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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!

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2008

The parish is looking for volunteers!

HELP WANTED

October 18 Deutsche Fest
Parish Hall, 4 pm till ?

Bartenders – Waitresses – Bussing
Cooks – Dishwashers – Kitchen Help
and anyone interested in helping
out generally!

Call Jim Rothstein at 548-3647



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

- 25 Mon – No Mass Today
- 26 Tues – † Amanda Blonigen
- 27 Wed – 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's
- 28 Thur – † Bernice Peltz
- 29 Fri – † Al Arceneau
- 30 Sat – 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's
- 31 Sun – 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin
† Elmer Arceneau



Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, August 28

8:30 pm

Using Our Gifts

U.S. President Harry Truman once observed, "I studied the lives of great men and famous women; and I found that the men and women who got to the top were those who did the jobs they had in hand, with everything they had of energy and enthusiasm and hard work."

How might you use your talents on behalf of your parish? Many have a talent for cooking. Others have a talent for singing or playing a musical instrument. *(The adult and youth choirs and St. Martin Band need you!)* Are you good at dealing with people? St. Martin has an ongoing need for more people to serve as ushers.

Attention all CCD Teachers!

It's time to plan out our class year, which begins in mid-September. There will be changes in the weekly schedule this year. It is vital that all teachers attend a preparation meeting this **Monday, August 25, 7:30 in the Parish Hall classrooms.** See you there! ~Joan Rothstein

3rd Grade Teacher Needed!

We are still lacking someone to teach our 3rd grade class. You need not be an experienced teacher; it's not even necessary that you be a parent of one of our 3rd graders. You'll receive all the help and encouragement you need. All you need to bring to the job is a deep-down commitment to the growth in faith of these future parishioners. Will they become as committed to the faith as you are? Please pray on this and then call **Joan Rothstein at 548-3209.**

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A Weekday Readings: Year 2

- Aug 25 –Monday • 2 Th 1: 1-5, 11-12 • Mt 23: 13-22
- Aug 26 –Tuesday • 2 Th 2: 1-3, 14-16 • Mt 23: 23-26
- Aug 27 –St. Monica • 2 Th 3: 6-10, 16-18 • Mt 23: 27-32
- Aug 28 –St. Augustine • 1 Cor 1: 1-9 • Mt 24: 42-51
- Aug 29 –Martyrdom, John the Baptist • 1 Cor 1: 17-25 • Mk 6: 17-29
- Aug 30 – Saturday • 1 Cor 1: 26-31 • Mt 25: 14-30
- *Aug 31– 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
• Jer 20: 7-9 • Rom 12: 1-2 • Mt 16: 21-27

* = Holy Day of Obligation



1st Marriage Banns

Ashley Noel Burg
and
Jon Klaphake
—
Curt Schaefer
and
Nicole Albers

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time.

So the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?"

The pastor said, "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked: "Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:45?"

Thanks to All

My heartfelt thanks to Father, to the Resurrection Choir and those who prepared food, and to everyone who so warmly gave support during our time of loss. My heart goes out to you, as yours went out to me.

~Noreen Lieser

WHAT'S WHERE:

August 24 – St. John's parish, Meire Grove. **School Benefit Breakfast.** Ham & eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, frosted bread. Adults \$6, Children \$2.50.

August 21-Sept 1 – Join us at the MN State Fair! **EPIPHANY DINER.** Find us on Underwood Avenue, north of Haunted House & across from Horticultural Bldg. Breakfast 6:30 to 11 am. Lunch/Dinner 11:30 to 8 pm.

Sept 7 – Community Park, 13th Ave N., Waite Park. **St Joseph's (Waite Park) Parish Festival.** 10:30 AM Polka Mass, followed by Roast Pork Dinner. Stands open 11 AM.

Sept 7 – St. Joseph's Hall, Grey Eagle. **Rel.Ed. Benefit Breakfast.** Pancakes & sausage, all you can eat. Adults \$6.50, 10 & under \$4.50, preschool free.



The **Red Cross Bloodmobile** will be in St. Martin on Friday, Sept. 5, from 12:30 till 6:30 pm. If you are in good health, please share the gift of life with those who desperately need it.

STEWARDSHIP	August 10, 2008		August 17, 2008	
	Adults	1253.00	Assumption, plate	26.82
	Youth	1.00	Adults	663.00
	Children	0.25	Youth	3.00
	Plate	36.00	Children	2.00
	Energy	160.00	Plate	63.00
	Votives	20.00	Energy	25.00
	Total	1470.25	Votives	27.00
			Total	809.82

GOOD NEWS

Isaiah 22:15,19-23; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Today's readings remind us that power exists for the good of the powerless.

The first reading contrasts the use and abuse of power. In the eighth century B.C., Isaiah is sent to inform Shebna, the prime minister, of his removal from office. Shebna has been a "disgrace to [his] master's house" (Isaiah 22:18). The prophet also speaks of Eliakim, one truly worthy of authority. Eliakim will discharge the duties of office as a "father" and will support King Hezekiah and his kingdom by paternal service.

Psalm 138 praises God for living up to God's name and covenant loyalty. "On the day I called, you answered me" (Psalm 138:3) captures this divine commitment. The Creator responds to the needs of the lowly.

Matthew combines the scene of Peter's confession with a post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus to Peter. The Lord calls Peter blessed because Peter perceives that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Because this faith comes from God, Jesus confers the grace of leadership on Peter. This impetuous disciple will be "Rock", an unshakable foundation for the Church (see Matthew 7:24-27). The keys (as in Isaiah) suggest power, the power of one who will focus not on self but on community.

All of us exercise some kind of power. Are we more Shebna or Eliakim? Are we intent upon making our power felt or making our power a service? Isaiah, the psalmist, and Matthew agree that to be in charge means to protect our charges.

No matter what.

Adult Choir Practice

Monday, Sept. 8th at 7:30 pm.

The Kingdom Belongs to Children



Christ's insistence on the power of children is startling. Almost more than anything else in the Gospel, it proves that in God's eyes, *being* something comes before *doing* something. He sets a little child among his apostles as an example of what he loves, says that heaven is filled with children.

Indeed, the Architect of Love has built the door into heaven so low that no one but a small child can pass through it, unless, to get down to a child's little height, an adult goes in on his knees.

How consistent it is with the incredible tenderness of God that his Christ, the Immortal Child, should be conceived by the power of the Spirit in the body of a child. That a child should bear a Child, to redeem the world. Our Lady was at the most fourteen when the angel came to her, perhaps she was younger. The world trembled on the word of a child, on a child's consent.

To what was she asked to consent? First of all, to the descent of the Holy Spirit, to surrender her littleness to the Infinite Love, and as a result to become the Mother of Christ. It was so tremendous, yet so passive. She was not asked to do anything herself, but to let something be done to her. She was not asked to renounce anything, but to receive an incredible gift. She was not asked to lead a special kind of life, to retire to the temple and live as a nun, to cultivate suitable virtues or claim special privileges. She was simply to remain in the world, to go forward with her marriage to Joseph, to live the life of an artisan's wife, just what she had planned to do when she had no idea that anything out of the ordinary would ever happen to her. It almost seemed as if God's becoming man and being born of a woman were ordinary.

If you are an adult, consider what it will take *to live as a child.*

~Caryll Houselander (d. 1954) was a British mystic, poet, wood carver, and spiritual teacher.



Reminder – Except for true emergencies, the normal deadline for getting your message into the Sunday Bulletin is **Wednesday noon.**

Thursday is usually acceptable, too.

This week the Bulletin was fully laid out and ready to print so that yr. obt. svt. could enjoy a restful Friday night after a hard week in the gardens. Then a stack of routine but time-sensitive items appeared at 5:30 pm. So he sighed, took the whole thing apart at suppertime and re-did it. Bummer.