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The Aisle Report

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Hello again, and welcome to another edition of the Aisle Report. In this issue, a registry, a church, a few legends, some more "Lucky 7"s and a weather report for 7/7/07! Enjoy!

– Ed.SB aka MOH – reach me at sb@bellethecat.com

Who? – **Saint Damian**, a physician who refused all payment and talked to the sick about Christianity. He was martyred along with his brother Cosmas around 300 A.D. Patron saint of Physicians, and Surgeons, Barbers, the Blind and Pharmacists.

What? - **San Damiano Chapel**, a church named in his honor.

Where? - Assisi, Italy and also **LaCrosse Wisconsin** - corner of 10th and Franciscan Way,

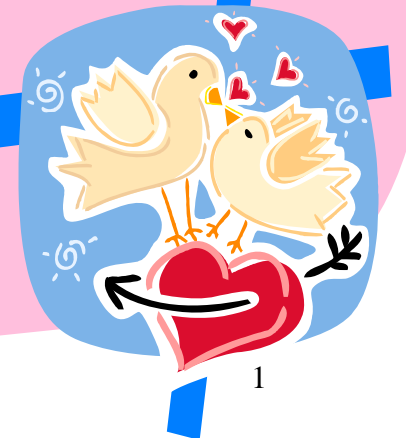
When – well, **Norah and Brian will be married at this church on 7/7/07 (the La Crosse one)!** Time TBD. And, it just so happens that **September 26th** is the feast day of St. Damian, so feel free to feast!

Tell me more – Long ago, the original San Damiano church was half in ruins following years of neglect. While praying before the cross, it is said that the man who would become St. Francis of Assisi heard Jesus tell him, "Francis, go repair my house which, as you see, is falling completely to ruin." Francis took the words he heard as a direct order and by 1206, the restoration of the church was completed. Francis went on from there to the more difficult task of restoring the institution of the Church as a whole.

See the Wisconsin chapel here:

<http://www.viterbo.edu/buildings.aspx?id=5112>

Countdown to **07/07/07**





Lucky 7 continued:

world in 7 days, the Seven Gods of Happiness, The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. (can you name them?), 007, The number of notes in the musical scale, Libra as the 7th astrological sign of the Zodiac, 7 colors of the rainbow, seven virtues of Japanese chivalry, 7 "the Chariot" in tarot.. can there be any more???

Of course! It is a magic number after all:

- ❖ 7 seas
- ❖ 7 days in the week
- ❖ 7 wonders of the world (okay – the *ancient*: The Great Pyramid of Egypt, The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, The Statue of Zeus at Olympia, The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, The Colossus of Rhodes, The Lighthouse of Alexandria *modern*: the Empire State building, the Itaipu Dam, the CN Tower, the Panama Canal, the Channel Tunnel, the North Sea Protection Works, and the Golden Gate Bridge.)
- ❖ 7 chakras (yoga centers of psychic power in the body)
- ❖ 7 stars in the big dipper and the 7 sisters (Pleiades)

Wedding lore and legend! The Wedding Cake:

Food is a central part of most celebrations. The custom of sharing bread, cake or pie at weddings seems to have originated in Ancient Rome, where the groom would break a loaf of bread over his bride and the guests would scramble for the crumbs, thought to be good luck (some guests would take the crumbs home and sleep with them under their pillows). In the English Middle Ages, guests would bring small cakes to a wedding and put them in one large pile. The bride and groom were expected to stand over the cakes and kiss. In the 17th century, a ring or other trinket would be placed in a pie and the guest who received it would have the accompanying fortune (wishbone–luck, ring–next to marry, coin–fortune, dice–luck). In Lithuania, the bride and groom drink a glass of wine and eat salted bread, symbolizing joy, tears and hard work together. The multi-tiered cake was originally a creation of English royalty and was made to represent the steeple of St. Bride's church in London.

<http://www.hiddenlondon.com/stbrides.htm>

Stay tuned for more wedding news next month!

