN NOR HIS PARENTS SINNED: RATHER, GOD'S WORKS WOULD BE REVEALED THROUGH HIM. BY HEALING THE MAN, JESUS SHOWS THAT HE IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHILE THE HEALED MAN SIMPLY SHARES THE TRUTH—"I WAS BLIND AND NOW I SEE"—MANY RELIGIOUS LEADERS REFUSE TO BELIEVE BECAUSE THE MIRACLE CHALLENGES THEIR EXPECTATIONS AND TRADITIONS. THEIR PRIDE KEEPS THEM FROM RECOGNIZING GOD AT WORK.

THIS STORY SPEAKS CLEARLY TO OUR WORLD TODAY. WE CAN SOMETIMES BE QUICK TO JUDGE OTHERS OR ASSUME WE ALREADY KNOW THE TRUTH. YET SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS OFTEN COMES FROM PRIDE, FEAR, OR UNWILLINGNESS TO SEE GOD WORKING IN UNEXPECTED WAYS. CHRIST INVITES US TO OPEN OUR HEARTS AND TRUST HIM. WHEN WE ALLOW HIS LIGHT INTO OUR LIVES, WE BEGIN TO SEE MORE CLEARLY—WITH FAITH, HUMILITY, COMPASSION, AND A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S PRESENCE AROUND US.

**IMMACULATE HEART CENACLE**



Each Wednesday during Lent, following Eucharistic Adoration, we will gather to pray the Immaculate Heart Cenacle. This Marian devotion includes prayers, Scripture reflections, and the Rosary, asking for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and offering our hearts in union with her Immaculate Heart to Jesus. All are welcome to join us as we deepen our prayer life during this Lenten season. Scan the QR code to learn more about the Immaculate Heart Cenacle and this beautiful devotion.

**! ALERT - FROM FR DANIEL !**

I have recently heard of some members of the community receiving emails and or text messages from "me" telling them I need something from them. Let me be clear. I will never send a text message or email asking you to do me a favor, and I will never ask you to send gift cards or anything of the sort. If you get a message like this from "me," it is a SCAM. If I ever need someone to do me or the church a favor, I will personally ask you. If it is something urgent and I cannot wait until I see you in person again, then I will call.

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.