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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 15, 2008

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend is the weekend we all have been working towards. So many have put in so many hours of preparation for this day! Most parishioners are asked to work only a few hours next weekend. It will be an experience that will not soon be forgotten.

Two words should be our guides this coming week. The first is **THANKSGIVING**. We give thanks to God for making our parish what it is today. We thank those who have gone before us for the faith and the witness they have passed on to us. And we thank all those who have worked so many hours to prepare for this celebration.

The second word is **HOSPITALITY**. There will be many visitors here this coming weekend. We need to do all we can to make them feel welcome. It is easy to be welcoming to our families and close friends. There will be many here who have no connection with St. Martin other than they have come for the parade and celebration. They need to be welcomed as friends!

The Melrose and Albany newspapers have published a 12-page supplement highlighting St. Martin and our parish festival. If you are a subscriber, you have received a copy. If you are not a subscriber or would like additional copies, they are available in the parish house. The bank also has some available. The price is \$1.00. Some have mentioned they want extra copies for their children and friends.

Setting up of stands will begin on Thursday evening. *More help could be used on Thursday and Friday evenings and on Saturday morning.* Help can also be used on Sunday evening at 7:00 pm when all stands will close. The more we can do on Sunday evening, the less to be done on Monday morning.

Meanwhile, be sure to pray for all the sick in the parish. Also pray for peace in the world, and for the safety of all our troops.

God bless all of you!

Fr. Julian, osb



Pray for good weather!

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 Today
17 Tues – No Mass Today
18 Wed – 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's
19 Thur – †† Joseph & Susan Kuhl
20 Fri – † Raymond Weber
21 Sat – 5:00 pm Polka Mass
22 Sun – 9:00 am Celebration Mass
~for the Parish

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A Weekday Readings: Year 2
June 16 – Monday • 1 Kgs 21: 1-16 • Mt 5: 38-42
June 17 – Tuesday • 1 Kgs 21: 17-29 • Mk 5: 43-48
June 18 – Wednesday • 2 Kgs 2: 1, 6-14 • Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
June 19 – Romuald, abbot • Sir 48: 1-14 • Mt 6: 7-15
June 20 – Friday • 2 Kgs 11: 1-4, 9-18, 20 • Mt 6: 19-23
June 21 – Aloysius Gonzaga • 2 Chr 24: 17-25 • Mt 6: 24-34
***June 22 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
• Jer 20: 10-13 • Rom 5: 12-15 • Mt 10: 26-33
*** = Holy Day of Obligation**

Bazaar Reminder

Check-in for your bazaar items will take place in the Parish Hall on **Friday, June 20 from 8 am till 8 pm**, or on **Saturday, June 21, 8 am till 12 noon**. If you want to donate more than you were asked for, it will be gladly accepted. Special thanks for your generosity!

Check-in will take place in the parish hall basement — the upstairs is reserved for memorabilia displays.

Please Bring Picnic Tables Saturday morning!



MEDALLION HUNT PRIZE \$100.00

The first clue will be posted on the bazaar grounds around Noon.

Setup Schedule Notice

Tent set-up Thursday evening 7:00 p.m. – if need be, come back and finish the set-up on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Start clean-up Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Finish clean-up on Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Anyone who can come at any of these times please be there, your help will be appreciated.

Stand chairpeople: Be sure to be there early enough Saturday so your stand will be set up and ready to open by 3:00 p.m.

Promoters: Remind your people who are bringing pies to bring *fruit pies only*. If it is warm, cream pies might spoil.

Everyone: If your promoter has not got in touch, please bring:

- 2 pies or 2 cakes
- 6 Kid Country items
- 5 adult Country Store items
- 3 glassware items (water or wine glasses, etc.)
- 1 fancywork or craft item
- \$5.00 cash

St. Martin Band

•Wednesday, June 18th – We perform in the Paynesville Parade. Be at the assembly area (Paynesville Industrial Park, near the mill & RR crossing) by 7:00 pm. Important that all players be there! This is a warm-up for our festival.

A Note to St. Catherine parishioners:

As frequently happens when newspapers publish interviews, mistakes find their way into print. On the front page of the Beacon-Enterprise special edition, *yr. obt. svt.* is credited as writing the St. Catherine Bulletin. His humble apologies go out to **Judy Bruemmer**, with his assurance that he never said that. It is about all he can manage just to inflict his own peculiar mistakes upon the St. Martin Bulletin on a weekly basis, and he has no desire to festoon such inkblots onto Judy's unblemished work.

WHAT'S WHERE:

June 15 – Freeport Community Center. **Fire Dept. Fathers' Day BBQ.** Serving from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

The family of **Loretta Olmscheid** would like to express their sincere thanks to all the relatives, friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during our loss.

A special thanks to Father Julian for the wonderful service. To the mission group who served the lunch. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

The Family of Loretta Olmscheid

The Lord's Prayer is 51 words, the Gettysburg Address has 286 words, and there are 1,322 words in the Declaration of Independence, but government regs on selling organic tomatoes total 57,971 words.

The Top Five intercessory saints (not including Our Lady and Saint Michael the Archangel, who seem to defy categories). These are the saints who, for whatever reasons God has chosen, are completely reliable. **Saint Joseph, Saint Jude, Saint Anthony, Saint Therese the Little Flower, and surprisingly, Saint Josemaria Escriva.** Many of you would doubtless add a Saint Philomena or some other favorite intercessor.

We love them all, of course, but if we had to choose one saint for one miracle (which, of course, we don't have to do), it could be Saint Anthony, the Miracle Worker of Padua. He's not just for finding things, either. Some call him the WD-40 of Saints because he can pretty much "fix" anything. He's a real duct-tape artist. His feast day was Friday, June 13th.

Got a problem? Need some help? Go for it!

Bible Study Questions that burn out pastors

1. "When I burn a bull on my backyard altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odor for the Lord (Lev.1:9). The problem is my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. Should I smite them?"
2. "I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?"
3. "Lev. 21:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle room here?"
4. "I know from Lev. 11:6-8 that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but can I still play football if I wear gloves?"
(yeah, but lay off the brats)

FROM THE RECYCLE BIN



With apologies to all, I find myself absolutely buried in chores and detail work in this week before our birthday party. Frankly I'd rather be fishing anyway. So I'm going to reach back in the files and recycle a thought or two.

Ed Zern was a funny, intellectual guy disguised as a fisherman. Ed left the rest of us fishing writers a wonderful legacy — never did figure out what it was, but I doubt it had a lot to do with going to church.

I, in contrast, think a lot about not going to church on Sunday. It bothers me a little that we are told every so often that Christ multiplied fishes into loaves or something of the sort. What a terrible waste of good fish! But his first disciples were fishermen, too—maybe those fishes in the little boy's basket were just Lake Galilee carp. If so, it obviously didn't bother Peter and Andrew, so I will not dwell on it.

Zern insisted that roughly two-thirds of all fishermen never eat fish, and that this should surprise no one: People who eat fish have large, well-developed brains. People with large, well-developed brains don't fish. Simple as that, he said.

I am not convinced he was just being droll. I grew up fishing Canadian waters unoccupied except by a band of riotously unbaptized Cree Indians and swaggering loggers with red shirts and too many Y chromosomes. Some of my most painful, miserable, intimidated, lonely, chilblained and deprived moments became fun or even funny only in the retelling later, to please editors smugly ensconced in their comfortable New York offices. Of course some of my most transfiguring flashes of epiphany happened up there too, on waters that would make John the Baptist reach for a tin cup.

But that's beside the point. Every time I drive to St. Martin to try to do something for the parish, I meet people going the other way. On Sunday mornings they don't wave, but sort of duck their heads and motor on up to the lake. Evidently they believe the fish bite better on Sunday morning. They are mistaken. Fish say rosaries at 9:45 am.

I know for a fact that walleyes, for example, feed eagerly on Saturday night, even on Sunday after sunset if you don't have to get to work early on Monday. Redtail shiners are good bait. Fatheads seem to match my style best. I wonder why.

A lot of us have been working really hard to make the sesquicentennial celebration a success. Never mind that's it's apt to be showery on Saturday; Sunday will be fine. Will you be at Mass? Or will that get lost in all the frenzied activity? A church seems like a multitude well-fed when its pews are full. What a pity it would be if our pews are filled mostly by strangers. It would tell them that we're only fishing for money. I hate to imagine what Christ would say to that.

Our Great Bazaar, after all, is to rig our lines for the future. As we welcome our new pastor and bid loving farewell to Fr. Julian, let's renew our hearts and spirit for the third millenium. Who would want to fish with a dull hook? *~yr. obt. svt.*

C.A.A. News:

The **St. Martin Catholic Aid Council** is looking for any member who would like to go as a delegate to the **Annual Convention, August 1 & 2 at St. John's University.**

St. Martin needs to be represented!

Please call Sue Dingmann at **548-3580.**

STEWARDSHIP	June 8, 2008	
	Adults	1302.00
	Youth	5.00
	Children	3.25
	Plate	47.00
	Energy	100.00
	Votives	12.00
	Total	1469.25

