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**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!

**10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 8, 2008**

*Dear Parishioners,*

As I am writing this, I'm supposed to be on my retreat. The retreat is going well after an unavoidably late start, but it's hard not to think about the work in the parish.

Next Sunday, June 15th, Farming is having a bazaar to celebrate my 50 years of ordination as a priest. Also, it is celebrating the ordination of Jerry Theis as a deacon. Since we are a twinned parish with St. Catherine, I want to encourage you to take part in this celebration. St. Catherine parishioners usually turn out in large numbers for our bazaars, so all of us from St. Martin parish should return the favor.

I hope to see you there on the 15th.

Be sure to pray for all the sick in the parish. Also, pray for peace in the world, and for the safety of all our troops.

God bless all of you!

*Fr. Julian, osb*



**Bazaar Notice to Everyone**

Check-in for your bazaar items will take place in the Parish Hall on Friday, June 20 from 8 am till 8 pm, or on Saturday, June 21, 8 am till 12 noon. If you want to donate more than you were asked for, that will be gladly accepted. Special thanks for your generosity!

Check-in will take place in the parish hall basement — the upstairs is reserved for the memorabilia displays.

**from the Food Committee:**

Planning to donate pies? The Albany Bakery will be glad to bake your pies to order *if* you call ahead and pre-pay. Call **845-2963** to order.

Your pies will be delivered on time by the Albany bakery when it delivers the bread and buns.

**St. Catherine's Jubilee Celebration**

In honor of **Father Julian's 50th priestly anniversary** and of **Jerry Theis' ordination as Deacon**, St. Catherine's parish in Farming will celebrate with a sung Mass at 10 AM, followed by food, refreshments, games for young and old, a beer garden, plus a **2:00 PM Quilt Auction**, with the **Raffle Drawing** to be held at **4:30 PM**. All St. Martin parishioners are cordially invited to come share in the combined festivities.

**Catholic Charities' Senior Dining/ Meals on Wheels**

June 16-20 is **Meals on Heels** week at Catholic Charities. No senior is denied a meal based on his or her ability or inability to pay. While seniors are asked to make a confidential contribution, it doesn't begin to cover the cost and many seniors are simply unable to contribute anything. Due to the limited income of many of our seniors, the contribution we suggest is \$3.25 less than the actual cost of the meal. You can do the math.

If you're interested in volunteering during Meals on Heels week (or anytime, *or to contribute*) please contact Michelle Arnold at 320.650.1559. Michelle will put you in touch with your local volunteer coordinator.

Or to inquire about **St. Martin Senior Dining**: call **845-4070**.

**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**

- 9 Mon** – **No Mass Today**
- 10 Tues** – †† Schaefer & Lauer families
- 11 Wed** – **8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's**
- 12 Thur** – † Anton Burg
- 13 Fri** – ~Special Intention
- 14 Sat** – **8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's**
- 15 Sun** – **10:00 am Mass at St. Martin:**  
~for the Parish

**Daily Mass Readings**

Sunday Readings: Cycle A      Weekday Readings: Year 2  
**June 9** – Monday • 1 Kgs 17: 1-6 • Mt 5: 1-12  
**June 10** – Tuesday • 1 Kgs 17: 7-16 • Mk 5: 13-16  
**June 11** – Barnabus • Acts 11: 21b-26, 13: 1-3 • Mt 5: 17-19  
**June 12** – Thursday • 1 Kgs 18: 41-46 • Mt 5: 20-26  
**June 13** – Anthony of Padua • 1 Kgs 19: 9, 11-16 • Mt 5: 27-32  
**June 14** – Saturday • 1 Kgs 19: 19-21 • Mt 5: 33-37  
**\*June 15– 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time** • Ex 19: 2-6a  
•Rom 5: 6-11 • Mt 9: 36--10: 8  
**\* = Holy Day of Obligation**

**Band Practice**

•**Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm.  
**Important that all players be there! We are now getting it goin' for the festival.**

**Choir Practice**

•**Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm.  
•**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** –at Farming–  
7:30 pm.



**Recently Baptized into our Parish**

**Jake Patrick Garding**  
son of  
**Michael and Jennifer**

**WHAT'S WHERE:**

**June 15** – Freeport Community Center. **Fire Dept. Fathers' Day BBQ.** Serving from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

**Koinonia 25th Anniversary Celebration**

The Central Minnesota Koinonia community is celebrating 25 years. All past and present candidate and team members and their families are invited to attend this celebration on Sunday, June 8 starting at 1:00 PM at Waite Park Community Park on 13th Avenue N in Waite Park, 2 blocks south of Moose Lodge or 3 blocks north of Waite Park City Hall, just off of Cty. Rd 75. Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm with a potluck dinner at 5 pm. Contact Mary Lou or LeRoy Raden if you have any questions (320-293-2080).

**St. Ann's Christian Women** will be doing the annual church cleaning – Tuesday, June 10th, starting at 8:30 AM. Please bring vacuum cleaners, pails, and rags. All are encouraged to help.

*Thank You, the St. Ann's Officers*

**C.A.A. News:**

The **St. Martin Catholic Aid Council** is looking for any member who would like to go as a delegate to the **Annual Convention, August 1 & 2 at St. John's University.**

St. Martin needs to be represented!

Please call Sue Dingmann at **548-3580.**

**10th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Some Reflections**

Today's readings highlight ways people have always thought they could appease God with sacrificial words and actions.

In the first passage from Hosea, God waits and hopes for repentance. But all the people can muster are a few well-chosen words, a few meaningless ritual acts. God is disgruntled by their obvious deceptions: "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6).

In the gospel from Matthew, Jesus is seeking out those who would be repentant. Most can merely mouth a set of rules and regulations, and Jesus is upset with their righteous indignation: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice..." (Matthew 9:13).

But in between, we heard a different story in the epistle. This is a story of hope and promise, a story of faithfulness. Paul wrote about Abraham's covenant with God in order to buoy up the Roman community, to kindle their hope and encourage their faithfulness to the promise. Abraham exemplifies what is meant by those words we hear in Hosea and in Matthew: steadfast love and mercy.

Steadfast love and mercy mean faithfulness; they mean covenant or promise; they mean compassion and peace. In short, steadfast love and mercy are one and the same, all-encompassing terms for a way of life that we tend to chop up into bits and pieces — aspects and attitudes — rather than living free, whole and holy.

How often do we still try to appease God with piously phony words and actions? Do we pray for "thy" will when we really mean "my" will? Do we "make" the time to fulfill our Sunday obligation, but without participating heart and soul in the liturgies of the Word and the Eucharist? Did we give up for Lenten sacrifice, but now find reasons not to simply give? Are our lives different because of our faith? Or is our faith different because of our lifestyle? Have we truly repented?

**IMMIGRATION Myths**



This probably won't be an easy sell. I heard the hateful talk where I was born. Years later, down south. Here too.

"All these illegals are ruining our God-blessed Nation. They take our jobs!" There ain't a shred of evidence for that opinion. Just tons of fretful xenophobia. Our best jobs get exported by our bosses. What's left is ripping entrails out of chickens, ten hours a day on your feet. Or driving a cab.

"All migrants, documented or undocumented, are all the same!" Which, of course, is not true. All are individuals deserving of respectful, dignified treatment until and unless they as individuals prove otherwise. Cast not the first stone.

The undocumented have no national I.D. Card. The favored myth of that is about not paying taxes, and draining the system of resources for social service benefits of every kind. The empirical evidence demonstrates otherwise. They do pay taxes and are not an undue burden on social services.

Undocumented workers have paid billions into the Social Security system and will not collect a penny from it. They are, in effect, helping to keep my Social Security system afloat. This, of course, is in addition to what they (like me) pay in income, real estate, sales and other federal and state taxes.

Just like all of us, whose ancestors were immigrant workers themselves. My own hopped off the potato boat in North Carolina with not so much as a shred of paper to prove who they were. One was a storied murderer. But, wanting to do the best for their families, they worked hard and did all right.

Now we find ourselves in a conflicted situation of wanting it both ways — having the benefits of the labor and sweat of the undocumented, but without allowing them a pathway to citizenship for what they have contributed to our well-being.

The undocumented cover a wide range of ethnic groups. Around here the problem is *perceived* as strictly Hispanic. But the U.S. has undocumented folks from Europe, China, Africa, the Subcontinent [India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka], the Caribbean and every region you could name. It's the old story of being frightened by what one does not know. The cure is simple. Get to know them. Say hello.

It might be well to recall that Moses led a whole mob of illegal aliens to a land of supposed milk and honey. Not one Green Card in *that* bunch. But God wanted it that way.

With all sorts of folks coming to our festival, it's a good time to reflect on your own family history. To appreciate the many, many benefits from the sweat and hard labor of immigrants. That's what made St. Martin strong. ~*yr. obt. svt.*

**FAVORITE GROCERY STORE SIGN:**



**STEWARDSHIP**

June 1, 2008	
Adults	1347.00
Youth	2.00
Children	1.00
Plate	43.50
Easter	5.00
Votives	15.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1414.00</b>

**Grant to help 100 families facing foreclosure**

Catholic Charities Financial Counseling recently received a grant from Catholic Charities USA to provide financial counseling to about 100 Central Minnesota families who are at risk of or in foreclosure.

"Financial counseling is something we do all the time at Catholic Charities, though we do charge a small fee based on a sliding scale," said Steve Bresnahan, Catholic Charities executive director. "With this grant, we'll be able to help clients who qualify at no cost to them."