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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!



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2009

Dear Parishioners,

As you recall, there are two members of each parish in our cluster currently working 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.

The involved parishes are Belgrade, Brooten, Elrosa, Farming, Freeport, Greenwald, Lake Henry, Meire Grove, New Munich, Paynesville, Richmond, Roscoe, St. Martin and Spring Hill.

Joan Rothstein and Joe Schlick, our lay representatives, and I invite you to an **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.

Jane Marrin of the Planning Office of the diocese will be with us that evening to address any questions or concerns you might have regarding the process.

Please join us for a joint meeting of our two parishes on Tuesday, September 21 at 8:00 pm at St. Martin Church. It is important that we have strong representation from our parishes as we look to the future of the Church in this area of the Diocese of St. Cloud.

Fr. Corwin, OSB

Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, September 24
Parish Hall Classrooms
8:15 p.m

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

14 Mon – No Morning Mass

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

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

17 Thur – † Chad Lieser

18 Fri – † Nicholas Heinen

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

*20 Sun – 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin
† Roger Bertram

* = Holy Day of Obligation

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle B Weekday Readings: Year 1

Sept 14— Exaltation of the Holy Cross • Nm 21: 4b-9
• Phil 2: 6-11 • Jn 3: 13-17

Sept 15 — Our Lady of Sorrows • 1 Tm 3: 1-13 • Jn 19: 25-27

Sept 16 — Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian • 1 Tm 3: 14-16 • Lk 7: 31-35

Sept 17 — St. Robert Bellarmine • 1 Tm 4: 12-16 • Lk 7: 36-50

Sept 18 — Friday • 1 Tm 6: 2c-12 • Lk 8: 1-3

Sept 19 — St. Januarius • 1 Tm 6: 13-16 • Lk 8: 4-15

*Sept 20 — Catechetical Sunday • Wis 2: 12, 17-20
• Jas 3: 16--4: 3 • Mk 9: 30-37

* = Holy Day of Obligation

Does anyone have a copy of the book "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren? If so, will you lend it to the Confirmation Class? Please call Renee Kalthoff @ 548-3560.

3rd Banns of Marriage
Angela Doubek
and
Bradley Braegelmann

1st Banns of Marriage
Angela Marie Kausch
and
Adam John Kalthoff

Prayer Line 548-3436

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.

If people are the problem...

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/environment/climatechange/6161742/Contraception-cheapest-way-to-combat-climate-change.html>

...this study from the London School of Economics concludes that the best way to make the earth safe for future generations is to eliminate future generations. That's not quite how the authors would frame their argument, of course. But it *is* a natural extension of their logic. The problem, they explain, is that people create a demand for the ...



Religious Education News

We Need a Teacher!

If you don't volunteer to teach 5th grade, who will?

Are you willing to let these students feel like orphans?

Call Joan Now! 548-3209

There will be an **Open House** on **September 16th** at **7:00 pm** for parents, teachers and students! Meet, greet and learn about changes in this year's curriculum — we are introducing some innovative learning ideas — *at-home activities* figure prominently into the overall plan. **Every parent** must help make our new school year a fruitful experience! *Joan Rothstein, D.R.E. 548-3209*

Joe and Amy Thelen along with our children Mitchell, Taylor and Carter would like to thank everyone that supported us at Joe's benefit held in St. Martin on August 15th. It was great to see all of you and we were overwhelmed with everyone's generosity and support during this difficult time. A very special Thank You goes to Joe and Amy's family for all the work they did to organize the event. We also would like to thank all the generous individuals and companies that donated items for the auction or donated their time and work during the benefit. We also want to recognize and thank all of you that purchased auction items. We truly appreciate what everyone has done for us.

Thank You. You can contact me at 320-333-9662.

Priest from India to visit St. Martin – details on page 2 —>

Visiting Missionary

Fr. John Malieckal V.C., a Vincentian Missionary priest from India, will visit our parishes on September 19 and 20 to preach at both Masses and make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian Congregation was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the congregation of St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing congregation, all natives of India, are engaged in mission work in all parts of the Indian subcontinent and in Africa as well. They need our help, most especially our prayers and financial support for the training of more young men for the priesthood. There will be special collections in both parishes next weekend. Please be generous!

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

Sept 13 – Seven Dolors 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, 19, 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.

Sept 27 – Richmond Parish Center. CAA M-G **Potato Pancake, Sausage & Ham Supper**. 3:30–7:30 pm. Adults \$7.00, Children 4-7 \$3.00, 3 & under free. Proceeds go to support Sts. Peter & Paul School.

The St. Martin Fire Department Relief Association
Fundraiser 30th **Annual Ham Supper**
Sunday, October 4, serving 4 pm to 8:30 pm
at St. Martin Parish Hall
Heartland DJ Entertainment 4 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.

Part of Oldest Bible Accidentally Discovered Student Finds Section Hidden Beneath Binding

MOUNT SINAI, Egypt, SEPT. 7, 2009 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org))- A fragment of the Biblical text considered to be one of the two most ancient in the world, the Codex Sinaiticus, was discovered by chance a few days ago in St. Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai in Egypt.

The man who found the fragment, Nikolas Sarris, a 30-year-old Greek student, happened upon it while doing research in the monastery for his doctoral studies on manuscripts of the 18th century.

The fragment corresponds to the beginning of the Book of Joshua. The discovery was confirmed by monastery librarian Father Justin.

It is possible that there are more sections hidden beneath other bindings, although at the moment the monastery does not have the technological means necessary to conduct the search without causing damage. The Codex is a manuscript of the Bible written between 330 and 350, according to tradition, at the request of the Emperor Constantine. Along with the Codex Vaticanus, it is considered the most ancient text of the Bible in the world.

Blessed Angela of Foligno. St. Clare of Montefalco. St. Faustina Kowalska, for that matter, and a host of others to whom Our Lord appeared as they received His actual presence during communion. Odds are that few of us will be graced so dramatically, but we can adore Him in His sanctified, sacrificial presence just the same, 2 or 4 or 6 or 20 of us at a time. Personally and in hushed silence.

Beginning the first Friday of October, St. Martin will re-institute public Eucharistic Adoration exactly as this parish did "back in the day" when she led all others in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Do you see no connection between our drought of priests and the idea that we all have gotten so self-secularized (see below) as to have convinced ourselves that we're just too busy to spend *one hour per week* in personal contemplation of the single greatest sacrificial reality in the history of the universe?

Friday Adorations will begin right after morning Mass at 8:30 am, and close at 6:00 pm. **IF** enough people from this parish and from St. Catherine's in Farming are present during that final hour, we will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. How long has it been since you heard the *Tantum Ergo* and *O Salutaris*? Never? Or just so long ago that you can't remember?

Adoration requires the presence of at least two people continually. Sign up for your hour by filling out the little invitation sheet in your pew, and dropping it in the collection basket. Next week we'll discuss manners and methods of adoration proven to work. *yr. obt. svst.*

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Adults	757.00
Youth	1.00
Children	2.00
Plate	107.75
Votives	18.00
Total	885.75

**Where
Eucharistic
life flourishes,
there the life of
the Church will
blossom.**

~Pope John Paul II, 1981

'SELF-SECULARIZATION'

Pope Benedict has added a useful new term to the Catholic lexicon: "self-secularization."

It's a problem when society lurches toward secularism and begins to fear any public expression of religious faith. It's an even greater problem when Church leaders begin to march to the beat of the secular drummers, and see their own existence in the terms posed by the secular world.

Just one aspect of that greater problem, the Pope told Brazilian bishops, is that Catholic educators begin to explain the faith to children in worldly terms, and the young people who are "born into this secularized ecclesial environment" are not prepared to understand, nor to appreciate, the Church's call to transcendence.

If the Church fights only a rear-guard action against the forces of secularism, justifying Catholic faith and practice only in secular terms — apologies rather than apologetics, as it were — rising generations will not even understand the nature of the conflict, and the struggle will be lost.

Looking for support in dealing with depression or bipolar disorder?

Join with us at the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance meetings on Mondays. The Monday weekly meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. The meetings will take place in the conference room at the Albany Area Hospital & Medical Center. There is no charge. For additional information, please contact 320.845.6104 or 1.800.862.1799.

The **MCCL PRO-LIFE Fall meeting** will be held on Wednesday, September 23 at 7 p.m. at Saint Anthony Catholic Church, 2405 First Street North, St. Cloud. Jordan Bauer will share a power point presentation. Our lives and our culture are impacted by life issues. This is also an opportunity to pick up prolife information and materials to educate yourself and others in a variety of ways. Presentation is free and open to the public.