

# Church of St. Martin

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Sunday Bulletin



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FIRST READING:** The book of Sirach teaches its readers the quality and power of humility.  
**PSALM:** Psalm 68 was a song of victory. Our God will lead us through the desert to Zion, the mount of his presence.  
**SECOND READING:** The author of Hebrews tells us the right attitude when we approach God, not out of fear, but in humble faith.  
**GOSPEL:** In the gospel of Luke, Jesus gives his audience party advice: how to be a guest and how to be a host – humility insures that our Gospel priorities are kept intact.

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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!



## August 29, 2010



**Parish Council Meeting!**  
**Thursday, September 9**  
**8:15 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

**30 Mon** — **No Mass**  
**31 Tues** — Living & ††, Rosary Society  
**1 Wed** — **8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's**  
**2 Thur** — †† Herbert & Rose Olmschenck  
**3 Fri** — Living & ††, Salzl Family  
**4 Sat** — **8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's**  
**\* 5 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  
**Aug 30** — Monday • 1 Cor 2: 1-5 • Lk 4: 16-30  
**Aug 31** — Monday • 1 Cor 2: 10b-16 • Lk 4: 31-37  
**Aug 1** — Wednesday • 1 Cor 3: 1-9 • Lk 4: 38-44  
**Aug 2** — Thursday • 1 Cor 3: 18-23 • Lk 5: 1-11  
**Aug 3** — St. Gregory the Great • 1 Cor 4: 1-5 • Lk 5: 33-39  
**Aug 4** — Saturday • 1 Cor 4: 6b-15 • Lk 6: 1-5  
**\*August 5 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
• Wis 9: 13-18b • Phlm 9, 10, 12-17 • Lk 14: 25-33

## A Miracle of the Eucharist

(12<sup>th</sup> in a series)

During the 13th century St. Anthony of Padua was called the "hammer of heretics," and converted a hardened heretic through a rather unique contest. The heretic, Bononillo by name, stubborn as the mule that stood beside him, was unmoved by Anthony's logic.

Eyeing the mule, Anthony made an offer. He asked Bononillo whether he would give up his heresy if the mule were to bow down and adore its Creator present in the Blessed Sacrament. The heretic retorted he would, provided he could lay down certain conditions: no mule feed for two days, and on the third day it was to be led into the public square. On one side of the square would be a tempting pile of fresh feed; on the opposite side, Anthony could stand with what Bononillo contemptuously called the "body of Christ." Anthony agreed, but in all humility made one condition. If the animal did not kneel before the Blessed Sacrament, his sins alone were to be blamed.

The day arrived for this strange contest and the square was crowded. The derisive Bononillo arrived with his half-starved mule, sure that it had sense and appetite enough to go after the feed. But he was wrong. Anthony had implored his Lord in the intervening two days for the soul of this heretic. God did not let his faithful servant down. The mule without hesitation advanced towards Anthony and knelt in an attitude of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. With great emotion the heretic also fell on his knees and gave up his heresy. As wonderful as all such miracles are, the greatest of all, transubstantiation, the Real Presence, can be seen only with eyes of faith.



The St. Martin parish **catechism program** (Religious Education) is in need of a **3rd grade teacher** this year. If you are a former teacher at any grade level, please consider volunteering for this fruitful and vital weekly commitment of time and talent. But prior experience is not required! All you need bring to the job is patience and energy for leading children to Our Lord. **Special Message to recent graduates of the Class of 2010:** Some of you may be planning a career in teaching. Here's a perfect way to develop your skills! Two or three of you could even team up and time-share the class preparations. All materials will be provided, and you'll get lots of support and encouragement from other members of our teaching staff.

There'll be a **Teachers' Meeting** for all new and returning CCD teachers on **Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall classrooms. We look forward to seeing you there! ~Joan Rothstein, D.R.E. **548-3209**

**Also:** Any parent or guardian who has a student entering **1st grade or any other grade** who was **not** in Religious Ed. last year, please give me a call now so we'll know how many books to order. Time's getting short!



Sponsored by the Lions Club, the **Red Cross Bloodmobile** will be in St. Martin on **Thursday, September 2** at the Parish Hall, 12:30 till 6:15 pm.

**Adult Choir Practice,**  
**Monday, Aug. 23, 7:30 pm**

### SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

Sept. 5 - Youth choir  
Sept. 12 - Adult choir  
Sept. 19 - Youth choir  
Sept. 26 - Adult choir



**Prayer Line 548-3436**

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



"Made in God's Image"

**St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

invites you to attend the  
57th annual Convention at  
**Sacred Heart Parish, Freeport**  
Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

If interested, call Irene Burg **548-3539** or Joan Olmscheid **548-3262**. Registration deadline is **Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**.

## STEWARDSHIP

**22 August 2010**  
- 55 adult envelopes

Adults	1554.00
Youth	0.00
Children	4.00
Plate	60.50
Fuel (Energy)	150.00
Votive Lights	34.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>1652.66</b>

• Parish Hall Donations:  
Boiler project, **\$14,600**.  
Floor project, **\$13,920**.

## AH, YOUTH! IN THE EARLY CHURCH



Any other distinguishing marks besides the lump on his head?

### WHAT'S WHERE:

**August 29** – Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center, Richmond. **QUILT BINGO.** 6:30 pm – doors open at 5:30. New paper Bingo cards – bring your dabbers. Cost \$10 per packet, good for all regular games. Special games \$2 each. Quilt raffle & progressive quilt auction! Must be 18 to play; cash only.

**August 29** – St. Agnes Parish, Roscoe. **Christian Mothers' Breakfast.** 8:00 am–12:30 pm. Ham, American fries, scrambled eggs, applesauce, homemade sweet bread, rolls, coffee & juice. Adults \$6.50 at door; Children 6-12, \$3.00; 5 & under free.

**Sept 5** – St. Rose of Lima parish, St. Rosa. **Fall Festival.** 10:00 am Outdoor Polka Mass w/ LaVerne & the Starlights. 11:00 am Chicken & Hamm Dinner with homemade pies – adults \$7.50; 4-10 \$5.00; 3 & under free. 12:30 pm Beanbag Tournament signup. 2:00 pm Quilt Auction. 4:30 pm music by Kodiak. 8:30 pm Grand Raffle Drawing, \$1000 1st prize.

**Sept 12** – St. Joseph Parish, Waite Park at Community Park, near the Moose Lodge. **PARISH FESTIVAL.** 10:30am Outdoor Polka Mass. (Bring a chair). The Food Court opens at 11:00am with many kinds and ethnic foods. There will be adult & children games, refreshments and fun throughout the day. Chance Book raffle drawing will be held at 5:00pm. Get your raffle chances for many great prizes. \$1000.00 Grand Prize. \$2.00 each.

**Sept 12** – Seven Dolores Parish Center, Albany. **K of C Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.** 8:00 am–12:30 pm. Pancakes & toppings, Pep's Pork sausage, country-fried potatoes, farm-fresh eggs.

#### St. Anthony's Picnic in the Park Church of St. Anthony - Watkins

Join us this Sunday, August 29, in the Watkins City Park for St. Anthony's **Picnic in the Park.** The day kicks off with a Polka Mass at 10:00 AM featuring STAN'S COUNTRY DUTCHMEN. Compete in - or enjoy watching - the Giant Hay Bale Roll and Bean Bag or Volleyball Tournaments. Lots of fun games for adults, teens and kids. An afternoon performance by Ron E. Cash, a Johnny Cash Tribute performer, will top off the day. We have bingo, games, beer garden, food stands, a wonderful Silent Auction, and lots of entertainment all day long. Hope you can celebrate this special day with us!

#### Theology Day at St. John's

**What is Theology Day?** A chance for people seeking a deeper understanding of our faith to interact with theologians at St. John's School of Theology – rooted in the Roman Catholic and Benedictine traditions and the heritage of St. John's Abbey. We are committed to preparing students for service to the Church in ordained and lay ministry, for further study, and for service in religious communities. Theology Day expresses our commitment to a life-long pursuit of wisdom.

**How Can You Register?** Online at [www.csbsju.edu/sot](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot) or email [sot-sem@csbsju.edu](mailto:sot-sem@csbsju.edu), or call 320-363-3570. Registration is free and a meal will be provided.

#### St. John's University – Emmaus Hall September 2010 – May 2011

Morning sessions: 8:30 am–1 pm.

Evening Sessions: 6:00 pm–9:00 pm.

#### Topics:

Young Adults and the Church - Sept. 17 & 21

Health Care and Immigration Reform - Nov 5 & 19

The New Mass Translation Explained - Jan 21 & Feb 11

Hope: A Vital Virtue for Our Time - April 1 & May 26

#### “What is the difference between a terrorist and a liturgist?”

**Sometimes you can negotiate with a terrorist.**

In the typical Catholic parish, more energy is spent on youth ministry than any other ministry. But is it energy well-spent? In a 2005 article, Mike Aquila gives us a model from the early Church in which we can compare to modern attempts at youth ministry:

“Scouring the *Patrologia Latina* and *Patrologia Graeca*, I found nothing to suggest that Ambrose ever led teens on ski trips to the nearby Alps. Digging through the Eastern Fathers, I came up even drier — no junior-high dances, not even a pizza party in Antioch or Alexandria. In all the documentary evidence from all the ancient patriarchates of East and West, not a single bulletin announcement for a single parish youth group.

Yet the Fathers had enormous success in youth and young-adult ministry. Many of the early martyrs were teens, as were many of the Christians who took to the desert for the solitary life. There's ample evidence that a disproportionate number of conversions, too, came from the young and youngish age groups.

How did the Fathers do it? They made wild promises.

They promised young people great things, like persecution, lower social status, public ridicule, severely limited employment opportunities, frequent fasting, a high risk of jail and torture, and maybe, just maybe, an early, violent death at the hands of their pagan rulers.

The Fathers looked young people in the eye and called them to live purely in the midst of a pornographic culture. They looked at some young men and women and boldly told them they had a calling to virginity. And it worked. Even the pagans noticed how well it worked.”

At my advanced state of decomposition I am not likely to petition the Marine Corps to let me spend months at Parris Island. But when I was a kid I did indeed volunteer to do counter-cultural things just about as strenuous. Our unsophisticated parish not only had no Youth Group, we didn't even have a youth choir which we were expected to applaud every time they did what they were supposed to be doing anyway. But somehow I emerged from that parish with faith strong enough for a lifetime of works. And I wasn't alone.

In the 1920s, Germany was depressed and dejected from its defeat in World War I. The German clergy made a conscious effort to accentuate the positive. They decided to accommodate the nation's weakness, avoid mentioning sacrifice, downplay the Cross and other “negative” elements of Christianity. They were really big on nature hikes. The kids stayed away in droves.

At the same time, there arose a man who challenged those same youth to give up everything for the sake of their country. “He put them in uniforms, housed them in barracks — in short, he demanded that they live a hard and laborious life.” This man won the hearts of the nation's youth. He was a madman, but he capitalized on the **fact** that no young man or woman wants to give his life away cheaply.

Let us also make ‘wild promises’ to our youth starting right now: if you follow Jesus Christ, you will be completely counter-cultural, your life'll never be the same...but don't expect applause. God will see to that.

~yr. obt. svt.

#### Building a pro-life Minnesota

Do you care about lives threatened by health-care rationing? Abortion? Eithanasia? Human Cloning?

Attend a pro-life gathering and become a lifesaver.

Little Falls, Sept. 21, at Carnegie Library, 108 Third Street NE (7:00 pm)

St. Cloud, Sept 15, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 2405 First St. N (7:30 pm).

“Let me tell you how NOT to have vocations: ① disobey the Church. ② Do not accept the teaching of the Magisterium of the Church. ③ Bad-mouth the Pope and send them to lousy seminaries. You will have NO vocations! Kiss ‘em goodbye! It is absolutely fatal to play fast and loose with faith and morals. Things are getting better but we've gone through a very dry period in the Church. I can give you example after example of religious congregations and dioceses that are doing just great with vocations. Why? Because they're faithful. Period. Because they're faithful. They don't play games with the Doctrine of the Faith. They don't try to promote in seminarians a kind of attitude of liberal dissent. That is the kiss of death and I can prove it time and time and time again that wherever that is done, there are no vocations. And there won't be. There won't be. Where things are done properly, there are vocations. It's not hard. It's not rocket science.” ~Fr. John Corapi, S.O.L.T.