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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!



Corpus Christi Sunday

June 14, 2009

Today we celebrate not only the **Most Holy Body and Blood** of our Lord Jesus Christ, but also the 65th Wedding Anniversaries of **Lawrence & Lorraine Korte**, and of **Walter & Lucille Bertram**. These stalwart couples have shown through their many years of steady devotion to each other, what centering one's life upon the Eucharist really means. Not only to themselves and their children, but to all of us. A parish family must be more than a collection of individuals. It must have a central focus of great strength, and a collective life devoted to servanthood. As Lawrence and Lorraine, and Walter and Lucille receive Our Lord today, may we all renew our commitment to those goals.



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

15 Mon — **No Morning Mass**

16 Tues — Living & ††, Catholic Aid Society

17 Wed — **8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's**

18 Thur — Living & ††, Primus/Moscho families

19 Fri — † Raymond Weber

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

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

*** = Holy Day of Obligation**



Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) today celebrates 41 years of dedication to protecting and defending human life. Many hearts have been changed, protective laws passed and lives saved due to your tireless labor and support. I am so proud of the dedicated, compassionate work of our grass-roots chapters and members.

MCCL has taken a three-pronged approach to advancing its pro-life mission. First, citizens are continually educated on the threats to human life

posed by abortion, euthanasia, infanticide and embryo-killing experiments. Second, people are then mobilized to become active pro-life citizens who in turn work to educate others and to support passage of lifesaving laws. Third, MCCL members work to establish legal protection for vulnerable lives.



Festival News

If you know of anyone who will not be at Mass but will need a copy of the Bazaar work list, please take them a copy from a table near the church door. We need **everyone** if we are to make this year's Bazaar a financial success!

Also if you need help with baked goods this year, **Albany Home Bakery** is taking orders for pies and cakes. Fruit pies \$8, Lemon Meringue \$9, plain Angel Food \$6, iced Angel Food \$7.



St. Martin Band News

• **Wednesday, June 17**, Paynesville parade. Parade rolls out at 7:00 pm, be there by 5:30 pm, in place by 6:00 – from Hwy 23 (just before underpass) take Industrial loop N to staging area. The entry (position) number was not known at time of printing; we'll let everyone know by email beforehand.

• **Saturday, June 20** – we will play at the Commercial Club's "Free Lunch" at St. Martin Park. 11:00 am till 1:00 pm. All band members who can be there, be there!

• **Wednesday, June 24** – 7:30 pm – Final practice before the 2009 Bazaar! Important that everyone be present.

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle B Weekday Readings: Year 1

June 15 – Monday • 2 Cor 6: 1-10 • Mt 5: 38-42

June 16 – Tuesday • 2 Cor 8: 1-9 • Mt 5: 43-48

June 17 – Wednesday • 2 Cor 9: 6-11 • Mt 6: 1-6

June 18 – Thursday • 2 Cor 11: 1-11 • Mt 6: 7-15

June 19 – *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* • Hos 11: 1, 3-4, 8c-9 • Eph 3: 8-12, 14-19 • Jn 19: 31-37

June 20 – *Immaculate Heart of Mary* • 2 Cor 12: 1-10 • Lk 2: 41-51

***June 21 – 12th Sunday in O.T.** • Job 38: 1, 8-11

• 2 Cor 5: 14-17 • Mk 4: 35-41

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The dead take to the grave,
clutched in their hands, only
what they have given away.

~DeWitt Wallace



3rd Banns of Marriage

Angela Olmscheid

and

Steve Johnson



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.

June 28 – Immaculate Conception Church, St. Ann (north of Avon). **Church Bazaar.** Outdoor Polka Mass, 10 am. Live music all day – Country Polkateers & the Preston & Paulzine Band. Chicken & Ham Dinner, 11 am-2:00 pm. Games & amusements for all ages. Silent Auction, craft stand, food court, beer & pop, Bingo, etc. \$1000 Grand Prize drawing at 7 pm, all-cash raffle.

STEWARDSHIP	May 31, 2009	
	Adults	1086.00
	Youth	3.00
	Children	0.00
	Plate	33.00
	Votives	31.00
	Total	1153.00



I just sold another Chance Book!



By now you're so used to paying bills, getting your news and weather, and doing more and more of your purchasing online, you probably think the Internet has been around forever. But it hasn't. If you've passed your 40th birthday, you're older than the Internet!

US conversions to Catholicism plummet 9% in 2008

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=3156>

Despite an increase in the Catholic population of the United States during 2008, the number of baptisms, confirmations, first Communion, and marriages all declined, according to **THE OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY**. While the number of baptisms and confirmations declined by less than 2% and the number of marriages declined by less than 3%, the number of adult baptisms and receptions into the Church plummeted by 9% in a single year – from approximately 136,000 to 124,000.

Obama's choice as Vatican ambassador seen as representing new face of US Catholicism

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=3163>

Miguel Diaz, the theologian chosen by President Obama to become the new US ambassador to the Holy See, will give Vatican officials a different perspective on American affairs, says John Allen of the **NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER**.

CATHOLIC AID Association
Protecting your family. Promoting your faith.

Catholic Aid News:

We are looking for St. Martin Catholic Aid members who

would like to go to the Annual Convention, August 7 and 8 at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN as a delegate. Please call **Sue Dingmann at 548-3580** if you are interested in attending or would like more detailed information.

The next available dates for Marriage Preparation courses in the St. Cloud Diocese are: **Sept. 19 & 20 • Oct. 24 & 25 • Dec. 5 & 6**. Brochures with 2010 dates will be mailed in August. Further information can be obtained from the Diocesan website at www.stcdio.org (under Offices & Ministries, click Marriage & Remarriage Courses).

If you are an engaged couple in need of marriage preparation prior to our September date, please consider the diocesan-approved program sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family & Laity.

Office Marriage, Family & Laity
328 West Kellogg Blvd
St Paul MN 55102-1997
651-291 4488 or www.archspm.org/family

Upcoming Dates: • Jun. 19 & 20 • Jul. 24 & 25 • Aug. 21 & 22.

NOTE: Recently there has been a marketing push for marriage prep from the Del Vecchios. After checking with the Archdiocese, this program IS NOT AN APPROVED course for marriage preparation.

“Eucharistic chat is all well and good, but it does not make me believe in the Real Presence. What does that is the Eucharist itself – with each encounter, with each breaking of the bread, with each hour of Adoration, Jesus’ Real Presence becomes more undeniable as he reels me in and I flop down before him, a landed fish, both unable to escape and not wanting to. For me, His Presence in the Eucharist cannot be talked...it must be experienced. A half-hour before the monstrance, an hour before a closed tabernacle in an empty church...nothing compares, nothing instructs so sweetly, or sears me with such unrelenting gentleness. John Paul II wrote every one of his encyclicals while seated before the Tabernacle in his chapel.”

Greg Kandra wrote that. Greg is editor of Couric & Co., a blog associated with the CBS Evening News broadcast. He is also a recently-ordained deacon in the Catholic Church.

But we don't have to be deacons to agree with the obvious. The problem is that so many whom we know but diplomatically don't evangelize seem to have lost any *need* to find the real presence of Jesus Christ even if they step into church. All we can do for them is to pray and pray, and perhaps offer encouragement. But what form should that encouragement take, and where does it begin?

It begins with each of us. But it doesn't begin at all unless we ourselves are utterly consumed in the *reality* of Christ's presence under the species of bread and wine. He *lives* in that tabernacle! When was the last time you drove past the church and swerved to the curb just to step into church and prostrate yourself (if only in your heart and soul) before that tabernacle? Were you just too busy? Or, deep down, did a niggling little doubt keep you from making a visit?

What bread can become! Next week I hope to share a little story about that. It's a real story, about real science and the Real Presence. But for now, let's just think about doubts and disconnects. Increasingly we are beset with them. The only way to cure them is to go to the source.

When Jesus said, *“unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you do not have Life within you,”* many ran away, repulsed or fearful, and his own apostles had no idea what he was talking about. If Christ himself could not explain this and convince people using words, then what's the point of my even trying?

Because I must. So many empty pews. *yr. obt. svst.*

Pope Warns Secularism Can Infest Church

Cautions Against Worship Lacking Heart

ROME, JUNE 11, 2009 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org))- Benedict XVI is warning of a “serpentine secularization” that penetrates the Church and is manifested in “formal and empty Eucharistic worship.”

The Pope celebrated the feast of **Corpus Christi** today in Rome, presiding over Mass in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, afterwards processing with the Blessed Sacrament to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. In his homily, the Holy Father illustrated the importance of faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, telling thousands of pilgrims that this faith “cannot be taken for granted.”

“Today there arises the risk of a serpentine secularization even within the Church, which can convert into a formal and empty Eucharistic worship, in celebrations lacking this participation from the heart that is expressed in veneration and respect for the liturgy,” he cautioned.

Illinois court: priest accused of molestation can't sue accusers

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=3204>

A priest who was suspended by the Archdiocese of Chicago because of sex-abuse accusations cannot bring suit against his accusers, an Illinois appeals court has ruled. Father Robert Stepek filed suit against two men who accused him before an archdiocesan panel. The Illinois court ordered the suit dismissed, explaining that the lawsuit would have required a secular court to pass judgment on the internal discipline of the Catholic Church – a violation of religious freedom. (Ed. Note: Perfect example of the double-standard system of law; if he had accused them, they would have sued his amice off...)