

# Church of St. Martin

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Sunday Bulletin



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**Reconciliation:** Sat. afternoon, 3:00 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, please contact Father Julian at least six months before your planned wedding date!

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 6, 2008

Dear Parishioners,

The German Fest was a great undertaking. I'm extremely grateful to all who had any part in planning and making it the great success it was. It was a good community get-together. In many ways that is even more important than the profits realized from such an event. It was impressive to see such a variety of people working together. People came from far and wide to enjoy a bit of socializing and relaxation. Their comments indicated that they would like to do it again.

It was unfortunate that so many had to be turned away at the end because we ran out of food. But we didn't know all of you were coming. So many showed up without reservation. In the future we will be more explicit in insisting on reservations.

How did we do? Not bad for a first-time adventure. Preliminary figures indicate that our profit should be around \$3400. There were a few extra expenses for the first time. Remember these profits go for the upkeep of the Parish Center. It's a large building and the expenses run high. The fuel bill alone for the past two months came to over \$3000. We are proud to have such a large facility, but we must maintain it as well.

Hopefully we will do well at the Parish Festival in June to take care of the major problem of replacing the windows. If we all work together, it should be a success.

Now let's not rest on our laurels! In two weeks there will be another get-together. This time it is the Catholic Aid Supper. This is a matching grant affair — the State C.A.A. Office will match profits up to \$1000. To earn that grant we need to have a successful supper. The whole parish should be there to support the supper. Especially parents of Religious Ed students should do everything they can to promote this event. The \$25 tuition parents pay for the program doesn't come anywhere near covering all the expenses. All profits from this supper and the matching grant go toward covering the expenses of the program. What is not covered has to come from the weekly Sunday offering. So please support the supper.

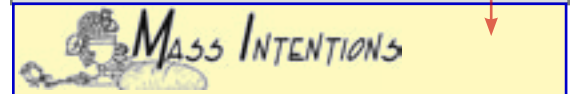
Meanwhile, be sure to pray for all the sick in your prayers. Also, pray for peace in the world and the safety of all our troops. God bless all of you!

Fr. Julian, osb

**THE BEST NEWS THE  
WORLD HAS EVER HAD  
CAME FROM A GRAVEYARD  
NEAR JERUSALEM.**



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)*



**7 Mon** — No Mass Today  
**8 Tues** — Living and ††, St. Joseph Society  
**9 Wed** — 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's  
**10 Thur** — † James Heidgerken  
**11 Fri** — †† Wilfred & Marie Moscho  
**12 Sat** — 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's  
**13 Sun** — 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin:  
~for the Parish

### Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A Weekday Readings: Year 2

**Apr 7** — John Baptist de la Salle • Acts 6: 8-15 • Jn 6: 22-29  
**Apr 8** — Tuesday • Acts 7: 51--8: 1a • Jn 6: 30-35  
**Apr 9** — Wednesday • Acts 8: 1b-8 • Jn 6: 35-40  
**Apr 10** — Thursday • Acts 8: 26-40 • Jn 6: 44-51  
**Apr 11** — Friday • Acts 9: 1-20 • Jn 6: 52-59  
**Apr 12** — Saturday • Acts 9: 31-42 • Jn 6: 60-69  
**\*Apr 13** — 4th Sunday of Easter • Acts 2: 14a, 36-41  
• 1 Pt 2: 20b-25 • Jn 10: 1-10

\* = Holy Day of Obligation

### Band Practice

•Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

All musicians please be there! We are working on the new music. It's not too late to join us! Do you play in a high school band? Used to play but think it was too long ago? Dust off that horn or reed, come and be welcomed!

**Reminder: During May and June we will practice every Tuesday.**

### Catechism Classes

Wed., Apr. 9 – Grades 1–8, 7:00–8:00 pm

Only 2 more classes - make the most of them!

### Choir Practice

**Adult: Monday, April 21 at 7:30 pm.**

Since First Holy Communion will be April 20, the Youth Choir will sing then; Adult Choir sings on April 27.

### ST. MARTIN ONLINE

[www.stmartincatholicchurch.com](http://www.stmartincatholicchurch.com)

If you've ever wondered when the "History" page on our website would have something on it, check it out. Still under construction, but not a "hard hat" zone any more. More content coming soon. A couple of entirely new pages, too, ASAP.

The new **St. Martin History** book can be purchased directly from our website, either for local pickup or by having it mailed directly. This is to make it available to former parishioners and your far-flung family members. So be sure to tell everyone on your mailing list about it!

Tell them to click: <http://stmartincatholicchurch.com/book.htm>

It's also a great way for "Martinians" to use a credit or debit card and avoid writing a check! Just click the "Local Pickup" link.

**One of the Gospels that describes Jesus' Resurrection from the dead was written by Luke...a medical doctor. He oughta know.**

**WHAT'S WHERE:**

**Apr 6** – St. John's parish, Meire Grove. **Annual Supper.** 3:30 – 8:30 pm. Chicken, dressing, ham, all the trimmings + homemade pies.

**Apr 8** – St. Andrew's School, Greenwald. **Chicken Dinner.** 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Come and enjoy home-cooked chicken, potatoes & gravy, vegetables, coleslaw, homemade bread and dessert. Cost is \$5.00. Takeout available.

**Apr 13** – SS. Peter & Paul School, Richmond. **Breakfast.** 8:30 am - 12 noon. Smoked sausage, Liver sausage, Texas-style French toast, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, apple-sauce, pears & peaches, mini-Danish, orange juice, milk & coffee. Adults \$7, age 4-12 \$4.00, under 4 free.

**Apr 17** – Immaculate Conception, New Munich. St. Joseph Men's Society & the 2008 Confirmation Class sponsoring a **Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup Supper.** 5-9 pm. Also on the menu: Ham sandwiches, garlic bread, bars, relishes. Adults \$6.50, under 12 \$3.00, preschool free.

**Apr 27** – Church of St. Anthony, State Highway 238, St. Anthony. **Swanycake & Sausage Supper.** 3-9 pm. Pancakes, Pep's Pork sausages, potato salad, relishes, applesauce, homemade bread, bars, cakes, milk & coffee. Adults \$6.50, age 6-12 \$3.00, age 5 & under free.

**FROM A DISTANT RIDGE**



Just when your job's all done and has passed beyond your reach, the very bone you'd dug so frantically for unearths itself. It's the same for man as for dog, or in science as in writing history.

We had a dog, lovable quarterbreed mutt rescued from a Mexican chili pot, who used to work (and sing) right alongside me, planting cow bones in the furrows while I planted seed potatoes. Obviously he hoped to harvest beef when I dug out my taters, but if so, his hunger had to settle for dog chow and table scraps. The day after he died, I noticed a stray steer down there in the garden and wondered rather queerly how it got there.

And I once worked for a wannabe scientist who fancied himself a marine biologist and yearned to prove something or other (it didn't seem to matter what), and the year he retired another guy brought out a book, the definitive one, on venomous sea creatures. That guy got famous but my feckless boss and his own dream just faded away.

Same thing with the recently published St. Martin history. All the way through it runs a seemingly unimportant thread about slavery and the Civil War, and in fact it eventually comes full circle to make a St. Martin connection. But to me it lacked some small anecdotal story to make it stronger and, sure enough, the very week the book came off the printing press someone mailed a belated family history to the parish house...and there it was.

Paltis and Peter Rausch had tramped from Vicksburg to Tennessee to cut the Confederacy in half, and then again with Sherman's army to cut it in half again, and those two facts guaranteed that slavery would fail and the Union would survive. What happened at Appomattox Courthouse with Robert E. Lee was tragic, glorious poetry and little else.

But that's not the point. Later in life right here in St. Martin parish, Peter Rausch suffered from arthritis but put down roots; Paltis suffered wanderlust and went back to Tennessee. Why? I kept asking myself. Their histories were identical otherwise. The answer turned out to be simple.

Paltis had left part of his heart down there on a ridge, and had to go and try to find it. Like a dog digging for beef where once was planted a bone. Like a man searching for something missing from his life that he thought he'd once had. It had little to do with faith or belief, but rather with putting things in order.

Looking out the window this fine afternoon, I feel the exact same call. Maybe I need a vacation. ~yr. obt. svt.

**500 Card Party**

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
8 PM in the parish hall. Admission \$2.00.  
Lunch served, refreshments available.  
•Sponsored by St. Joseph's Men's Society

**Chairman:** Duane Mages **Co-Chair:** Kevin Blonigen  
**Helpers:** Mike Olmschenck, Frank Mehr, Don Bertram, Clarence Blonigen, Florian Burg, Richard Burg, Mike Heinen, Jack Kaschmitter, Conrad Lauer, Elvin Lieser, Larry Massmann, Ron Rausch, Chuck Schaefer, Marty Shay, Jr.



Risen from the dead, Christ lives among us now in a new body. St. Paul speaks of it as the mystical body of Christ.

Your own body is composed of millions of cells all held together by one life-giving spirit, your soul. If your soul is not there, your body decomposes and you are no longer there. But as long as your soul is in your body, you are present.

The Mystical Body of Christ is composed of millions of cells all held together by one life-giving Spirit. It is all of the baptized and confirmed who comprise now the Mystical Body of Christ. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am," said Jesus.

The tomb is empty because Christ now lives in a new body.

[For more, take a look at 1 Corinthians, 10, 11, and 12]

**Sewing for Kids Reminder**

**April 7, 8, 9,** 8:30 a.m. in the parish center classrooms — Monday for sure, but check with Janine to see if we're sewing Tuesday or Wednesday or not! Please bring sewing machines, scissors, and thread to share. Thanks for all the great help you have given in the past. Let's build on that! For more info call Janine Bertram @ 548-3213.

Getting ready for the Pope's visit to America...



St. Martin Council #95  
**MATCHING GRANT PORK CHOP SUPPER**  
Sunday, April 20, 2008 Serving 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
ST. MARTIN PARISH HALL  
Pork Chops, Baked Potatoes, Scalloped Potatoes, Homemade Bread, & More!  
Advance Ticket - \$6.50 Children 6 to 12 - \$3.50  
At the Door - \$7.00 Under 5 - Free  
**PROCEEDS GO TO CCD PROGRAM**

Good Friday 2008		Easter 2008		March 30, 2008	
Holy Lands	235.00	Adults	5934.00	Adults	1434.00
		Sunday	10.00	Easter	250.00
		Youth	24.00	Youth	3.00
		Children	11.00	Children	3.25
		Plate	251.00	Plate	53.75
		Votives	26.00	Votives	26.30
		<b>Total</b>	<b>6256.00</b>	Visitor	32.00
				<b>Total</b>	<b>1802.30</b>

**STEWARDSHIP**