

# Church of St. Martin

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Sunday Bulletin



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Online

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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!

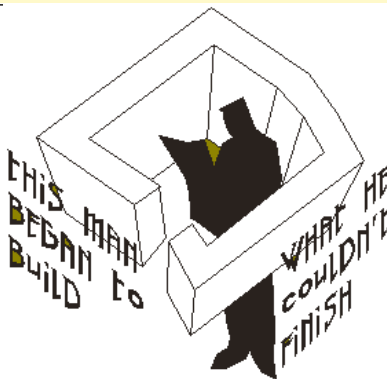


## September 5, 2010

### Hating One's Family ???

In today's Gospel, Jesus says something shocking, "Anyone who comes to me without hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, cannot be my disciple." We should realize it was intended to provoke a response. If we took those words literally, it would be the exact opposite of all that he preached. But are the words meant in the literal sense?

Jesus was using "reverse psychology" to elicit a commitment from his disciples. Many came to him because he was a free physician. They had only a passing or no interest in his teachings. His words might be interpreted to say, "Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters — yes, more than his own life — otherwise he cannot be my disciple."



### 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**

**7 Tues** — † Elmer Arceneau

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

**9 Thur** — † Martin Karsch

**10 Fri** — † Mary Ann Fleischhacker

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

**\*12 Sun** — **10:00 am Mass at St. Martin**

† Roger Bertram

**\* = Holy Day of Obligation**

### Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year C Weekday Readings: Cycle 2

**Sept 6** — Monday • 1 Cor 5: 1-8 • Lk 6: 6-11

**Sept 7** — Tuesday • 1 Cor 6: 1-11 • Lk 6: 12-19

**Sept 8** — *Nativity of the BVM* • Mi 5: 1-4a • Mt 1: 1-16

**Sept 9** — *St. Peter Claver* • 1 Cor 8: 1b-7, 11-13 • Lk 6: 27-38

**Sept 10** — Friday • 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22b-27 • Lk 6: 39-42

**Sept 11** — Saturday • 1 Cor 10: 14-22 • Lk 6: 43-49

**\*Sept 12 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

• Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14 • 1 Tm 1: 12-17 • Lk 15: 1-32



St. Martin parish's **catechism program** (Religious Education) is in need of another **teacher** this year. We are also in need of available substitute teachers. If you're a former teacher at any grade level — or simply have prayed for guidance on some way you can help our parish family survive and thrive in

an uncaring world — please consider volunteering for this fruitful and vital weekly commitment of time and talent. Prior experience is not required. All you need bring to the job is patience and energy for leading children to Our Lord. Teaching materials will be provided, and you'll get lots of support and encouragement from other members of our teaching staff.

~Joan Rothstein, D.R.E. **548-3209**



**Adult Choir Practice,  
Monday, Sept. 20, 7:30 pm**

### SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

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



### A Miracle of the Eucharist

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

This one's pretty new, but documented, as you'll see. April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001. In far-off India, Fr. Johnson Karoor from Trivandrum at India's southern tip begins a Novena to St. Jude Thaddeus as the northerly parish of St. Mary of Chirattakonam does every year. At 8:49 A.M., he exposes the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance for public adoration. A few minutes into his opening prayer, three dots appear at the base of the Eucharist. His prayer falters and he invites the congregation to admire the three bloody dots. Then he asks them to remain in prayer, reposes the monstrance in the tabernacle, and on the following day returns to Trivandrum.

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Fr. Karoor opens the tabernacle again for Saturday liturgies. Above the three dots now appears what seems to be a human face. Deeply moved, he again asks the congregation to begin praying. But is he just imagining the whole thing? He asks his altar server if he notices anything odd about the Host in the monstrance. "I see the figure of a man," the boy answers. They begin Adoration and as the minutes pass the image becomes clearer and clearer. The priest begins to weep – the gospel that day is from John 20, about Christ's wounds and the doubting Thomas.

After Mass he summons a professional photographer. The pictures are developed, printed and returned in two hours. The Archbishop of Trivandrum is notified. And here's the kicker: Not only the image on the Host, but also every photo of it, continues to sharpen itself. The "finished" portrait Host remains untouched in its monstrance for all to see.

Guess Whose portrait it appears to be. Thorns and all.

### STEWARDSHIP

**29 August 2010**

Adults	1284.00
Youth	0.00
Children	2.00
Plate	71.25
Fuel (Energy)	25.00
Votive Lights	16.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1398.25</b>

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



**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

57<sup>th</sup> 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>.**

**Our St. Martin Fall Rummage & re-used Christmas item sale will be held on November 6. Please keep all good reusable item for this upcoming sale!**

## WHAT'S WHERE:

**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 & Ham 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 7** – St. Louis Church, Paynesville. **Daughters of Isabella & Knights of Columbus** will hold their meeting on Tuesday. Rosary at 6:45 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm followed by lunch.

**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.

**Sept 19** – St. Donatus Church, Brooten. **Turkey & Ham Dinner & Raffle.** 11:00 am–1:30 pm. Roast Turkey, ham, real mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, corn & coleslaw, cranberries & dinner rolls and homemade pies/dessert. Raffle tickets available at the door. Drawing will follow dinner.

**Sept 19** – St. Andrew's parish, Greenwald. **School Benefit Breakfast.** 9:00 am–12:30 pm. Ham, eggs, sweet rolls, fried potatoes, applesauce. Adults \$6.00; children under 10, \$2.00; 3 & under free.

**Oct 3** – St. Martin Parish Hall. **St. Martin Fire Department Relief Assn. Ham Supper.** Will be serving from 4:00 pm till 8:30 pm. Heartland DJ entertainment till 10:30 pm, **Raffle** at 10:30 pm. No admission charge – Meal tickets available at St. Martin businesses and from all firefighters.

### 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 Tourneys. 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!

## Solidarity in Mission Celebration: Honoring Father John Kaiser

The annual mission celebration of the diocese, "Solidarity in Mission," will take place Sunday, September 19th at St. Mary's Cathedral. The event, this year honoring the life and witness of Fr. John Kaiser on the tenth anniversary of his death, will begin with the World Mission Rosary led by youth at 2:00pm in the lower church; followed by Liturgy with Bishop Kinney and Bishop Philip Anyolo of the Diocese of Homa Bay, Kenya at 2:30pm in the upper church. Bishop Philip, along with 13 other delegates from Homa Bay and family and friends of Father Kaiser, will join us in the Liturgical celebration as well as for a brief presentation on Father Kaiser and refreshments following in the courtyard. The event is free and open to everyone! RSVPs are appreciated (mljmission@cloudnet.com or 320-251-1100).

## Note to All Parishioners:

The St. Martin Parish Center floor-replacement project is now complete! Be sure to go downstairs to the dining room/kitchen/restroom area and see what your donations have wrought! But the job is a long way from being fully funded — please give prayerful consideration to making a series of continuing donations, whatever you can spare.

Where are you taking Jesus...?

Down the hall and into the bathroom?

Huh?

So, technically he just left the church and went to the ladies' room. I'm not kidding. Not so long ago or far away, we were sitting in a side pew. During Communion, two little girls received communion in the hand but did not put the hosts into their mouths. We watched them walk to our side of the church, their mother a few steps behind. They went to their seats (still not consuming the Hosts), spoke to their mother and walked out.

We could see where they were going. A minute later, they came out of the restroom. That's when we saw the younger of the two girls finally put the host in her mouth. We spoke to the mother after Mass: wasn't the child supposed to consume the host right away? No, she needed to go throw out her gum first.

Sigh. Where to begin? With the fact that people – not just children but some adults – do go up to receive Jesus while chewing gum? Or the strange and weird idea that perhaps the gum should be what they carry in their hands and not Jesus? Or maybe the fact that catechesis is so poor nowadays that anyone would think it's okay to bring a consecrated Host into a public restroom?

Haven't seen anything quite that slovenly in our parish. But a certain number, especially kids, do slouch up to receive Our Lord with hands held so "whateverly" low and unaccepting that one has to do a deep knee bend to even deliver the Host safely.

We need to get back to basics in our catechism classes. We need to make sure that every child – and every parent – understands how to receive Communion *reverently* and why it's so important. When I teach on Wednesday nights, I know some of my kids don't attend Mass. I have to re-teach a lot of basics about the Mass, the sacraments, the commandments. So many have forgotten the basics they learned back when they made First Communion. And so over and over, every week, I try to explain the *reality* of the Eucharist and how to receive it, that Communion is not something we pick up like a cookie, that Communion IS Christ. They seem to get it, at least while I'm saying it. But I know that won't be enough. They need to hear it – and see it – from their parents and from every other member of the parish, right on up the line.

Irreverence has ripped out the very heart of the Church. In some ways I think things *are* getting better. But this casual attitude toward the Real Presence needs immediate and serious attention.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it takes a parish to raise a Catholic child. We must never forget that. *~yr. obt. svf.*

## Pope Sends Rosaries to Trapped Miners

*September 3, 2010.* The Archbishop of Santiago, Cardinal Francisco Javier Errazuriz, brought 33 rosaries blessed by Pope Benedict XVI to the miners trapped 700 metres underground in San Jose, Chile.

It's not the first gesture of the Pope with the miners. Benedict XVI sent them a message of support during a recent speech at Castel Gandolfo. He encouraged them to remain calm until it's possible rescue them.

## Thursday – feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. Because of her Son's infinite merits, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Through her, Queen of heaven and of earth, all grace is given to men. Through her, by the will of the Trinity, the unbelieving receive the gift of faith; the afflicted are tendered the works of mercy; and the members of Christ grow in likeness of their Head.

In Mary all human nature is exalted. We rejoice in her birthday, as the Church has done from the earliest times. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar — the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and Jesus were conceived without sin, and St. John was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Mary.

**What is not seen is not felt. Not that one must be looking at the ground; one can see without looking. This ensures the cleanliness of the heart and also the living of the first commandment which is to love God above all things. Flies do not enter a pressure cooker. A satisfied heart does not entertain stinginess or fragmentation.**