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Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

May 25, 2008

Dear Parishioners,

Monday is **Memorial Day**. How could one not know this — with so many notices announcing pre-Memorial Day sales, and then will come most likely the post-Memorial Day sales. Businesses do everything possible to get your patronage.

And people respond to the propaganda. They look at the advertisements and soon they have a list of must-have items.

If only people would have the same enthusiasm for the **eternal** gems — the Eucharist and Heaven! I'm not sure everyone has their priorities in the right order.

To get back to Memorial Day. It is a day we honor those who have given their lives for the freedom we so often take for granted. We need to be grateful to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. But not only to them, but to all who have served in the armed forces. They all put their lives on the line so that we might be free. We take way too much for granted.

And while we're at it, why not be grateful to all who have gone before us and have contributed in any way to what we are now. Without their sacrifices we would not have the kind of lifestyle we enjoy. We need to be grateful and we need to teach our children to be grateful.

Say a prayer for all who have helped us in any way, and now are enjoying eternal rest. And if they are still alive, tell them how much you appreciate all they have done for you.

Our Parish Festival is less than a month away. I hope everyone is praying for good weather. There will be a large crowd in St. Martin for this celebration. We all need to work hard to make the visitors feel welcome. Hospitality is a vital ingredient for success. Be friendly and helpful.

The **Chance Books** are out. Be sure to pick up yours. If you know your neighbor is out of town, you might want to deliver theirs to them. It should not be difficult to sell the chances, given the number of big prizes offered this year. You might even want to fill out an extra book for yourself.

Work lists will be out the week after Memorial Day. It's a promise!

Meanwhile, be sure to pray for all the sick in the parish. Also, pray for peace in the world, and for the safety of all our troops.

God bless all of you!

Fr. Julian, osb



Before leaving for church, Suzie's mom gave her two quarters: one for the child and one for the collection. Flipping the coins in the air, Suzie missed one and it rolled down the sewer. Gazing down the grate, she said, "Well, there goes the Lord's quarter."



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

26 Mon — **No Mass Today**
27 Tues — † Ignatz & Rose Schaefer
28 Wed — **8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's**
29 Thur — †† John & Rose Ehresmann
30 Fri — † Sylvester Schaefer
31 Sat — **8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's**
1 Sun — **10:00 am Mass at St. Martin:**
 ~for the Parish

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A Weekday Readings: Year 2
May 26 — Monday • Jas 3: 13-18 • Mk 9: 14-29
May 27 — Tuesday • Jas 4: 1-10 • Mk 9: 30-37
May 28 — Wednesday • Jas 4: 13-17 • Mk 9: 38-40
May 29 — Thursday • Jas 5: 1-6 • Mk 9: 41-50
May 30 — Friday • Jas 5: 9-12 • Mk 10: 1-12
May 31 — Saturday • Jas 5: 13-20 • Mk 10: 13-16
***June 1 – 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 • Dt 11: 18, 26-28, 32 • Rom 3: 21-25, 28 • Mt 7: 21-27
 * = **Holy Day of Obligation**

Band Practice

• **Tuesday, May 27th at 7:30 pm.**
The Band is really coming together now!
New members still welcome!

Choir Practice

• **Monday, June 2nd at 7:30 pm.**
 • **Monday, June 9th at 7:30 pm.**
 • **Wednesday, June 11th –at Farming– 7:30 pm.**

Recently Baptized into our Parish
Cloey Rose Kolb
 daughter of
Leon and Kimberly

C.A.A. Member Search

We are looking for any **St. Martin Catholic Aid member** who would like to go to the Annual Convention, August 1 & 2 at St. John's University, as a delegate.
 Please call Sue Dingmann at 548-3580 if you are interested in attending.

ARE CATHOLICS SUPERSTITIOUS?



Have you ever noticed that when some people run from temptation, they leave a forwarding address?

WHAT'S WHERE:

June 7 – St. James parish, Jacobs Prairie. **German Picnic.** Outdoor Mass at 4 pm. Grounds will open at 5:00 pm, with a **quilt auction** at 8:00 pm. Fun and refreshments will be available throughout the evening. A **German Dinner** will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, and the **Raffle Drawing** will be at 8:45 pm.

Raffle tickets are available for the **Holy Family School (Albany) Golf Tournament** coming up in July. Only 100 - \$100 tickets will be sold, with the top prize being \$2500. A total of \$5000 in cash prizes will be given. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket check with any school family or call the school office at **845-2011**. If you are interested in joining us as a golfer on July 7th, please call to have a registration form mailed to you.

Holy Family School will be offering 2 sections of **Kindergarten** this fall. Our Preschool program still has space available in the morning session (8:00-10:30, Tuesdays and Thursdays) and in the afternoon session (12:30-2:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays). If you would like more information or would like to register for these programs please call the school office at **845-2011**.

It's NOT too late to sign up for **Catholic Youth Camp**. **CYC**, the only Catholic camp in Minnesota, has summer camp opportunities for students completing grades 1-12. Family Camp is also available. For more information, please go to www.cycamp.org <<http://www.cycamp.org>> or call (651) 636-1645. **CYC - Celebrating our 61st year Rooted in Christ.**

St. Ann's Christian Women will be doing the annual church cleaning on Tues. June 10th, starting at 8:30 AM. Please bring vacuum cleaners, pails, and rags. All are encouraged to help.

Thank You, The St. Ann's Officers

HAPPY ARE THEY WHO HOPE IN THE LORD

The "if only" virus has been around a long time. People in ancient times probably said, "If only I were a Cro-Magnon...if only I had a bigger pyramid...If only Rome could be built in a day..."

It's pretty easy to catch: "If only I had a new HD TV I would be happy...If only I had a million dollars...if only people could see me as a celebrity...if only I hadn't got stuck with this gas-guzzling SUV..."

Why is it, Lord, we always think that THINGS — or people — will make us happy? "If only I had a wife...if only my husband would make more time for me...if only my kids would do what I say..."

Real happiness comes only from you, Lord, but please help me remember that the only person *on earth* who can make me happy is me. Happiness is mine for the finding, but I have to look for it, work for it, hope for it and pray for it — and then be able to recognize it when I come across it!



We're often accused of it. Drinking the Lord's blood...?

In a small [unnamed] hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients began expiring on Sunday morning at about 11:00 AM, regardless of their medical condition. It happened twice!

Needless to say, it horrified the doctors; by the third week, some even dared the unthinkable: maybe it actually was something supernatural—voodoo hex, haunted site. Someone even suggested calling in a trained exorcist priest, but local Catholic chaplain Father John Steuben counseled restraint.

The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before eleven, the ICU staff (and reporters) waited tensely to see if the terrible phenomenon would recur. One white-faced nurse clutched her rosary; another prayed out loud to ward off evil.

And it might have worked, too. But just as the hands clicked past eleven, recently-hired Pookie Johnson [name changed], a part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged a life-support system cable so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

Many people criticize Catholicism as being mere outmoded superstition, when in fact the Church, refusing the temptation to rush into hysterical reaction, has always stood for plain common sense and careful examination of sensational things.

But the world *always* rushes to believe the weird stuff. The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the expensively-saved critters were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers.

A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

That jolly little news item saw wide circulation, even though not one video camera recorded anything of the sort.

Don't believe everything you think you see. A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric toaster. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a chair, breaking his arm in two places.

Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to classical music on his iPod.

~yr. obt. svt.

It is the highest possible folly to reject the Magisterium of the Church on grounds of personal opinion or personal privacy, as if truth and goodness can be privatized and relativized until they are rendered irrelevant to human flourishing. It takes wisdom born of humility to recognize that we must revise our opinions in the light of Church teaching, and that we must be committed to the good even when it is not publicly enforced—indeed, even when it is not publicly recognized. Like it or not, there is no question of God becoming more like us. If we're willing, however, we can become more like God.

SUSTAINABILITY FACT: Small Farms Can Be More Productive And Profitable

A 1,000 acre U.S. corporate farm growing genetically engineered crops nets an average of \$39 an acre.

By contrast, a four-acre organic family farm nets, on average, \$1,400 per acre. Add some acres to that and income rises accordingly, limited of course by available workers and fuel costs.

Small organic farms seem to be ever more attractive to consumers, too. With oil prices on the rise, growing food without petroleum-based pesticides/fertilizers and delivering that food to local markets could become the most affordable food option.

Source: *New York Times*

http://www.organicconsumers.org/articles/article_12216.cfm