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Sunday Bulletin



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Bulletin Deadline— **Wednesday Noon**

Reconciliation: **Saturday, 3:30 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, contact Father Corwin at least six months before your planned wedding date!



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2009

Mark Your Calendars

As you recall, two members of each parish in our cluster currently work with me and with the pastors and two parishioners of other area parishes to assess pastoral needs in this region of the Diocese of St. Cloud. We are currently planning a series of September open meetings beginning in Belgrade and working our way toward St. Martin.

St. Martin lay representatives Joe Schlick and Joan Rothstein and I invite you to attend an upcoming open parish meeting so that we can share what this planning group has been doing for the past six months. We will also use this time to gather information from you as we continue to address the pastoral staffing of the involved parishes.

Our meeting in St. Martin will not happen until **September 21** and it will be publicized for two weeks beforehand in the Bulletin, but this early notice will give you time to circle that date on your calendar. We will need to have strong and thoughtful local representation at that meeting. In the meantime, may the Holy Spirit continue to lead us.

Fr. Corwin, OSB

Theologian Miguel Díaz confirmed as US ambassador to Holy See

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=3707>

The United States Senate has confirmed theologian Dr. Miguel H. Díaz as ambassador to the Holy See. Since 2004, Dr. Díaz has worked as a professor at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University in Minnesota.



Religious Education News

To all Parents:

If you have First Graders this year, or students at any grade level who were not in the program last year, please call me now so that we can order the correct number of textbooks and other materials!

To all Active Parishioners:

It's Examine-Your-Conscience time again! We need teachers for **Grade 3** and **Grade 5** this year. Please think prayerfully about it. What our youngest learn (or don't) this year will shape the future of St. Martin parish. And you don't have to be a current parent to teach! Age does not matter. A commitment to learn and share does.

This week we received multiple grants from The Catholic Foundation–Diocese of St. Cloud in response to the grant applications we submitted. For **Adult Faith Formation**, we received **\$637** to be used for take-home activities. Our **Youth Faith Formation** (Religious Ed) program received **\$741** which will be used for textbooks, instructional videos and new Student Bibles.

Funds for these grants were made possible by your generosity to the Bishop's **Living the Promise** capital campaign to provide permanent endowments for Catholic Schools and Faith Formation programs through the Catholic Foundation.

Please continue to support our efforts to pass on the faith by considering other future gifts to the Catholic Foundation. Remember, you can leave a lasting legacy for Catholic education, ministries and this parish by making a gift from your will and estate plans.

Joan Rothstein, D.R.E.

548-3209

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

10 Mon – No Morning Mass

11 Tues – Living & ††, St. Ann's Society

12 Wed – 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's

13 Thur – † Ada Schlick

14 Fri – † Richard Passe

15 Sat – 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's

*16 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

Aug 10— St. Lawrence • 2 Cor 9: 6-10 • Jn 12: 24-26

Aug 11 – St. Clare • Dt 31: 1-8 • Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

Aug 12 – Wednesday • Dt 34: 1-12 • Mt 18: 15-20

Aug 13 – Thursday • Joshua 3: 7-10, 11, 13-17

• Mt 18: 21--19: 1

Aug 14 – St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe • Joshua 24: 1-13

• Mt 19: 3-12

Aug 15 – Assumption of the BVM • Rv 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10

• Lk 1: 39-56

Ⓢ Since the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Saturday this year, our obligation to attend Mass has been removed.

*Aug 16 – 20th Sunday in O.T. • 1 Kgs 19: 4-8

• Eph 4: 30--5: 2 • Jn 6: 41-51

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Mass of Christian Burial for Fred Olmschenk will be 11 am Monday.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 pm Sunday at the St. Martin Parish Center, and for one hour prior to the service.

Parish prayers will be held at 6 pm Sunday evening.



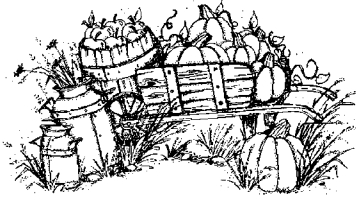
Prayer Line
548-3436

Do you know of someone ill or in need of prayers? Just call:

Diane Rothstein – 548-3436.

Dozens of parishioners will immediately ask God and the saints to intercede for the sufferer.

2 August, 2009	
Adults	936.00
Youth	1.00
Children	0.25
Plate	35.00
Energy	50.00
Votives	21.00
Total	1043.25



Warm sun we need!

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

Aug 15 – St. Martin Parish Hall. **Joe Thelen Benefit Chicken Dinner.** 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. \$7 advance, \$8 at the door; children 6 to 12, \$5; 5 & under free. **Silent Auction**, 4–8 pm, **Live Auction** at 8:30 pm. More info on Bulletin Board posters. Workers needed for the dinner — Confirmation students who need service hours encouraged to volunteer!

Aug 15 – 15th Annual **ELROSA HARVEST FEST.** 4:00 pm – outdoor Polka Mass. 5 pm -1 am Food Stand & Beer Garden. Kiddie Parade & Kid's Raffle Drawing. 10 pm - Grand Raffle Drawing. 8 pm - Indoor Bingo. BeanBag Tournament, No-Hands pudding eating contest, Centennial DVDs, FREE Ice Cream and much more.

Aug 15-16 – St. Boniface Church, Cold Spring. **Parish Festival.** On **Saturday:** 5:00 pm Polka Mass, Country Polkateers. Food & beverage stands open, music by the Chaser, 7:00–10:00 pm. Fireworks show at 10 pm. **Sunday:** 10:00 am **Parade**, then the fun continues with food, games & entertainment. **Quilt Auction** bidding begins at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center. Handmade quilts of all sizes; to preview, log on to www.stboniface.com and click Quilt Auction link.

Aug 22-23 – Sacred Heart parish, Sauk Rapids. **Parish Bazaar Weekend.** On Saturday, our Family Parking Lot Dance, 6:00–9:00 pm. Come and enjoy the Dan Allen Band, numerous food and beverage stands open. Sunday begins with a 10:00 am Polka Mass featuring Adam and the Jolly Jammers. Games, live music and refreshments on the church grounds all day. **Grand Raffle** at 7:00 pm.

Aug 23 – St. Francis of Assissi parish, 10 miles N of Albany on 238. **Fall Festival.** Chicken & Ham Dinner with homemade dressing and all the fixings starts at 11:00 am. Food, games & refreshments all day. Live music by Country Polkateers and Country Rascals (5:00 – 8:00 pm). **Grand Raffle** at 8:00 pm.

Aug 30 – Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center, Richmond. **QUILT BINGO.** 6:30 pm (doors open at 5:30). Quilt Raffle – progressive Quilt Auction. Refreshments available. Cost \$10 per card good for 20 games. Must be 18 to play – no checks please!

Pro-Life Evening

Wednesday, September 23, 6:30-9:00 pm

St. Anthony Catholic Church

2405 First St., St. Cloud

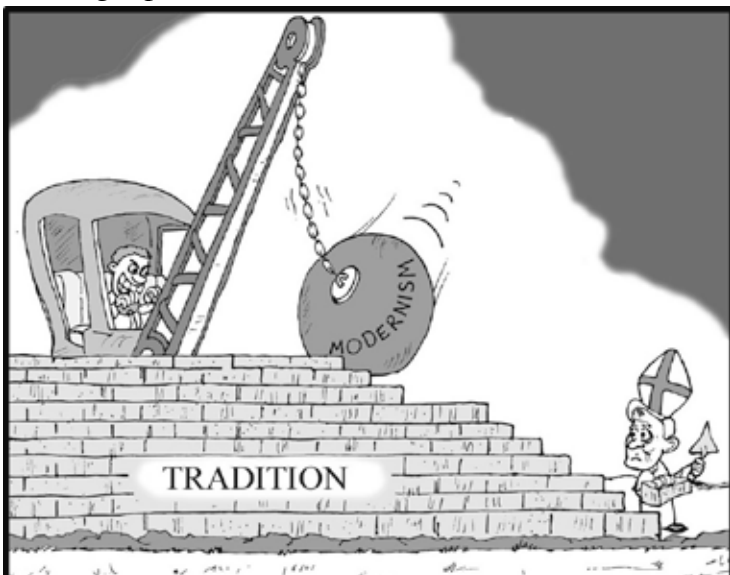
Mass at 6:30 pm

An event you won't want to miss!

PowerPoint presentation in a casual atmosphere, plus lots of useful printed materials. Fellowship & Refreshments, too.

(see details on Bulletin Board flyer)

In defense of the Pope's unwavering stand against "Cafeteria Catholicism" — last Sunday some said this got printed too small to see...



TIMELY CONNECTION TO MARY

It's no accident that the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Max Kolbe one day before the August 15th observance of Mary's Assumption into Heaven. Of all the folks listed in any good "Lives of the Saints," Maximilian Mary Kolbe tops the charts of Our Lady's consecrated servants.

There have been so many! Including our last two popes, in case you hadn't noticed. Because Mary is the intercessor for our times. God knows we need one.

And there are many ways to "access" her —saying the rosary, to name but the most obvious, but Saint Max somehow rises head and shoulder into our view right now. Part of that's because his selfless martyrdom in a Nazi extermination camp was recent enough history that anyone can imagine it. Another part is that he was thoroughly modern, publishing newspapers and magazines urging penitence, patience and forgiveness in obedience to the Marian way: *"Through the sacred heart of Mary to the Sacred Heart of Jesus."* Maximilian Kolbe believed in using modern communications media to reach as many lost or troubled souls as possible. If he were alive today he would be all over the internet, and chiming on your cellphone.

But a lot of that's because Mary's own messages to us have been timely and immediate. The Church, especially in America and Europe, seems in some respects to have lost its way in the transition from where we were in the 1950s and where we are now. Oh, the Mass is still the Mass! Christ is still present, but how keenly do we hear his voice...or that of his Mother for that matter? When you walk into church do you feel a sacred hush? Do you truly listen with discernment for the sacred whisper...or hear only echoes of self-serving opinions? Do you pick and choose which catechismal rules you will cherish and obey, and which you simply find burdensome, "impractical" or too much trouble?

Or politically incorrect? Contraception, for example.

In the past couple hundred years the mother of Christ has appeared to ordinary people on earth with a message. Saint Max Kolbe listened well and acted on the information, founding (among other things) "Mary's Militia" in 1917, an army millions strong consecrated not to bear arms but to bend knees to her Son. To confess sins and do penance. To pray unceasingly for others, for deliverance from what she says will surely come otherwise.

It may not be too late to begin.

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St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Invites you to be our Guest at the 56th Annual
Convention at

Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls

208 West Broadway (West of Mississippi on Hwy 27)

Saturday, September 19, 2009

See Bulletin Board for more information.

Inexpensive August Family Vacation Day Trip!

Drive north on Sunday, August 16 at 11 am to the Don and Judy Koep farm in rural Clitherall, Otter Tail County, for the 2009 Rural Life Celebration. The event promises to be a day filled with fun and family celebration. There will be an outdoor Mass, followed by a complimentary pork chop dinner, entertainment and children's games at NO CHARGE.

The Rural Life Celebration is an annual festival of rural living and the goodness of God's creation. The event is hosted by the parishes of Brandon, Millerville, Parkers Prairie and Urbank, and is co-sponsored by the Diocese of St. Cloud and Catholic Charities.