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Sunday Bulletin



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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!

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2010

Ask, and It Will Be Given You... We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbor the same.



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)

All parishioners are invited to a 7:00 PM mass for the feast of St. Ann's on **Wednesday, July 28th.**
 A luncheon in the parish hall to follow, for all St. Ann's members. New members are welcome. If interested contact any of the officers: Irene Burg, Cheryl Schaefer, Karen Beier or Joan Olmscheid.
 Workers for the luncheon are: Ladonna Rothstein, Delores Schmitt, Elaine Shay, Arlene Shay, and Doris Schlangen.

MASS INTENTIONS

26 Mon — No Mass
27 Tues — No Morning Mass
28 Wed — No Morning Mass
Mass at St. Martin, 7:00 pm
 Living & ††, St. Ann's Society
29 Thur — † Connie Moscho
30 Fri — † Romuald Ehresmann
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



A Baptism Photo for the Ages

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year C Weekday Readings: Cycle 2
July 26 — Sts. Joachim & Anne • Jer 13: 1-11 • Mt 13: 31-35
July 27 — Tuesday • Jer 14: 17-22 • Mt 13: 36-43
July 28 — Wednesday • Jer 15: 10, 16-21 • Mt 13: 44-46
July 29 — St. Martha • Jer 18: 1-6 • Jn 11: 19-27
July 30 — Friday • Jer 26: 1-9 • Mt 13: 54-58
July 31 — St. Ignatius of Loyola • Jer 26: 11-16, 24 • Mt 14: 1-12
***August 1 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 • Ecd 1: 2; 2: 21-23 • Col 3: 1-5, 9-11 • Lk 12: 13-21
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STEWARDSHIP	
11 July 2010	
Total	2048.35
18 July 2010	
Adults	1120.00
Children	5.00
Plate	54.00
Votive Lights	31.00
Total	1210.00
•Donations for the Parish Hall boiler project still at \$14,600.	
•Donation total for the Dining Room floor project has reached \$10,020.	

The **St. Martin City Bandwagon** will roll to beautiful downtown **Roscoe** on **Saturday, July 31.** Winding down the summer season, St. Martin's players will assemble in Roscoe before noon on the 31st, participate in the parade and then pull the bandwagon onto the festival grounds for a short but lively concert. Folks in Roscoe say they're looking forward to St. Martin Band's return after an absence of many years.

Prayer Line 548-3436

Do you know someone ill or in need of prayers? Call **Diane Rothstein – 548-3436.** Dozens of parishioners will ask Jesus, Mary and the saints to intercede for the sufferer.



CHOIR SCHEDULE

July 26 - ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE, Monday 7:30 pm.
 August 1 - adult choir
 August 8 - adult choir
 August 15 - youth choir
 August 22 - youth choir
 August 29 - Adult choir

A Miracle of the Eucharist

(7th in a series)

223 consecrated Hosts, taken by thieves from the Basilica of St. Francis in Sienna in the year 1730, then found and now venerated in the same church. To this day, these Hosts remain fresh and incorrupt despite the fact that the inside of the crystal ciborium was covered with mold. In a 1914 test, unconsecrated Hosts sealed airtight in a tin box for ten years rotted away.



What causes such unexpected preservation over hundreds of years? The plain answer is that we don't really know; science can say only that "the laws of nature have been reversed." It reminds us of hundreds of bodies of saints, some dating to the earliest years of Christianity, which also remain incorrupt (or very near to that) long after bodily decay should have reduced them to dust.

What is God's message to us? A reminder, that perhaps we spend too much time worrying about earthly realities instead of His eternal reality?

Come One, Come All!

The 2010 Rural Life Celebration will be held at 11 am on Sunday, August 15 at Quaal Dairy located at 32462 250th St. in rural Underwood. All are invited to attend this FREE, family-friendly celebration that is sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of St. Cloud. The celebration will include an outdoor Mass with Bishop John F. Kinney, entertainment and a picnic lunch. The parishes hosting the annual celebration are St. James in Maine Township, Our Lady of Victory in Fergus Falls and Our Lady of the Lake in Battle Lake.

WHAT'S WHERE:

August 1 – Church of Seven Dolours, Albany. **Annual Church Bazaar.** Indoor Polka Mass at 10:30 am, music by the Country Polkateers. Chicken & Ham Dinner with dressing, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and much more including home-baked pie will be served beginning at 11:00 am in the new air-conditioned Parish Center and also in the school lunchroom. Takeouts available. Quilt Auction at 3:00 pm. Grand Raffle at 6:00 pm – \$1,000 grand prize + 237 other prizes. Bingo, Fancy Work/Craft stand, Furniture Raffle, Country Store, Ring Toss, Children's games, Cake Walk, Fet Kuchen, plus other food and beverages available. Gene Ostendorf Band will be playing all afternoon on the church grounds. Come and spend the day with us!

First Among Them All?

On Thursday we celebrated the feast of Mary Magdalen, without doubt the most fearless of Christ's original followers, and perhaps the one person who held them together during the dark day before that first Pentecost when all became fearless and a Church was born.

Mary had grossly misused the great beauty that God had given her by indulging in a life of sin, but one day she saw Christ and was touched by grace. On the brutal day of our Lord's crucifixion, she alone among the Apostles except for young John, stood with the Mother of Jesus at the foot of the cross. At early dawn on the first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene and other women who had ministered to Jesus went to the Lord's sepulcher. Two angels said to them, "He is not here, but is risen...Go, tell his disciples." Mary of Magdalene ran to tell the Apostles what she had seen and heard. Then Peter and John, hastening to the sepulcher, saw and believed.

She was from Magadala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Tiberias. She was known to be a "great sinner," a woman of the streets who heard Jesus speak of the mercy and forgiveness of God and changed her life completely. Her matter-of-fact witness to the Resurrection moved Peter and John to go and see for themselves: "I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me." Jesus had chosen her to bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened.

She has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God's love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love.

"When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength."

~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Eucharistic Adoration:
Have you made any commitment yet?
One Hour, alone with the Real Presence...
Imagine the unimaginable.
Come on Friday and sign the book.
Then call Fr. Corwin at 548-3550 and sign up!

AN ANTIDOTE FOR SECRET FEAR

Jake and I were sweatily pulling weeds and pondering the fate of the universe. It's the time of year for mixed feelings: Just a month and he starts college classes. For me and an unknown number of blooming eighth graders, a month or so before CCD classes begin. They are probably a lot more glum about that than I am.

Jake's not glum at all. He's excited.

But on the other hand, summer's almost over.

Like a boat captain before a voyage, one of the first things a teacher needs to do is try and clear away misconceptions or angst the new crew may have brought aboard as baggage. That comes before setting forth any classroom rules, however few, for the year. In recent years, and this may surprise some parents, my eighth graders come laden with secret fear that their world may end before their trip through it has even begun. It's almost like a chip on the shoulder: If everything they've heard about 12-21-2012 is true, if there's not much future left, what's the point of all this Religious Ed stuff?

I'm not kidding about this. If left unaddressed, it's a real class discussion killer. Beyond doubt, more than half of incoming teens are aware — from bouncing dreads back and forth via UTube and cellphone texting — of all sorts of End of Times heebie-jeebies. Well, why would they not? Google "end times prophecy 2012" and you get 187,000 clickable links in less than 2/10^{ths} of a second. 543,000,000 results for just plain "end times." All sorts of hoodoo speculations out there, some more ghastly than others, but all of it pretty scary. Kids resist talking about it openly to adults.

Is the End Near? Take a Look at this Video! "What Is This World Coming To?" Download Free PDF Booklet! Should you flee America? Are we doomed? For Some Yes. But, those Prepared with Food Storage Can Survive. And so on. Why wouldn't vulnerable kids feel jittery or even depressed? Half the adults among us feel the same unease.

So how do you calm such Nibiru-asteroid-strike BP-oilsmear waters? The same way Christ told us to calm ourselves.

I'm reminded of the old and possibly apocryphal story about Saint Augustine. How, when he was shooting a medieval game of 8-ball (yes, pool tables were invented early) and someone asked him what he would do if he knew the world would end in 10 minutes.

"Why," he answered calmly, sinking another corner shot, "I would continue with my game."

Augustine, you see, was spiritually prepared not only for unexpected death, but for just about anything. He knew he was in a state of grace. He was, in the Bible-belt idiom, Right With God.

Always.

We can do that, too. Morning prayer, family prayer, sacramental confession, penance, Eucharist in a state of grace. Moderation, compassion, making Christ the center of our lives.

Trusting Jesus' words: No one can know the day or the hour. Fear nothing for I am with you unto the end of days.

Seems to me that should be good enough to allay increasing nervousness about Mayan prophecies or violent Pole Shifts. Sure, along with a billion others, I have opinions on the subject. And if something weird should happen on that winter solstice, I sure want to be around to see it. But all I need actually *do* is what Holy Mother Church has always said. Get in a state of grace and stay there.

I'm not much on shooting pool. Guess I'd as soon be fishing when or if God ever calls the game.

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Preliminary Financial Report from 2010 Festival

Gross Income is **\$42,872.16**

Expenses to this point **\$14,043.59**

Expecting 2 more bills to pay totaling about \$700.00.

This will put our net income at about **\$28,100.00**,

and the Festival Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in so many ways to make this year's event a success despite the heavy rain! Great job, all!

Gary & Ruth Joe & Katie
 Conrad Lauer & Mary Mueller