

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



In our Church, October is “Respect Life Month.” Because of this, I am going to spend the next few weeks writing about issues around life. Given recent items in the news, the botched execution in TN and the announcement that the military plans to livestream the execution of the Fort Hood shooter, I am going to begin with writing about the Church’s position on the death penalty. Over the centuries there has been evolution on the Church’s stance on the death penalty, but it has been remarkably consistent in the basics. The Church’s position on capital punishment has always been grounded in an understanding of the common good. Allowed for the execution of both heretics and criminals in certain situations. Heretics because it was necessary to protect the souls of the faithful, and criminals only if it was necessary to protect the welfare of the whole community. It is interesting to me that most people look back at the Church’s practice of executing heretics and, rightfully, see a grave stain on the history of the Church. However, the majority today have few qualms with the execution of criminals. What St Thomas Aquinas believed, that the execution of heretics was almost always acceptable and the execution of criminals only in the rarest of situations, has been turned on its head.

The core of what St. Thomas Aquinas said all those centuries ago remains at the center of the Church’s teaching on capital punishment. What has changed in the intervening years is not the teaching, but the society itself. St Thomas argued that it was acceptable to execute someone if it was necessary to protect society from that person. When John Paul II promulgated the Catechism of the Catholic Church in 1992 it said about the death penalty, that while the Church has long said that if a person’s identity and guilt were clearly and firmly established and it was necessary for the protection of society as a whole the death penalty could be administered. However, given that we can effectively detain criminals and not foreclose on the opportunity for their redemption. The conditions for the moral application of the death penalty, “Rarely, if ever exist,” paragraph 2267 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis later updated that paragraph of the Catechism to say: “There is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption. Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “The death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person” and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.

This is getting long so to sum up the Church has consistently said that the death penalty should be used as a last resort, when necessary, for the protection of society as a whole. What has changed is that the necessity of the death penalty no longer exists for the protection of society.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

October 18, 2026

Sun	10/18	07:00 AM	Gene Schell
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners
Mon	10/19	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	10/20	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Wed	10/21	06:55 AM	NO MASS
Thurs	10/22	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Fri	10/23	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Sat	10/24	04:00 PM	David Albin
Sun	10/25	07:00 AM	Judy Peak
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

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



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



NOVEMBER 11

Finance Council Meeting 5pm
Parish Council Meeting 6pm



NOVEMBER 11

FEAST OF ST. MARTIN
and Vetern’s Day



MINISTER SCHEDULE

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:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Isaac Murphy
Will Clayton
Lauren Ebelhar
Erica Tapp

Altar Servers:

Abi Murphy & Will Murphy

Sunday, October 18th — 10:30 AM

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Keith Evans
Krystal Medley
Jessica Johnson
Caleb McCarthy

Altar Servers:

Jude Evans & Tanner Cheek

Saturday, October 24th — 4:00 PM

Lector:

Mark McCarty
Janice McCarthy
Jeff McCarthy
Robynn Clark

Altar Servers:

Isaac Self & Molly Knott

Sunday, October 25th — 7:00 AM

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sherry Krampe
Betty Hamilton
Darlene May
Mike Wade

Altar Servers:

Hagan Ebelhar & Ali Williams

Sunday, October 25th — 10:30 AM

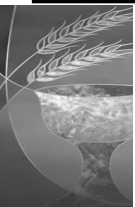
Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Darlene Berry
Michaeline Chander
Jessica Johnson
Cheryl Clark

Altar Servers:

VOLUNTEER & Hayden Edge



TODAY’S MUSIC:

718
344 (BB)
771
552 (BB)
Sing A New Song
Spirit & Grace
There Is A Longing
Glory & Praise to Our God

TODAY’S READINGS:

Ritual Song # 1278

STEWARDSHIP

October 11, 2026

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

Regular Collections:	\$ 5,896.00
Building Fund:	\$ 425.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 740.00
(1) TOTAL:	\$ 7,061.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 11,096.15
(2) Collections (YTD):	\$ 157,118.37
Budget (YTD):	\$ 166,422.31
Over/(Under):	\$ (9,323.94)

(1) This Sunday Last Year (10/11/2025):	12,107.04
(2) Collected Last Year Year-to-Date:	\$168,413.53

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN:

We resume next Sunday, October 25.

Upcoming sessions: Nov.1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, and Nov. 23.

No session on Nov. 29. It is never too late to join us. 😊

You are welcome to visit, too, so Come and See!

EMBRACING OUR FAITH:

There seems to be a slow re-awakeningto the Beauty and Truth of our Catholic Faith, even across the world! Case in point: look online for video of Pope Leo’s recent papal visit to France.

France has long been known as the “Eldest Daughter of the Church”, reflecting its deep historical ties to Catholicism, since the baptism of King Clovis around 496, marking the start of an over 1,500year Catholic history. Only 25% of French adults aged 18–59 identified as Catholic in 2020, down from 43% in 2008. However, that statistic certainly seems to be turning around, and not only from the recent massive outpouring crowds in France.

France saw a historic surge in 2026 Easter Vigil baptisms — over 21,000 people, including more than 13,200 adults and 8,100 adolescents — marking one of the largest such events in the country’s history. France is still a deeply divided country, with an increasingly visible struggle over the country’s national identity and the kind of civilization it intends to preserve and pass on. Sound familiar? Still, there is cause for great hopes, and our Faith will prevail.

Right here at St. Martin, there are 2 persons currently completing a time of learning the basic tenets of Catholicism. They began their inquiry in June. As baptized Christians, they need not have to wait for Easter to be welcomed into the Church. We anticipate that welcoming, with receptions of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, to take place later this Fall. There will likely be other candidates beginning their own times of “embracing Catholicism” soon. Consider who you might know who has questions about our Faith. Is that person you? It is time for long-time Catholics to get re-awakened to the Beauty and Truth of the Faith. We cannot defend a Faith that we don’t know.

Aside from any “programs” that we expect to be upcoming, there is now a supply of Catholic print materials, free to all who are interested. A table has been set up in the “gated area” of the entry to church, to the far left as you enter. Please take what you like, use it, learn as much as you can! You may keep or pass along to others what you like. God Bless You All,

-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

Cross Catholic Outreach

Next weekend, we will welcome Fr. John Jamnicky, who will speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. He will share how Catholic missions are serving the poor throughout the world. Please join us in welcoming Fr. Jamnicky and learning more about this important ministry.

St. Martin's
Trunk or Treat
Win a \$50 Gift Card
for best decorated trunk!

& Chili Supper

October 24th
after 4:30 Mass

♥ KIDS CHALLENGE ♥
"Climb the Tree!"

Zacchaeus really wanted to see Jesus, so he didn't give up when the crowd got in the way. He climbed a tree!

This week's challenge:

Pick one thing that sometimes gets in the way of you being close to Jesus — being too busy, arguing, not listening, forgetting to pray, or something else.

- Then do one thing to "climb over" it:**
- Say a short prayer each morning
 - Help someone without being asked
 - Apologize if you hurt someone
 - Share something with someone in need
- Sit quietly for one minute and talk to Jesus**

Bonus challenge:

Do one kind thing for someone that no one else knows about.

Remember: Jesus noticed Zacchaeus, called him by name, and changed his life. Jesus sees you, too.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

ZACCHAEUS HAD WEALTH AND STATUS. BUT HE WAS STILL SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING MORE. HE WANTED TO SEE JESUS BADLY ENOUGH TO CLIMB A TREE. AND JESUS RESPONDED BY CALLING HIM BY NAME AND ENTERING HIS HOME.

WHAT FOLLOWS IS IMPORTANT: ZACCHAEUS CHANGES. HIS ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS LEADS HIM TO GENEROSITY. REPENTANCE AND A DESIRE TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT. THIS GOSPEL REMINDS US THAT FAITH IS MORE THAN SIMPLY BELIEVING IN JESUS. A REAL ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST SHOULD AFFECT THE WAY WE LIVE — HOW WE TREAT OTHERS. HOW WE USE WHAT WE HAVE. AND WHETHER WE ARE WILLING TO ADMIT WHEN SOMETHING IN OUR LIFE NEEDS TO CHANGE.

IT ALSO CHALLENGES US TO LOOK AT OTHERS WITH MORE MERCY. THE CROWD SAW ZACCHAEUS AS A SINNER. JESUS SAW SOMEONE WHO COULD STILL BE TRANSFORMED. A GOOD QUESTION FOR US IS: WHAT PART OF MY LIFE AM I BEING ASKED TO LET CHRIST CHANGE?

All Saints Day – November 1

We honor all the saints in heaven — those known by name and the countless faithful people whose lives reflected Christ in quiet and ordinary ways. It is a reminder that each of us is called to holiness and to live in a way that leads us closer to God.

All Souls Day – November 2

We remember and pray for all the faithful departed. It is a special time to pray for our loved ones who have died and for all souls in purgatory, asking God in His mercy to bring them into the fullness of eternal life.

~ 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
NET INCOME	\$27,548.21
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A BIG THANK YOU to all for all the hard work and hours of preparation to make picnic a HUGE SUCCESS!!	