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Sunday Bulletin



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Reconciliation: Saturday, 10:30 am 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!

the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2010

Pope John Paul II held a short public audience in 2003, to pray the Angelus and deliver a short meditation on the glories of the Virgin Mary as the Church celebrated the feast of her Assumption.

Speaking to the pilgrims who had assembled in the courtyard of his summer residence at Castelgandolfo, the Holy Father remarked that Mary serves the Church – today and in every age – as a fixed point of reference, a reliable guide and a promise of “the glorious destiny that awaits” all Christ’s faithful.

It’s a feast day that helps us renew our hope, the Pope remarked. Amid the confusion of the world, the celebration of the Assumption encourages believers to lift their eyes to heaven, to contemplate the New Jerusalem. There, he said, Christians can see the Virgin Mary “surrounded by royal splendor in paradise, where she has preceded us in her glorified body.”



Father Corwin will be away from the parish until Friday, **August 20**, when he will be here to celebrate the 8:00 am Mass. He has been in New York City to baptize his niece’s baby and visit family.

In case of emergency, call **Fr. Steve** at **597-5232**.



“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it.” (Today’s Gospel). God asks us to love one another. Do you practice this in your marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends will be Oct. 8-10 in Duluth and **Nov. 3-5 in Albany**. Early registration is recommended. For more info or to schedule a weekend, visit the website at: www.wwmesection8.org or call Alan & Missy Block, **888-455-3496**.

Every year, each Church (Parish) is required to submit a financial report to the St. Cloud Diocese. Here in St. Martin as you know, with construction and repairs, it has been busy! Along with Fr. Corwin, the Trustees and I have completed the evaluation of the year-end report. The deadline for submitting this is August 15 of each year. The report was delivered to the St. Cloud Diocese office on Wednesday, August 11th. The report will be printed and available soon. *~submitted by Jack K.*

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

16 Mon — **No Mass**
17 Tues — **No Mass**
18 Wed — **No Mass at St. Catherine’s**
19 Thur — **No Mass**
20 Fri — † Hubert Miller
21 Sat — **8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine’s**
***22 Sun** — **10:00 am Mass at St. Martin**
 ~ for the Parish
*** = Holy Day of Obligation**

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year C Weekday Readings: Cycle 2
Aug 16 — Monday • Ez 24: 15-24 • Mt 19: 16-22
Aug 17 — Tuesday • Ez 28: 1-10 • Mt 19: 23-30
Aug 18 — Wednesday • Ez 34: 1-11 • Mt 20: 1-16
Aug 19 — Thursday • Ez 36: 23-28 • Mt 22: 1-14
Aug 20 — St. Bernard • Ez 37: 1-14 • Mt 22: 34-40
Aug 21 — Pope St. Pius X • Ez 43: 1-7b • Mt 23: 1-12
***August 22 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 • Is 66: 18-21 • Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13 • Lk 13: 22-30
*** = Holy Day of Obligation**

A Miracle of the Eucharist (10th in a series)

In 1918 fire broke out in a factory in Konnersreuth, Germany. 20-year old Teresa Neumann, of a very poor family, ran to help pass heavy buckets of water in a hopeless attempt to stop the flames. In the process she suffered a severe spinal cord lesion which caused total blindness and paralysis in both legs. Her ambition had been to become a missionary in Africa.

Teresa passed her days in prayer. At the age of 25, she was miraculously healed – she told of a vision of great light and an extraordinarily sweet voice asking if she wished to be healed. Her surprising answer? Being healed, remaining maimed or even dying would make no difference as long as it was the will of God.

The voice replied: she would receive “a small joy [...] but would still have much suffering to endure...” Her terrible injuries disappeared immediately, but in 1926 *stigmatae* (the wounds of Christ) appeared on her body. She began a complete fast – the Eucharist was her only nourishment until her death in 1962.

During World War II, Nazi authorities withdrew her food ration card but gave her a double ration of soap because every Friday she was drenched in blood while experiencing in ecstasy the Passion of Christ. Adolph Hitler was very fearful of Teresa and ordered that no one should harm her.

If the Eucharist can preserve even *physical* life...

STEWARDSHIP

1 August 2010
- 49 adult envelopes

Adults	1401.00
Children	2.00
Plate	83.00
Fuel (Energy)	255.00
Votive Lights	12.00
Total	1753.00

8 August 2010
- 45 adult envelopes

Adults	971.00
Youth	5.00
Children	4.75
Plate	81.25
Fuel (Energy)	10.00
Votive Lights	40.00
Total	1112.00

Anyone who has a student entering 1st grade or any other grade who was not in Religious Ed. last year should give me a call so I know how many books to order. Also, if anyone would like to teach this year, call me. **Joan Rothstein, D.R.E.**
548-3209

Prayer Line 548-3436

Do you know someone ill or in need of prayers? Call **Diane Rothstein – 548-3436**. Dozens of parishioners will ask Jesus, Mary and the saints to intercede for the sufferer.



CHOIR SCHEDULE
 August 22 - youth choir
 August 29 - Adult choir

• **Parish Hall Donations:**
 Boiler project, **\$14,600**.
 Floor project, **\$10,320**.

U.S. CONSTITUTION – Silly-Putty?



Das Goldene Wohnheim is celebrating 15 years of Assisted Living Home Services. We invite you to come help us celebrate by visiting with the residents, enjoying refreshments, check-

ing us out if your loved one may need our help. If it's becoming hard for them to stay in their home, we take away the fear of being alone, help with all the personal needs of daily living and so much more. Come see a display of hobbies our residents have created! **Open House: Saturday, August 21st thru Friday August 27th**, 1pm to 5pm each day at our assisted living home in New Munich, 632 Main St., right next to the Catholic Church. Phone **320-837-5343** or **320-256-5343**.

WHAT'S WHERE:

August 22 – St. Francis of Assissi, Bowlus. 10 miles N of Albany on 238. **Fall Festival.** 10:00 am Mass in air-conditioned comfort. Homemade chicken & ham dinner with all the trimmings, served indoors and outdoors. Live music all day by *Waltzeters*. Auction at 2:00 pm. Food Stand, Kids Games, Country Store, Bingo, Cake Walk. Grand Raffle at 7:30 pm – Grand Prize \$1000.

August 22 – St. John's parish, Meire Grove. Annual **Men's Breakfast.** 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. Ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce and frosted bread.

August 29 – Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center, Richmond. **QUILT BINGO.** 6:30 pm – doors open at 5:30. New paper Bingo cards – bring your dabbers. Cost \$10 per packet, good for all regular games. Special games \$2 each. Quilt raffle & progressive quilt auction! Must be 18 to play; cash only.

Next Saturday, anniversary of Our Lady of Knock

On August 21, 1879, Margaret Beirne, a resident of Cnoc Mhuire in Ireland, was sent by her brother to lock up the church for the evening. When she was ready to leave, she noticed a strange brightness hovering over the church. Margaret had other things on her mind, and didn't tell anyone what she saw. Around the same time, another member of the Beirne family, Mary, was leaving from a visit to the church's housekeeper, and stopped with the housekeeper at the gables, where they could see the church. Mary replied:

"Oh look at the statues! Why didn't you tell me the priest got new statues for the chapel?"

The housekeeper responded that she knew nothing of the priest getting new statues. So, they both went for a closer look, and Mary Beirne said, "But they are not statues, they're moving. It's the Blessed Virgin!"

Thirteen others also came and saw the beautiful woman, clothed in white garments, wearing a brilliant crown. Her hands were raised as if in prayer. All knew that it was Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Queen of Angels. On the right of Our Lady stood St. Joseph, his head inclined toward her. On her left stood St. John the Evangelist, dressed as a bishop. To the left of St. John stood an altar which had a lamb and a cross surrounded by angels on it. The vision lasted about two hours. People who were not at the apparition site reported that they saw a bright light illuminating the area where the church was. Many of the sick were healed upon visiting the church at Knock.

If you haven't been paying attention to news about California's Proposition 8 law – marriage being defined as a strict man-woman affair – being struck down by an openly gay U.S. Federal District Judge, you've missed some fascinating legal history-making.

It's ironic. If the American Psychological Association had never removed same-sex attraction from their list of mental disorders, this question would never have come before the courts. Walker would never have trumpeted his own homosexuality or been appointed to the bench. The APA made a political decision with no supporting medical evidence, and we're forced to live with the obscene fallout.

Thank goodness Judge Walker has now enlightened us. All those years we *thought* that marriage was a union of a man and a woman, but now we know that was "an irrational classification." Not just irrational but harmful. Not just harmful but unconstitutional.

But I can see a problem with Judge Walker's logic. If it's unconstitutional to demand same-sex marriage, why was the old, unenlightened, restrictive, pre-Walker, irrational definition of marriage upheld by the very men who wrote the Constitution? Most of those guys were legislators; they could have revised the laws of their own states to make the legal definition of marriage match what they believed in. Yet they didn't, just assumed that natural marriage was an obvious thing. What a bunch of obviously irrational dolts.

The men who gathered for the Constitutional Convention would have recoiled in horror at the idea that abortion, sodomy, or even contraception could ever be tolerated. Yet we now know, thanks to the infallible logic of 21st century jurisprudence, that these aberrations are fundamental rights, somehow guaranteed by the very document which those men wrote. So what other nasty surprises might be in store for us? What other time-bombs might emerge from the shadow of that precious document, leading us to discover doofus New Meanings totally different from the Founders' own moral understandings?

Judge Walker didn't go far enough. It's not whether marriage needs to be redefined – there's bigger game in this legal forest. The real challenge for Judge Walker and his peers on the judicial bench is to determine whether or not the Constitution itself is unconstitutional, crafted in silly putty from the get-go.

Some call August the Silly Season. ~yr. obt. svt.



Eucharistic Adoration:

Really. Consider the personal benefits!
One Hour in the Real Presence of Christ... or Benediction at 5:45 pm at least.
Come on Friday and sign the book.
Then call Fr. Corwin at 548-3550.
It could change your life.

FALL CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES MEETING

MONDAY AUGUST 23RD @ 7:00 PM
BACK ROOM OF THE SILVER SPUR
ALL GARAGE SALE PARTICIPANTS:
PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING!



So wide, God's mercy, that no sin is too great or too small for forgiveness.
So narrow, our charity, that we find small annoyances the hardest to forgive.

