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Sunday Bulletin



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Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 pm at Richmond. (St. Martin TBA)
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 Stephen at least six months before your planned wedding date!

Feast of Christ the King

November 20, 2011

Pastor's Notes

My time away was great except for the cold that I came down with. I was able to get out and experience the beauty of all of God's creation. Hiking takes a person to many different views and places that are filled with the beauty and wonder of God. I was able to reflect on the communities of Sts. Peter & Paul as well as St. Martin and know that you all desire to grow in your love for God. Now that I am back I ask for healing as we move on toward the season of Advent.

Living the Paschal Mystery

One of the best ways we can begin to see Christ in others is by not judging their negative aspects first but instead looking for the good in them. This can be carried out in such a simple Christian practice as seeking always to compliment rather than to criticize another. Taking care not to spread gossip is another way. Thus do we build up the Body of Christ and bring honor to Christ our King who dwells in ourselves and others. Thus do we see the face of Christ our King in everyone we meet.

(Living Liturgy, Liturgical Press, Collegeville MN)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at Richmond ----- 4:30 pm
Sunday morning at Richmond-----8:30 am
Sunday morning at St. Martin-----10:15 am
Monday morning—No Mass.
Tues - Wed - Friday — No Mass at St. Martin
Thursday morning at St. Martin --- 8:00 am
Holy Days ----- to be announced

MASS INTENTIONS

23 Wed — 8:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass
†† members of St. Ann Society
24 Thur No 8:00 am Mass at St. Martin
9:00 am Mass at Richmond
27 Sun — 10:15 am Mass
Living & ††, the Rosary Society

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year A Weekday Readings: Cycle 1
Nov 21 — Presentation of the BVM • Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20 • Lk 21: 1-4
Nov 22 — Tuesday • Dn 2: 31-45 • Lk 21: 5-11
Nov 23 — Wednesday • Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Lk 21: 12-19
Nov 24 — St. Andrew Dung-Lac & comp. • Dn 6: 12-28
• Lk 21: 20-28
Nov 25 — Friday • Dn 7: 2-14 • Lk 21: 29-33
Nov 26 — Saturday • Dn 7: 15-27 • Lk 21: 34-36
Nov 27 — 1st Sunday of Advent Is 63: 16-17, 19
• 1 Cor 1: 3-9 • Mk 13: 33-37

Church and State

Throughout history, people have invoked the name of God before going into battle with people of another nation who have also invoked the name of God with confidence that God would defend them. This puts God on both sides of the battlefield. This is a troublesome place for people to put God.

When any country or group of people begins to believe that God is solely on their side for whatever reasons, it only goes to solidify a nation's belief that it is totally right and that those that are being fought are completely evil-spirited — any disagreement with this position is both unpatriotic and heretical. Isaiah reminds us that God used Cyrus, a king not among God's chosen people, to do the work of God. This would be very disconcerting to the Israelites. The Pharisees try to trap Jesus into saying something either disloyal to the Romans or disrespectful to God. Jesus refuses to do either, showing that being a good citizen and being a person of faith are complex realities.

As followers of Jesus we are called to be good Christians, people of faith. But when we attempt to use the force of nations to impose our beliefs, we stray from the gospel message.

~Fr. Dominic Grassi

Karen and Tom Beier have volunteered to become the contact persons and record keepers for our St. Martin Cemetery. Many thanks from the trustees and entire parish! And thanks again to **Jerome Nordmann** for serving so faithfully for so many years.



Attention All Members Youth & Adults
of
St. Martin Catholic United Financial Council #95

you are cordially invited to our annual

Christmas Party & Meeting

**Saturday, December 3
2:00 pm**

Parish Center
Bingo, Games, Prizes,
Food, and More.

We will be honoring this year's "50 Year Members":

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| John Blonigen | Robert Blonigen |
| Sue Dingmann | Donna Fleischhacker |
| Joyce Fleischhacker | Karen Fleischhacker |
| Larry Fleischhacker | Tim Lauer |
| Fred Lieser | Matthew Mehr |
| Brenda Olmscheid | Ruth Prosocki |
| Karen Simmer | Sue Spanier |
| Walter Stang | |

Attention all Adorers!

Due to this Thursday, Nov. 24th being Thanksgiving, there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Stay home, enjoy your dinner and thank God for His blessings. (You can thank Him in person on Thursday, Dec. 1st.)

Attention All Parish Members!

We are in need of a few more ushers to assist at Masses. Looking for volunteers — men or women!
Call Pete Dingmann at **548-3580** to get more information and sign up.

Choir Notes

Youth choir will sing Nov. 23 & 27.
Next **Adult choir practice** will be Mon., Nov. 28, at 7:30 pm.

Anyone willing to taking over the **Spring and Fall Bake Sale** please call **Karen Fleischhacker** at **548-3541** and leave a message.



Catechism Class News

Wednesday, November 23:

Grades 1-8: Classes at 7 pm, Parish Hall.
Note: grades 1-8 will go over to church for our 8:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass.

Wednesday, November 30:

Grades 9-11: Classes from 7:00-9:15 pm, Parish Hall.

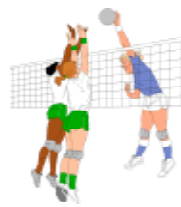
We thank the Lake Henry American Legion for their donation to our St. Martin Religious Education program!

How many people do you know who have overcome alcoholism or pornographic addictions, stopped cheating on their spouses, or become more concerned and dedicated parents because they discovered atheism? It simply doesn't happen. Atheism offers no incentive to become better or less selfish.

New Mass Translation Pew Sheets

are still available on tables near church entrances. Please take one home with you and keep it handy — it will help you get used to the liturgical changes!

| STEWARDSHIP | | 13 November 2011 | |
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| 6 November 2011 | | Adults | 879.00 |
| Adults | 1411.00 | Children | 7.50 |
| Children | 3.00 | Plate | 172.10 |
| Plate | 152.00 | Energy | 25.00 |
| Votive Lights | 12.10 | Cath. Charities | 235.00 |
| Total | 1586.10 | Votive Lights | 29.15 |
| | | Total | 1322.75 |



Mixed Volleyball League

now forming. If interested, contact Sandy at 548-3275.

WHAT'S ELSEWHERE:

Dec 4 – Seven Dolors Parish Center, Albany. Family-sponsored **Breakfast with St. Nick**. 8:30 am–12:30 pm. Sausage, ham, pancakes, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, applesauce, strawberries & whipped cream, caramel & cinnamon rolls, juice, milk & coffee. After breakfast visit the **BookFair** in Holy Family School. The Parish Center is handicap-accessible.

Dec 20 – St. Anthony parish, 6 mi. N of Albany on SH 238. **CUF-MG Breakfast**. 8:30 am–12:30 pm. Cost is \$7 for adults, children 5-10 \$4, ages 4 & under eat free. Old-fashioned ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, caramel rolls, frosted cinnamon rolls, juice, coffee & milk.

"Hannah's Hope" - A Support Group for Infertility:

Are you one of the millions of married couples in the U.S. struggling to conceive a child? One in six married couples experiences infertility – you are not alone. We invite you to join us as we share our stories, support each other in prayer, and discuss resources for infertility treatments which follow Catholic teaching. Questions? E-mail Laura at HannahsHopeMN@gmail.com or call 320.252.4721.

MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST

(71st in a series)

Anne Catherine Emmerich was forced to leave the monastery where she lived because it was being taken over by the German government during a time of anti-Catholic oppression. At the same time her health deteriorated, but her already well-known mystical experiences increased: she received the stigmata of Christ and had prophetic visions.

One of these visions — recorded in her diary — looked backward and made it possible for others to discover the house where Our Lady had lived, in Ephesus, Turkey — the same town where St. Paul had established a Christian community as recorded in his Letters to the Ephesians. According to ancient tradition, Mary went there to live along with young John the Apostle after Jesus' crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The German writer Clemens von Brentano compiled a complete listing of Blessed Anne Emmerich's visions and, beginning with her birth in 1774 and onset of illness in 1811, it ran to thousands of pages, many still unpublished. The miracle of her life, though, was that she lived more than ten years on absolutely nothing but the Holy Eucharist.

It's Greek to me.

But late one overfed night I went in search of the word "thanksgiving" as evolved from the Ancient Greek word *Euxaristia* or *eujcaristiva*. And found that it translated into the Roman Latin word "eucharistia."

At Passover: the Lord's supper, the Word made Flesh. We celebrate thanksgiving in the Eucharist, that most sacred of sacraments.

Language is a curious critter, and words so often lead us astray, take on life of their own with meanings that evolve or even flipflop over time. This is one that didn't.

When we kneel to pray after receiving communion, is ours a prayer of heartfelt thanksgiving for the gift of Christ, or does our attention wander?

"Advent" is an easier word—from the Church's rich Latinate heritage, "arrival." We take it to mean "to await". We know what and for Whom we're supposed to be waiting. But there's also the seasonal overtone of barely suppressed excitement, of preparation for joy.

And how do we prepare? By cleansing our hearts, confessing our sins. Advent is the way we as a Church express our collective hopes. It allows us to do all the jolly stuff others do in December—but also to see in the coming Lord the answer to our dreams, a vision to carry us through another year.

Advent is us singing songs of expectation, of hopes and longings, before we enter into the full-throated praise of Christmas carols. But sin causes moral indigestion; whole handfuls of Tums won't help that affliction. It's probably just as well that we observe Thanksgiving just before Advent. It reminds us to get "healthy" enough to give thanks for the real meal.

I used to have a hard time saying thanks. At dinner when I balked at eating liver and onions (I really liked the onions!), mom would remind me about certain starving children in far-off Calcutta. Well, fine, I'd mutter ungraciously. Send 'em this whole plate of pig liver.

And when it came to choosing friends, I always felt like I was torn between making an honest judgment about someone and being ignorantly judgmental. Choosing role models was sort of like liver and onions.

Those two facts of life—saying thanks and making honest judgments—don't come easily to most of us. Fortunately, there's a cure. You read everything in sight — including sacred scripture and the writings of saints — listen closely to what others say, and you pray to the Holy Spirit for tolerance and patience. Constantly and consistently, you pray.

Professing love for others without doing all of that beforehand is an exercise in damnable arrogant self-pride. It's peering into the mirror on the wall to try and see the face of God.

For strength in my weakness, I thank the Lord. And for courage to risk being wrong once in a while. For release from fear of the unknown, I still will pray. But I now have attained the honesty to decline eating pig liver, thank you. *yr. obt. svt.*

**Don't put a question mark
where God put a period.**

Holy Family School

Breakfast with St. Nick

Sunday
December 4, 2011



Seven Dolors
Parish Center
Albany

8:30 am–12:30 pm

Breakfast Menu

Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Hashbrowns, Strawberries & Whipped Cream, Applesauce, Caramel & Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk & Coffee

Adults: \$7 K-6: \$4
Preschool and under: Free



Join us at the **BOOK FAIR**

Holy Family School
Basement



8:30 am-12:30 pm

Celebrate!

