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9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 1, 2008

Dear Parishioners,

Here it is already the month of June. Whatever happened to the month of May? I blinked and it seemed most had their crops planted. Then without warning I heard stories of the big ones that got away. Many, though, didn't talk much about their luck fishing. All of a sudden I heard stories about graduations, proms and graduation parties. Time is moving too fast for me. I need to sit back and take inventory of just where I'm at.

That's exactly what I'm planning on doing this week. I will be gone on retreat at St. John's. It will be a time to hopefully relax and to recharge the batteries a bit.

Practically speaking, what does all this mean? I will be gone next week, all week, until sometime on Friday. Therefore there will be **no morning Masses** in Farming or St. Martin. In case of emergency, I can be contacted at St. John's. Hopefully none will occur. So everybody be good! And keep me in your prayers that I make a good retreat.

On the centennial scene: You will notice that the **work lists** are finally out. Be sure to take a copy and check all the stands. Since we have a two-day celebration, some were asked to work several shifts. To give 5 or 6 hours' work for the church shouldn't be asking too much. After all, it's only once in twenty-five years. If anyone is not able to work an assigned shift, exchange with someone or see your chairperson! In cases where no hours were specifically determined, the chair will assign the hours for everyone.

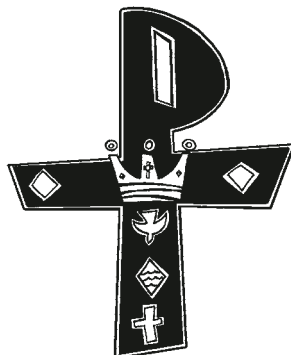
Chance Books — 320 books were put out, one for each household or envelope holder. About half were picked up last Sunday. Hopefully, most will be picked up this Sunday! If you notice your neighbor's is still here, perhaps you could help by delivering it in person. It has been our experience that almost all want the chance book, even those who don't come to church regularly. That's why you should not hesitate to hand-deliver books. And remember that it is *a state law* that *all books must be returned, including the unsold portion of any books*. The earlier you return the sold chances, the easier it is for the chance book committee to get ready for the big drawing.

Things are beginning to fall into place. Hopefully by the 21st, it all will be firmly in place! I'm grateful to those who have already put in many hours of work to prepare for this celebration.

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



Redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Rom 3:24

One aspect of serving others is listening to the call within to express your gifts —those talents you have that make you feel infinite when you are doing them. When we express those gifts, the Holy Spirit works through us in ways we may never know directly, touching the lives, hearts, and minds of others.

—Joanna Bates
Environmental scientist, dancer, and writer

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

2 Mon — **No Weekday**
3 Tues — **Morning Masses**
4 Wed — **This Week.**
5 Thur —
6 Fri —
7 Sat — 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's
8 Sun — 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin:
 ~for the Parish

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A Weekday Readings: Year 2

June 2 — Monday • 2 Pt 1: 2-7 • Mk 12: 1-12
June 3 — Tuesday • 2 Pt 3: 12-15, 17-18 • Mk 12: 13-17
June 4 — Wednesday • 2 Tm 1: 1-3, 6-12 • Mk 12: 18-27
June 5 — Thursday • 2 Tm 2: 8-15 • Mk 12: 28-34
June 6 — Friday • 2 Tm 3: 10-17 • Mk 12: 35-37
June 7 — Saturday • 2 Tm 4: 1-8 • Mk 12: 38-44
***June 8– 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time** • Hos 6: 3-6
 • Rom 4: 18-25 • Mt 9: 9-13
 * = Holy Day of Obligation

Band Practice

•Tuesday, **June 3rd** at 7:30 pm.
Important that all players be there! We are adding new music for the festival.

Choir Practice

•Wednesday, **June 4th** at 7:30 pm.
 •Monday, **June 9th** at 7:30 pm.
 •Wednesday, **June 11th** —at Farming—
 7:30 pm.

The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker.

~Helen Keller

Complex problems usually have simple, easy-to-understand wrong answers.

WHAT'S WHERE:

June 3 – St. Louis Church, Paynesville. **Daughters of Isabella.** Rosary at at 6:45 pm, meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.
June 7 – St. James parish, Jacobs Prairie. **German Picnic.** Outdoor Mass at 4 pm. Grounds will open at 5:00 pm, with a **quilt auction** at 8:00 pm. Fun and refreshments will be available throughout the evening. A **German Dinner** will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, and the **Raffle Drawing** will be at 8:45 pm.
June 15 – Freeport Community Center. **Fire Dept. Fathers' Day BBQ.** Serving from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Raffle tickets are available for the **Holy Family School (Albany) Golf Tournament** coming up in July. Only 100 - \$100 tickets will be sold, with the top prize being \$2500. A total of \$5000 in cash prizes will be given. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket check with any school family or call the school office at **845-2011**. If you are interested in joining us as a golfer on July 7th, please call to have a registration form mailed to you.

Holy Family School will be offering 2 sections of **Kindergarten** this fall. Our Preschool program still has space available in the morning session (8:00-10:30, Tuesdays and Thursdays) and in the afternoon session (12:30-2:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays). If you would like more information or would like to register for these programs please call the school office at **845-2011**.

St. Ann's Christian Women will be doing the annual church cleaning – Tuesday, June 10th, starting at 8:30 AM. Please bring vacuum cleaners, pails, and rags. All are encouraged to help.

Thank You, the St. Ann's Officers

C.A.A. News:

We are looking for anyone who is a St. Martin Catholic Aid member and would like to go to the **Annual Convention, August 1 & 2** at St. John's University, as a delegate. Please call Sue Dingmann at **548-3580** if interested in attending.

C.A.A. Matching Grant Pork Chop Supper Update:

A check for \$2,200.61 from the Pork Chop Supper was given to Father Julian for the CCD Program this last week. An additional \$1,000.00 will also go to the CCD Program through the Matching Grant Program by the Catholic Aid Association.

Top ticket sellers were **Tyler Moscho** and **Kara Winkels**. Great job! Thanks again to all who helped with the C.A.A. Matching Grant Pork Chop Supper!



"It's not atheism, agnosticism or Protestantism, Fr. Patrick. Our main enemy is Golf."

Today's gospel tells us of Jesus' warning: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 7:21). This is one of those frightening phrases, the ones we play biblical roulette around – not being at Mass on Sunday, for instance. Can we afford to chance that an empty chamber will always come up?

Jesus is making it clear to his audience that pious words alone will not gain us the kingdom. Only one who "does the will of my Father in heaven" can hope to attain heaven.

This being the conclusion of his lengthy Sermon on the Mount, there can be little doubt what "the will of my Father in heaven" is: the Ten Commandments explained and expanded (see Mt 5:1 through 7:29). Remember, every time you catch yourself saying, "Well, it seems to me that God would...," you're probably getting ready to break at least one of His commandments.

CHILI DOG GONE...



Will June 21-22 be hot and steamy on festival day? Dusty, thundery or a chill wind blowing? In an era of radical climate behavior, I'm not idiot enough to predict three weeks ahead. But... Will there be enough food? Probably.

Apart from some bizarre events remembered from a generally ridiculous childhood, one parish festival that stands out in my memory happened at a 350th birthday party at San Juan Capistrano, a Mexican mission long on history but short on resource. These were folks whose bare sandy yards got swept clean every morning. Bright flowers. A cramped sandstone chapel open to the elements. Flies and a slouchy sandy dog wandering drowsily inside to nap during the Spanish-speaking Irish priest's homily. No one seemed to mind.

The hamlet of Berg's Mill fronted old U.S. 81 across the road from America's Aerospace Med Center where astronauts grappled with hi-tech toys, but San Juan itself squatted by the river as it always had. Poorest of the poor, ignored by city water and sewage systems. Rich only in tradition and character.

God had provided little in the way of resources except for music, home cooking and the clean-starved pride of the wonderfully poor. Maybe 40 families, most of whom owned at least an old pickup truck and some chickens and goats. How on earth to satisfy the thousands of tourists which the Archdiocese of San Antonio had more or less invited to this gala birthday party? That humble parish couldn't have bought 350 birthday candles! So they fell back on what they had, what they knew and what they did best.

Tamales. Hot juicy, elbow-dripping tamales, steamed over blazing mesquite coals in huge black iron kettles — yes, the very same cast-iron pots in which the women would boil their clothes next wash day. All ingredients locally donated.

Cornshucks enfolded homemade tamales, rich in the succulent meat of *cabritos*, young goats. Rich in tomato and *cominos* (cumin) and the flat red chiles which old women braided from their gardens. Dessert was *pan dulce*, easy and ordinary to bake — flour, sugar, cinnamon, coriander seed.

There were other things, too, but nearly 7,000 people ate well, sang and danced in dust in a colorful blast of *mariachi* music. Eventually we ran out of food. And I wonder yet whatever became of that big yellow dog. *~yr. obt. svt.*

May 4, 2008		May 11, 2008	
Adults	1514.00	Adults	1103.00
Youth	4.00	Youth	5.00
Children	3.25	Children	3.00
Visitor	34.00	Visitor	20.00
Plate	68.00	Pence	175.00
Votives	33.00	Plate	80.00
Total	1656.25	Votives	43.00
		Total	1429.00

May 18, 2008		May 25, 2008	
Adults	968.00	Adults	1112.00
Youth	5.00	Youth	2.00
Children	5.00	Children	1.00
Visitor	0.00	Easter	10.00
Plate	71.20	Pence	5.00
Votives	34.00	Plate	106.00
Total	1083.20	Votives	0.00
		Total	1236.00



[Almost] Free Computer Classes!

Once again Catholic Education Ministries is offering computer classes in June and August for parish staff and their families and friends. You cannot beat the price of \$25.00 per three hour class!

We are again offering classes for applications that run on Windows as well as Macintosh, including Photoshop Elements, the Microsoft Office Suite, Dreamweaver 2004 MX for web design, FileMaker Pro (an easy-to-use database) and more.

You can find the schedule and register online by going to: <http://www.stcdio.org/cem/summerclasses/>