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Sunday Bulletin



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Reconciliation: **Saturday, 3:30 pm 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!



The Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2009



Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven. (Acts 1: 1-11)

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. For a person to rise into the sky as Scripture literally describes is impossible. It would require one of those “anti-gravity belts” so beloved of science fiction writers; it would defy the immutable Law of Gravity. Why, it would be a miracle!

Indeed it would. Jesus rose from death, then rose again.

“The meaning of Christ’s Ascension,” writes Pope Benedict XVI, “expresses our belief that in Christ the humanity we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard-of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God.”

It would be a mistake to interpret Christ’s Ascension as “the temporary absence of Christ.” (Remember, the coming of the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, does not happen until Pentecost.) Rather, writes the pope, “we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him.”

Understand this: What we call Heaven is not a place.

Heaven is a Person.

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2009 High School Graduates!

<p>Graduate</p> <p>Sheila Blonigen</p> <p>Daniel Doubek</p> <p>Maria Hennen</p> <p>Samantha Linz</p> <p>Wendi Schmitt</p>	<p>Parents</p> <p>Willy & Judy</p> <p>Kevin & Lori</p> <p>Charles & Mary</p> <p>Randy & Milissa</p> <p>Duane & Joan</p>
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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

25 Mon — 9:00 am Mass at Farming

26 Tues — ☩ Steven Nordmann

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

28 Thur — ☩ Richard Passe

29 Fri — ☩ Elmer Arceneau

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

***31 Sun — 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin**
Living & ☩☩, St. Joseph's Society

*** = Holy Day of Obligation**

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle B Weekday Readings: Year 1

May 25 — Monday • Acts 19: 1-8 • Jn 16: 29-33

May 26 — St. Philip Neri • Acts 20: 17-27 • Jn 17: 1-11a

May 27 — Wednesday • Acts 20: 28-38 • Jn 17: 11b-19

May 28 — Thursday • Acts 22: 30; 23:6-11 • Jn 17: 20-26

May 29 — Friday • Acts 25: 13b-21 • Jn 21: 15-19

May 30 — Saturday • Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 • Jn 21: 20-25

***May 31 — Pentecost Sunday • Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 • 1 Jn 4: 7-10 • Jn 15: 9-17**

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May 17, 2009	
Adults	811.00
Youth	5.00
Children	2.00
Plate	75.00
Peter's Pence	20.00
Votives	30.00
Total	943.00

STEWARDSHIP

St. Martin Band is back! See page 2.

A critical lens through which we can see beyond what is merely immediate is understanding that there is **chronos** time and there is **Kairos** time.

Chronos time is linear and quantitative. It is human time. We measure things by it.

Kairos time is the Lord's time. Scripture tells us "in the fullness of time God sent His only-begotten Son into our world." Normal events and the rules of nature are suspended and God disrupts things as He enters into our space and time. It is through this lens that we can see and better understand the true nature, meaning, and purpose of the suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. In Kairos time they are all a part of one singular event.

Our days are overly filled with chronos time... we never seem to have enough of it. Real blindness is to never see events in Kairos time.

*Fr. Charlie Irvin, retired priest,
Diocese of Lansing, Michigan*

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 immediately ask God and the saints to intercede for the sufferer.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

May 24 – New Munich church basement. **Parish Brunch.** 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Sausage, ham, rolls, French toast, eggs, beverages, etc. Adults \$6.50, 5-12 \$3.00, 4 & under free.

May 31 – Seven Dolores parish center, Albany. **2nd Annual Salad Luncheon & Craft Boutique.** The women of Seven Dolores Parish of Albany will host the 2nd Annual Salad Luncheon & Craft Boutique on Sunday, May 31 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in the parish center. A variety of homemade salads and fresh breads will be served and handcrafted items on display. Come for lunch and see our beautifully restored church.



There will be a **Memorial Day** service at the **Lake Henry Legion** with a 10:30 Mass followed by a patriotic military service. A beef dinner will be served afterwards for \$6.50. All are welcome.

What are you doing this summer?



Catholic Youth Camp,

Minnesota's only Catholic residential camp located on Big Sandy Lake in McGregor, MN, is looking for YOU! **CYC** is celebrating its 62nd year of offering traditional camp

programming. Archery, arts and crafts, swimming, boating, fishing, dance, drama, sports, prayer, and community building are just some of the great activities awaiting kids completing grades 1-12. For more information, check out www.cycamp.org or call (651) 636-1645.

REGISTER for
DMD
DIOCESAN MINISTRY DAY

**Thursday,
August 27, 2009**
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
at the
**St. Cloud
Civic Center**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
**Catherine
Upchurch**
*Director of Little Rock
Scripture Study in
Little Rock, Arkansas.
She has written study
guides and wrap-up
lectures. She earned
both a B.A. and M.A. in theology and is
actively involved in adult faith formation
in the Diocese of Little Rock.*



Early registration by August 14 \$50.00
After Aug. 14 - \$60.00

For more info on this year's Diocesan Ministry Day, click www.stcdio.org/dmd

St. Martin City Band

Well gang --- we're back . . .

Practice this **Wednesday, May 27, 7:30 to 9 pm.**

If you can recruit any new members (and old members), please do so! High School Band members, here's your chance! Join us for a fun summer!

Everyone check calendars for the following dates:

Saturday, June 13 - New Munich Parade (afternoon)

Wednesday, June 17 - Paynesville Parade (evening)

Saturday, June 27 - St. Martin Bazaar - tentative playing at 5 pm - 6:30 pm.

ON CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

This week I'm buried in planting the gardens, and usually don't have much to say about Memorial Day anyway. So I'm turning that job over to Fr. John Corapi, SOLT, with whom I share a consecration to Mary Immaculate, and some strong opinions as well. Please listen to him. yr. obt. svot.

When freedom, truth, and goodness had to be defended against the Godless likes of Hitler and Stalin, the United States, like other solid Christian countries, did more than their part. The reason they could do it had much to do with the moral and religious backbone of the individuals who were called upon to serve. We had learned from our priests and bishops, our parents and grandparents, that principle was more important than prestige, and morality far more essential than popularity.

Think back to what the moral fiber of this country was like in the 1950s, if you're old enough to remember. Recall that this was a free country then, but atrocities and outrages like pornography and abortion would have gotten you a stiff prison sentence rather than applause and general acceptance. The problem is that we've confused freedom and license, we've called promiscuity love, and frequently have exchanged the truth of God for a lie.

The Catholic Church has had a lot to do with the making of great nations by forming the great people that make great nations. But in more recent times I'm afraid we have frequently contributed to the weakening of great nations by the impoverished nature of the witness we have given. The Church herself is not confused, nor is her teaching ambiguous or weak. However, many leaders in the Church are confused and terribly weak in failing to give bold and uncompromising witness to authentic Catholic teaching. This has done incalculable damage to the Church, diluting Catholic identity, confusing the faithful, and compromising our ability to teach truth.

I'm afraid this Memorial Day I'm going to have to mourn more than the faithful ones who gave the supreme witness of their lives for our country. I won't be able to help mourning the very substantial loss of Catholic witness and strength in our country and the world, and the terrible danger to freedom that this entails.

Then again, we know the last chapter of the Book: We win! Better days are coming.

Sentencing for burglar of Minnesota archbishop's residence - May 20, 2009

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=2984>

A Minnesota man faces sentencing today for a burglary at the residence of Archbishop John Nienstedt of St. Paul, Minnesota. Kelvin Smalls, who entered a guilty plea, told the court that he discarded most of the ecclesiastical items that he stole, including an episcopal ring. The crime had caused a sensation because initial reports had indicated incorrectly that many more ecclesiastical treasures were stolen, and because the burglar appeared to have information about where the items were kept.

Majority of Americans Now Pro-Life - Fifty-one percent of Americans consider themselves "pro-life," the first time a majority of the country has stated a personal objection to abortion since Gallup polls began tracking the data 15 years ago. The Gallup poll released Friday also marks a massive shift from one year ago, when 50 percent of Americans called themselves pro-choice, and just 44 percent said they were pro-life. Today 42 percent say they are pro-choice, by far the lowest level of support for abortion ever measured by the Gallup poll. *Fox News*

In honor of May, **Mental Health Awareness Month**, the **Catholic Charities' Hope Community Support** program offers a special showing of "**The Soloist**" at 1:30 p.m. on May 27 at Marcus Parkwood Theatre in Waite Park.

\$6 at the door includes a ticket, popcorn and soda. Based on a true story, the movie describes Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), a homeless musician from Skid Row, Los Angeles who battles schizophrenia and dreams of playing at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Through "chance," he meets a journalist, Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr.), who tries to help this mentally disturbed man get back on his feet and make his dreams come true.