

# 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!



## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 19, 2009



### THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

Modern wonder of the world with its focus on Christianity's rich and ancient heritage, selections from the *Gospels and Acts* volume of the **Saint John's Bible** are on display at the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at St. John's University through October 31. This large exhibition features 32 original manuscript pages and 14 beautiful illuminations.

Come out and see these wonderful pages that have not been on display at St. John's in 5 years! The exhibitions can be viewed **at no cost** Monday through Friday from 8:00 am–4:30 pm and Saturdays from 12:00 pm–4:00 pm. You are encouraged to view the exhibit at your leisure. Tours and presentations are available if booked in advance; contact Jill Dubbledee Kuhn at 320-363-2355 or email her at [jdubbledeekuhn@csbsju.edu](mailto:jdubbledeekuhn@csbsju.edu).

### Worth noting - twenty years after the Wall fell... Russian schools to re-introduce religious education

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=3594>

In Moscow, Archbishop Paolo Pezzi has welcomed the announcement by Russian President Dmitri Medvedev that religious education is being restored to the country's public schools after decades of absence under the officially atheistic Communist regime. The religious curriculum will reflect the enormous role of the Russian Orthodox faith in forming the nation's culture. Archbishop Pezzi told Vatican Radio that the new policy also reflects "a very strong yearning-- a desire to find the meaning of life, including through religion."

*(Ed. note – Isn't it odd that even mentioning religion in U.S. public schools is illegal?)*

A Divine Design:

### Marriage and Natural Family Planning!

Natural Family Planning (NFP)\* cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. It is effective, healthy, and marriage building. The Billings Ovulation Method of NFP is a natural, highly effective method of postponing or achieving a pregnancy without the use of harmful drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre by appointment at St. Michael's Hospital. For more info, or to register, call Lola or Mark Welle at 320-352-6014. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans now cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up.



### Music News

**St. Martin City Band will practice this Wednesday, July 29 at 7:30 pm.**

We then play in the Albany Parade, Aug. 1.

(Form up in the A.H.S. parking lot between 5 & 6 pm.)

### 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

**27 Mon** — **No Morning Mass**

**28 Tues** — + Lawrence Weber

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

**30 Thur** — + Connie Moscho

**31 Fri** — + Ada Schlick

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

**\*2 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

**July 27— Monday** • Ex 32: 15-24, 30-34 • Mt 13: 31-35

**July 28— Tuesday** • Ex 33: 7-11, 34: 5b-9, 28 • Mt 13: 36-43

**July 29— St. Martha** • Ex 34: 29-35 • Jn 11: 19-27

**July 30— Thursday** • Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38 • Mt 13: 47-53

**July 31— St. Ignatius of Loyola** • Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 • Mt 13: 54-58

**Aug 1— St. Alphonsus Liguori** • Lv 25: 1, 18-17 • Mt 14: 1-2

**\*Aug 2— 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O.T.** • Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15  
• Eph 4: 17, 20-24 • Jn 6: 24-35

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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 14, 2009 - Details are scarce on the abortion position of Dr. Regina Benjamin, whom President Obama yesterday named to take over as Surgeon General. Catholic League president Bill Donohue praised Obama's choice of the Catholic Benjamin, but a New York Times report says the Catholic doctor regularly distributes contraceptives, despite Church teachings against contraception. She also is a former board member of Physicians for Human Rights, a group that lobbies for the dismantling of pro-life laws around the world and the promotion of contraceptives.

### New Study Reveals Major Health Problems Linked to Genetically Engineered Foods

Source: OCA NEWS – An alarming [study](#) published in the Journal of Biological Science this week points toward serious health hazards from genetically engineered foods and pesticides. The research, conducted by scientists from France, Italy, New Zealand, U.K. and U.S., corroborates the decade-long criticism by public interest organizations that bureaucrats in the FDA have used unreliable tests to assess the safety of food and products containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs). GMOs are now found in more than 80% of (non-organic) foods sold in conventional grocery stores in the U.S., as well as the majority of animal feed here and in Europe.



### 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 immediately ask God and the saints to intercede for the sufferer.**

**Note to online users:** St. Martin's monthly *Ministry Schedule* is now available on the website! Just navigate to the "Bulletins" page and click the link at top of page. Use the "BACK" button to return to Bulletins page.

STEWARDSHIP

19 July, 2009	
Adults	1175.00
Youth	4.00
Children	0.00
Plate	53.00
Votives	24.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1256.00</b>

## Bible Study



Be sober, be watchful, your adversary buzzes around like a hungry skeeter seeking someone to devour!

**1 Ptr 5:8** (MIV) *Mosquito International Version*

Do you (or someone you know) live in the pain of a marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts September 25th. Call 320-255-5314 or check the website [www.savingmarriages.org](http://www.savingmarriages.org) for more information. Register in advance by September 11.

The **Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance** meetings held on Monday evenings at the Albany Area Hospital & Medical Center will not be held until **Monday, September 14.**

### HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

**Aug 8** – St. James Parish, Jacobs Prairie. **BARBECUE PORK CHOP AND CORN-ON-THE-COB FEED.** 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The menu is fabulous: barbecue pork chops, corn-on-the-cob, baked potatoes, cabbage salad, etc. Adults, \$8.00; Children 5 through 12, \$5.00 at the door; under 5 free, served a hot dog. All the corn on the cob you can eat!

**Aug 2** – Church of Seven Dolores, Albany. **Church Bazaar.** Indoor Polka Mass at 10:30 am, music by the "Country Polkateers". Homemade Chicken & Ham Dinner with dressing, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and more, incl. home-baked pie, served from 11 am-2 pm. Take-outs available. **Quilt Auction** at 3:00 pm; **Church Restoration Items** also to be auctioned: church pews, metal chairs, student chairs and other items.

**Grand Raffle** at 6:00 pm, \$1,000.00 grand prize + 246 prizes. Bingo, Fancy Work / Craft Stand, Furniture Raffle, Country Store, Ring Toss, Children's Games, Cake Walk, Fet Kuchen and more.

## Catholic Charities begins efforts to send kids back to school

Catholic Charities is seeing the effects of the current economic situation. In June, we provided nearly 1,700 families with food because they couldn't make ends meet. That's 20% more than last year – 40% more than two years ago.

Come August, many of those families will need to send their children back to school. At Catholic Charities, we expect to be asked to help well over 1,000 children with back to school supplies this year. In this time of great need, our community has responded. People like you, your employees and customers have stepped up and helped us help meet our neighbors' needs.

Please consider donating some school supplies or conducting a school supply drive in your parish to help Catholic Charities provide our local students with the basic supplies they need. School supplies can be dropped off at Catholic Charities [Emergency Services](#) building (it's behind Tenvoorde Ford in St. Cloud) by August 14.

If you prefer, you may donate online [at www.ccstcloud.org](http://www.ccstcloud.org). CC will use those funds to purchase school supplies.



Did you see the Northern Lights last week? Tuesday and Wednesday nights were spectacular. yr. obt. svt. slept right through 'em.

The great apostle Paul has caught increasing loads of flak about what he wrote about women in those early, formative years of the Church. Women should be silent, submissive to their husbands, stay off to one side during worship, and so forth. Was Paul a macho misogynist, or simply speaking to his listeners from the familiar cultural surround of their Semitic patriarchal society?

By extension then, the Church herself evolved to be anti-female? Note that from its earliest beginnings, the Catholic Church refers to itself as *herself*.

Holy Mother Church, modeled on Mary as a bride...to God. No, despite modern (and perfectly understandable) feminist impatience, and from her time-tested historical wisdom of never rushing into unseemly switcheroos, Christian Catholicity was never truly anti-woman.

Quickly, off the top of your head and without pausing to think, write down ten famous saints. Whatever your own gender, 6 of the 10 will be women. You might well start with Mary Magdalene, whose feast day we celebrated this week. First of them all to recognize and be recognized by, the risen Christ. She almost single-handedly held those frightened Twelve-minus-one together long enough for Our Lord to appear to them, too.

But you don't need to list saints. One of the three great pillars of the church is Sacred Scripture. Millennia before the 19th Amendment and Title IX, the Bible does a great deal to promote the cause of women. Women are treated with respect, not as scapegoats or mere property of men as in certain other religions. Eve is credited with taking the first bite of that fruit, but she's not blamed for the fall of humanity; that's Adam's sin (1 Cor 15:21-22). It's a revelation to look at the treatment of women throughout the Bible. Do yourself the great favor of reading it as a story. You'll meet some interesting people.

Two books of the Bible, Ruth and Esther, for starters. In one of the greatest love stories ever told, Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David, and therefore the ancestor of Jesus himself; and Esther's courage saved the lives of all the Hebrew people living as unwanted slaves in kingdoms ruled by Babylon.

You'll meet Deborah in the Book of Judges – strong woman and prophetess to whom all the Israelites came for judgement. Huldah in II Kings, likewise. There's Leah and Solomon's wives and dozens more. But dwell on Jesus' own words and acts: Women loved him, flocked to his feet...and stood almost alone under His cross. yr. obt. svt.

The mighty **St. Martin Band** will perform in the Albany Parade next **SATURDAY, AUG. 1.**

Parade starts at 7 pm - come & cheer us on, we're few in number!

Special thanks to **IRENE SHAY**

for letting us use Ron's reliable old BandWagon!



## Lake Wobegon Regional Trail Ride - For the Kids!

[Registration](#) forms are now available for Catholic Charities Lake Wobegon Regional Trail Ride - For the Kids! The annual event raises funds for Catholic Charities St. Cloud Children's Home and participating local faith communities.

Donation to ride is \$30, \$35 the day of the ride. Additional fund raising is encouraged, but not required.