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**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:30 pm 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!

## Catechetical Sunday

September 21, 2008



Sacrament of Anointing

### Parish Reminder -

Next Sunday, Oct. 5, we will administer the **Anointing of the Sick** sacrament during 10:00 Mass.

### A Message about Catechetical Sunday

The Word of God is the inexhaustible strength of life for the Church. From the earliest days, the Holy Spirit has strengthened men and women to share in the mission of spreading the Gospel. Under the guidance of their pastors, catechists (teachers) help to initiate and advance young people's encounter with Christ, that they may be brought to a deeper communion with Him in the life of His body, the Church. Not only that, in this time of advancing assaults upon true belief by purveyors of the false doctrines of godless "spirituality" and marketers of Me-ism, they must somehow manage to inoculate our most vulnerable parishioners against such empty promises of "fulfillment".

Catechetical Sunday is a time to celebrate the work of our catechists and renew our support for these faithful men and women who persevere against all odds in the passing on of the faith. **St. Martin catechists for the school year 2008-09 are:**

- Grade 1** – Theresa Kolb
- Grade 2** – Anita Burg
- Grade 3** – Melanie Mages
- Grade 4** – Jimmie Hughey
- Grade 5-6** – Randy Christmann
- Grade 7** – Stephen Mages
- Grade 8** – Paul Hughey
- Grade 9** – Joan Rothstein
- Grade 10** – Renee Kalthoff
- Grade 11** – Mark Osendorf

#### Substitutes:

- Cheryl Schaefer
- Diane Olmscheid
- Lucy Thelen



CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY

### 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

- 22 Mon** – No Mass Today
- 23 Tues** – † Martin Karsch
- 24 Wed** – 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's
- 25 Thur** – † Elmer Arceneau
- 26 Fri** – † Amanda Blonigen
- 27 Sat** – 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's
- 28 Sun** – 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin  
~ for the Parish

### Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A      Weekday Readings: Year 2  
**Sept 22** – Monday • Prv 3: 27-34 • Lk 8: 16-18  
**Sept 23** – St. Pio of Pietrelcina • Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13 • Lk 8: 19-21  
**Sept 24** – Wednesday • Prv 30: 5-9 • Lk 9: 1-6  
**Sept 25** – Thursday • Eccl 1: 2-11 • Lk 9: 7-9  
**Sept 26** – Sts. Cosmas & Damian • Eccl 3: 1-11 • Lk 9: 18-22  
**Sept 27** – St. Vincent de Paul • Eccl 11: 9-12: 8 • Lk 9: 43-45  
**\*Sept 28–26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
• Ez 18: 25-28 • Phil 2: 1-11 • Mt 21: 28-32  
**\* = Holy Day of Obligation**

## DEUTSCHE FEST

Parish Hall, Oct. 18, 4 pm till ?

Call for mealtime reservations for the German Fest. Don't put it off, reserve your mealtime now!  
Call Jim Rothstein at 548-3647.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Marriage Banns

Melissa Kolb  
and  
Steven Stang

Ever consider what dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul – chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!

~Anne Tyler

## Adult Choir Practice

**Monday, Sept. 22 - 7:30 pm.**

Parish Council Meeting  
Thursday, September 25  
8:15 pm  
Parish Hall Classrooms



**Natural Family Planning (NFP)** is a great way to plan the births of children while loving freely, totally, and faithfully. NFP is effective and good for your health, your marriage, and your family. The Billings Ovulation Method of NFP is a natural, highly effective method of postponing or achieving a pregnancy without the use of harmful drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Friday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Hospital. For more information, or to register, call Lola or Mark Welle at 320-352-6014. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans now cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

**WHAT'S WHERE:**

**Sept 28** - Albany Legion Smorgasbord Breakfast 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM.  
**Sept 28** - St. Mary's church basement, Melrose. **M-G Breakfast, Bake Sale & RAFFLE.** Serving 8:30 am till 12:30 pm. Sausage, pancakes, hashbrowns, eggs and rolls. All proceeds donated to St. Mary's Catholic School.  
**Oct 5** - St. Martin Parish Hall. St Martin Fire Dept./Relief Assn's **Annual Ham Supper.** Serving 4:00 pm till 9:00 pm. Heartland DJ entertainment 4 pm till midnight. **Raffle** at 8:00 pm. No admission charge. Meal tickets are available at St. Martin businesses and from all firefighters. All proceeds to purchase fire equipment.  
**Oct 5** - Immaculate Conception church basement, New Munich. **Matching Fund Breakfast.** Sponsored by St. Leo Court #0786, Catholic Order of Foresters. Ham, fried potatoes, eggs, etc. Serving 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Proceeds go toward Choir area upgrade and Fuel Expenses. For info & tickets call Jean Hopfer @ 837-5239 or Marcie Thull @ 837-5283 or 256-3152.  
**Oct 8** - **Albany Area Schools Board Meeting.** Call Sheila Mitchell @ 320-845-2171 ext. 5055 for more info.

**JUSTICE in THE Kingdom**

What's the difference between fairness and justice? Grandpa Scriven explained it to me in no uncertain terms: "Hoot, if you want fairness, go invent a new world. If it's justice you want, take your lumps and then learn from the Master."

How often has someone treated me unfairly? Favored another's idea over mine? Who can equal my pain when dreams get dashed or ambition is denied? Preferential demands lay foundation stone for bitter memories.

Yet roadblocks can serve a greater good. Others in need may benefit. So we endure unequal treatment in the name of justice. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus presents the Kingdom as one of justice, not fairness.

There's a difference between fairness and justice. The question of fairness is usually based upon self-interest. When I insist upon my rights without regard to another's need, I become narcissistic. That's hard to admit because it's a word I absolutely detest.

The question of justice, on the other hand, is based squarely upon the needs of others. If I focus upon their needs first even if they tromp on my rights, I sacrifice myself for the Kingdom, as Jesus did. My piddling so-called ministry becomes transparent. Without its "skin" it might even lead another to Christ. That's the first lesson I'll be offering to my eighth graders this year.

Service means sacrifice. It means choosing to become a servant. Servanthood means humbling myself. What will they ultimately be willing to give up for a place in the Kingdom of God? I pray they learn quick.

Changes are coming. Time runs short. ~yr. obt. svt.

**Hurricane Ike reminiscent of 1900 storm that razed Catholic orphanage**

By Carol Zimmermann, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - When Galveston Island, Texas, was pummeled by Hurricane Ike Sept. 13, it may have called to mind stories of the Sept. 8, 1900, hurricane, or the Great Storm as it was called, that devastated the area.

The 1900 storm, worst natural disaster in the nation's history, took the lives of more than 6,000 people. Among the dead were 10 sisters and 90 children from St. Mary's Orphans Asylum, opened by the Sisters of Charity on Galveston Island in 1874.

The orphanage began as a place to care for children orphaned during the yellow fever epidemic in 1867. First located inside a hospital the sisters also ran, it was moved to beach-front property, two buildings located behind sand dunes along the beach; a two-story dormitory for boys and a two-story dormitory for girls.

During the storm the nuns brought all the children into the girls' dorm, a newer and stronger building. In the first floor chapel, the sisters sang the children a French hymn, "Queen of the Waves."

As the storm intensified, they brought the children to the second floor and used pieces of clothesline to attach themselves to the smaller children. But with wind speeds of more than 120 mph and a storm surge at least 15 feet high, the girls' dormitory collapsed, killing the nuns and all the children except for three boys who managed to get out of the house and rode out the storm clinging to the top of a tree.

A report about the storm published by the Galveston County Daily News noted that the sisters were "buried wherever they were found, with the children still attached to them." One sister died with two small children in her arms.

St. Mary's Orphans Asylum reopened in the city of Galveston in 1901 and remained there until it closed in 1967. Members of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word still sing "Queen of the Waves" every Sept. 8 in honor of those who died in the storm.

The **St. Martin Fire Department Relief Association** Fundraiser **28TH ANNUAL HAM SUPPER** will be **Sunday, October 5th**, serving 4 pm to 9 pm at St. Martin's Parish Hall. Heartland DJ Entertainment 4 pm to 12 midnight. **Raffle 11:00 pm** No admission charge. Meal tickets are available at St. Martin businesses and from all firefighters. All proceeds to purchase fire equipment.

**Sad little note for some of us, uneasy reminder for all...**

When the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, **Diarmuid Martin**, solemnly ordained this year's crop of new priests in his diocese last month, he called them all by their first names. This did not involve any great feat of memory on his part since there were, after all, only three of them. **Michael, Richard and Dan** are the only newly ordained priests for Dublin's million-plus Irish Catholics.

**Do you play a band instrument? Did you ever? Are you in the high school band? Consider adding the fun of playing in an American tradition — the hometown Brass Band.**

**The St. Martin Band will resume bi-weekly practices early in October. We sure could use your help! Call 548-3265.**

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	September 14, 2008	
	Adults	1219.00
	Youth	9.00
	Children	1.25
	Plate	78.00
	Votives	23.00
	Souvenirs	33.00
	Thanksgiving	5.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1368.25</b>

Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict | **Saint Benedict's Monastery** ST JOSEPH, MINNESOTA

DELORES DUFNER, OSB, PRESENTS,

"SINGING OUR FAITH, SINGING OUR THEOLOGY," ON OCTOBER 5, 2008

"Those who sing pray twice." Fifth century St. Augustine's words reveal the importance hymns and hymnals have in our prayer experience and the strong connection between us and God made possible through song. Hymns and hymnals are actually theological texts and the use of them enriches our liturgical experience. In her presentation, "Singing Our Faith, Singing Our Theology," Sister Delores Dufner, OSB, invites us to consider how hymns are chosen for worship. Her talk is on October 5, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at Saint Benedict's Monastery, St. Joseph, and is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Monastery Dining Room, located just below Sacred Heart Chapel. A reception will follow.

S. Delores Dufner is a noted hymn-writer and the author of Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty and Sing a New Church among other well-known hymns. She holds master's degrees in liturgical music and liturgical studies. She was director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota, from 1979-1989, and subsequently worked as a liturgical music consultant for the Diocese of Ballarat in Victoria, Australia. Since her return to Saint Benedict's Monastery, she has been writing hymn and motet texts with ecumenical appeal. Her work is distributed by 34 publishers in North America, Great Britain, Australia and China.