

# Church of St. Martin

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Sunday Bulletin



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Bulletin Deadline— **Wednesday Noon**



**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!

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2009

**Jonah** is a reluctant prophet who succeeds beyond all earthly expectation. We meet him in the first reading faced with God's demand that he preach repentance to people he has never met, in a city that stretches 25 miles. Like every true prophet, Jonah speaks not his own message but rather God's word. His homily is eight words long. **"Forty days more and Nineveh will be destroyed."** Less than a third of the people hear Jonah preach. It is not the power or extent of his oratory that accomplishes anything. Rather, the people believe God when they hear him.

Two things happen at once. Violence stops. **"Every man shall turn from his evil way and from the violence he has in hand."** Penance begins. **"They proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth."**

Scholars also point out that the message of Jonah gave the people 40 days. This number reminds us of the forty days of the flood in the time of Noah, the forty years of the wandering in the desert after the Exodus. Forty is the classic time-line of conversion (forty days of Lent). Nineveh's conversion is classic:

God saw that they turned from violence and did penance. He spared the city from destruction. The people of Nineveh saw his mercy. So can we.

## Some Upcoming Events

An evening out with your Valentine! **FIREPROOF, THE MOVIE** will be shown on **Saturday, February 14** at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids. This action-packed love story about a fireman, his wife and a marriage worth rescuing is a must-see for every married couple. There is no cost, refreshments will be served after the movie. Join us for an evening that will strengthen your marriage!

The **Annual Catholic Men's Conference**, "Praying with Paul" will be held **Saturday, February 28**, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, at St. John's University. Bishop John Kinney will preside at the Celebration of the Eucharist. Abbot John Klassen, OSB of St. John's Abbey is the keynote speaker. Cost is \$30 per person before January 31 st, \$35 after January 31<sup>st</sup>. Group discounts available. There will be time for learning, sharing, reflecting and celebrating our Catholic faith. To register, download the brochure at [www.stcdio.org/omf](http://www.stcdio.org/omf) or call the Office of Marriage and Family at 800-624-9019. Registration deadline is February 14.

**Marriage Enrichment Day** is **Saturday, March 14**, from 9 am to 4 pm at St. John's University Alumni Lounge. **"The Foundational Intimacy: Eucharist as the Model for Marriage"** will be presented by Jim & Maureen Otremba. Join couples from around the diocese to explore the mystery of your married life in Christ. This workshop will examine the Eucharistic liturgy as a model for married life. The cost is \$35 per couple which includes lunch, refreshments, materials and some fun surprises. Call 320-252-4721 or email [omf@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:omf@gw.stcdio.org)

## 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

**26 Mon** — No Morning Mass

**27 Tues** — † Bernice Peltz

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

**29 Thur** — † Liz Rothstein

**30 Fri** — † Terry Burg

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

**\*1 Sun** — 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin  
~for the Parish

\* = Holy Day of Obligation

## Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle B Weekday Readings: Year 1

**Jan 26**— Sts. Timothy & Titus • 2Tm 1: 1-8 • Mk 3: 22-30

**Jan 27** — St. Angela Merici • Heb 10: 1-10 • Mk 3: 31-35

**Jan 28** — St. Thomas Aquinas • Heb 10: 11-18 • Mk 4: 1-20

**Jan 29** — Thursday • Heb 10: 19-25 • Mk 4: 21-25

**Jan 30** — Friday • Heb 10: 32-39 • Mk 3: 26-34

**Jan 31** — St. John Bosco • Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19 • Mk 4: 35-41

**\*Feb 1 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

• Dt 18: 15-20 • 1 Cor 7: 32-35 • Mk 1: 21-28

\* = Holy Day of Obligation



Family Prayer —  
pass it on!

## 500 Card Party!

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

(2nd Sunday of the month)

**Bigger Prizes! Sandwiches, dessert, coffee, milk.**

8 PM in the parish hall basement. \$3.00 entry fee.

\* Young, older and all those in-between are invited!

10-game session

Beer and soda for sale during the card party

**Sponsored by St. Joseph's Men's Society**

This month's workers:

**Chairman:** Rich Fleischhacker **Co-Chair:** Herman Schaefer

**Helpers:** Alvin Shay, LeRoy Bertram, Ray Blonigen, Rick Doll, Bob Kalthoff, Nick Moscho, Cyril Nordmann, Terry Olmscheid, Gary Rothstein, Paul Rothstein, Dean Schaefer, Richard Stang.



## Catechism Classes

**Class Schedule:**

**Wed., Jan. 28: Grades 1– 8:** Regular classes, 7:00–8:00 pm.

Teachers' Meeting on February 11 at 8:00 pm (after Religious Ed classes) – "Safe Environment" training. All people in our parish who have contact with youth are required to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Joan Rothstein at 548-3209 or 548-3459.

**6th Grade** Safe Environment presentation, February 11th.



**Adult Choir:**

**Monday, Jan. 26 @ 7:30 pm**

**ELSEWHERE:**

**Jan 25** – Greenwald Pub. **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.** 8:30 am–1 pm.  
**Jan 25** – Sts. Peter & Paul School, Richmond. **Parent-sponsored Breakfast.** 8:30 am–12:00 noon. Scrambled eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, pancakes w/toppings, asst. rolls; OJ, milk & coffee. \$7 adults, \$4 under 12, under 4 free.  
**Jan 31** – Freeport Community Center. Sacred Heart School's **Prime Wine & Dine Dinner/Auction.** Serving 4:30–8:00 pm. Dinner menu includes Prime Rib with au gratin potatoes or Breast of Chicken on rice. Salad Bar, dinner roll, wine & dessert. Tickets available from students or by calling 320-836-2591. \$25.000 per adult or \$10.00 per student. **Silent Auction** 4:30–8:00 pm. **Cash Raffle:** win \$1500, \$500, \$250, \$100! Can't make the dinner? Auction & Raffle open to everyone.  
**Feb 1** – Albany Legion. **Smorgasbord Breakfast.** 7:30 am–12:30 pm.  
**Feb 8** – St. Francis de Sales, Belgrade. **M.G. Breakfast.** 9:00 am–12 noon. Scrambled eggs, ham, hashbrowns, fruit, bread, beverages. Adults \$6, kids \$3.  
**Feb 8** – Holy Family School, Albany. **Family Carnival.** 11:00 am–3:15 pm. Food (serving 11:00 am–3:00 pm) – Beef sandwiches, pizza, corn dogs, turkey/wild rice soup, taco in a bag, etc. \$500 **Grand Prize Raffle**, drawing at 3:15 pm (over 150 add'l. prizes!). **Silent Auction** 11 am–3:00 pm in school basement. **Individual Raffles** (desk, cedar chest, rocking horse, hand-sewn quilt). Carnival Games – straw pull, toy walk, bingo, basketball, country store, fish pond and more...See you there!

January 1, 2009		January 4, 2009		January 11, 2009	
Adult	441.00	Adult	989.00	Adult	1021.00
Christmas	100.00	Youth	1.00	Youth	1.00
Plate	16.00	Children	1.00	Children	1.00
Souvenirs	30.00	Plate	83.00	Plate	68.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>587.00</b>	Christmas	10.00	Christmas	125.00
		Votives	18.00	Votives	30.50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1102.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1247.20</b>



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Franciscan Retreat for Women**

Questioning which path to take in life? Could religious life be in your future? The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite single women ages 20-40+ to a Franciscan Retreat the weekend of February 20-22, 2009, at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Participants will join with facilitators, Sister Cordy Korkowski and Sister Clara Stang, to experience the Franciscan spirit and the practice of discernment, prayer and conversation in addition to meeting the sisters and learning about their ministries.

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls live in the spirit of their founders, Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. They are committed to Gospel living and prayer, peace making, ministry to the poor, living community and building relationships and healing Mother Earth's wounds.

For more information on the Franciscan Retreat weekend, contact Sister Clara Stang, OSF, at (320)229-0307; [cstang@fslf.org](mailto:cstang@fslf.org).

**NEWS FROM ALL OVER**

(online, click the blue hyperlink to read the whole story.)

**Protestant denominational loyalty low, but 29% of Catholics...**

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=1703>  
 Only 16% of Protestants would attend churches affiliated only with their own denomination, according to a recent survey conducted by Ellison Research. 51% of Protestants prefer their own denomination but are open to worshipping other churches. In contrast, 60% of "active Catholics" surveyed would worship solely at Catholic parishes, while fully 29% prefer Catholic parishes but are open to worshipping elsewhere regardless of Church law.

**Strong Catholic college presence expected at March for Life**

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=1714>  
 Several colleges known for their fidelity to Catholic teaching will send large contingents to the March for Life in Washington tomorrow. The entire student bodies of Christendom College and Magdalen College will participate, as will 750 students from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. 10% of Benedictine College students are traveling from Atchison, Kansas in order to give witness to the sanctity of human life.

**Obama administration could ration access to medical treatment**

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=1712>  
 The Obama administration is advancing a proposal that would control access to medicines and medical treatments on the basis of their "cost effectiveness." The proposal – modeled after the British experience with its National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (with the Orwellian acronym NICE) – would encourage federal officials to place a dollar value on each year added to a patient's life. That approach could result in a judgment that certain patients' diseases should not be treated. (ed.–first step toward forced euthanasia law?)

As President Obama begins his term of leadership, we have just begun a new year. We should continue to count our blessings, carefully and clearly ponder who we are, what we are. And carefully, clearly define which not-so-new ideas threaten to destroy the real American life, founded on Christian principles.

Abortion, envy. Pornography, political chicanery. Greed and gluttony—all the familiar perversions. But I would add another: Disrespect. Since the election, only twice in St. Martin have I heard our new president referred other than as "that black guy in Washington."

Is that all the farther we've come in 150 years? You'd expect that contemptuous bigotry down in Texas, but in Minnesota? I freely confess I was unable to vote for him, but Barack Obama at least has a plan. 80% of it sounds pretty good, and we can work on the other 20.

Above all, for us all, for 2009, the cardinal sin is Sloth. (We're not seeing that one in Washington right now.) If our forbears had folded with a giant yawn, we would have ceased to exist as a community of faith. If those original families had not risen above entrenched anti-German mistrust, St. Martin would have aborted.

Jesus' message in its entirety has to be first in our lives, not economic gain. Speak and act *with* God, and financial depression will turn into opportunity. If not, then greed, fraud, deceit, and every vice under the sun will rule again. We've seen enough of that. So let's give the guy a break, call him by his name and try trusting again. Not a blind trust, of government, the corporate world, professions. But enough to let them start over again, if they will. Small moral unravelings always precede the unraveling of a culture. Chaos was the inevitable result of what we allowed to happen by our own disconnects.

God can't write straight with crooked lines. He *can* bring good out of evil, and when we've done all we can do to fight the evil, we haven't lost. Jesus Christ is Prince of Peace to be sure, but don't forget that he also was called the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. God will confront and destroy evils that threaten us, far surpassing anything we could do. *If* we first fulfill the promise of Fatima.

If we choose apartness and disdain for acting out what we say we want life to be, God might just assume we want the great cosmic toilet to flush. He's done that before, you know, to the tribes of Israel. *yr. obt. svt.*

**C.A.A. Valentine 500 Card Party**  
**Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 pm**  
**at the Sunrise Apartments**  
**Everyone Welcome!**



**Quilting Schedule** (Sewing quilts in hall)

Sacred Heart of Mary, **Thursday, Jan. 29.**  
 St. Agnes will sew on **Monday, February 2.**

**Parenting Workshop Series begins February 2**

St. Anthony's Church, St. Cloud. 7–9 pm. No registration and no cost! Once a month through May. February's topic is **"The Daily Dozen of Catholic Parenting."**