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Sunday Bulletin



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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!

Catechetical Sunday

This year, Catechetical Sunday will focus on the theme, "Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love." Those designated by the community to serve as catechists are called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel – parents themselves are to consider themselves "first teachers" and involve themselves in their children's faith education daily. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



September 19, 2010

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**
21 Tues — † Romuald Ehresmann
22 Wed — 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's
23 Thur — † Ed Schaefer
24 Fri — † Steven Nordmann
25 Sat — 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's
***26 Sun** — **10:00 am Mass at St. Martin**
 ~for the Parish
*** = Holy Day of Obligation**

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year C Weekday Readings: Cycle 2
Sept 20 — St. Andrew Kim Taegon • Prv 3: 27-34 • Lk 8: 16-18
Sept 21 — St. Matthew • Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13 • Mt 9: 9-13
Sept 22 — Wednesday • Prv 30: 5-9 • Lk 9: 1-6
Sept 23 — St. Pio of Pietrelcina • Eccl 1: 2-11 • Lk 9: 7-9
Sept 24 — Friday • Eccl 3: 1-11 • Lk 9: 18-22
Sept 25 — Saturday • Eccl 11: 9--112: 8 • Lk 9: 43b-45
***Sept 26 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 • Amos 6: 1a, 4-7 • 1 Tm 6: 11-16 • Lk 16: 19-31
*** = Holy Day of Obligation**

Catechism Class News

Wednesday, September 22:
Grades 1-8: Regular classes at 7:00 pm, Parish Hall.



Wednesday, September 29: Grade 11 students will travel to Albany to attend Father Richard McGuire's presentation, "Two Stages or Dances in Our Spiritual Life." (see page 2)

Catechism Teachers for 2010 -11:

Grade 1 – Theresa Kolb	Grade 7 } Paul Hughey
Grade 2 – Anita Burg	Grade 8 }
Grade 3 – Mary Hennen	Grade 9 – Joan Rothstein
Grade 4 – Jimmie Hughey	Grade 10 – Steve Mages
Grade 5 – Lucy Thelen	Grade 11 – Dan Kremers
Grade 6 – Randy Christmann	

~Joan Rothstein, D.R.E. 548-3209

"It has come to our attention, through comments of children and catechists, that some of the children in our catechetical program do not attend Sunday Mass weekly. Pope John Paul II was quoted saying, "The Eucharist is the **heart** of Sunday." Are you making the Eucharist the heart of Sunday for your family? Teach your children the importance of worshipping as a family every Sunday by coming to Mass and receiving Him in the Eucharist."

~from a letter sent by the Diocese of Fargo to parents...

A Miracle of the Eucharist

(15th in a series)

On July 18, 1946, Father Gino C. Violini stood before a small wooden church in Cowley, a little town nestled in foothills of the Canadian Rockies in southern Alberta. St. Joseph's was a forlorn, nearly-abandoned little mission church.

His new flock said they didn't need a priest, and if it ever came to pass that they did, they would say so.

Fr. Violini celebrated his first Mass at St. Joseph's the following Sunday: nine people in the pews. He delivered his best sermon. The following Sunday, only four showed up.

The next years were not crowned with success. The collection was laughable. His first Christmas collection was a dollar and thirteen cents, the church so cold that water froze in the cruets, even though pre-warmed on a coal stove.

On the feast of Corpus Christi, he awoke early and headed for the church for morning prayers. The front door was hanging off its hinges. Inside, a scene of destruction. Statues smashed, the tabernacle split open and consecrated Hosts scattered down the main aisle. One by one, he gathered them up, counting each one. They were all there except the large Benediction Host which he could find nowhere.

It was raining. The gray sky reflected his anguish. He notified Father Harrington of the Crow's Nest deanery who quickly organized a search party of some two-thousand people, some from as far away as British Columbia, yet none of the people of Cowley would help.

– to be concluded next week –

Stewardship

12 September 2010

Adults	1223.00
Youth	5.00
Children	5.50
Plate	97.50
Votive Lights	27.75
Total	1358.75

• Parish Hall Donations:
 Boiler project, **\$14,600.**
 Floor project, **\$13,920.**



Prayer Line 548-3436

Is someone ill or in need of prayers?
 Call **Diane Rothstein – 548-3436.**
 Dozens of parishioners will ask Jesus, Mary and the saints to intercede!

SEPTEMBER Singing Schedule:

Sept. 26 - Adult choir



WHAT'S WHERE:

Sept 19 – St. Donatus Church, Brooten. **Turkey & Ham Dinner & Raffle.** 11:00 am–1:30 pm. Roast Turkey, ham, real mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, corn & coleslaw, cranberries & dinner rolls and homemade pies/ dessert. Raffle tickets available at the door. Drawing will follow dinner.

Sept 19 – St. Andrew's parish, Greenwald. **School Benefit Breakfast.** 9:00 am–12:30 pm. Ham, eggs, sweet rolls, fried potatoes, applesauce. Adults \$6.00; children under 10, \$2.00; 3 & under free.

Sept 26 - Albany Legion **Smorgasbord Breakfast.** 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Sept 26 – Sts. Peter & Paul parish center, Richmond. C.A.A. **Sausage, Ham & Potato Pancake Supper.** 3:30 pm–7:30 pm.

Oct 3 – St. Martin Parish Hall. **St. Martin Fire Department Relief Assn. Ham Supper.** Will be serving from 4:00 pm till 8:30 pm. Heartland DJ entertainment till 10:30 pm, **Raffle** at 10:30 pm. No admission charge – Meal tickets available at St. Martin businesses and from all firefighters.

Oct 3 – Immaculate Conception church basement, New Munich. Forester's **Matching Fund Breakfast.** 8:30 am–12:30 pm. Ham, fried potatoes, eggs, etc. Proceeds go toward Sacred Heart statue painting & exterior church repairs.

"Two Stages or Dances in our Spiritual Life"

Father Richard McGuire will be at Seven Dolours parish in Albany on **Wednesday, September 29th** to speak from 6:30-8:00pm in church. Father McGuire will speak in church on the two stages or dances of our spiritual life. **Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend.** We especially want to invite parents and adults in our faith communities to come and be enriched by his words and learn ways to help us understand what our supporting role is for our children. A great evening filled with faithful words to help us understand the many challenges we face on our spiritual journey in life. Cookies and refreshments will follow in the gym.

If any questions, contact Joan Sand at the parish office **845-2705** or Sister Alice, Director of Faith Formation at **845-4335**.

The 2010 **Parish Social Ministry Gathering** will take place Oct. 8-9, at Lake Koronis in Paynesville, MN. The theme for the gathering is "Bringing the Gospel to Life." Topics include: The Call of the Gospel: Vision and Organization of Parish Social Ministry; and Sustaining Your Parish Social Ministry Program. Those wanting more information or interested in attending can contact Kathy Langer at 320.229.6020 or visit www.ccstcloud.org/SocialConcerns for registration information.

Are you 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 Albany Area Hospital & Medical Center. There is no charge. For additional information, please contact 320.845.6104 or 1.800.862.1799.

Another Guatamala trip

taking place from Oct. 5 – 10th. Laura (Mages) Wolf and Cheryl (Arceneau) Hellerman along with other family members and friends will be going. Again they are able to take donations with them. This is how Common Hope gets supplies to Guatamala. The following items are needed:

- School supplies (no notebooks please)
- Red, Black, Blue pens
- Pencils, erasers, sharpeners
- 12-pk colored pencils, rulers, scissors
- Colored chalk- for children and regular chalk
- glue bottles,
- compasses
- calculators
- wash cloths and hand towels
- hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves

Please place items in the box provided in the entrance of the Church by Baptismal font or drop off at Mages farm soon. Thank you for your generosity. ~Jermyne Mages

Saddled with Distraction?

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen used to tell this story. He asks a man, "Can you pray the 'Our Father' without being distracted? If you can, I will give you my horse."

Of course, the man starts praying the 'Our Father' and half way through he stops and asks, "Do I get the saddle, too?" What was Bishop Sheen's point?

Prayer is a dialogue with God. But worldly distractions – just ordinary concerns that clump restless and wriggling like a knot of fishworms in our consciousness – keep us from finishing even the simplest prayers, let alone achieving a deep "secure connection" with God. Like peewee football players trying to master intricate blocking assignments on a screen pass, we need to practice relentlessly in order to pray with passion and conviction.

Sometimes the practice sessions don't seem to get us anywhere. We still get sidetracked.

That's why we keep at it. ~yr. obt. svt.

Parish Council minutes from Thursday, Sept. 16th meeting.

Meeting was called to order by President Allen Stang. Fr. Corwin led us in a **prayer. Minutes from the July 2010 meeting were approved. Committee reports:** Financial reports for July and August were available and discussed. The report was accepted by the council. Liturgy committee meet in Farming and the schedule of holy days was published in last week's bulletin. Religious Ed. Registration was held on Wed. Sept 15th with 84 students. Parish Hall flooring update. The project is completed. Many thanks to the volunteers for helping with the labor during this remodeling. **New Business:** The City of St. Martin requested the Church to sign an agreement to help avoid flooding of water run off from the back parking lot. A plan for having an "Open House" in the Parish Hall. After some discussion of when to have it, Sunday, October 10, 2010 after Sunday Mass was chosen. Grade School subsidy was discussed with the current finances and project obligations, a dollar cap was placed on the amount to support the three surrounding schools. The evergreen tree by the Passageway needs to be trimmed or removed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

~Submitted by Jack Kaschmitter

Pope's Address Rattles British Protestant Myth

Writing in the **GUARDIAN** — a paper that has given heavy coverage to protesters during the papal visit—Andrew Brown writes that the Pope's address to the nation's political leaders was an historic event:

This was the end of the British Empire. For four centuries from Elizabeth I to Elizabeth II, England has been defined as a Protestant nation.

Brown recognizes the significance of the fact that Pope Benedict based his thoughts on the example of St. Thomas More: a man who defied the king in loyalty to his faith. He notes, too, that the British Empire arose soon after the Protestant Reformation:

Rebellion against the pope was the foundational act of English power. And now the power is gone, and perhaps the rebellion has gone, too.

At Westminster, Brown writes, Pope Benedict insisted that moral arguments cannot be resolved by pragmatic compromise; absolute truths must be recognized. This, the columnist says, is at odds with the British experience of recent centuries:

The clash of such principles or their reduction into common sense, was what British society thought it had outgrown. Perhaps that, too, was an illusion of empire.

If you missed the Bloodmobile in St. Martin...



American Red Cross

Blood Services

Upcoming blood drive opportunity

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Wednesday, September 29 –
1 pm to 6:45 pm.

Simply call.800.GIVE.LIFE (1.800.448.3543) or 320.845.6104 or visit givebloodgivelife.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply. A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be at least 17 years old – 16 years old with a signed Red Cross parental/guardian consent form – must weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. It must have been 56 days since your last whole blood donation or 112 days since your last double red cell donation. Double red cells will also be collected the day of the drive. This blood drive is sponsored by the Albany Area Hospital & Medical Center. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Thelen at 320.845.6104.