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**Reconciliation:** Sat. afternoon, 3:00 pm or by appointment.  
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**Wedding Plans?** To avoid last-minute confusion, please contact Father Julian at least six months before your planned wedding date!

## Trinity Sunday

May 18, 2008

### Dear Parishioners,

Pray for good weather so that farmers can get their crops in the ground. We appreciate the moisture, but wouldn't it be nice if we could just spread it out a little? It just goes to show that farming is a risky business. We still have to depend on God's help. We prepare the soil and we plant, but God still gives the increase. The wise person stays on the side of God.

**Graduation.** Some schools have already held their graduation exercises, especially some of the universities. Most seniors in high school are eagerly waiting for their day. Congratulations to all.

I prefer to use the term **commencement** rather than graduation. It is more expressive of what is really taking place. We celebrate not the end of something but rather, the beginning of something. One begins the next phase of one's life. After high school, for many this will mean beginning their years of college or technical college. Some enter the work force immediately after high school. At any rate, the student is beginning another level of their life. So it is the beginning of a new life, while ending one's previous activities.

My congratulations to all and may the transition to the next level of your life be smooth and easy.

I noticed that very few people used the Peter's Pence envelope last Sunday. The Peter's Pence collection is world wide. It is a collection to give funds to the Holy Father so he can distribute aid to those in need, especially after great disasters. If you forgot to give to this worthy cause, we'll wait till after next Sunday to send in the collection.

The work lists for the festival should be out most likely next week. This is a big and important celebration coming up. I hope all will show up to work at the assigned times. A big celebration such as this happens only every twenty-five years.

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

### St. Martin 2008

#### High School Graduates:

KYLE BURG  
 NATHAN CHRISTMANN  
 JUSTIN HANSEN  
 ERIC LAUER  
 CARI LIESER  
 PAIGE HARRISON  
 KIMBERLY MAGEDANZ  
 RYAN MOSCHO  
 MICHELLE PELTZ

The **St. Martin Catholic Aid Council** would like to congratulate our 2008-2009 Scholarship Winners – **Kyle Burg, Sabrina Schefers** and **Tina Uphoff**. Since the inception of its post-secondary scholarship program, the Catholic Aid Association has awarded \$1,700,000.00 in scholarships to more than 4,800 young deserving members. Congratulations and best wishes for a bright future!



### Recently Baptized into our Parish

Grace Ann Thomes  
 daughter of  
 Doug and Jennifer

### 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 Today  
**20 Tues** – † Dennis Lieser  
**21 Wed** – 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's  
**22 Thur** – † Ryan Shay  
**23 Fri** – †† Erwin & Aegidia Hemmesch  
**24 Sat** – 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's  
**25 Sun** – 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin:  
 ~for the Parish

### Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A Weekday Readings: Year 2

**May 19** – Monday • Jas 3: 13-18 • Mk 9: 14-29  
**May 20** – Tuesday • Jas 4: 1-10 • Mk 9: 30-37  
**May 21** – Wednesday • Jas 4: 13-17 • Mk 9: 38-40  
**May 22** – Thursday • Jas 5: 1-6 • Mk 9: 41-50  
**May 23** – Friday • Jas 5: 9-12 • Mk 10: 1-12  
**May 24** – Saturday • Jas 5: 13-20 • Mk 10: 13-16  
**\*May 25 – Corpus Christi** • Deut 8: 2-3, 14b-16a  
 • 1 Cor 10: 16-17 • Jn 6: 51-58

\* = Holy Day of Obligation

### Band Practice

•Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm.

(To play during the Initiative Dinner.)

All musicians please be ready to play in the downstairs dining room at 7:30 pm. Time permitting, we will then go upstairs to one of the classrooms and practice.

Next practice: •Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**The Band is really coming together now!  
 New members still welcome!**

### Choir Practice

•Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Reminder:

Adult choir will sing **Sunday, May 25.**

## Gardeners are Planting, Too!

"Your first job is to prepare the soil. The best tool for this is your neighbor's garden tiller. If your neighbor does not own a garden tiller, suggest that he buy one." ~Dave Barry

### WHAT'S WHERE:

**May 18** – River Lakes Arena, Richmond. **Annual Firemen's Dinner & Silent Auction.** 4 pm–7:30 pm. BBQ dinner with all the fixings. Advance tickets \$8.00 from firemen or at Casey's, Wenner Hardware or Richmond Marine. (Tickets at the door, \$9.00)

**May 23** – Immaculate Conception Church basement, New Munich. **Blonigen Family Benefit Dinner.** 4:30 pm–8:00 pm. Serving a fine spaghetti Dinner. Sponsored by New Munich Jaycees & New Munich Lions Club. No tickets will be sold, goodwill offering may be made at the dinner. More info contact the Lions at (320) 837-5446.



## Little League Baseball

(including PeeWee League)

starts this Sunday

at the NEW Ray Weber Field!

Also next Wednesday (6:30 pm both nights)

On Thursday we celebrated the feast of St. Isidore the Farmer who died in the year 1130.

Isidore has become the patron of farmers and rural communities. In particular he is the patron of the United States National Rural Life Conference.

When he was barely old enough to wield a hoe, Isidore entered the service of John de Vergas, a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint—Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child.

Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. His devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in church too long.

He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals. Legend has it that angels would appear to take over his plowing when Isidore tarried too long in the local church on his knees, praying.

The quaint custom of blessing fields and gardens on the feast of St. Isidore with small wooden crosses to protect against hailstorms and drought used to be practiced widely, but most farmers today are preoccupied with other concerns. They rely on chemicals and luck instead of saints or God.

## HEALTHY COMMUNITY. INITIATIVE.



It being Trinity Sunday, we confront yet again the mystery of the Triune God. Triple unity. Every time we make the sign of the cross we celebrate unity, usually without even thinking about it much.

Last week we celebrated the power of the Holy Spirit. The Initiator. The two mysteries of faith cannot be separated, really, and both revolve around that other mystery, the one we so often take for granted. (The cross itself, implying sacrifice, can make us uncomfortable.)

So we have three ideas to explore —unity, power, sacrifice — and if I stray from theology here, it's for a reason. On Tuesday evening the entire population of St. Martin is invited to a free dinner. There will be some modest entertainment from the St. Martin Band because it's our practice night anyway, but the dinner itself will be followed by what amounts to a town meeting. No doubt everyone has received a notice in the mail about this, but someone may have missed the startling potential of this **Healthy Communities Partnership** proposal.

**Unity.** In my life I have watched more than one town wither, fade away and essentially die because it did not or could not offer the gifts which larger towns could and did offer. Especially in a time of stress and uncertainty, all of us must reinvent our community. Not only as a faith community but also in the wider sense of the word. We need to come up with ideas, and ways to empower them.

That gift of *power* (the startup initiative) is within our reach. Come to the Parish Center dining room Tuesday at 6 p.m. and find out how we can grasp it.

**Sacrifice?** Relax. No one's going to take up a collection except of your own best ideas about what St. Martin needs in order to remain a growing, healthy, vibrant community. Regardless of which ideas are adopted, your active participation will not exceed your talents or energy or available time. I urge you to attend. Generations to come will applaud your foresight and, ah, initiative.

~yr. obt. svf.

### TEE TIME! School Sisters of Notre Dame

**Golf and Card Tournament Benefit** at Daytona Golf Club in Dayton, Minnesota, Tuesday, June 24, 2008. Men and women are invited to play. It will be a four-person, 18 hole scramble format, \$400 per foursome, \$100 per person (includes golf, carts, range balls, buffet dinner and prizes). A card tournament offering Bridge and 500 will also be held at \$35 per entry (includes cards, buffet meal and prizes). All proceeds benefit the SSND Fund for Mission.

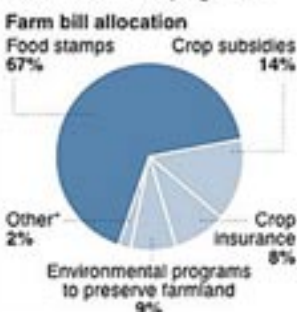
For more information or registration brochure, call Dave Suman at 763-421-6495 or Charles Fitch at 651-982-9954

or visit our website at [www.ssndmankato.org](http://www.ssndmankato.org)



### Bulk of farm bill for food stamps

More than two-thirds of a five-year farm bill will be distributed to food stamps and other domestic nutrition programs.



SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office AP

### POLLEN CORONAS:

Warning, this story may make you sneeze. Swarms of springtime pollen in the northern hemisphere are drifting in front of the sun and making multi-colored coronas (rings of light) in the sky. Unlike circular coronas caused by water droplets in clouds, pollen coronas have strange elliptical shapes dotted by colorful bright patches. Pictures featured on <http://spaceweather.com> show you what to look for. But don't stare directly at the sun. *Gesundheit!*