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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!



## ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

If we're not completely overwhelmed by the superstitious pagan roots and secular fun of Halloween, most of us recognize the **Feast of All Saints**, fewer the **Feast of All Souls**. The Church has always encouraged the offering of prayers and Mass for souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. But what exactly is Purgatory? The word (it means "place of purging or purifying") never appears in Scripture. Yet logic says that it must exist.

Think of it as a car wash for souls. At the time of their death, these souls may not have been perfectly cleansed of venial sin or have not atoned for past transgressions, and thereby are delayed on their journey. But this is no drive-thru Automatic Touchless Car Wash. We, the faithful on earth, can assist these souls in Purgatory by grabbing our prayer-brushes, offering our own good works as coins for cleansing, and of course offering up Masses.

In the early days of the Church, the names of all faithful departed were posted in church so that the community would remember them in prayer. In the 6th century, Benedictine monasteries held solemn commemorations of deceased members at Whitsuntide, the days following Pentecost. In Spain, St. Isidore (d. 636) attested to a celebration on the Saturday before Sexagesima Sunday (the second Sunday before Lent, the eighth before Easter in the old calendar). In Germany, Widukind, Abbot of Corvey (d. 980) recorded a special ceremony for the faithful departed on Oct. 1. St. Odilo, the Abbot of Cluny (d. 1048), decreed for all Cluniac monasteries that special prayers be offered and the Office of the Dead sung for all of the souls in Purgatory on Nov. 2, the day after All Saints. The Benedictines and Carthusians adopted that same devotion, and soon Nov. 2 was adopted as the **Feast of All Souls** for the whole Church. Not a Holy Day of Obligation, but important.

So even though "Purgatory" is not to be found in the Bible, All Souls Day is well-rooted in Catholic Tradition, that other pillar of the faith, supported in turn by the **teaching authority** of the Church founded by Jesus — the **Magisterium**. Another word we (young students especially) have some trouble understanding. It has nothing to do with "majesty" or magic or any other silly thing, but comes from the Latin *magister*, from which we get other words like Magistrate, as in "master of the court." — in this case, the teaching authority expressed by Apostolic successors down through the centuries.

Some of whom no doubt needed to visit the celestial car wash themselves, and on November 2<sup>nd</sup> we probably should include them in our prayers.

## 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

**2 Mon** — 8:00 am Mass at St. Martin  
† Helen Miller

**3 Tues** — † Richard Passe

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

**5 Thur** — Living & ††, Rosary Society

**6 Fri** — † Ronald Shay

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

**\*8 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

**Nov 2** — *All the Faithful Departed* • Wis 3: 1-9 • Jn 6: 37-40

**Nov 3** — *Tuesday* • Rom 2: 5-16b • Lk 14: 15-24

**Nov 4** — *St. Charles Borromeo* • Rom 13: 8-10 • Lk 14: 25-33

**Nov 5** — *Thursday* • Rom 14: 7-12 • Lk 15: 1-10

**Nov 6** — *Friday* • Rom 15: 14-21 • Lk 16: 1-8

**Nov 7** — *Saturday* • Rom 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27 • Lk 16: 9-15

**\*Nov 8** — *32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in O.T.* • 1 Kgs 17: 10-16

• Heb 9: 24-28 • Mk 12: 38-44

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**Choir Practice:** Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 7:30 PM.



The annual **FALL Craft, Rummage and Bake Sale** will be **Nov. 7th**. The two groups working are *Sacred Heart of Mary* and *St. Theresa*.

The following groups are asked to bake for the Bake Sale: *St. Agnes, St. Ann's, St. Benedict, St. Boniface* and *St. Elizabeth's*.

Clean items for the rummage sale are welcome.



## Religious Education News

### CCD Class Schedules

• **Grades 9-11:** Regular classes, Wednesday, **Nov. 4**, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall classrooms.

• **Grades 1-8:** Regular classes, Wednesday, **Nov. 11**, 7:00–8:00 pm, Parish Hall classrooms.

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## In The Example of Jesus

In the earthly ministry of Jesus . . . his teaching and preaching were not done in isolation but were accompanied by frequent manifestations of his healing power.

Members of the church follow the example of Jesus, therefore, when they carry out the work of healing – not only by providing care for the physically ill, but also by working to restore health and wholeness in all facets of the human person and the human community.... online, [click here](#).

**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.**

**St. Martin Catholic Aid Council 95** wishes to thank everyone who helped make the **Community Halloween Party** a success! Thank you to all individuals who volunteered their time and resources to put together another awesome haunted house.

Special thanks go out to all who sponsored this year's party:

- St. Martin Catholic Aid Council 95**
- St. Martin Lion's Club**
- St. Martin Commercial Club**
- St. Martin National Bank**
- Lake Henry Legion Auxilliary**
- Child Care Choices, Inc.**

## 500 Card Party!

### Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

**Great Prizes! Sandwiches, dessert, coffee, milk.**  
 8 PM in the parish hall basement. \$3.00 entry fee.  
 \*Young, older and all those in-between are invited!  
 10-game session  
 Beer and soda for sale during the card party  
**Sponsored by St. Joseph's Men's Society**

*This month's workers:*

**Chairman:** Joe Dingmann **Co-Chair:** Joey Thelen

**Helpers:** Jerome Bertram, Ralph Bertram, Leander Blonigen, Tom Doll, Larry Fleischhacker, Math Kaiser, Dene Loecken, Joe Mehr, Joe Magedanz, Randy Orbeck, Daron Schaefer, Joe Schmitt, Tim Shay, Eugene Utsch, Jerome Weber.



## MARY'S GOLDEN AGE

Last week Pope Pius XII gave us a title. This week, with Mary's month of the Rosary just past, it occurs to me that if you're too young to remember the Rolling Stones before they looked like embalmed biscuits, you also won't remember the pope that some of us grew up with.

Pius XII today is often associated with the debate surrounding his assistance to Jews during World War II. But as his first encyclical turns 70 this month, we might do well to reflect on one monumental contribution of this Pope to history: his Marian devotion and doctrine.

During Pius XII's pontificate (1939-1958), the Church lived a golden age of the post-Tridentine Marian movement, strongly oriented to the promotion of Marian devotion and Mariological doctrine. There's a reason for that.

Veneration of the Mother of Christ made its greatest impact in the first half of the 20th century, to the point that even John XXIII would refer to it as the Age of Mary. Pius' devotion to Mary was fervent, and his Mariology began early. On Dec. 13, 1894, 18 years old, Eugenio Pacelli enrolled in the Marian Congregation of the Jesuits in Rome. Five years later, to celebrate his first Mass, he chose the Borghese Chapel of St. Mary Major.

On the same day that the sun miraculously "danced" and a Virgin appeared to three little shepherds in Fatima (May 13, 1917), he became a bishop. Elected Bishop of Rome in 1939, Pius XII dedicated his pontificate to her. In 1942 he consecrated a world grimly at war to the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, entrusting the survival of humanity to her maternal protection. A Vatican historian confirms that, "gratified by the vision of the dancing sun, Pius XII expired in Castel Gandolfo on Oct. 9, 1958, with the rosary in his hand."

To Pius XII is owed the promulgation of the first Marian Year in history (in 1954), on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. And it was to honor this event that the good people of St. Martin erected a statue out front which stands yet today, as her people kneel inside the church, rosaries in hand. There's a definite connection, Pius XII and St. Martin, Minnesota.

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### HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

**Nov 1** – Seven Dolors Parish Center, Albany. **Turkey Bingo.** 3 – 6 pm. Bingo games 25¢ per card. Turkey Lunch, \$5.00, consisting of a turkey sandwich, cole slaw, chips, pickles, cake & coffee or lemonade. Other goodies available during Bingo: candy, chips, popcorn, ice cream cups, water, pop, coffee.

**Nov 1** – St. Agnes church basement, Roscoe. **Bingo & Games Party.** 8:00 pm. CAA Matching Grant event. Lunch & refreshments served.

**Nov 1** – New Munich church basement. **Parish Brunch.** 8:30 am–12:30 pm. Egg bake, ham, fruit, hash browns, sweet bread, beverages. Adults \$6.50, children 5-12 \$3.00, 4 & under free.

**Nov 3** – St. Louis Church, Paynesville. **Daughters of Isabella.** Rosary at 6:45 pm. Business Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Nov 7** – Sts. Peter & Paul school, Richmond. **Gently Used Christmas Sale.** 7:00 am–12:00 noon. Hundreds of Christmas items, priced very, very reasonably. Check us out *before* buying Christmas decorations!

**Nov 21** – Sacred Heart Church basement, Freeport. **Rummage/Soup/Bake Sale.** 8:00 am–3:00 pm. Lunch will be served: homemade chicken noodle soup, sandwiches and pie. Take-out orders will be available.

## Five Ploys of Satan

**Doubt** - Tempts us to question God's Word, goodness, forgiveness, and love.

**Discouragement** - Tempts us to focus intently on our problems rather than entrusting them to God's care.

**Diversion** - Tempts us to see morally wrong things as attractive so that we will want them more than the morally right things.

**Defeat** - Tempts us to anticipate failure so that we don't even try.

**Delay** - Tempts us to procrastinate so that things never get done.

*Reflect on these ploys of Satan, and if you find that he has darkened your life with any of them, lift up your situation to Our Lady in prayer.*

Visit [www.TodaysDeeds.org](http://www.TodaysDeeds.org), to read and share stories of good deeds done throughout Central Minnesota.

This new initiative of **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud** is designed to celebrate the myriad of good deeds done throughout Central Minnesota and the lasting rewards those deeds have on our community.

25 Oct. 2009	
Adults	1140.00
Youth	1.00
Children	5.00
Plate	55.50
Prop. of Faith	20.00
Votives	31.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1252.50</b>

**STEWARDSHIP**



## Did you know?

... in 1963, Pope John XXIII called medical care a human right. (*Pacem in Terris (11) encyclical, April 11, 1963*)

... that U.S. bishops have been urging health care reform for decades.

... there are 624 Catholic hospitals in the United States.

... eleven of the nation's forty largest systems are Catholic.

... one of every six admissions in the United States is to a Catholic hospital.

**Support health care reform that respects the life and dignity of all people from conception to natural death. Get the long-standing teachings of the Church and the latest updates on health care reform—visit [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).**