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The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 8, 2017

*Gospel Acclamation: I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.
(John 15:16)*

Blessing of Pets Oct. 8th at 3:30 pm: In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is Oct. 4, we will have the blessing of pets over by the lawn mower shed (near the statue of St. Martin).

Congratulations: Ava Smolcic, Brock Huner, Eduardo Martinez and Ricardo Valencia who were confirmed last Saturday by Archbishop Rodi.

Meeting for All Lectors Oct. 15 & 16: for those of you who are veterans as well as those of you who signed up during time and talent, please make plans to attend a **brief training session following Holy Mass.**

Save the Date: Parish feast day and picnic Sunday, November 12th.

Special Day of Adoration Friday, Oct. 13th: here at St. Martin from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. Adoration will continue at the Newman Center 200 building (which will be locked) from Friday 7:00 pm – 8:00 am, Saturday morning. October 13th marks the 100th anniversary of the appearances of Our Lady of Fatima. Therefore, throughout the Archdiocese of Mobile, participating parishes will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Please sign up for an hour on the bulletin board in the parish hall.** Please note that we will be moving adoration this week from Wednesday, Oct. 11th to Friday, Oct. 13th.

Big Thanks to Our Lawn Mowers & Maintenance Men: as we (hopefully) wind down another season of lawn mowing, let's thank Verne Crowe, who is in charge, and the men who work so hard to keep our grounds looking so good. Thanks as well to Randy Leutzinger who does the maintenance work around the church. All these guys do great work and they deserve our thanks.

October is Respect Life Month: Our Catholic Faith teaches us that we must respect life in all its stages, from conception to natural death, because all human life is created by God and is sacred. Please educate yourself on the sanctity of human life; please pray as well that every human life will be respected and loved with the dignity that God gives each one of us no matter how young or old we are.

Meeting for All Ushers, Gift-Bearers & Greeters Oct. 21 & 22: for those of you who are veterans as well as those of you who signed up during time and talent, please make plans to attend a **brief training session following Holy Mass.**

CCD Kids, Teens & Parents: Day of Fun at Camp Butter & Egg: We are asking that all of our children and teens and their parents come out **Oct. 22** from 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm for a great day of team building, zip lines including the double zipline, as well as the Fun Ropes Course for children age 5-8, & games for everyone. There will be a variety of different activities to suit everyone's interest. Children ages 5 and up are welcome to participate. **Parents are encouraged to participate as well. Butter and Egg Adventures, LLC, 2127 Butter & Egg Rd., Troy, AL 36081.** Please call Adriana in the parish office for more details.

Christ the King Award Nominations: Each year, Archbishop Rodi presents to one member of each parish and mission within the Archdiocese, the Christ the King Medal for that person's commitment to his/her parish and example of volunteering of time and talent. If you have any ideas of who from St. Martin might be worthy of the medal, please submit a written name to a pastoral council member or Fr. Irwin by Wednesday, Oct. 18th at the latest; the reasons why you think this person deserves the award would be helpful as well. Please give special consideration to older parishioners who have served the parish faithfully through the years but who may not be able to do so at present.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, October 8

No CCD K-8th
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
Blessing of Pets - 3:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
No High School Meeting

Monday, October 9

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

Tuesday, October 10

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm (no 5:15 pm Mass)

Wednesday, October 11

No Adoration
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, October 12

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm
RCIA - 6:00 pm

Friday, October 13

Holy Mass - 6:30 am
Special Day of Adoration, Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary - 7am - 6pm

Saturday, October 14

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 4:45 to 5:15 pm
Holy Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday, October 15

CCD K – 8th - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
High School Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



Renewing of Prayer List: as we periodically do, we have renewed our prayer list. If you have people who should stay on the list or whom you would like to add to the list, please email their names to Jeffrey Blair at [REDACTED]. You can also call the church office with the pertinent info.

Websites on Morality & Chastity for Adults & Parents:

TheCatholicViewforWomen.com, kidsinmind.com (for movie reviews), Moralityinmedia.org, ParentsTV.org, Integrityrestored.com, Thatmanisyou.org, Thekingsmen.us, SA.org.

2017 MARYKNOLL Magazine Student Essay Contest

open to students in grades 6-8 and 9-12. This year's topic is "Recognizing violence and promoting peace." Students are asked to write an essay citing examples of violence and telling what actions they are taking or could take to promote peace. First place prize for each division is \$1,000. Deadline: Friday, November 10, 2017. Entries may be submitted online or mailed to: 2017 Student Essay Contest, Division: indicate either - grades 6-8 or 9-12, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

CAPP Retraining: It is time for all volunteers who work with children and adolescents to renew their Child Protection training. Please go to www.mobilearchdiocese.org/childprotection to read the articles and take the quiz.

The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – October 14, 2017

Greeters: Volunteers

Lectors: Beth Ann Gibson, Anna Gooden

Ushers: John Leveque, Julia Tran

Gift Bearers: The Messick Family

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Dianne

Leveque, Barbara Staskowski

Altar Servers:

Sunday – October 15, 2017

Greeters: Christopher Marco, Stace Blair

Lectors: Chris Huner, Stacy Graning

Ushers: Mike Kreis, Christopher Marco

Gift Bearers: The Smolcic Family

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Randy

Leutzinger, Donna Newell

Altar Servers: Isabel Robledo, Mario Robledo,

Brock Huner

Stewardship of Treasure At this time of year we take the opportunity to renew (or make) a financial commitment to the parish. God has blessed many of us with jobs and resources. These all belong to God before they belong to any one of us. Stewardship of Treasure, or tithing, is a way of being a good steward (manager) of what God has so generously given to us. Your regular contributions to the parish help pay bills and support all the events and activities that we engage in at St. Martin. Please pray and plan how you might support our church financially as we continue to do God's work in our community. **Simply fill out a tithing card and place it in the boxes near the church doors.**

Retreat Weekend for Teens: Search Retreats, are weekend experiences "for teens, by teens". They are led by the Search Team, made up of adults and teens, who have been trained for this. On a Search Retreat, teens will experience a faith community, encounter Christ and his Church, and grow in their relationship with God and others. Search retreats are planned for November 10-12 at Camp Baldwin in Alberta, and January 5-7 at Children's Harbor on Lake Martin in Alexander City. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.ArchMobYouth.org/Search>. Search retreats are a ministry of the Archdiocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry.

The Men of St. Joseph OUTBACK WEEKEND: MOSJ Outback is a high octane, two-person encounter that incorporates several reflective talks with outdoor activities (ie: high ropes course). [This retreat](#) is about building, restoring, and strengthening relationships. The weekend experience is designed to give parents and teens and husbands and wives a practical strategy for daily living, focusing on their relationship with God, family, friends, church and community. MOSJ Outback will include the celebration of Mass, adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The cost to attend MOSJ Outback is \$295 for a husband/wife or parent/teen pair...AND NOW engaged couples! Register Now at www.mosjoutback.com, October 27 - 29, 2017, Camp Grace, 11081 Wanda Drive, Mobile, AL 36608. Please talk to Fr. Irwin about financial aid if money is a problem.

We Honor Mary during the Month of October: consider praying the Rosary with us before Holy Mass at 9:30 am or perhaps in your own home. You could also read something about Mary.

Financial Numbers: We thought it beneficial to remind everyone of our expenses for 2016 during our Stewardship of Treasure Campaign. Insurance & Salaries \$51,074; Repairs, Maintenance & Capital Improvements \$4,968; Bills & Expenses \$29,705; Religious Education, Social Events & Charities \$15,550; Supplies for Church, Office & Parish Hall \$14,600; Total Expenses 115,897. During this same period we received \$160,684 in gifts from Sunday collections. As you can see, thanks to your generosity we were well able to meet our expenses and put money in the bank. To date, we have roughly \$351,919 in our three bank accounts. Please continue to be generous to your parish.

Tithing Report October 1, 2017

Regular - \$4,062.33
Special Colletion - Hurricane
Irma - \$830.00
Total - \$4,892.33

Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received - \$97,319.00
Percent of Total Pledged - 91%