

Church of St. Martin

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Sunday Bulletin

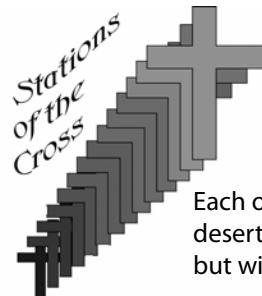


1st Sunday in Lent

There will be a **communal anointing of the sick** during Mass on **Tuesday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.** with dinner to follow at the St. Martin Parish Center. Everyone from St. Martin and St. Catherine parishes is invited to the Mass and dinner.

Note: Those who wish to have a take-out meal, please contact in advance Lisa Winkels at 548-3564 or Sue Spanier at 548-3253.

The meal is being served by the St. Martin Catholic Aid Council.



Every Friday during Lent, 8:00 pm

Each of us "must pass through the desert, the test of faith – not alone but with Jesus." ~Pope Benedict XVI

The **Catholic Men's Conference** will be at Saint John's University from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 27. Fr. Britto Berchmans, the keynote speaker, will address the topic, **"Scripture-How Catholics Read the Bible."** Contact 320-252-4721 for further information.

St. Martin City Band!

Regular players, former players and anyone who has ever played in a brass band, concert/marching band or wind ensemble:

Great first practice Tuesday! We'll continue on Tuesdays, **8:00 pm**. Got some new music on our playlist. Our new Bandwagon sponsored by Commercial Club & Lions — summer gigs in planning stage: a 1-hour evening concert during the 2010 Bazaar festival in June for sure; we'll also perform in parades (New Munich, Albany, probably Paynesville, others as they contact us) and... how about some impromptu concerts in the Park? But we need more people!

Age **not** a factor, no audition necessary. If you play an instrument, we welcome you to the Band! Parents, if area schools are cutting music budgets, encourage your high school band students to stay ahead of the curve, right here in St. Martin. We play to serve the entire community area, and for the love of it!



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Bulletin Deadline— **Wednesday Noon**

Reconciliation: **Saturday, 10:30 am 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!



February 21, 2010



Lk 4: 1-13

Good and evil struggle for supremacy in the human heart. Good people like to pretend they never have a conversation with the devil. But even Jesus did that. To beat temptation, we first have to admit that it exists.

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**

23 Tues — † Susan Miller

24 Wed — **8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's**

25 Thur — † Hugo Kuhl

26 Fri — † Joseph Lieser

Stations of the Cross, 8:00 pm

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: Year C Weekday Readings: Cycle 2

Feb 22 — *the Chair of St. Peter* • 1 Ptr 5: 1-4 • Mt 16: 13-19

Feb 23 — *Tuesday* • Is 55: 10-11 • Mt 6: 7-25

Feb 24 — *Wednesday* • Jon 3: 1-10 • Lk 11: 29-32

Feb 25 — *Thursday* • Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 • Mt 7: 7-12

Feb 26 — *Friday* • Ez 18: 21-28 • Mt 5: 20-26

Feb 27 — *Saturday* • Dt 26: 16-19 • Mt 5: 43-48

***Feb 28** — **2nd Sunday in Lent** • Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18

• Phil 3: 17--4: 1 • Lk 9: 28b-36

*** = Holy Day of Obligation**

STEWARDSHIP

14 February 2010

Adults	1021.00
Youth	0.50
Children	0.00
Energy	30.00
Visitor	102.00
Plate	50.00
Votives	24.00
Total	1227.50

Our donation total for the Parish Hall boiler project has jumped to **\$11,720**. Your continuing generosity is much appreciated.

Donation totals for our church's sound system now total **\$1045**.



Quilting Schedule:

Friday, Feb. 26 — **St. Elizabeth's** group
Friday, Mar. 5 — **the Baseball** group.

Everyone is welcome to help!

The St. Martin Catholic Aid Council wishes to thank everyone who helped sew the beautiful quilt for our CAA Matching Grant Pork Chop Supper. Your time and talent is appreciated!



Prayer Line 548-3436

Do you know of 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.



Religious Education News

CCD Class Schedules

Feb. 24 - Grades 1-8: Regular classes, 7:00 pm.

Students, will you bring food items to class for the Food Shelf?

Keep this date open!

We are planning a **German Dinner** for April 10th in the parish hall. We are looking for people who would be willing to work for this. All of the money raised will go for hall improvements. Anyone willing to work should contact Geri Moscho at 548-3233 or Joan Rothstein at 548-3209.



St. Martin Lions Club 26th Annual Breakfast

Sunday Feb. 28th 2010
Serving 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
Ham, Eggs, Fried potatoes
Homemade Cinnamon Bread
and much more.



\$6.50 advance or \$7.00 at the door

WHAT'S WHERE:

Feb. 26 – Seven Dolours parish center, Albany. 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm. **Lenten Fish Fry.** Fish w/Tartar Sauce, Calico beans, creamy potatoes, coleslaw, bread, pudding, desserts & beverages. Adults \$8.50; kids 5-12 \$5.00, 4 & under eat free.

Mar. 2 – St. Louis Church, Paynesville. **Daughters of Isabella and Knights of Columbus** will each hold their monthly meetings. Rosary at 6:45 pm, followed by 7:00 pm meeting and lunch. Remember Food Shelf Donation!

Mar. 7 – Seven Dolours Parish Center, Albany. **Family-sponsored Breakfast.** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Sausage, ham, pancakes, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, apple-sauce, strawberries & whipped cream, caramel and cinnamon rolls, juice, milk, coffee. Adults \$7.00; K-6 \$4.00, 5 & under free.

Mar. 7 – Immaculate Conception basement, New Munich. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.** Includes eggs, applesauce, cinnamon bread, assorted toppings & beverage. Sponsored by New Munich Lions. Adults \$7.50; kids 5-12 \$3.00, under 5 free.

Mar. 7 – Spring Hill church basement. 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm. **Sausage & Ham Supper.** Sponsored by Spring Hill Baseball Team, Recreation Club & St. Michael's parish. Adults \$6.50; kids 6-12 \$3.00, 5 & under free.

Mar. 14 – St. Margaret's church basement, Lake Henry. **Parish Breakfast.** 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. Sausage, Eggs, potatoes, applesauce, etc.. Adults \$6.00; kids 6-10 \$3.00; and under free.

HELP FOR COUPLES IN TROUBLED MARRIAGES: Are you, or someone you know, living in the despair of a marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts March 19, 2010. Advance registration is necessary. Call 320-255-5314 or check our website www.savingmarriages.org

On March 2nd and 3rd, television star and Catholic convert Frank Runyeon will present a 2-night drama mission "THE STORY OF FAITH" at Seven Dolours church in Albany. He will perform **AFFRAID: THE GOSPEL OF MARK** on Tuesday, March 2, and **The Sermon on the Mount** followed by **Hollywood vs. Faith** on Wednesday, March 3. Both evenings will begin at 7:00 pm. A freewill offering will be taken. Videos of the play will also be available.

The play has won high praise from church leaders and scholars of all denominations, as well as from the secular press. It has been performed for hundreds of thousands of people in almost every state in America.

Pope dismisses Life Teen founder from priesthood

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=5470>

The Diocese of Phoenix announced on February 16 that Pope Benedict has laicized Msgr. Dale Fushek following an investigation by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith into allegations that he sexually abused minors. The former diocesan vicar general, who founded the **Life Teen** youth ministry, was excommunicated in 2008 for schism. (*ed. note—due to other reported inconsistencies, we have, sadly, removed the LifeTeen link from our own website and no longer recommend it.*)

Catholic Women's Spring Retreat

Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Keynote Speaker is Fr. Greg Paffel

"Year of the Priest"

Saturday, March 6 — 8:00 am–3:00 pm

St. Louis Catholic Church, Paynesville

All women of the Diocese are invited!

• Registration info is on Bulletin Board •

This Year, Involve the Kids!

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' **Operation Rice Bowl**, a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for more information.



Edging Toward the Light

Here's what I'll give up this Lent: the self-doubt that goes, "I can never get much closer to God because I'm too sinful, too flawed, too weak."

This is a lethal attitude because it's always based on a false assumption — that I actually can possess (or claim) something of my own that doesn't come from God, and yet could please God. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Only what comes *from* God can *please* God. If it didn't originate in His light, it obviously originated in Darkness.

And whenever I persist in that error, that sin of false humility (which amounts to false pride), I lock God out!

Lent is not about beating my breast in false humility. It's not about my wonderful collection of inadequacies. God doesn't judge on the basis of blamelessness, but rather on the way we approach reality...starting with the reality of our deficiency and imperfections. That's why the season begins with the command, "**Remember that you are dust!**"

Confident, cheerful self-acceptance of my "clayness" is my starting point for salvation simply because that's the reality I'm forced to face every day. Because salvation, by definition, is an escape from my own inability.

Yet, weirdly, I try to compensate for my insufficiency by trying to be self-sufficient. Seized by a strange contradiction, I try to please God by proving that I can get along without Him! And when delusions like this infest my life, God acts. He permits my soul to wander in darkness.

Why would a loving God do this?

What do you do when the lightbulb burns out and you're alone in a dark hallway? You edge toward the light!

God's pretty clever. So don't panic about being weak-willed or inadequate. Just do something about it. Do without something you think you want to do, and do something for someone else instead.

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What Have You Done for the Poor this week?

This [...] is the fasting that I wish: [...] Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!
Book of Isaiah 58:1-9

St. Martin Catholic Aid Council #95

Matching Grant Pork Chop Supper

Sunday, March 14, 2010

serving 4:30 - 8:30 pm

at the St. Martin Parish Hall.



Proceeds go to the Religious Ed Program.

Tickets are available in advance from Religious Ed student families and area businesses.

We are putting together a work list for the Matching Grant Pork Chop Supper. Anyone willing to volunteer, please call Sue Dingmann at 548-3580. Thanks for helping bring the word of God to our children.

"In Russia, parents say, 'Go to school, work hard and learn!' In America, parents say, 'Have fun at school today!'"

~Russian history teacher, Larissa Kokareva