

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



I am going to take one more week's column to briefly discuss political issues. The purpose of these columns has not been to tell people who they should or should not vote for. Rather the purpose of these columns has been to remind people that our beliefs about morality should guide our decision. If we don't consider the Church's moral positions when deciding for whom to vote then we are gravely in the wrong. Our faith must be the guiding principle in every facet of our lives not just in the part of our life that is lived for an hour or so on Sunday morning. If we easily decide who to vote for, we are not taking the teachings of our faith seriously. It should almost never be easy to discern who is the correct candidate to vote for because it is so rare for it one candidate to support everything, we believe in.

This is a momentous time in our country every four years we have the opportunity to determine the direction of our country and in many ways the direction of the world. This responsibility is far too important to take lightly and far too important to not do our due diligence when deciding for whom to vote. And one last reminder, we do have a moral obligation to vote. It doesn't matter if we feel that there are no good options. It doesn't matter if we feel that our vote is useless, and our voice will never be heard. Do not allow disillusionment to overcome our basic Christian and Catholic duty to participate in our governance. Whether you vote absentee, vote early in person, or vote in person on election day, VOTE.

That said I am going to conclude this series with one plea. Pray. Pray for our country in the days leading up to the election. Pray for the candidates that they may be open to guidance from above. Pray for those who will vote that they may discern well the candidates whom they vote for. Pray for all those who win on election day that they may govern our nation well. Above all else pray for our nation after the election that whoever wins the various elections federal, state, and local we can find ways to work together in peace toward the goal of the good of all people in our country. Pray for an end to division in our country, that going forward we may see the good in our brothers and sisters who disagree with us.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

October 4, 2026

Sun	10/11	07:00 AM	Judy Peak
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
Mon	10/12	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	10/13	07:00 AM	Donald & Bernice Black
Wed	10/14	06:55 AM	Sylvester Fischer
Thurs	10/15	07:00 AM	Kenny Self
Fri	10/16	07:00 AM	Phyllis Roberts
Sat	10/17	04:00 PM	Kathryn Thomas
Sun	10/18	07:00 AM	Gene Schell
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

OCTOBER 12-16

FALL BREAK



OCTOBER 24

Decorate your trunks to win a gift card!

Trunk or Treat Chili Supper after 4:30 Mass



OCTOBER 25

Faith Formation 9:00-10:15



OCTOBER 28

Finance Council Meeting 5pm Parish Council Meeting 6pm

Meetings have been rescheduled for 11/11/2026



NOVEMBER 1

Faith Formation 9:00-10:15



NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS DAY



NOVEMBER 2

ALL SOULS DAY



NOVEMBER 2

MEN'S CLUB MEETING 7:00pm



MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 10th — 4:00 PM

Lector:

Allen Self
Jeff McCarthy
Steve Bittel
Bonnie Bittel

Altar Servers:

Grayson McCarty & Molly Knott

Sunday, October 11th — 7:00 AM

Lector:

MacKenzie Murphy
Betty Hamilton
Darlene May
Mike Wade

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hagan Ebelhar & Eli Murphy

Sunday, October 11th — 10:30 AM

Lector:

Debi Hopkins
Bobby Kennedy
Nancy Greenwell
Stacy Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers:

VOLUNTEER & Spencer Medley

Saturday, October 17th — 4:00 PM

Lector:

David Clark
Brent McCarty
Kathy Simmons
Roni Reisz

Altar Servers:

Noah McBride & Paxton LaHugh

Sunday, October 18th — 7:00 AM

Lector:

Isaac Murphy
Will Clayton
Lauren Ebelhar
Erica Tapp

Eucharistic Ministers:

Abi Murphy & Will Murphy

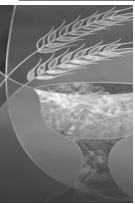
Sunday, October 18th — 10:30 AM

Lector:

Keith Evans
Krystal Medley
Jessica Johnson
Caleb McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jude Evans & Tanner Cheek



TODAY'S MUSIC:

As We Gather
These Alone Are Enough
The Supper of the Lord
We Are the Light of the World

924
766
349 (BB)
601 (BB)

TODAY'S READINGS:

Ritual Song

1275

STEWARDSHIP

October 4, 2026

Not all income is reflected in weekend collections which do not consider expenses. Budget income less expenses may reflect something different.

Regular Collections:	\$ 8,539.50
Building Fund:	\$ 395.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 835.00
(1) TOTAL:	\$ 9,769.50
Weekly Budget:	\$ 11,096.15
(2) Collections (YTD):	\$ 150,057.37
Budget (YTD):	\$ 155,346.15
Over/(Under):	\$ (5,288.78)

(1) This Sunday Last Year (10/05/2025):	11,639.25
(2) Collected Last Year Year-to-Date:	\$156,306.49

FAITH FORMATION

WILL MY CHILD STILL BE LIVING AS A CATHOLIC INTO ADULTHOOD?

For the last few weeks, there has been excerpts in the bulletin from an article in the National Catholic Register: <https://www.ncregister.com/cna/raising-catholic-kids-new-study-suggests-whatsuccessful-parents-have-in-common> Important data: The study titled "Raised Catholic: Who Stays and Who Goes?" was done by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University in conjunction with the Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life. Dr. Gregory Popcak, a widely cited Catholic counselor and co-executive director of the Peyton Institute, stated that the overall conclusion of the study was that children who grow up in a warm and affectionate home — spending time with their family in fun, prayer, and service to others — are more likely to remain Catholic as adults.

Other Outtakes from the article:

-In the United States today, only about 15% of children raised in Catholic households grow up to be faithful Catholic adults.

-Among households that were successful in fostering lasting faith, children understood their parents to be open to hearing and talking about the children's doubts and struggles when it came to faith — an environment where kids "didn't feel like they would be lectured or scolded for having questions or struggles or doubts."

-When asking parents what they did to live the faith inside the home, and many parents expressed confusion, saying they gave their children numerous faith-related opportunities outside the home.

- "We've sent the message to parents that it's everybody ELSE's job to evangelize their kids. I think this study reveals something that's hidden in plain sight. we invest all our time and resources into adult evangelization and youth ministry, but unless families are [living the faith at home], the other stuff doesn't stick. Everything else the Church does to evangelize outside of the family is really secondary and remedial."

-Families that prioritized gathering daily for family dinners were more likely to raise Catholic children into adulthood. "That is where families create a space to reflect on the day together, to make plans together, to communicate values ... all the research really points to the importance of strong rituals for family resilience and also in passing on values."

-Most often those who remain Catholic and weekly Mass attenders attended Mass every Sunday with their parents as children. Many were raised in Catholic schools or parish religious education. Their prayer life with their family was active before dinner, at bedtime, and with additional prayer time such as family rosaries when possible.

-The importance of families spending time together in charitable service to others: Some families did community service projects together, and even had family discussions about their household budget to decide how they could sacrifice so that they could give to others in need.

-Demographically, while practicing Catholic adults were more likely to have parents who were still married, the data also suggested that children who grew up with one stay-at-home parent were more likely to practice their faith into adulthood, but also pointed out that any household, regardless of their situation, can be "intentional and conscientious" about passing on the faith to the next generation.

"Whatever the shape of your home is, whether you're a traditional family with a stay-at-home parent, or you're a two-career family, or you're a blended family or a single-parent family, all families have their own struggles. But the more each household can live out these practices in their home, the more likely it is they'll be able to raise their children to a faithful adulthood," the article concluded.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN:

Sessions resume on Sunday, October 25.

-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 Mike Atherton, Gabe Bartley, Jack & Delores Beyke, Jimmy Dale Blandford, Justin Blandford, Kristin Bucio, Danny Campbell, Phillip Cecil, Darlene Cook, Allen Coomes, Cindy Coomes, Carolyn Crabtree, Theresa Crowe, Jean Dennis, Anita Dixon, Blaine Dockemeyer, Judy Duncan, Arlene Dunn, Delaney Ebelhar, Harold Ebelhar, Fred 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, Jeremy Leet, Jeff Lucky, Kristin Marx, Brent McCarty, Ella Meyers, Debbie Millay, Theresa Murphy, Patrick O'Bryan, James Payne, Robbie Phillips, Jennifer Perdue, Theresa Rhinerson, Martha Riney, Carissa Roberts, Mark Roberts, Matthew Roberts Family, Will Roberts, Adam Rone, Barbara Schell, Jennifer Self & Family, Todd Self, Wayne Shelton, Aaron Simmons, Jimmy Simmons, Heather (Hopkins) Sorensen, Erica Tapp Family, Ashton Thompson, Ben Thompson, Justin Todd, Elenor Turner, Betty Wedding, Dee Dee Wethington, Jerry Wink, Patti Wink, Deborah Wright, Theresa Wyatt & any others in need of prayer.

Happy Birthday

- 10/01 Janine Bumm
- 10/02 Daniel Dillard
Donna Johnson
- 10/03 Brent McCarty
Emmelia Evans
Nikki Knott
Carrie Krampe
- 10/05 Lucy Evans
- 10/06 Michelle Mayfield
- 10/07 Chelsea Kirtley
Mason Hardesty
Martin Krampe
- 10/08 Terry Blandford
- 10/11 Hannah Allen
Jacob Allen
Fred Coomes
- 10/12 Jerry Fischer
Cindy Hamilton
Rhonda Thompson
Grayson McCarty
- 10/14 Sarah Allen
- 10/15 Isaac Self
- 10/16 Sarah Brown
- 10/18 Steve Bittel
Jude Evans
Eleanor Blandford
- 10/20 Joseph Tapp
Kolbe Hayden
- 10/21 Whitney May
- 10/22 Caroline Harper
- 10/23 Eric Ebelhar
- 10/23 Lea Ann Wilson
- 10/25 Becky Marks
- 10/26 Claire Blandford
- 10/29 Susan Risse
- 10/30 Madison Ebelhar
Timothy Evans
- 10/31 Lillian Chapman

Happy Anniversary

- 10/05/24 Joseph & Whitney May
- 10/05/13 Kevin & Amythest Thomas
- 10/14/89 Mark & Kim Krampe
- 10/23/82 Rick & Tammie Thomas

~ DRIVE THRU PICNIC RESULTS ~

2026 ANNUAL DRIVE THRU PICNIC RECAP	
	
Picnic Income	\$36,795.00
Quilt Raffle (2)	\$ 1,285.00
Picnic Collections	\$ 3,494.00
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INCOME TOTALS:	\$41,574.00
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Moonlite (Meat)	\$16,764.57
CRS (Vegetables/Supplies)	\$ 3,623.85
Hampton Premium Meats	\$ 503.94
Trash Fox (1 20yrd dumpsters)	\$ 325.00
Daviess Co Sheriff (Traffic Control)	\$ 180.00
Donations - Moonlite / Donor	(\$ 7,100.00)
Donation—Sam's (Supplies)	(\$ 271.57)
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EXPENSE TOTALS	\$14,025.79
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NET INCOME	\$27,548.21
A BIG THANK YOU to all for all the hard work and hours of preparation to make picnic a HUGE SUCCESS!!	

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NEWS
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FORGOT YOUR BULLETIN?
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED! 📞
Need to know what's happening at St. Martin
but don't have your bulletin handy? Just call,
and press 8, to stay connected!



**Jesus reminds us that it's not enough
just to hear God's Word — we are called
to live it!**

- This week, try these:**
- **Listen carefully when you hear the Gospel at Mass.**
 - **Do one kind thing without being asked.**
 - **Obey your parents or teachers the first time.**
 - **Help someone who may feel left out.**
 - **Before bed, think of one way you followed Jesus that day.**
- Challenge: Choose at least 3 of these
this week and put God's Word into
action!**
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

JESUS IS REMINDING US THAT TRUE BLESSING COMES NOT ONLY FROM HEARING GOD'S WORD. BUT FROM LIVING IT. IN TODAY'S WORLD. WE HEAR MANY VOICES EVERY DAY— THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA. NEWS. WORK. AND THE OPINIONS OF OTHERS. THIS GOSPEL CHALLENGES US TO MAKE GOD'S VOICE THE ONE THAT GUIDES OUR CHOICES. FAITH IS MORE THAN KNOWING WHAT JESUS TAUGHT: IT MEANS PUTTING HIS WORDS INTO ACTION THROUGH KINDNESS. HONESTY. FORGIVENESS. PATIENCE. PRAYER. AND CARE FOR OTHERS.

WE CAN LIVE THIS GOSPEL BY TAKING TIME TO LISTEN TO GOD IN PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE. THEN ASKING OURSELVES: "HOW CAN I PUT THIS INTO PRACTICE TODAY?" SOMETIMES THAT MAY MEAN HELPING SOMEONE IN NEED. FORGIVING SOMEONE. SPEAKING WITH COMPASSION. STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. OR SIMPLY BEING MORE PATIENT WITH THE PEOPLE AROUND US. THE MESSAGE IS SIMPLE: HEAR GOD'S WORD. CARRY IT WITH YOU. AND LET IT CHANGE THE WAY YOU LIVE.

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