



Prayer Line 548-3436

Do you know of someone ill or in need of prayers?
Just call **Diane Rothstein – 548-3436.**

Dozens of parishioners will ask God and the saints to intercede for the sufferer.



Register Now!
Catholic Men's Conference
February 27, 2010
"Scripture: How Catholics
Read the Bible"
Register before January 31 and save!
\$30 per person
www.stcadio.org/omf Deadline Feb. 14

Winter tonic for the soul - more men from St. Martin should attend! ~yr. obt. svt.
Great opportunities for confession, too...

WHAT'S WHERE:

Jan. 31 – Greenwald Pub. **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.** 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. Sponsored by Greenwald Lions. All profits go toward community projects.

Jan. 31 – St. Boniface Parish Center, Cold Spring. **Dad's Belgian Waffles.** 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Serving waffles, sausages, flavored syrups & beverage. Adults \$6.50, Students (age 6-12) \$5, Age 5 & under free.

Jan. 31 – Sts. Peter & Paul School, Richmond. **Parent-sponsored Breakfast.** 8:30 am - 12:00 noon. Scrambled eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, pancakes w/toppings, asst. rolls, applesauce, orange juice & coffee. Adults \$7, under 12 \$4, under 4 free.

Feb. 6 – Lake Henry Legion Post 612. **Sweetheart Supper & Dance.** Serving 5:00 - 9:30 pm. Chicken & Ham Supper. Music by Pure Country Band. Tickets \$7.50 at door.

Feb. 7 – Seven Dolores Parish Center, Albany. **Family Carnival.** 11:00 am - 3:15 pm. **\$500 Grand Raffle** + 150 addtl. prizes. **FOOD** (11 am-3 pm)—Beef sandwiches, pizza, corn dogs, turkey/wild rice soup, taco in a bag, etc. **Silent Auction**, 11 am-3 pm. Individual Raffles & Carnival Games. For more info see flyer on Bulletin Board.

Feb. 7 – St. Francis de Sales parish center, Belgrade. **Matching Grant Breakfast.** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Scrambled eggs, ham, hashbrowns, fruit, bread, beverages. Adults \$6, Children \$3.

Feb. 14 – Sacred Heart basement, Freeport. **Fundraiser Breakfast.** Sponsored by St. Joseph Men's Society. 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. SwanyWhite pancakes, toppings, scrambled eggs, Pep's Pork sausages, cinnamon bread & rolls, beverages. Adults \$7.

Holy Family School Holds Open House

Holy Family School will be having an Open House for Registration for the 2010-2011 school year on **Wednesday, February 17th** from 12:30 -2:00 pm. Registrations are being accepted for Preschool, and for the Kindergarten-6th Grade program. Parents will have an opportunity to visit with the Kindergarten/Preschool teachers and the Principal, while the children play in the Kindergarten/Preschool rooms. The Kindergarten program is an all-day, 5-day/wk program. The preschool will offer sessions for both 3-year olds (2 days/wk) and 4-year olds (2 or 3 days/wk) in the mornings. Afternoon sessions may be offered when morning sessions fill.

Holy Family invites you to visit our school and consider this Christ-centered education program for your child. **Preschool through Grade 6.** For more info call **320-845-2011.**

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

Catholic Aid Association

Post-High School Tuition Scholarship Applications are available from rep. Dave Ehlert 1-320-836-2617 or click www.catholicaid.org. Applicants must be a member of Catholic Aid for at least 2 years and entering first or second year of post-high school education, as part of a degree or certificate program. **Deadline is February 15, 2010.**

During adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, my gaze lifts to the cross behind it. No distraction; the connection is direct and vital. But I'm thinking about 'progressives' and 'traditionalists' in the Catholic Church. Modernist progressives are all about the horizontal aspect. For them it's all about people: the Mass is about us. It's about hugs and handshakes. Peace and justice and making the world a better place. Reaching out.

For traditionalists the Church is about the worship of God. It's about kneeling in his presence. Adoration, meditation and sanctity and looking for that other country whose builder and maker is God. In other words, it's all about the vertical.

The beautiful truth is that the cross is at the core of both. It stands as a balance between earth and sky. It has both a vertical and a horizontal. It demands both the love of God and the love of Man. It demands both worship and action. It needs both fine liturgy and fine fellowship.

But notice this: The vertical is taller and stouter than the horizontal crossbeam. If the crossbeam reaches out, the vertical suggests the heavenward stretch to eternity. History and tradition, God above; us below with feet mired in clay.

Horizontals among us need to be reminded of the need for total reverence in worship, the need for contemplation and study, adoration and tradition. Being vertically minded, I (and others like me) need to be reminded that service to and love of others, fellowship and all that horizontal stuff is also true and necessary and good. But we've tried to cram everything the church does into the Mass. Some call it Mass Confusion.

Both vertical and horizontal are part of the Christian life, but the cross says we shouldn't mix them up. The place and time for the vertical is in the liturgy. That's where we meet God. Where we face Him together. Where the action's up and down. It should not get messed up with too much hugging and fellowship songs focused on me and my friends. And we shouldn't be making such a ruckus during Baptisms.

Best hour of my week? Friday Adoration. Its quietness. It shapes my Sundays. *yr. obt. svt.*

Pastoral Council Meeting

Synopsis – January 14, 2010

Meeting called to order at 8:20 pm. by President Allen Stang. **New Pastoral Council Members:** Jerry Burg, Clarence Blonigen, Deb Goebel & Larry Massmann. **Election of Vice President:** Jerry Burg. Appointment of Bowling Committee Representative: Dan Olmscheid. Follow-up on door to the parish hall being propped open: Arnie Wehseler stated that it has improved.

Financial Report: Renee Thelen announced to the trustees and the pastoral council members that she would be resigning as Financial Coordinator as of February 12, 2010. No financial report was presented.

Liturgy Report: Joan Rothstein reported that the Liturgy Committees from the two parishes will be held the 2nd Tuesday in February.

Religious Education Report: Joan Rothstein stated that the students would view the safe environment program in January. Confirmation retreat is scheduled for February 20; 17 students will be confirmed from our parish **Bowling:** no new information. **Youth Ministry:** Youth choir is active. The youth ministry group has not had any activity but hopes to regroup in the future. Representation on the pastoral council is tabled at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Initiative Foundation: Joan Rothstein stated that they have not heard any response from the grant applications. Installation of the new boiler system is complete. Arnie Wehseler stated that there are two water heaters that could be sold. Discussion took place about the bidding process for this project.

Sound System: Geri Moscho stated that over several weeks the sound system was not working properly and a decision was made to go forward with replacing it. Joey Thelen was contacted and his son, Grant, ordered and installed the equipment along with one of Grant's friends. The cost of the sound system was \$1738. The labor to install the sound system was donated. Members were pleased with the sound system.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastoral Council By-Laws: Renee Thelen distributed the by-laws and the cemetery guidelines to all members of the pastoral council for their review. It was noted that there is a cemetery endowment fund for the upkeep of the cemetery. Geri Moscho mentioned that the civic organizations are looking at doing some clean up of the exterior of the cemetery. There may also be a need to add concrete ribbons for the headstones in the near future. It was noted that parish hall rent is \$100.00 for the upstairs and \$150.00 for the downstairs.

Announcements from Fr. Corwin: Fr. Corwin stated to date \$8950 has been donated for the boiler system and \$395 for the sound system. The Diocesan 15-Member Parish Committee meets next Thursday, 11 am - 2 pm. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.