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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!



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2009

2009-10 Budget

St. Martin parish's 2009-2010 Budget as approved by the finance committee and pastoral council on May 21, 2009 is now printed and AVAILABLE AT CHURCH ENTRANCES.

Please take a copy home and study it if you wish.

Festival Report

Despite vacation and other schedule conflicts, all chance book prize winners will have been notified — and prizes delivered — by about the middle of July. Please be patient, your prizes are coming!

Many thanks from all of St. Martin's parish community to all of our prize donors! Without your generosity, none of this could have happened. May God reward you.

There's every indication that we did quite well financially. A full and detailed accounting should be ready by next weekend, and will be promptly published.



"Jesus...gave them authority..."

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

13 Mon — No Morning Mass

14 Tues — † Rev. Otto Weber

15 Wed — No Mass at St. Catherine's

16 Thur — Living & ††, Catholic Aid Society

17 Fri — † Martin Karsch

18 Sat — 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's

***19 Sun — 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin**
~for the Parish

*** = Holy Day of Obligation**

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle B Weekday Readings: Year 1

July 13 — St. Henry • Ex 1: 8-4, 22 • Mt 10: 32--11: 1

July 14 — Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha • Ex 2: 1-15a • Mt 11: 20-24

July 15 — St. Bonaventure • Ex 3: 1-6, 9-12 • Mt 11: 25-27

July 16 — Our Lady of Mt. Carmel • Ex 3: 13-20 • Mt 11: 25-27

July 17 — Friday • Ex 11: 10--12: 14 • Mt 12: 1-8

July 18 — Saturday (BVM) • Ex 12: 37-42 • Mt 12: 14-21

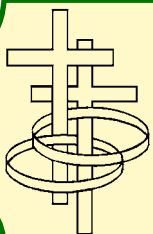
***July 19 — 16th Sunday in O.T. • Jer 23: 1-6**
• Eph 2: 13-18 • Mk 6: 30-34

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Music News

St. Martin City Band will practice this Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 pm. Important to be there! We may be learning new music.
Next up? the Albany Parade, Aug. 1.
High School Band players: it's not too late to join!



2nd Banns of Marriage

*Brian Thelen
and
Kristen Moonen*

A Divine Design: Marriage and Natural Family Planning!

Celebrate **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week**
July 19-25, 2009!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. NFP is effective, healthy, and marriage building! For more information, visit www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp. To register for a first instruction class in the Billings Ovulation Method call 320-252-4721.

Generous Gift!

The Albany Knights of Columbus recently gave us \$510.00 for our Religious Ed Program. We are going to purchase new bibles and other audio-visual materials to go along with our program. Anyone interested in helping to make the selections meet in the parish hall classrooms on **Tuesday, July 14th** at 7:00 pm.

Joan Rothstein, D.R.E.



Prayer Line
548-3436

Do you know of someone ill or in need of prayers? Just call:

Diane Rothstein — 548-3436.

Dozens of parishioners will immediately ask God and the saints to intercede for the sufferer.

STEWARDSHIP

27 June, 2009 Polka Mass	
Adults	345.00
Plate	441.50
Total	786.50

5 July, 2009	
Adults	1095.00
Youth	1.00
Children	1.00
Plate	31.00
Visitor	5.00
Energy	5.00
Votives	15.00
Total	1153.00

28 June, 2009	
Adults	536.00
Youth	1.00
Children	0.00
Plate	89.90
Votives	33.00
Total	659.90



HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

July 19 – Sts. Peter & Paul School, Richmond. Parent-sponsored **Breakfast**. 8:30 till noon. Ham, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, eggs, fresh fruit, juices and toppings. Come one, come all.

Aug 2 – Church of Seven Dolors, Albany. **Church Bazaar**. Indoor Polka Mass at 10:30 A.M. in our beautifully restored church. Music by the “Country Polkateers”. Homemade Chicken & Ham Dinner with dressing, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and more, incl. home-baked pie – served from 11 am-2 pm in new air-conditioned parish center and also in the school lunchroom. Take-outs available. **Quilt Auction** at 3:00 pm; **Church Restoration Items** also to be auctioned: church pews, metal chairs, student chairs and other items. **Grand Raffle** at 6:00 pm, \$1,000.00 grand prize + 246 prizes. Bingo, Fancy Work / Craft Stand, Furniture Raffle, Country Store, Ring Toss, Children’s Games, Cake Walk, Fet Kuchen and Food & Beverages available! Please come and spend the day with us!

Copies of the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget are available on tables near the church entrances. Be sure to take one home and study it. With the economy still in recession, we will want to be prudently planning new and innovative ways to support our parish.

What do you want to read about in your parish Bulletin?

This Space for Rent

(really, really cheap...)

Would you like to see more local information in the Sunday Bulletin?

We can’t put it in if we don’t know what’s happening! Please submit items of interest either by email or simply drop a note off at the parish office. We can’t do it without YOUR help.

Why does the Church calendar call for so many blocks of “Ordinary Time” to fill in the spaces between major events? It doesn’t mean unimportant, but refers to the word “ordinal,” as in a numbered list. A seasonal thing, as Gospel lessons and related biblical readings roll steadily onward toward completion of The Story.

Not one Sunday in Ordinary time is unimportant. Not one bit of Scripture or priest’s homily, forgettable.

In like manner, seeing ourselves as ordinary people is vital and rewarding. But that’s the other meaning of the word. It doesn’t mean unimportant, either.

Few are born heroes; all of us are expected to become saints. The way to achieve that is to honor in all honest humility the absolute fact that we are ordinary people who suffer extraordinary temptations, doubts, pains and worries. Just like the noblest of saints before us.

Christ’s message to us was more than a promise of God’s love and human redemption. It also was a warning coupled to another promise: Follow my Way, he said. Be assured I will be with you every step of the way, but turn me away and yield to temptations, doubts, pain and fretfulness, and you will surely perish. He made that clear.

The way to acceptance and sainthood is to rejoice in our ordinariness. To accept it, and surrender any prideful temptation to even think we can control our own future. One way of avoiding *that* sin is to steadfastly cultivate that most humdrum of really boring ideas — force ourselves into a set of healthy routines. Let me give just one commonsensical (and commonplace) example.

Born a musician, I had a brilliant future, they said, so I turned my back on it; forty-five years later with the rebirth of the St. Martin Band, I grabbed up an old horn and rediscovered the old good joy. But by then, fingers were arthritic, nerves controlling facial muscles and arm strength had a weakening spark. It’s harder now to hit the high and low notes, and my lip’s endurance suffers.

So I ruthlessly set aside ten minutes per day to work out on that horn, especially when I don’t feel like it.

That makes all the difference. No matter how weary, ten minutes a day. And then an extra ten, praying.

God must have really loved ordinary people, because He sure made a lot of us!

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Catholic Charities invites you to join us on **Sunday, August 16 at 11 am** at the Don and Judy Koep farm in rural Clitherall, Otter Tail County, for the 2009 Rural Life Celebration. The event promises to be a day filled with fun and family celebration. Bishop John F. Kinney will celebrate an outdoor Mass, followed by a picnic, entertainment and children’s games at NO CHARGE.

The Rural Life Celebration is an annual festival of rural living and the goodness of God’s creation. The event is hosted by the parishes of Brandon, Millerville, Parkers Prairie and Urbank, and is co-sponsored by the Diocese of St. Cloud and Catholic Charities.

Sewing for Kids

Now that the Bazaar is behind us, it’s time to get going again on sewing togs for kids who really need them. Thanks to all who participated last year in a very successful effort — **982 clothing items delivered!** Can we top that this year?

We will start out cutting patterns **at the Parish Hall on Monday, July 13, 8:30 am till 8:30 pm** — come and go as you wish. Be sure to bring your cutting tools along, no need for sewing machines yet. Please bring a dish to share! For info, call Janine Bertram at **548-3213**.