

# Church of St. Martin

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Sunday Bulletin



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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!

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

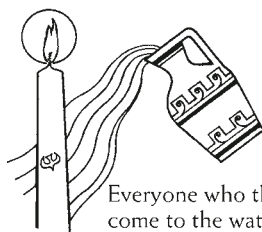
August 3, 2008

For those who would like to visit or talk with Father Julian, he is doing well and would love to hear from you.

~Fr. Corwin

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Everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters.

Is 55:1

## GOOD NEWS

Gospel values do not allow the luxury of island living. Genuine disciples do not isolate themselves from the needs and concerns of others. Jesus is about relationships. To reach our God is to reach our sisters and brothers. Humans are not obstacles to union with the divine but rather the condition for that union. People are the barometers of our relationship with God: Your problem is my problem; no one is an island.

The words in today's first reading were written around 540 B.C. to people in exile, people doubting God's concern. Second Isaiah speaks of Yahweh as life-giving, committed to the covenant.

In the ancient Near East, the king sought to alleviate the suffering of the poor. The psalm praises God for taking this regal charge seriously. God gives food to the people; God has an open hand; God raises up the bowed down.

In the gospel scene of Jesus feeding the multitudes, Matthew emphasizes Jesus' sense of involvement. The Lord is the new Moses providing bread in the desert, the new messianic king hosting a banquet. Matthew enhances the picture of a Jesus who believes that "your problem is my problem."

How well do we love? If we love our God in and through love for one another, then we must examine our openness to society's outcasts, to those made invisible by indifference. How have we imitated Jesus in providing the poor a place at our table? Right now, the Food Shelf needs your help!

## 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

4 Mon — No Mass Today

5 Tues — † Rose Peltz

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

7 Thur — † Lorraine Bergren

8 Fri — † Elizabeth Boecker

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

10 Sun — 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin

~For the Parish

## Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A Weekday Readings: Year 2

Aug 4 —St. John Vianney • Jer 28: 1-17 • Mt 14: 22-36

Aug 5 —Tuesday • Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22 • Mt 14: 22-36

Aug 6—Transfiguration of the Lord • Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14  
• 2 Pt 1: 16-19 • Mt 13: 44-46

Aug 7—Thursday • Jer 31: 31-34 • Mt 16: 13-23

Aug 8—St. Dominic • Na 2: 1, 3, 3: 1-3, 6-7 • Mt 16: 24-28

Aug 9— St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross • Hb 1: 12--2: 4  
• Mt 17: 14-20

\*Aug 3— 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Is 55: 1-3 • Rom 8: 35, 37-39 • Mt 14: 13-21

\* = Holy Day of Obligation

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT... ST. MARTIN STYLE!

This Tuesday evening at 7:30, the **St. Martin Band** will hold its practice outdoors at the Park! We're getting ready to perform at the ElRosa Centennial (Aug. 16), and...it's summer! Why play inside? Due to an important

meeting involving city officials, no civic celebration of **National Night Out** could be formally planned this year, but everyone's invited to bring snacks and refreshments and enjoy an old-fashioned

**Concert in the Park!**

*Hint: Why not bring a home-bound neighbor!*

JOIN US TO ...  
CELEBRATE  
SAFE  
COMMUNITIES



## REMINDER

If you are a parent of a 1st grader, or of a student in any grade *who was not in the CCD Program last year*, please contact Joan Rothstein at 548-3209. I need to order books for the coming school year!

Joan Rothstein, D.R.E.

“Don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines.”

~Satchel Paige

## WHAT'S WHERE:

**August 3** – Church of Seven Dolors, Albany. **Annual Church Bazaar.** Indoor Polka Mass at 10:30 am, music by the "Country Polkateers". A delicious homemade **Chicken & Ham Dinner** with dressing, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and much more, including home-baked pie, served from 11 am-2 pm in the new air-conditioned parish center and also in the school lunchroom. Take-outs available. **Quilt Auction** at 3:00 pm with Mitchell Auction Service. **Grand Raffle**, with over \$9,000.00 in cash and prizes, will be held at 6:00 pm – \$1,000.00 grand prize + 265 prizes. Bingo, Fancy Work / Craft Stand, Furniture Raffle, Country Store, Ring Toss, Children's Games, Cake Walk, *Fet Kuchen* and Food & Beverages available. Please come and spend the day with us!

**August 5** – **Daughters of Isabella** will meet at St. Louis Catholic Church in the St. Louis Room. Rosary at 6:45, meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

**August 11** – St. James Parish, Jacobs Prairie. **BBQ Pork Chop and Corn-on-the-Cob Feed.** 4:00 – 9:00 pm. The menu is fabulous: barbecued pork chops, corn-on-the-cob, baked potatoes, cabbage salad, etc. Tickets: Adults \$8.00, children 5 through 12, \$5.00 at the door; under 5 free, served a hot dog. All the corn-on-a-cob you can eat!

**August 16-17** – St. Boniface Parish, Cold Spring. **Annual Parish Festival.** This year our theme is "Our God Reigns." **Polka Mass** on Saturday at 5:00 pm, music by Country Polkateers. Following Mass, food and beverage stands open. From 7:00 to 11:00 pm, the *Chaser* will perform. Fireworks show at 10 pm. On Sunday, our annual parade, then the fun continues with food, games and entertainment for the entire family. **Quilt Auction** – bidding begins at 2:00 pm. Handmade quilts of all sizes. For a preview, go to [www.stboniface.com](http://www.stboniface.com) and click "Festival" link.



### Does Your Marriage Feel Like This?

Retrouvaille *can* help couples who are living in the pain of a strained marriage. If you — or someone you know — wants to put their fractured home life together again but don't think there's any

real help to be had, call toll-free **1-888-255-5314** for information... or find out more at [www.helpourmarriage-cmr.org](http://www.helpourmarriage-cmr.org) !

The next program starts **September 19-21.**  
Pre-register by **Sept. 9.**



## like GEESE Flying HOME



Never mind the heat today. It's time to get ready for the perfect wedding of the seasons — that breathless time when clueless crickets still carry on their idle fiddling as heat waves shimmer across fall asters edging fields where corn's ripening; yet one morning those crickets will lie shriveled under frost-whitened grass. Some will call it the tail-end of summer, others (hopefully) the beginning of a protracted Autumn, but we all will become aware that the great wheel of life is rolling us inescapably toward completion.

Soon now. Bright goldenrods, pumpkins glowing like sunset, and salamanders on the move will tell us to make ready, because All Souls Day and then "squaw winter" will come, followed by winter's first real blast.

But before we notice any of these signs, geese will have clocked the shortening days and the increasingly rapid passage of those "little fronts" so beloved of duck hunters, and will have begun to teach the first-flight goslings how to navigate the skies. Early and late, and with seemingly impromptu afternoon excursions, small, noisy groups of young Canadas even now are led by adults over triangular training courses. It's all about navigation, survival, it's to show them how to use the wind instead of fighting it, and it's about readying them to take their place: When the southward migration suddenly erupts, every member of each flock will be ready to fly at the point of that great winging vee.

Right now, with unsettling revelations causing unaimed shifts in our regrettably seasonless society, when it's hard to be staunchly Catholic, we need perhaps as never before (in our lifetimes) to take the time and invest moral energy in teaching our younger parishioners whatever we've learned about navigating for heaven's sake. Precisely because they are already learning from a self-loving and morally directionless society, their need for spiritual flight-safety skills is all the greater.

Daily in secular public schools, constantly by leering TV ads and stridently by the squawking doublespeak of agenda-spouting celebs, our bright, inquisitive kids get confused images of where their own lives ought to go. They are constantly tempted to worship false ideas, ideals and idols.

We have good teachers in our CCD program. They can connect with their students, help connect up those catechetical dots, but what that accomplishes won't stick unless the lessons are mirrored at home. Every one of us must help guide. Embarked on the greatest migration of all, even the young must be able to take their turn leading the flight safely home. Are we less mindful than geese?

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### Thank You from Our Lady

For world peace and protection from all harm, my image was placed in the churchyard of St. Martin in the Marian Year of 1954. Oh, what a fine thing it was, to stand there surrounded by flowers brought by children, as a reminder for all to ask my intercession. Storms came and went yet the people of St. Martin stood patiently as did my image, and their devotions have outlasted all worldly changes. The rosary still is prayed faithfully, and my Son rejoices.

But time takes its toll on material objects, and since the new church was built my image in stone had faded somehow, dirt and grime dulling it so that my Son's people hurried past without really seeing. And no more flowers brought by children.

Then a humble man of great energy devoted hours of labor to scrub away the dulling grime! Flowers once again bloom at the statue's feet. May God's grace shine ever more brightly on the people of St. Martin!

For never was it known that anyone who sought my help, implored my intercession or fled to my protection was left unaided.

Thank you Mel, and those who helped.