

# Church of St. Martin

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Sunday Bulletin



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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!



## Feast of Pentecost – Welcome, Confirmands!

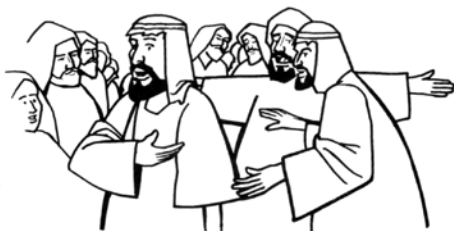
May 23, 2010

Today is our **Welcoming Mass** for St. Martin's Confirmands — there will be a reception in the Parish Hall after Mass. Let's welcome these newly confirmed members of the Body of Christ! If you are a Prayer Partner, be sure to meet with your Confirmand — he or she will want to thank you for your support, and you will want to promise to keep your prayful support going!



### The Graces of Confirmation:

- an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:
- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!"
- it unites us more firmly to Christ.
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.
- it perfects our bond with the Church.
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, never to be ashamed of the Cross.



They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues.  
ACTS 2:4

## St. Martin Church and Hall Cleaning!

**Saturday, June 5th, 9 am to 12 noon.**

All parish families from **A through K** (see list attached to this Bulletin!) are asked to help with the church and parish hall cleaning. Supplies such as pails, rags, ladders, vacuum cleaners, paint scrapers, squeegee are welcome.

Donations for paint and cleaning supplies are also welcome. Cash donations can be dropped in with the Sunday collection.

## 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

**24 Mon** — **No Mass**

**25 Tues** — † Sally Binsfeld

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

**27 Thur** — † Ronald Shay

**28 Fri** — † Romuald Ehresmann

**29 Sat** — **8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's**

**\*30 Sun** — **10:00 am Mass at St. Martin**  
~for the Parish

**\* = Holy Day of Obligation**

## Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year C Weekday Readings: Cycle 2

**May 24** — Monday • 1 Pt 3: 3-9 • Mk 10: 17-27

**May 25** — Tuesday • 1 Pt 1: 10-16 • Mk 10: 28-31

**May 26** — St. Philip Neri • 1 Pt 1: 18-25 • Mk 10: 32-45

**May 27** — Thursday • 1 Pt 2: 2-5, 9-12 • Mk 10: 46-52

**May 28** — Friday • 1 Pt 4: 7-13 • Mk 11: 11-26

**May 29** — Saturday • Jude 17: 20b-25 • Mk 11: 27-33

**\*May 30** — **Trinity Sunday** • Prv 8: 22-31

• Rom 5: 1-5 • Jn 16: 12-15

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## Parish Trustee Position Open

Arnie Wehseler's current term as Trustee ends in June. Is there anyone interested in serving as a Trustee for St. Martin Parish? Call Father Corwin at 548-3550.

### STEWARDSHIP

**9 May 2010**

53 Adult Envelopes

<b>Total</b>	<b>1205.30</b>
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**16 May 2010**

54 Adult Envelopes

Adults	1109.00
Children	6.00
Plate	31.50
Votive Lights	39.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1185.50</b>

Donations for the Parish Hall boiler project now total **\$14,200.**



Adult choir will sing on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## St. Martin City Band

Practice Schedule:

**Every Thursday, 8:00 pm,  
Parish Hall.**



Reality?



Reality.



## 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.

## Prayer Line Follow-up

Thank you, St. Martin Prayer Line. My brain tumors are gone! The miracle happened because of the many many prayers.

My pituitary gland is non-functioning and I will have to have knee transplants this Spring. But I survived, and am most grateful.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

*Patrick Kubitscheck, 17 years old  
(Bob & Renee's nephew)*

**Unsure about Eucharistic Adoration?**

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## Diocesan Appeal – a Reminder

The annual Diocesan appeal is critical to the success of Diocesan ministries supporting our parish. Our Catholic schools and Faith Formation programs receive support from the Catholic Education Ministries Office. The Office of Marriage and Family is responsible for the annual Mens' Conference, Honoring Marriage Day, Mother and Daughter Breakfast, pre-marriage courses for engaged couples and much more. The Communications Office produces the TV Mass—a welcome link to our Church for shut-ins and those unable to attend daily Mass. The Office of Worship supports our liturgy and music. All these ministries and many other support Catholic life in our parish and throughout the Diocese. If you have not had the opportunity to share in these ministries, please prayerfully consider a gift today for the Annual Diocesan Appeal at PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302. Your contribution is important to the future of St. Martin parish and for our Catholic way of life. Thank you.

### WHAT'S WHERE:

**May 23** – Seven Dolores parish center, Albany. **Salad Luncheon & Craft Boutique.** 11:30 am–1:00 pm. A variety of homemade salads and fresh breads will be served and handcrafted items on display. Everyone welcome!

**May 30** – St. John's Church basement, Meire Grove. **"All You Can Eat" Brunch.** 9:00 am–12:30 pm. Waffles served with sausage and flavored syrups, strawberries, butter & whipped cream and beverages. Adults \$6; 6-12, \$4; age 5 & under free. Sponsored by St. John's Youth Group.

River Station in Richmond. **Bar Bingo** every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Proceeds benefit Sts. Peter & Paul School. Come early and enjoy a burger basket for only \$3.00.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### Eucharistic Adoration: Answers to objections we have heard.

By now, most of you have seen a Perpetual Adoration notice and sign-up book as you come into church. We have heard a couple of reservations some have voiced about reviving this venerable practice.

**Objection:** Not enough people in the parish are willing to support Eucharistic Adoration, and no one understands why they should.

**Reply:** It's more likely that not enough people in the parish have given the matter serious thought. One hour on Fridays might require some slight shift in one's usual daily routine, but experience here and elsewhere proves not only that each hour *can* be more than filled, but also that the spiritual benefits far outweigh any slight inconvenience.

Right now we have parishioners who even manage to come from work in St. Cloud each Friday to worship Christ in His Real Presence. Why? It's a life-changer, and the beneficial effects last all week.

**Objection:** But isn't it true that after Vatican II the Church decided that Adoration outside of Mass represented "going backwards"—an effort to separate the Eucharist from the Sacrifice of the Mass?

**Reply:** Many may not recall that Adoration was routine and customary here in St. Martin until very recently. Others may have heard this completely erroneous notion that the Eucharistic Presence should be worshipped only at Mass on Sundays.

The Mass and Eucharistic Adoration are **complementary**. At Mass the sacrificial and communal aspects of the Eucharist are emphasized. In Eucharistic Adoration, the Real Presence is emphasized. Pope John Paul II said that our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration in order that our love may be complete. You can't be more specific than that!

Nowhere in the Code of Canon Law or in HCWEOM (*Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*) does it specify how many adorers must be present during Eucharistic exposition. But article 90 of HCWEOM states: **"The form of adoration in which [at least] one or two members of the community take turns before the Blessed Sacrament is also to be maintained and highly commended."**

**Objection:** It's not necessary to have exposition to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus is just as real in the tabernacle.

**Reply:** True, Jesus is present in both cases. The difference between spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance and spending time with Him in the tabernacle could be compared to the difference between visiting with a friend face-to-face and visiting with a closed door between both of you.

Please take a moment and look at your life, at the miserable state of the secular world around you, and then decide to do something personal and powerful about it. Consider the warnings and promises made to us in Scripture, by Christ himself and by the Blessed Virgin in her many apparitions. Or at least ask someone who has already signed up for a particular hour, or as a substitute, for their experiences.

**Imagine** how it must feel to our loving God to be personally present... but looking out at an empty church.

## THE LADY IN BLUE

It may seem a little odd to write about a miraculous legend which happened a thousand miles south and 300 years before the first German families erected a church in St. Martin. But never let it be said that we are afraid to stretch a point to make a point.

Make the year 1629. Down in Mexico, Cortez has gorged Spain fat on Montezuma's gold. Far to the north, voyageurs make France svelte with Canadian furs, but look—and explore—south toward that golden crescent. Spanish colonizers struggle to create a barrier in between, but native tribes have their own religiously cultural ideas. It falls to Franciscan faith to try to do what goldseekers and soldiers have failed to do, but how? Priests are so few! And distances so huge! Fifty adobe churches built, but weeks of hard travel between them and none north of *Rio Grande*.

Fray Alonzo de Benevides stands in the blazing sun at *El Paso del Norte's* small mission Isleta, sees dust rising to the east. Riders and *Jumano Indios* afoot draw near. From distant Rio Concho they come, marching in procession, carrying a cross, singing the *Ave Maria!* Who could have taught them? No Spanish priests out there!

The Lady in Blue, they reply. Words come haltingly, then the Jumano chieftain points to a painting on the priest's wall, of a nun cloaked in blue. "Like her," he says. "But much younger, prettier. She comes to us to teach us the Word of God. Now we need baptism and a church."

Infinitely far away, a young contemplative nun in the Spanish convent at Agredo lies for hours apparently lifeless, but wakes with total recall, specific detail. She has been with these people, and they desperately need help! The Jumano tribe, the Lipan Apache, the Tejas in forests eastward. All will later prove to have been visited by a Lady in Blue.

The Church investigates thoroughly, reluctantly agrees. Sister Maria de Agredo has, by the power of Spirit, bilocated both spiritually and physically. Help will come to Texas, and fruits of that help still stand—334 years after *Sor Maria de Agredo's* travels in the name of God, I would marry in one of those now-ancient Franciscan churches.

Miraculous legend? Miraculous fact. But what of Sister Maria? Named a saint? Her body does still lie unburied and incorrupt in Agredo. But no sainthood yet. It seems she wrote a book thought until recently to be too mystical, though in its 60th edition and acclaimed by popes.

*Sor Maria* said the Blessed Mother told her how to write it. It was ecstatically all about the power of prayer.

*Hope to see you in church next Friday.*

*yr. obt. svt.*

### Where Imagination Goes, Energy Follows

A long time ago on a sweltering, humid afternoon, a lone traveler leaves the security of a walled, medieval city. When just a mile or so from the city gate, he sees in the distance three men inching their way toward him, each pushing a wheelbarrow piled high with bricks. As the first man approaches, the traveler asks, "What are you doing?"

Irritated at the needless question, the tired and thirsty man growls, "I'm pushing this heavy barrow loaded with bricks!"

The second laborer draws near and the traveler puts the same question to him. He receives, however, a different answer. "I have a wife and young children; they have to eat. And I have to work to feed them."

Moving on to the third worker, he asks, "What are you doing?" The man stops, wipes his brow, lowers the handles of the wheelbarrow and looks up at his questioner. In his eyes, the traveler sees more than fatigue and weariness. He sees a gleam of pride and dignity.

"What am I doing? I'm building a cathedral!"

### Catholic Youth Camp Still Has Openings

It is not too late to sign up for Summer 2010! 63 years of faith, friendship and fun in Northern Minnesota!

Sessions available for children grades 1-9 and 2-week Teen Leadership programming. Registration available until sessions are full. Volunteer service opportunities also available. [www.cycamp.org](http://www.cycamp.org) or (651) 636-1645 for more information. Hope to C U @ CYC!