

# Church of St. Martin

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Sunday Bulletin



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Bulletin Deadline— **Wednesday Noon**



**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:30 pm or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Call for pre-Baptism preparation video.

**Anointing:** Contact parish office in case of illness or need.

**Wedding Plans?** To avoid last-minute confusion, contact Father Corwin at least six months before your planned wedding date!

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2008

Bishop Kinney has asked all parishes in the Diocese to schedule an **Hour of Reparation** in response to the recent desecration of the Eucharist by a professor at the University of Minnesota–Morris.

Our hour will be **next Sunday, August 17**, from **9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** We urge you to spend time in veneration of the Blessed Sacrament next Sunday before Mass.

~Fr. Corwin



### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at Farming ----- 8:15 pm

Sunday morning at St. Martin----- 10:00 am

Monday morning—No Mass.

Tues-Thurs-Friday at St. Martin— 8:00 am

Wednesday at Farming----- 8:00 am

Eve of any Holy Day — 8:15 pm at Farming

Holy Days ----- 8:15 pm at St. Martin

(unless otherwise announced)

### MASS INTENTIONS

**11 Mon** – No Mass Today

**12 Tues** – † Alois Arceneau

**13 Wed** – 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's

**14 Thur** – † James Heidgerken

**15 Fri** – Living & †, Rosary Society members

**16 Sat** – 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's

**17 Sun** – 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin

~For the Parish

### Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A Weekday Readings: Year 2

**Aug 11** –St. Clare • Ez 1: 2-5, 24-28 • Mt 17: 22-27

**Aug 12** –Tuesday • Ez 2: 8--3: 4 • Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

**Aug 13**–Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus • Ez 9: 1-7, 10: 18-22  
• Mt 18: 15-20

**Aug 14**–St. Maximilian Kolbe • Ez 12: 1-2 • Mt 18: 21--19: 1

**\*Aug 15**– Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
• Rv 11: 19a, 12: 1-6a, 10ab • 1 Cor 15: 20-27 • Lk 1: 39-56

**Aug 16**– Friday • Ez 18: 1-10, 13, 30-32 • Mt 19: 13-15

**\*Aug 17**– 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Is 56: 1, 6-7 • Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32 • Mt 15: 21-28

\* = Holy Day of Obligation

## Change in Confirmation Class Time

In response to the letter I sent out to parents of **Confirmation Students**: the overwhelming response of the parents who got back to me was to move the Saturday class to Wednesday evening. As of right now I am planning to have that class on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The first class would begin in October. I will put a complete schedule out after meeting with the teachers at the end of August.

One concern of the students about moving to Wednesday was that they would have too much homework. I have already contacted one of the schools and will contact the others about not having so much homework assigned for that Wednesday.

I am looking for a few teachers for the coming year as well. We will need a 3rd grade teacher and a 7th grade teacher. We will also need a teacher for the 10th grade confirmation students. If you think you can help, call me at **548-3209** or **548-3459**.

~Joan Rothstein, Director of Religious Education

## Elder Network's Services

Elder Network has adult volunteers trained to do both peer counseling and once-a-week respite care of seniors. There is no cost to the recipient. Anyone may, at any time, refer a person, 65 or older, who needs counseling or respite care, but the client or the caretaker needs to agree to Elder Network's service. If interested, call Nancy Fandel at 251-2700 #23783.

## PLUNDER OF THE WEEK: SIX TIMES MORE FISH FED TO LIVESTOCK THAN TO HUMANS

According to the UBS Fisheries Centre in Vancouver, B.C., despite rampant over-fishing and depletion of world fish populations, globally, we are now feeding 14 million tons of edible wild-caught fish to factory farm animals, like pigs and chickens, each year. That amounts to over six times the amount of fish the entire U.S. population eats annually. Wild fish fed to animals on a massive scale include perfectly edible anchovies, sardines, mackerel, and herring, which are ground into a cheap fishmeal and sold for animal feed.

In other words, a protein source is being fed to animals on corporate farms with a 90% energy loss. Given the global food crisis and the over-harvesting of many of the ocean's commercial fish varieties, careful analysis of resource use by the global industrial food complex is becoming a life or death imperative. Learn more: [http://www.organicconsumers.org/articles/article\\_13294.cfm](http://www.organicconsumers.org/articles/article_13294.cfm)

## Catholic Why?

### St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

invites you to attend the 55th annual convention at St. Nicholas Parish

3.9 miles South of Cold Spring on Hwy 2, then Right on Co. Rd. 21, 1.6 miles.

8:00 am – Registration, coffee & rolls

8:45 am – Business meeting

9:30 am – Keynote Speaker: Guy Doud "Why Be Catholic?"

10:30 am – Break

10:45 am – **Holy Eucharist** with Bishop Kinney and co-celebrant Fr. Greg Lieser, with other priests in attendance.

• Installation of new officers and special recognition

• Collection for Catholic Charities: Senior Dining

12:00 – Lunch

1:00 pm – Commission Presentations:

Family – Chris Codden, "Women's Mid-life Years"

Legislation – Steve Gottwalt, MN state rep:

"Social Justice"

Rural Life – Janelle Kuechle and Emily Lahr

"The Many Labels of Milk"

2:00 pm – Closing comments, Prayer, Door Prizes

## WHAT'S WHERE:

**August 16-17** – St. Boniface Parish, Cold Spring. **Annual Parish Festival.** This year our theme is “*Our God Reigns.*” **Polka Mass** on Saturday at 5:00 pm, music by Country Polkateers. Following Mass, food and beverage stands open. From 7:00 to 11:00 pm, the **Chaser** will perform. Fireworks show at 10 pm. On Sunday, our annual parade, then the fun continues with food, games and entertainment for the entire family. **Quilt Auction** – bidding begins at 2:00 pm. Handmade quilts of all sizes. For a preview, go to [www.stboniface.com](http://www.stboniface.com) and click “Festival” link.

**August 15,16-17** – Sts. Peter & Paul, Elrosa. **Centennial Celebration.** **Friday** – Citywide Garage Sale; 7 pm, OldTimers Baseball, 9 pm-1 am, Street Dance. **Saturday**– Craft Sale, 9 am-5 pm; Garage Sales, Volleyball tournament; Hot-Air Balloon Rides; Petting Zoo & Kid Games; 1 pm, Fashion Show @ Skeeters & Display @ the old Bayer’s Store; 3:30 pm, **Parade (the St. Martin Band will participate)**; 5 pm, all-school reunion; 7 pm, School Reunion Program on Main Street; 5:30-8:30 pm, Local musicians; 9 pm-1 am, Street Dance; 9:45 pm, Fireworks. **Sunday**– 10:15 am, Polka Mass, Celebrant, Abbot John Klassen and local honorees; 11 am-1:30 pm, Chicken & Ham Dinner; Beer Garden, Cake Walk + Senior Citizens’ Homemade Pie & Ice Cream Stand; 1 pm, Kiddie Parade on Main Street; Hot-Air Balloon Rides, Beanbag tournament, Bingo and Music, no-hands Pudding Eating Contest; 4 pm, Kids’ Raffle; 5 pm, Grand Raffle. Also, Threshing Show, Beard Contest, Cookbooks etc.

**August 24** – St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis. **Annual Fall Festival. Polka Mass** begins at 10:00 am. A chicken & ham dinner with homemade dressing and all the fixings will be served starting at 11:00 am. Food, games and refreshments available all afternoon. Live music by the Waltzeteers (noon-4:30) and Country Rascals (5-8 pm). **Grand Raffle** at 8:00 pm.

**August 24** – Sts. Peter & Paul, Richmond. **Quilt Bingo.** 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Over 20 handmade quilts – there’ll be a quilt raffle plus a silent quilt auction! Cost for Bingo is \$100 per card – good for 20 games. Must be 18 to play – no checks please! Sponsored by C.A.A.

**August 24** – St. John’s parish, Meire Grove. **School Benefit Breakfast.** Ham & eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, frosted bread. Adults \$6, Children \$2.50.

**August 21-Sept 1** – Join us at the MN State Fair! **EPIPHANY DINER.** Find us on Underwood Avenue, north of Haunted House & across from

### Special note to those who asked for photo CDs from our St. Martin Sesquicentennial exhibit:

Due to recurrent technical glitches, production of photo CDs has lagged. We hope to get the problem solved very soon. If you know of anyone who asked for a CD and is wondering “when?”, please reassure them that their requests have not been forgotten. These things happen. We’re working on it.

## WHO IS MY GOD?

We all have our own image of God. For some, He’s the cosmic cop keeping a watchful eye, for others a Mister Fix-It solving problems, or even a theater director maneuvering players on creations’ world stage. There is no capturing God in human terms; so God’s love often sounds too good to be true.

It isn’t. God’s love is at the heart of the Good News that Jesus came to reveal. The Incarnation allows us to touch God; Jesus became one of us. He showed that a life of total giving destroys all the chains that shackle us on this earth. The Resurrection is victory over fear and suffering — even death.

As Mass begins, we make the Sign of the Cross, reminding us of Jesus’ ultimate victory. We pray in the spirit of Paul, “May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Galatians 6:14). The priest says the words, “In the name of the Father...,” and we respond, “Amen — **YES!**” That response is an affirmation essential to the liturgy. Without our heartfelt **YES!** we might as well not be there. The prayer comes, for us, truly alive as each one responds, listens, reflects, and sings with conviction and enthusiasm.

Believe this: Our cross is joined to Christ’s. And in this most simple gesture of beginning, we are instantly joined to the saving actions of our Lord. The burdens we carried into church are still real: the restless child, the searching adolescent, the husband and wife distant from each other, the single or separated or widowed lonely, the aging weary. But every one of these finds hope, even peace, in the simple, powerful Sign of the Cross. Make it boldly and make sure you really mean **YES!**

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### A MEDITATION ON THE ASSUMPTION

*Yes, it’s a Holy Day of Obligation. Friday. 8:15 pm.*

“I fly to thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother,” we say when we say the *Memorare*. In that we’re like the geese, getting our compass bearings before making the great journey.

The meaning of both — our true homeward voyage and Mary’s Assumption — is that of a culmination and a new beginning. The promises of the Lord were fulfilled for Mary, and as always, beyond all expectation. Her glorification of body and soul results from divine gracefulness. It also came as the logical conclusion of her vocation on earth and how she lived it. How could the body of she — in whom the Word was made flesh to save the flesh — have known the corruption of the grave? If it don’t make sense, it probably ain’t true. The Assumption makes sense.

If anyone ever followed Christ to the utmost without fail, it is Mary. How, then, could God not but gather her up with Him, body and soul, to the glory to which her son’s Cross is the way and the portal? (I am the Way, he said.)

Though the blessedness of eternal life is true for all who make it to heaven, it’s true of Mary in a very special way, not only because of the reason for her bodily assumption, but also because it enables her even now to live her blessedness in the fullness of glorified humanity. It did not mark the end of “service,” but made it possible for her to appear repeatedly to us in bodily apparitions. Pay attention to what she tells us!

Assumed directly into heaven, her service now could assume its universal dimension: “Taken up to heaven” — as Vatican II reminds us— “she did not lay aside her salvific duty ... By her maternal love she cares for the brethren of her son who still journey on earth” (*Lumen Gentium*, 62). Yes, Mary is now in a position to exercise fully her motherhood...to all of us. Mary’s maternal love for us engages not only her soul but all the powers of her human nature lifted up to glory.

And so, she ceaselessly warns us, as mothers will do. The Assumpta becomes the Mother of the New World, and the mother of the fullness of history. Time itself is redeemed. The Church’s often rugged journey proceeds along the path already trodden by the Virgin Mary, and for us it can exorcise the many doomsday scenarios of the day. With her intercession, we can find safe conduct toward the glorious rising of her Son, the “Sun of Justice.”

Friday: really too busy to come to Mass? *yr. obt. svf.*

**COUNTDOWN TO THE PERSEIDS:** The annual Perseid meteor shower peaks one week from today, Tuesday, August 12th. The best time? During the dark hours before dawn on Tuesday morning when forecasters expect 50 to 100 meteors per hour. The darker the sky, the more meteors you’ll see.

The source of the Perseids is Comet Swift-Tuttle, which has littered the August portion of Earth’s orbit with space dust. The dusty zone is broad and Earth is already in its outskirts. As a result, even before the peak on August 12th, you may see some “early Perseids” streaking across the night sky.



YOU’VE HAD THESE NEW LAWS FOR LESS THAN A DAY AND YOU’VE ALREADY BROKEN ALL OF THEM?