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Sunday Bulletin



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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!



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2009



NOT FORBIDDEN FRUIT!

In fact, it's free for the taking!

Between the parish house and the Sunrise apartments and up toward the cemetery gates, there's an old apple tree flush with ripening fruit — free for the picking, though you will need a stepladder for the highest ones. Over the years, no one has quite been able to identify this apple, but it's similar to a Macintosh.

Behind the apple tree also is a large Siberian crabapple tree, loaded with small fruit perfect for making crabapple jelly if you're so inclined. (*yr. obt. svt. refuses to face a Minnesota winter without a dozen jars of wild crab jelly to see him through.*)

First come, first served on plucking the apples, please leave a few for the next person and, if you're especially grateful for the free fruit, consider dropping a modest donation in next Sunday's collection plate.

Thank You to all who stood by us and helped with Alice's wake and funeral last week. Special thanks to Father Corwin, the altar servers, choir members and to all who offered prayers, hugs, cards and other remembrances and comfortings, and also to those who prepared food, especially Viola and Mary Ann for their efforts for the wake. May God bless us all! ~from the Kascht family



In today's Gospel:
"Show no partiality"

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

7 Mon — **No Morning Mass**

8 Tues — † Ryan Shay

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

10 Thur — † Richard Passe

11 Fri — †† - for the Poor Souls

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

***13 Sun** — **10:00 am Mass at St. Martin**
~for the Parish

* = Holy Day of Obligation

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle B Weekday Readings: Year 1

Sept 7— *Labor Day* • Col 1: 24--2: 3 • Lk 6: 66-11

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

Sept 9 — *St. Peter Claver* • Col 3: 1-11 • Lk 6: 20-26

Sept 10 — *Thursday* • Col 3: 12-17 • Lk 6: 27-38

Sept 11 — *Friday* • 1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14 • Lk 6: 39-42

Sept 12 — *Most Holy Name of the BVM* • 1 Tm 1: 15-17
• Lk 6: 43-49

***Sept 13** — **24th Sunday in O.T.** • Is 50: 5-9a

• Jas 2: 14-18 • Mk 8: 27-35

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Religious Education News

Teachers still Needed!

We are still looking for a **5th grade** teacher and a **10th grade Confirmation** class teacher.

Call Joan Now! 548-3209

Teachers' Meeting, Wednesday September 9th, 7:00 pm.

There will be an **Open House** on **September 16th** at **7:00 pm** for parents, teachers and students! Meet, greet and learn about some changes in this year's curriculum — we are introducing some innovative learning ideas — at-home activities figure prominently into the overall plan. All parents should come and help jumpstart our new school year!

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

The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.



2nd Banns of Marriage

Angela Doubek
and

Bradley Braegelmann



Prayer Line 548-3436

from the Musical Terms Dictionary:

"obligato" — being forced to practice.

"con moto" — yeah, baby, I got a car.

"chords" — things organists play with one finger

"discords" — things organists play with two fingers.



Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 pm.

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Do you know of someone ill or in need of prayers? Call **Diane Rothstein** – 548-3436. Dozens of parishioners will immediately ask intercession for the sufferer.

Important Parish Announcements!

Effective immediately, **Saturday Confessions** in St. Martin will be heard at **10:30 am.**, not at 3:30 pm.

Liturgy Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7:30 pm
at Farming Community Center

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

Sept 13 – Seven Dolores Parish Center, Albany. Knights of Columbus sponsored **Country Breakfast**. Serving from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Pancakes & toppings, sausage by Pep's Pork, farm-fresh eggs, home-fried potatoes. Adults \$7.00. children 5-9 \$3.00, under 4 free. Handicap-accessible, all are invited!

Sept 13 – St. Joseph's Hall, Grey Eagle. **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**. Serving from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Adults \$7.00. children 10 & under \$5.00, preschoolers free.

Sept 13 – Church of St. Joseph, Waite Park. **Fall Festival**. Outdoor Polka Mass, 10:30 am. Stands open at 11:00 am. Raffle Drawing at 5:00 pm. Wide variety of food & beverage stands, Basket Boutique, Quilt Silent Auction, pull tabs & much more.

Sept 18, 18, 20 – Pioneer Club Showgrounds, just north of Albany. **Albany Pioneer Day Threshing Show**. Featuring International tractors & equipment & I-H gas engines. Great fun for young and old, see poster on Bulletin Board for details. More info call 845-7410.

Sept 20 – St. Donatus Catholic Church, Brooten. BBE Elementary School **Turkey & Ham Dinner/Raffle**. Roast turkey/ham, homemade dressing, mashed potatoes, fresh corn/tomatoes, coleslaw, cranberries, dinner rolls, homemade pies/dessert. Serving from 11:00 am–1:30 pm. Adults \$8.00, Children 4-10 \$4.00, 3 & under free. Raffle Drawing at 1:30 pm – over 120 prizes including \$200 cash, wildlife print, quilts, more cash prizes and much more.

Sept 20 – St. Andrew's Parish, Greenwald. **School Benefit Breakfast**. 9:00 am–12:30 pm. Ham, eggs, sweet rolls, fried potatoes, applesauce, etc. Adults \$6.00, Children 4-10 \$2.00, 3 & under free. All proceeds go to St. John's/St. Andrew's Catholic School.



3rd Annual Bike & Convertible Run

Saturday, September 12 - Run starts at noon.
Lunch served from 5–8 pm.

All donations this year go to benefit the **Fred & Nancy Olmschenck family**.

Everyone welcome! More info, call Sandy at 548-3275.



The St. Martin Fire Department Relief Association Fundraiser **30th Annual Ham Supper** will be Sunday, October 4th, serving from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Martin Parish Hall

Heartland DJ Entertainment 4:00 pm -10:30 pm.
Raffle at 10:30 pm.

No admission charge. Meal tickets are available at St. Martin businesses and from all firefighters.

All proceeds to purchase fire equipment.

Marriage Encounter~ a Very Special Weekend Together: Oct. 10-11, 2009 and Feb. 13-14, 2010

This Weekend is an experience designed to help married couples communicate more intimately with one another. It's a weekend away from home, family and responsibilities where in a comfortable environment a couple is guided in the discovery of effective ways of communicating and sharing with one another.

Marriage Encounter is a weekend about love. This weekend will enrich your life and your marriage. It is not a retreat, but a process which gives couples the opportunity to look at themselves privately in a loving encounter. It is a positive-building weekend which enhances the marital relationship. Couples DO NOT share any aspect of their marriages with the group. The Marriage Encounter Weekend is held at St. Francis Center in Little Falls, MN and begins on Saturday morning and ends on Sunday afternoon. Please call (320) 252-3220 to register or for more information, our website is: <http://home.att.net/~stcloudme>

In the United States the percentage of baptized Catholics who actually believe and practice the teachings of the Catholic Church *as the Church defines those teachings* is quite small now. Based on available polling data, the number of *faithful* Catholics is probably less than 5%. Maybe as low as 2% except for those who still prefer Latin Masses. I'm going to quit fretting about our empty pews. In most parishes, 60% to 80% of baptized Catholics do not even attend Sunday Mass.

When you were young did you ever read the story "*The Emperor's New Clothes?*" Why did the people in that story ignore that the emperor was naked and praise his imaginary outfit? Because the emperor had worldly authority, and the people lusted after the favors, fortune and pleasures he could provide to them — to the point of ignoring the reality that he was actually stark naked.

It's an allegory, of course. The Emperor is the greedy, lustful, pretentious, venal and jaded world around us. It took a child to see the world as it really was.

But here's the good news. However few the obstinately humble and obedient Catholics might be by now, they are the most powerful people in the western world. We smuggle the Holy Trinity into our workplaces. We bring grace for salvation into the world by modest acts of believing and struggling to live those beliefs. We change the world itself by trying to keep our churches faithful and families free of moral compromise. In revolutionary response to the tyranny of the Culture of Me, we try seriously and with love to raise pure and holy kids.

Some dreary night when your faith flickers low, read what St. Paul told his brothers and sisters in Corinth. It's in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 6 and 7. We must never, ever allow the sight of the naked emperor and those who fawn over him cause us to lose hope or resolve. Keep praying your Rosary, attending Mass, learning about your Faith. Support orthodox Catholic organizations which have sprung up to counter the errors of our times. Stay true to your vocation, be it lay or religious. Work tirelessly to foster a deeper sense of the sacred — and a return to liturgical beauty — in your parish. Keep "sharing in the encouragement" until all we are left with are catacombs.

And don't be afraid to wave the papal flag. We need no "emperor," we have the successor to Peter. *yr. obt. svt.*

Harvest for Hope

Sunday, September 27th will mark the 11th annual diocesan **Harvest for Hope** celebration at the Urban and Rosie Spanier farm near Spring Hill, and includes a hog roast meal, activities, craft sale and raffle, and a special multi-cultural outdoor liturgy with Bishop Kinney at 4:00 pm. This year's event will focus on all mission connections throughout the diocese, including Fr. Gregory Ombok from Homa Bay, Kenya and special guests Bishop Rafael Conde and other delegates from our partner diocese of Maracay, Venezuela. This will be Bishop Conde's first visit to St. Cloud.

Seminary's strict regimen hearkens back to 1950s

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=3940>

The Associated Press has profiled the strict regimen at the Redemptoris Mater seminary located in the Archdiocese of Denver. While Redemptoris Mater seminaries are operated by the Neocatechumenal Way movement, the seminarians will eventually serve in the diocese in which the seminary is located. Other Redemptoris Mater seminaries in the United States are located in Boston, Dallas, Newark, and Washington.