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Sunday Bulletin



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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!

6th Sunday of EASTER

June 5, 2011

Ascension Day celebrates the day that Christ, in the presence of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. But what about His body? Isn't Heaven a non-bodily place? According to Thomistic theology, Heaven is Jesus' Love, outside of space, an uncontained Container.

Though a handful of archdioceses and dioceses celebrated the holiday on the traditional Thursday, other Christians – including Protestant denominations – transfer the day to the following Sunday and celebrate it today, June 5.



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

- 6 Mon** — **No Mass Today**
- 7 Tues** — † Eileen Dochendorf
- 8 Wed** — † Mary Lou Blonigen
- 9 Thur** — † Mary Louise Passe
- 10 Fri** — ~for Florian Noll Family
- 11 Sat** — **No Mass Today**
- 12 Sun** — **10:00 am Mass**
~for the Parish

Chance Books Here, Get Yours Now!

There is a printer's error this year – the day and date are incorrect. Please be sure to cross that out and write in **SATURDAY [June] 25** before you sell them!

Only 3 weeks till **St. Martin's Bazaar...**

Annual "Day in The Park"

June 18th

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Held at St. Martin City Park

Serving Free Hotdogs & Ice Cream

Everyone Welcome! St. Martin Band will perform!

"Dairy Month" prizes given away at

St. Martin City Park.

Register at St. Martin Businesses.

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Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year A Weekday Readings: Cycle 1

- June 6** – Monday • Acts 19: 1-8 • Jn 16: 29-33
- June 7** – Tuesday • Acts 20: 17-27 • Jn 17: 1-11
- June 8** – Wednesday • Acts 20: 28-38 • Jn 17: 11b-19
- June 9** – Thursday • Acts 23: 30; 23: 6-11 • Jn 17: 20-26
- June 10** – Friday • Acts 25: 13b-21 • Jn 15: 12-17
- June 11** – Saturday • Acts 11: 21b-26; 13: 1-3 • Jn 21: 20-25
- June 12** – Pentecost Sunday • Acts 2: 1-11
• 1 Cor: 3-7, 12-13 • Jn 20: 19-23

Time Change for Sunday Mass in St. Martin

Starting July 1st, our Mass will be on Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
Our weekday Mass will be on Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Father Stephen Beauclair will also offer Mass in Richmond on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Adult choir will sing the following Sundays in June:
June 12 and June 19.

Our next choir practice will be **June 27, 2011.**



St. Martin City Band

Practice:
8:00 pm- 9:30 pm.

St. Martin Parish Hall

We will practice: **June 9, 23, 30.**

☺ **New members welcomed,**
any age; any playing level.

Lots of events this summer!
For information, please contact
Melanie Thelen at 320-293-2387

STEWARDSHIP

29 May 2011

Adults	895.00
Youth	1.00
Children	2.00
Plate	127.25
Hall Rental	350.00
Other	60.00
Votive Lights	21.75
Total Deposit	1457.00

Miracles of the Eucharist

(49th in a series)

This week we ponder a lesson on apathy and carelessness, whether it be fault of layperson or priest.

In Cascia, Italy, at the basilica dedicated to St. Rita which contains her body, there is also preserved a relic of a famous Eucharistic miracle which took place near Siena in the year 1330. It may be of interest to know that St. Rita herself was anything but careless or apathetic about her faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

It seems that a priest was asked to bring communion to a sick peasant. Now we don't know whether the priest was wearied from many such treks afoot that day, or was of slipshod habits or simply was trying to concentrate on reading his breviary and felt rushed and a bit impatient. What we do know is that instead of placing the consecrated Host into its little golden pyx for transport, he dropped it between the pages of his prayer book and set off on his journey.

When he reached the peasant's hut, the priest opened the book and was filled with fear when he saw that the Host had been transformed into a clot of blood which stained the pages. Father Simone Fidati at the Augustinian Priory, known to be a holy man, pardoned the priest and asked to keep the two pages stained with blood. The relics are still venerated, and many Popes have granted indulgences for this veneration.

the "Forgotten Treasure Store"

We're looking for donations: Anything used but in good, clean condition, not broken. Items of any sort, for example wall hangings, glassware, bicycle, small table, chairs etc. No clothes.

We will price to sell. Any questions, call Irene Burg at 548-3539. Items can be brought to the Parish Hall Friday afternoon, June 24th or on Saturday morning, June 25th. Be creative, think upscale garage sale!

WHAT'S ELSEWHERE:

June 5 - Meire Grove church basement. Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast. 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Please come and enjoy this all-you-can-eat brunch sponsored by the St. John's Youth Group.

June 7 - St. Louis Church, Paynesville. D of I and the KC will hold their June meeting with Rosary at 7:00 pm - note time change! - and meetings at 7:30 pm followed by lunch.

June 10 - St. Ann Church, Wadena. "Dream a Little Dream" - Council of Catholic Women 21st annual Fund Day. Registration at 9:00 am. Hosted by Fergus Falls/Wadena Deanery. Mass, Silent Auction, Entertainment, lunch, Door Prizes. Tickets \$12, after June 6, \$17. For tickets contact Irene Burg at 548-3539.

June 12 - St. James parish, Jacobs Prairie. Parish Festival. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Outdoor Mass at 9:00 am. Grounds open at 10:00 am. Quilt Auction at 4:00 pm.

Catholic Social Networking Site for Teens!

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has created a unique online forum at www.churchinneedwyd.org, dedicated to young people who wish to share their faith before, during and after the World Youth Day event in Madrid, Spain. It's also a way for those who attend this world gathering to interact with those who cannot be there. Just visit the site and join a conversation!

Trust: God has a plan for your marriage!

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 information, or to register, call Lola or Mark Welle at 320-352-6014. The class is approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours long. Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up.

A young unmarried man dies and goes to heaven. When he gets there, he sees two lines filled exclusively with men. The line on his left is a half-mile long and packed three wide, with a sign in front saying: All Wimps and Hen-Pecked Husbands Register Here.

To his right on the other line is one man standing alone under a sign that says: All Others Register Here.

So the new guy walks up to the lone man in that line and asks, "Why are you standing in this line?" And the man replies, "Listen, buddy, my wife told me to stand here and I AM NOT MOVING!"

Time now for our annual rant about

Holy Thursday Sunday.

The celebration of Ascension on a certain Thursday is rooted in Scripture and reflects the ancient practice of the Church in East and West alike. We read in Holy Scripture that nine days, not six, intervened between the Lord's physical ascent to the Father's right hand and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Ascension Thursday was fixed at the 40th day after Easter from about the end of the 4th century. In the Latin West, St. Augustine of Hippo (†430) called it Quadragesima ("40th") Ascensionis. In the Greek East, St. Gregory of Nyssa spoke of it in 388. That's only a 16-century tradition. Eastern Christians haven't transferred Ascension.

What must the Easterners think of us? Well, they obviously think we're nuts. They would say to our U.S. bishops, 'What, you modernists really think your people are too busy to come to Mass on a Thursday? So do it in the evening! Or is that Beer Night?'

Last week I laid out pretty strongly what the Church teaches - has always taught - about Catholics who mistakenly or apathetically work to change the Church from within so as to better "fit in" with our Protestant brethren...or any religion other than the one that Christ established.

It's a pattern of false ecumenism so well established by now that even Blessed John Paul II fell into the modern heretical notion that all religions are of equal merit. After miraculous deliverance from the assassin's bullet, he cut back on ecumenical scandals like removing crucifixes from Vatican meeting rooms so as not to offend visiting Buddhists, Muslims and aboriginal cannibals and, for the remainder of his papacy, refrained from personal participation in non-Catholic liturgies. Our Blessed Mother's intercession may have helped him return to doctrinal sanity, but that's only an idle speculation on my part. Ultimately, Pope John Paul II worked heroically to set the stage for his successor's dauntless return to traditional Roman Catholic teaching and observance - a process of re-reform already bearing such ecumenical fruit that the historically anti-Rome Anglican Church is now on the verge of returning en masse to the fold.

And that's what I want to add to last week's "divisive" polemic about Truth among the faithful: the role of true charity in our relations with those who historically oppose our belief in the Eucharistic True Presence.

When kids grow up believing utter heretics to be saints, and that any recent man-made religion is as good as any other for helping us to heaven, it's largely because they have relatives who are good Lutheran people, or good Methodists or faithful Baptists. But I wasn't speaking to (or about) folks who grew up in those religions. If they believe strongly and truly in those non-sacramental doctrines, then we are bound by charity to respect their choice while offering them in true charity our own lives as members of the Apostolic Church established by Christ. As living, practicing Catholics who do not hide our Christ-light under a trash barrel, but let it shine outward in sacramental, liturgical fullness as a beacon of hope.

We are likewise bound by charity to pray for their conversion.

That's real ecumenism. The other kind which we have been gulled into accepting since the 1960s, in which we grovel foolishly to pretend there's no difference between the Nicene Creed and all the lesser, changeable creeds of dissident sects, amounts to a betrayal of Truth. A damning lie.

My own beloved Grandpa Scriven was an ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ, founded in Bourbon County, Kentucky in 1803 by one Barton Stone. A 33rd degree Mason bound by that cabal's public vow to destroy the Church of Rome from within, Gramps nevertheless knew where Truth resided, and guided his own daughter toward conversion to Roman Catholicism. Now that was true ecumenism! In a hatefully anti-Catholic town, my mom guided me safely past heretical lies, and next week celebrates her 100th birthday...with reception of Holy Communion.

May your kids one day be able to say the same. yr. obt. svt.

THE WD-40 OF SAINTS

We do not remember who first dubbed Saint Anthony "the WD-40" of saints, but the gist was that his intercession does not end at helping find lost items. The Miracle Worker of Padua is truly an effective friend for anything you need. We should ask for his help for whatever we need for immediate aid. If you want to make a nine-day novena to him, his feast day is next Monday, June 13, so you should start today, Sunday, June 5.

Do not be afraid to be pious

Just a reminder that the month of June is traditionally dedicated to foster devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You might give consideration to what you may do in your own devotional practices. Don't be afraid to be pious. We lose nothing in being devout and we gain ineffable benefits.



"Have you ever tried not to covet when you're at the mall? It gave me an anxiety attack."