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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!

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2009

FOCA, the "Freedom of Choice Act," would reverse every legislative gain made since Roe vs. Wade was enacted in 1973. It is likely to be re-introduced now with much stronger support as a new Congress and President are sworn into office.

FOCA would override reasonable legislation at every level — local, state and national. Here are just some of the laws that could be invalidated:

- **requirement for informed consent, and brief waiting periods for women who seek abortion.**
- **parental notification for minors who seek abortion.**
- **any law promoting maternal health if it increases cost of abortion.**
- **health regulations for abortion clinics.**
- **laws requiring a licensed physician for performing an abortion.**
- **laws banning partial-birth abortion, and infanticide for children born alive after a failed abortion.**

In addition, FOCA would require all taxpayers to fund abortion costs regardless of personal opinion; it would sweep away all current "conscience clauses", effectively requiring Catholic hospitals, clinics, doctors and nurses to either provide abortion services or lose all Medicare funding. Repeated failure to comply would result in loss of their licenses.

Catholic hospitals cannot accept such extortionate legislation. **FOCA** as written amounts to nothing less than a deliberate assault on the Church.

We are asked to participate vigorously in a postcard campaign to oppose FOCA. Please contact your Senator(s) and federal Representatives and ask them to express their commitment to the Gospel of Life, and to speak out boldly in defense of the unborn children of God.

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

19 Mon — **No Morning Mass**

20 Tues — † Gail Lieser & † Ferdinand Mayers

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

22 Thur — † James Heidgerken

23 Fri — † Al Arceneau

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

***25 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

Jan 19— Monday • Heb 5: 1-10 • Mk 2: 18-22

Jan 20 — Tuesday • Heb 6: 10-20 • Mk 2: 23-28

Jan 21 — St. Agnes • Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17 • Mk 3: 1-6

Jan 22 — Day of Penance • Is 9: 1-6 • Phil 4: 6-9 • Mt 5: 1-48

Jan 23 — Friday • Heb 8: 6-13 • Mk 3: 13-19

Jan 24 — St. Francis de Sales • Heb 9: 2-3 • Mk 3: 20-21

***Jan 25 — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

• Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 • 1 Cor 7: 29-31 • Mk 1: 14-20

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Catechism Classes

Class Schedule:

Wed., Jan. 21: Grades 1–8: Regular classes, 7:00–8:00 pm.

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires that each diocese have a safe environment curriculum. The Diocese of St. Cloud requires that we show these DVD'S to the religion students. On Jan. 21st at 7:00, the 1st and 2nd graders will be viewing the video "What Tadoo." Grades 3-6 will be viewing "Time to Tell" at 7:30.

On January 28th at 7:00, grades 7-8 will be viewing "Call to Protect." Grades 9-11 will view "Call to Protect" on February 4th. Parents are welcome to preview the material or to see it with their children. If you have any questions or concerns contact Joan Rothstein at 548-3209.

Family Prayer —
pass it on!



You Just Killed WHO???

St. Ann's Christian Women

Reminder– St. Ann's Christian Women annual meeting and breakfast will be Sunday, January 25th.

The treasurer from St. Ann's and the Rosary Society will collect dues on Sunday **Jan. 18th & Jan. 25th** before and after Mass. Workers for the breakfast are Kathleen Mehr, Mary Mueller, Jan Noll, Lorraine Nordmann, Bea Olmscheid & Diane Olmscheid.

ELSEWHERE:

Jan 25 – Greenwald Pub. **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.** 8:30 am–1 pm.

Jan 25 – Sts. Peter & Paul School, Richmond. **Parent-sponsored Breakfast.** 8:30 am–12:00 noon. Scrambled eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, pancakes w/toppings, asst. rolls; OJ, milk & coffee. \$7 adults, \$4 under 12, under 4 free.

Jan 31 – Freeport Community Center. Sacred Heart School's **Prime Wine & Dine Dinner/Auction.** Serving 4:30–8:00 pm. Dinner menu includes Prime Rib with au gratin potatoes or Breast of Chicken on rice. Salad Bar, dinner roll, wine & dessert. Tickets available from students or by calling 320-836-2591. \$25.000 per adult or \$10.00 per student. **Silent Auction** 4:30–8:00 pm. **Cash Raffle:** win \$1500, \$500, \$250, \$100! Can't make the dinner? Auction & Raffle open to everyone.

Feb 1 – Albany Legion. **Smorgasbord Breakfast.** 7:30 am–12:30 pm.

Lenten Retreat



During the weekend of **February 27 – March 1**, the Crosier Fathers and Brothers will offer a retreat which will focus on **The Healing Ministry of Jesus**. The presentations will describe how Jesus' care for those who are hurting brings them healing for their physical, mental and spiritual infirmities. This retreat will be at **Christ the King Retreat Center** in Buffalo, Minnesota and Fr. Jerry Schik, OSC will be the presenter. This retreat is open to all adults who wish to make a weekend retreat. For further information please pick up a brochure from the parish pamphlet rack or call Fr. Jerry at 320-532-5227.

Marriage Encounter ~ a Very Special Weekend: February 14-15 and April 18- 19

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, 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>

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

(online, click the blue hyperlink to read the whole story.)

Catholics not on list of prayer leaders for Obama inaugural ceremonies

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=1643>

President-elect Obama has asked 9 ministers to lead prayers at different events during his inaugural celebration; all of them are Protestant. Steven Waldman of **Beliefnet** notes that in the past, "Presidents typically made a point of including a Catholic and, often, a Jew." The **National Catholic Register** wonders whether the failure to include a Catholic is coincidental, noting that – in another break from recent practice – the Archbishop of Denver was not asked to deliver an invocation at this year's Democratic national convention.

US bishops reject ACLU suit on government contract work as 'without merit'

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=1664>

The leaders of the US bishops' conference have argued that an ACLU lawsuit, charging that the federal government has violated the First Amendment by granting a contract to an arm of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, is "without merit and an affront to religious liberty." The government program in question works to curb human trafficking; the ACLU complaint argues that the bishops' involvement in the program is inappropriate *because the Catholic agency does not provide funding for abortion.* (italics supplied)

It's Quilting Time Again!

St. Mary's group will sew on **Monday, January 12.**
Sacred Heart of Mary will sew on **Thursday, January 29.**

To put this in perspective I'll pretend to debate high moral issues with a militant, educated but judgmental pro-abortion person...who attends Mass pretty regularly.

"If you know someone is pregnant, has eight kids already, three of them deaf, two of them blind, one mentally retarded because mom has syphilis, would you encourage, nay, demand that she have an abortion forthwith?"

We'll take that as a yes.

Okay, let's run a few take-ye-choice situations past the listening audience. In a close race to elect a new world leader, your vote could swing the election.

Candidate **A** has known connections to crooks and secretly consults an astrologist. He's a chain-smoker and drinks 8 or 10 dry martinis a day. Candidate **B** got kicked out of office twice, sleeps till noon, used drugs in college and drinks a quart of whiskey almost every evening. Candidate **C** is a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, drinks maybe an occasional beer and has never cheated on his wife.

Who gets your vote? Candidate **A** is Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Candidate **B** is Winston Churchill. Candidate **C** is Adolf Hitler.

Huh. Politics is fun. But I'm talking to a modern-day Pharisee. My debater just stalked out of the room in a huff when I mildly said, "On that first question, your quick yes-vote for aborting our diseased, sad-sack mother-to-be? You blithering moron, you just killed Ludwig von Beethoven."

Mild words of protest get you nowhere. We need to keep the debate alive, but not with stuff like that. We need to keep protest rallies in case there's a legislator on earth still on the fence about voting to slaughter another 50 million innocents in the name of any self-serving "reproductive birthright" whatsoever. But first we need to clean up our own act. Show and tell time, brothers and sisters. By any reasonable accounting, 75% of us use contraception to "avoid the greater issue."

Contraception is a form of abortion! They will know us by our acts. Time to bring out the big guns. What we should've started with. Public, knee-bruising, clemency-pleading, Mary-invoking, Jesus-help-them prayers. For our enemies. **And for those of us who still cheat a little, use contraceptives and thus train up new generations of baby-killers.** I'm getting really tired of Pharisaic hypocrisy. *yr. obt. svl.*



Junior Choir:

will sing at 10 am Mass on
Jan. 25.

Practice before Mass @ 8:45 am !

Adult Choir:

Monday, Jan. 26 @ 7:30 pm

"Love Makes Everything Possible" A Catholic Woman's Conference

Jan. 31st, 7 am - 3 pm at Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Rockville. Speakers are Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Janet Smith. The day begins with 7 am Confessions and 8 am Mass and includes a light breakfast and elegant lunch. Registration is \$30 (\$35 after Jan. 21st), \$15 for students.

There is limited seating so register early (after Jan. 25th call for availability). Flyers are posted.

For more info, scholarships or seating availability please contact Diane Hansen at (320) 252-9299.

The **FEBRUARY** Ministry Schedules are on tables near the entrances. Be sure to pick one up!