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Sunday Bulletin



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Wedding Plans? To avoid last-minute confusion, contact Father Corwin at least six months before your planned wedding date!

Holy Trinity Sunday

June 19, 2011

In the face of hurt and betrayal, we are challenged to reflect on a God who reaches out and forgives. We too must create peace in the face of factionalism. Rather than selfish "make-it-easy" mimicry, we must **show** ourselves giving, sending, and loving: Real-life attempts to **live** our belief in the Trinity. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" is the legacy and responsibility of every Christian.

This truth easily can become only a head trip, a reality we admire but don't imitate. The dangerous consequence is that the Trinity becomes a phrase in the Creed rather than a way of life. Today's readings offer a compelling view of the Trinity as the pattern for everyday living.



Father Stephen Beauclair will be celebrating his 50 years as a priest on **July 11th** at St. John's Abbey Church. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Stephen's dad, who passed away on June 13th. The funeral Mass will be July 8th, at 7 pm at Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo, ND.

Welcome to any SS. Peter & Paul parishioners who will be joining us for our 10:15 am Sunday Mass beginning July 3rd!

To ensure that your donations get credited to SS. Peter & Paul as usual, just drop your regular numbered donation envelopes into our collection basket. We'll see them safely home to Richmond.

We Need A Volunteer!

Looking for someone to be in charge of the monthly ministry list. Jermayne Mages has done this for many years and needs to lighten her load. Preferably someone who does not already have another job connected with the Parish. Listen very carefully for God is calling someone out there to come forward. Please call Jermayne at **548-3524**.

Time Change for Sunday Mass in St. Martin

Starting July 1st, our Mass will be on Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Our weekday Mass will be on Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Father Stephen Beauclair will also offer Mass in Richmond on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Adult choir –

Our next choir practice will be Tuesday, **June 28** at 7:30 pm.

St. Martin Band

The Paynesville parade was lots of fun and lips were dragging from the

20 repetitions of 4 brass-band numbers... proof that we did a pretty good job!

Practice: Thursday, 8:00- 9:30 pm.

St. Martin Parish Hall - **June 30.**

☺ **New members welcomed, any age; any playing level.**

For information, please contact Melanie Thelen at 320-293-2387

Next Events: **St. Martin Bazaar 6/25**
Richmond Concert 7/5
Richmond Parade?

STEWARDSHIP

12 June 2011	
Adults	643.00
Youth	0.00
Children	7.50
Plate	239.85
Spcl. Collection	125.00
Votive Lights	53.50
Total Deposit	1068.85

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

20 Mon — **No Mass Today**
21 Tues — † Dorothy Hierlmaier
22 Wed — † Martin Karsch
23 Thur — † Ada Schlick
24 Fri — † Brian & Angela Mehr
25 Sat — **Polka Mass 4:00 pm**
19 Sun — **10:00 am Mass**
† Joseph Lieser

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year A Weekday Readings: Cycle 1
June 20 — Monday • Gn 12: 1-9 • Mt 7: 15
June 21 — St. Aloysius Gonzaga • Gn 13: 2, 5-18 • Mt 7: 6, 12-14
June 22 — Wed. • Gn 15: 1-12, 17-18 • Mt 7: 15-20
June 23 — Thursday • Gn 16: 1-12, 15-16 • Mt 7: 21-29
June 24 — Nativity of St. John the Baptist • Is 49: 1-6
• Acts 13: 22-26 • Lk 1: 57-66
June 25 — Saturday • Gn 18: 1-15 • Mt 8: 5-17
June 26 — Corpus Christi • 2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16
• Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11 • Mt 10: 37-42

Miracles of the Eucharist

(51st in a series)

The Eucharistic miracle that took place in Bordeaux on 3rd February 1822 remains one of the greatest manifestations of God in the course of the 19th century, although it happened in an era in which such manifestations were not lacking. For quite some time, more than twenty people worthy of credence – religious women, lay people, a priest and his altar boy – saw Christ in the host. He was living, moving and looking personally at the congregation, seemingly with attention, or better still, intention.

The Holy Family Association of Bordeaux, founded by Fr. Pierre Bienvenu Noailles, carefully preserves the memory of this apparition as a family treasure. Each year the memory of the miraculous benediction of 1822 is fervently celebrated in Bordeaux and wherever the Association is established.

And there is a Trinitarian connection, because the theology of Fr. Noailles appears to be indisputably Trinitarian. He is a contemplative of the 'family life' within the Trinity, of the love – the reciprocal gift – that the Three Persons of the Trinity exchange unceasingly.

Why is this sign still so alive? What does the Holy Spirit wish to teach us through this continuing fervour? What is God's call today through this manifestation?

~extracted from a book by Bernard Peyroux.

WHAT'S ELSEWHERE:

June 19 – Freeport Community Center. Freeport Fire Department's annual **Ham Bar-B-Que**. 4:30 pm-9:00 pm. **Dinner:** \$7.50 advance, \$8.00 at the door; 12 & under \$3.50. **Hog-Beef Raffle:** (2) ½ Hog Prizes; ¼ Beef Prize – \$2 per ticket. **Quilt Raffle (3 quilts):** \$2.00 per ticket, need not be present to win.

June 26 – Immaculate Conception church, St. Anna. **Parish Bazaar.** Mass at 10:00 am. Chicken & Ham Dinner served in air-conditioned basement. Bingo, Cake Walk, Craft Stand, Quilt Raffle, Games, Food Court etc. Live Music by Preston & Paulzine Band. Cash Raffle at 7 pm.

July 10 – St. Benedict's parish, Avon. **Parish Festival.** Breakfast will be served from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Mass at 8:00 & 10:30 am. Stands open at 11:00 am. Quilt Auction at 2:30 pm. Mark Kurtz Chainsaw Sculpture Auction at 3:00 pm. Raffle Drawing at 7:00 pm, \$6,000+ in prizes including \$1,000 grand prize.

July 10 – St. Donatus parish, Brooten. **Centennial Festival.** Mass at 10:00 am. Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings served on the grounds at 12 noon. Centennial Cookbooks available, \$20. Get raffle tickets for the Centennial Quilt to be awarded in September.

Albany Bakery is taking orders for pies and cakes.

Fruit Pies	\$8.00
Lemon Meringue	\$9.00
Angel Food (plain)	\$6.00
Angel Food (Iced)	\$7.00



Don't Forget Items For

the "Forgotten Treasure Store"

We're looking for donations: Anything used but in good, clean condition, not broken. Items of any sort, for example wall hangings, glassware, bicycle, small table, chairs etc. No clothes.

We will price to sell. Any questions, call Irene Burg at 548-3539. Items can be brought to the Parish Hall Friday afternoon, June 24th or on Saturday morning, June 25th – be creative, think upscale garage sale!

Bazaar Quilt Photos – soon online

The initial batch of website photos of quilts for the 2011 St. Martin Bazaar should be online early this week if not already up there by the time you read this. Your Bulletin editor suffered a serious crunch on his available work schedule this past week, and apologizes for any inconvenience.

Trust: God has a plan for your marriage!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. It is effective, healthy, and marriage building. The Billings Ovulation Method of NFP is a natural, highly effective method of postponing or achieving a pregnancy without the use of harmful drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre by appointment at St. Michael's Hospital. For more information, or to register, call Lola or Mark Welle at 320-352-6014. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. **Note:** Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up.

Declining interest in Catholic web searches

Internet users around the world are less likely to search for the word "Catholic" today than they were in 2004, according to an analysis of Google data conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA).

"Searches for anything Catholic reach a low point each summer and peak in two weeks each year – weeks for Ash Wednesday and Christmas," CARA notes. "The only outlier here is the significant increase in searches surrounding the death of Pope John Paul II and the conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI. In 2007, the search volumes dip below average for the period and have continued on a downward pace to date. Americans are significantly less likely to search for anything Catholic than they were seven years ago."

I chewed up a sizable bite of my life getting paid to indulge in non-spectator sports where the penalty box was built out of pine. Thought I'd seen it all. Good and bad, most of it good, but thought I'd seen it all.

Patterns were dropping into place. It didn't take a genius to see them.

Then as I reached a majority of years, God's delicious sense of irony gave me excuse to rest from my giddy travels so I could concentrate on the picture those puzzle patterns were making as they quilted together. It began to resemble a tapestry of the rise and fall of empires and civilizations.

The twentieth century saw the collapse of seven great empires – Mandarin China, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Ottoman Turkey, Japan, the British empire, and twice over in the case of Tsarist and Soviet Russia.

No need to grope farther back to the Divided Kingdom of the Hebrews, or Assyria or Caanan or Egyptian Pharaohs, nor to nitpick signs of decadence that nailed the Roman Empire shut in Europe and paved the way for the heretical Great Reformation.

It's us, right here and now that we ought to be pondering. The Pope is right, America's going down the toilet. It's still pretty quiet here in St. Martin but we struggle gamely along surrounded by a maelstrom of inanity and insanity — in societal debauchery, in governmental sluggishness, legal imprudence, impenetrable bureaucracies, political deception. Corporate and personal greed. And wasn't it John Maynard Keynes who said that whatever a majority of economists predicts is invariably wrong? Do you suppose for a moment that the United Nations is capable of leading us to true and lasting peace? How about the World Health Organization? The G-8? The World Council of Churches? NATO? Interpol? The International Criminal Court? The International Olympic Committee?

Not even Pixar Studios can possibly save us from total collapse. Not when the moral collapse has already happened. And it has.

So am I sitting here scratching tick bites and gnawing my sore lip in hot-eyed frustration? Not on your life. I am sitting here scratching tick bites and thanking God that I'm allowed to be alive right now to be witness to all this foolishness. To offer in such small ways that I can, my weak voice in prayer and reparation to Christ for all the indignities we have foisted upon His Truth. Because making reparation is all we've really got left.

The battle is joined. The forces of evil will continue to prevail unless humanity's single access to the truth gets put back into practice. And I hasten to say that I'm also happy to live surrounded by basically good folks who generally just need to get off their spiritual pivot-point and live what the Church has unbrokenly taught, in order to hasten what Christ promised, that Hell shall never prevail over that same Apostolic Church.

It really matters not a lot if this nation or that chooses even by default to slide into oblivion. But it does matter a lot who is left standing afterwards. It won't be whoever has accumulated the most toys, or guns and ammo, or canned food or political tracts or spurious religious tracts or even tracts of land. It will be whoever has (secretly) shown Father, Son and Holy Spirit that they are worthy of eternal life.

And you know what? I can't tell the sheep from the goats by looking. That's why I'm feeling hopeful on this Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity.

Maybe there really are more sheep than goats.

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We are looking for anyone who is a St. Martin Catholic United Financial member and would like to go to the Annual Convention, August 5 and 6, 2011 at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN as a delegate. Please call Sue Dingmann at 548-3580 if you are interested in attending or would like more detailed information on this year's schedule.

"An empire that murders its own children, whose population is self-absorbed and lusts after little else other than being entertained, whose economy is rushing headlong into unsustainable debt, this empire is on the short course to self-extinction.

The faithful Catholics remaining, however few, need to be prepared to emerge from the rubble and once again rebuild. We did it after Rome, we will do it again, but as in the days of Rome there will be martyrs. No empire goes quietly into the night."

~Catholic apologist and broadcaster Michael Voris, speaking on the subject of today's column.