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Sunday Bulletin



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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!



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2010

I will be visiting my three brothers in Florida. I leave on July 20th and will return July 28th — In an emergency, call Fr. Stephen in Richmond, **597-2575**.

Fr. Corwin, OSB



Today's Gospel clearly is about hospitality – but whose? At one level, the hospitality is clearly that of Martha, who accepts Jesus into her home. But it's also the hospitality of Jesus, who says it's proper to talk to women about the things of God – quit worrying about artificial ritual impurities.

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

19 Mon – No Mass

20 Tues – No Mass

21 Wed – No Mass

22 Thur – No Mass

23 Fri – No Mass

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

*25 Sun – 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin
† Ronald Shay

All parishioners are invited to a 7:00 PM mass for the feast of St. Ann's on Wednesday, July 28th.

A luncheon in the parish hall to follow, for all St. Ann's members. New members are welcome. If interested contact any of the officers: Irene Burg, Cheryl Schaefer, Karen Beier or Joan Olmscheid.

Correction: the Mass for St. Ann's Society will be on **Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 pm.**



The **St. Martin City Bandwagon** will roll to beautiful downtown **Roscoe** on **Saturday, July 31**. Having survived our own festival's torrential rains quite handily, our fearless players will assemble in Roscoe before noon on the 31st, participate in the parade and then pull the bandwagon onto the festival grounds for a short but lively concert. Folks in Roscoe say they're looking forward to St. Martin Band's return after an absence of many years.

All players are reminded that we will **practice** at the **Parish Hall** at **8:00 pm this Thursday, July 22**, to firm up the performance playlist and discuss giving the bandwagon a fresh paint job and general redecoration.

We also expect to announce the arrival of our new red bass drum, soon to be purchased by the City of St. Martin!

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year C Weekday Readings: Cycle 2

July 19 – Monday • Mi 6: 1-4, 6-8 • Mt 12: 38-42

July 20 – Tuesday • Mi 7: 14, 15 • Mt 12: 46-50

July 21 – Wednesday • Jer 1: 1, 4-10 • Mt 13: 1-9

July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene • Jer 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13
• Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18

July 23 – Friday • Jer 3: 14-17 • Mt 13: 18-23

July 24 – Saturday • Jer 7: 1-11 • Mt 13: 24-30

*July 25 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Gn 18: 20-32 • Col 2: 12-14 • Lk 11: 1-13



Prayer Line 548-3436

Do you know someone ill or in need of prayers? Just call **Diane Rothstein – 548-3436**.

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

STEWARDSHIP

4 July 2010

Total 1065.99

11 July 2010

Adult Envelopes ... 45

Adults 1304.00

Children 1.00

Plate 46.32

Tornado Relief 306.03

Energy 260.00

Votive Lights 44.99

Flooring 100.00

Total 2048.35

•Donations for the Parish Hall boiler project still at **\$14,600**.

•Donation total for the Dining Room floor project has reached **\$10,020**.



OLD BINGO TENT.

The framework is bent-up scrap after collapse due to rain-fall on the canvas. If anyone is interested

in purchasing this mess, please submit your bid to the Parish House by **Tuesday, July 20, 2010**. For more info please contact Pete Dingmann.

CHOIR SCHEDULE

July 25 - youth choir

August 1 - adult choir

August 8 - adult choir

August 15 - youth choir

August 22 - youth choir

August 29 - Adult choir



A Miracle of the Eucharist

(6th in a series)

When it comes to historical Eucharistic miracles, two triggering factors stand out: A priest is afflicted with sudden doubts during the Consecration at Mass and needs to be reminded forcefully of the truth of Christ's literal Presence, or a parishioner succumbs to the Dark Force and tries to steal the consecrated Host for gain, or to actually defile or destroy it.

In the doubting-priest cases, the Host suddenly and physically begins to weep actual blood, often making such a mess of the altar cloths and sanctuary that evidences are preserved for hundreds of years, and the blood type (when tested by modern science), invariably is an exact match to the time and place of Christ, and to the stains on the Shroud of Turin.

In the second type of event, the Host defies all attempts to destroy and/or hide it, and makes its Presence known to seekers by clearly supernatural means often involving levitation, blinding light or other means.

But there's a third kind of miracle often involving children. For an intriguing example, flip to page 2.

The officers of the Daughters of Isabella would like to give a special "Thank You" to all of the "Mothers and Daughters" who gave of their time and labor to make our Bake Sale last week such a great success!

~Judy Savage, Scribe

St. Elizabeth Circle, Paynesville

WHAT'S WHERE:

August 1 – Church of Seven Dolors, Albany. **Annual Church Bazaar.** Indoor Polka Mass at 10:30 am, music by the Country Polkateers. Chicken & Ham Dinner with dressing, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and much more including home-baked pie will be served beginning at 11:00 am in the new air-conditioned Parish Center and also in the school lunchroom. Takeouts available. Quilt Auction at 3:00 pm. Grand Raffle at 6:00 pm – \$1,000 grand prize + 237 other prizes. Bingo, Fancy Work/Craft stand, Furniture Raffle, Country Store, Ring Toss, Children's games, Cake Walk, Fet Kuchen, plus other food and beverages available. Gene Ostendorf Band will be playing all afternoon on the church grounds. Come and spend the day with us!

A Miracle of the Eucharist of the Third Type

This one reflects on the reality of Purgatory and reminds us that every Mass has infinite value because it makes present the original and unique sacrifice of Christ suffering on Calvary.

The year is 1657. The place is the monastery of Montserrat in northeastern Spain. The Father General of the Benedictine Order and Abbot Millán de Mirando are attending a conference. During one of the sessions, a woman and her daughter show up. The child begs Abbot Millán to celebrate three Masses for her deceased father, that his soul be freed from the pains of Purgatory. Moved by the girl's tears, the good abbot celebrates the first Mass of suffrage. The girl claims to see her father kneeling on the step of the main altar, surrounded by flames. Sceptical, the Benedictine Father General asks her to put a handkerchief close to the (invisible) flames that still surround her father.

The handkerchief bursts into flame.

During the second Mass, the girl says she sees her father dressed in a brightly-colored robe and standing next to the deacon. At the third and final Mass of suffrage, the father appears to his daughter dressed in a snow-white robe. As this third Mass ends, she cries out, "There is my father going away and rising up to heaven!"

Childish fantasy? Pre-pubertal hormones running amok? Poltergeist handkerchief weirdly aflame? All we know for sure is that with a major conference going on, the Abbey of Montserrat was crowded with educated people and dignitaries. That first Mass was well-attended, and everyone saw what they saw.

But miracles attributed to the living body of Christ Present by definition do not lend themselves to human logic. Throughout the history of the Catholic Church, Jesus has proven beyond any doubt that He is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Why try to prove this to us? It's because we slide so easily into unbelief. At certain times in history, there have been heresies that denied the Real Presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. During such times, some priests succumb to doubt the Real Presence of Jesus in His Holy Eucharist. On other occasions, the Holy Eucharist is abused, by believers and non-believers alike. We have seen this happen recently in America.

We today are living in yet another age of unbelief. Heresies and apostasies are close to strangling the life of the Church, or at least that seems to be the intent. Especially in Europe and the United States. So why don't hear about Eucharistic miracles here, now, close to home? They are happening! But the Church is very careful in Her investigations. Slow to act.

And secular media people by and large don't want us to believe. Antagonistic to inconvenient truths of Christ and Catholicism, they are much more comfortable with saints like Oprah Winfrey, Ellen DeGeneres and Doctor Phil.

So when reporters cover a reported Eucharistic miracle at all, it's only as a freak show, with us as the gullible dupes.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Have you made any commitment yet?
One Hour, alone with the Real Presence...
Imagine the unimaginable.
Call Fr. Corwin at 548-3550 and sign up!



Baseball fans throughout the Empire are excited about this year's hot team, the Apostles. After a slow start, they caught fire and now dominate the league. Here's tonight's starting lineup:

1: John Zebedee, centerfield – Fastest man on the team (he once smoked Simon Peter in a foot race), young John has put up some impressive numbers this year in the leadoff spot. His amazing eyesight (earning him the nickname, "Eagle Eyes") helps him in the field as well, as it seems that he catches everything hit his way.

2: Matthew, right field – Another speedster, Matthew has a gun for an arm, which serves him well in right field. Usually overshadowed by the flashier John, Matthew still produces respectable numbers.

3: Thomas, left field – Probably the most underrated player on the team, still trying to live down the infamous scene in the '33 Series when he questioned his manager's presence in the clubhouse. But always a strong hitter, proclaims he would "die" for his team.

4: Simon Peter, 1st base – Team captain Peter has been plagued with inconsistency throughout his career, but management has stuck with him throughout. High number of strikeouts, but whenever Peter puts his bat on the ball, it leaves the ballpark for a round-tripper, making him the clear choice for the cleanup role.

5: Andrew, 3rd base – Andrew, brother of Simon Peter, excels at bringing people home. An RBI machine, he loves to be in the background and allow others, especially his brother, to shine.

6: Philip, 2nd base – Not very well-known outside of a base of hard-core fans, Philip year after year puts up solid, if unspectacular, numbers. Little known fact: Philip actually recruited Nathaniel to play for the Apostles, extolling Jerusalem's famous manager.

7: Nathaniel, shortstop – Another little-known player, Nathaniel can be counted on to play the game fair. During the sad Steroid Era, no one suspected this guy of any shenanigans.

8: Simon the Zealot, catcher – No one, I mean no one, plays with the intensity of Simon. There's fear in the eyes of opposing players when they round third base for a close play at home, and Simon zealously protects the plate like no other catcher. At least three players have gone on the DL after a run-in with Simon.

9: James Zebedee, pitcher – Bulwark of the staff this year. His only weakness is that sometimes he enjoys the limelight too much. Also has a tendency to be sent to the showers early in games.

Bullpen – James Alphaeus, Jude Thaddaeus and Matthias – These guys toil in anonymity, but no team's complete without those who are willing to do grunt work to make a team successful. People still talk about the game Jude entered in the 3rd inning down ten runs. Everyone thought it was a lost cause, but behind his strong pitching, the Apostles rallied to win in extra innings.

Closer: Paul of Tarsus – A newcomer to the team (part of a deal which also brought Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot who gave up the winning runs in last year's Series), Paul has been sensational in the closer role. Seems made for building on the foundation of others, and a remarkable 33 for 33 in save opportunities this year. There've been reports of friction between Paul and team captain Simon Peter, but both deny it's anything substantial.

Many observers felt that last year's crushing defeat at Calvary would hang over the Apostles' heads, but their manager managed to turn that defeat into the driving force for this year's resurrection. There's already talk that superstars Simon Peter and Paul are being wooed by the big-market Rome Imperials. Some fans are not happy about that. But for now, it seems to be Jerusalem's year.

Go Apostles!

