

# Church of St. Martin

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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!

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011

## Pastor's Notes

We begin a new church year. For all of us it gives us a chance to slow down and be more attentive to what we say and pray. The New Missal gives each of us a chance to be more attentive and deliberate about our prayers. I ask that you be patient with me as I work at this new translation of the Missal. I know that I cannot do this alone but with your help and the help of the Holy Spirit I will in some small way be an instrument for God working in each one of us.

## Living the Paschal Mystery

Children are naturally enthusiastic about what pleases them. Their anticipation of good things can bring them to a level of energy and joy that we adults can only marvel at and wish we had. Yet, each of us in our own quiet ways can use Advent to be like a little child with eyes wide open to possibilities and fulfillment of longings. Perhaps for just these short weeks, we can let go of our cares and worries a bit and enjoy for at least a few minutes each day the luxury of taking time to remember God's faithfulness, to alert ourselves to the many blessings we have received, and to recognize God's love and care in our everyday busyness and concerns. Let our inner peace be a contrast to the frenetic pace of the season. Let our hearts be ruined toward the God who is ever present. Our God is coming! Be watchful! Be alert!

*(Living Liturgy, Liturgical Press, Collegeville MN)*

## The Spirit Awakened

FOR THOSE OF US who have a hard time heeding Jesus' advice to stay awake, particularly during Mass, today's liturgy might just capture our attention— and keep us on our toes.

On this First Sunday of Advent the English-speaking churches around the world officially adopt the new Roman Missal, with its revised prayers and responses.

One of the most obvious changes is the congregation's response, "And with your spirit" to the celebrant's greeting "May the Lord be with you."

"And with your spirit" is the literal translation of the Latin text *et cum spiritu tuo* and finds its roots in scripture (see Saint Paul's greeting to Galatians [6:18], for example: "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit"). What Paul is referring to when he addresses the disciples' spirit is their Christian spirit.

So we, as a congregation gathered, pray that we will each be awakened in the spirit of Christ, that we recognize that spirit among us and within us, and that the spiritual gifts received by the celebrant through ordination will be used to orient us all toward God. ~Patrice Tuohy

**Cold Spring Deanery Meeting** will be Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM. It will be held at St Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville. If interested in going please call Irene Burg at 320-548-3539.

### Attention All Parish Members!

We are in need of a few more ushers – men or women – to assist at Masses. Call Pete Dingmann at 548-3580 for more information or to sign up.

## Choir Notes

**Adult choir practice** will be Monday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 pm.



## Catechism Class News

Wednesday, November 30:

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

Wednesday, December 7:

Grades 1-8: **No Class.** Parents are asked to bring their students to a **Communal Penance service** at 7:00 PM at **Sts. Peter & Paul parish.**

**Our next regular class for Grades 1-8 will be on December 14.**

**Area Food Shelves** are experiencing heavy demands on their resources right now. This season of Advent would be a good time to shop generously for them.

## 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

**1 Thur** — **8:00 AM Morning Mass**  
† Cecilia Kohorst  
**Eucharistic Adoration resumes**  
**4 Sun** **10:15 AM Mass at St. Martin**  
† Laverne Mandernach  
**8 Thurs** — **8:00 PM Mass at St. Martin**  
† Gary Bergren  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

## Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year B Weekday Readings: Cycle 2

**Dec 2** — Monday • Is 2: 1-5 • Mt 8: 5-11  
**Dec 3** — Tuesday • Is 11: 1-10 • Lk 10: 21-24  
**Dec 4** — St. Andrew • Rom 10: 9-18 • Mt 4: 18-22  
**Dec 5** — Thursday • Is 26: 16 • Mt 7: 21, 24-27  
**Dec 6** — Friday • Is 29: 17-24 • Mt 9: 27-31  
**Dec 7** — St. Francis Xavier • 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23  
• Mk 16: 15-20  
**Dec 8** — **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent** Is 40: 1-5, 9-11  
• 2 Pt 3: 8-14 • Mk 1: 1-8

**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!



**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 at Parish Center**

**Bingo, Games, Prizes,  
Food, and More.**

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

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

# 500 Card Party!

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM** in the parish hall. \$3.00 entry fee.

**Great Prizes! Sandwiches, dessert, coffee, milk.**

• Young, older and all those in-between are invited!

10-game session. Beer and soda for sale.

**Sponsored by St. Joseph's Men's Society**

*This month's workers:*

**Chairman:** LeRoy Moscho **Co-Chair:** Harvey Rothstein

**Helpers:** Wilfred Burtram, Duane Burg, Steve Burg, Pete Dingmann, Jack Holthaus, Al Lieser, Joe Loecken, Allen Schaefer, Keith Schaefer, Philip Schmiesing, Arnold Stang, Don Thomes, Chris Wehseler.



**Mixed Volleyball League**  
now forming. If interested, contact  
**Sandy at 548-3275.**

The **St. Cloud Mission Office, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, is still alive and busy downtown! Aside from our work with foreign missionaries, diocesan partnerships, mission education, Catholic Relief Services, we also offer wonderful fair trade coffee, chocolate, cocoa and handmade items such as quilts, dishtowels, dishcloths, hats, mittens and scarves from local artisans as well as unique crafts from around the world. Our address is 11 8th Ave. So. (right next to St. Mary's Cathedral Rectory) Come and join us!

## 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.

One of the cultural challenges we face in both living and proclaiming the faith is that the true faith doesn't often fit our frantic pace and instant expectations. Consider that many today, including we who believe, demand the "Quick Fix." Whatever the situation, be it sickness, a needed repair of something we own, the delivery of something we have purchased, a resolution of family troubles, or even deeper issues such as inner peace, we want a quick fix.

But many things do not admit of a quick fix, especially the deeper things of the human soul. And the faith we proclaim is not easily "marketable" in our quick-fix culture. We do not (cannot) say "Simply Come to Mass for six sequential Sundays and your problems will be over." Rather, we say, "Give your life over to Christ." ~ Msgr. Charles Pope

## MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST

(72<sup>nd</sup> in a series)

There's no secret about how the Blessed Virgin is related to the Holy Eucharist. It's very simple: except for the Blessed Virgin, we wouldn't have the Holy Eucharist.

The key to this relationship is the humanity of Jesus Christ. God as God, was present in the world from the dawn of creation. The same almighty power by which God brought the world into being is the same almighty power by which He sustains the world in existence and provides for its constant activity.

But something historic happened at the Annunciation. The moment Mary told the angel, "Be it done to me according to Your word," God began to be present in the world as man. The infant in Mary's womb was her God become Incarnate. It was the Word made Flesh. It was the Lord of the Universe become a human child.

It was from Mary that the Son of God took our human nature. From Mary, the Second Person of the Trinity received His humanity. Through Mary, Jesus Christ, God from all eternity, became man, lived visibly on earth in Palestine and is now invisibly on earth in every church and chapel in the Catholic world where the Holy Eucharist is offered, received and reserved for adoration.

In today's Gospel, it's like Jesus is also talking about... Noah?

Well, what do we know about Noah? **A.** People laughed at him. **A** dryland farmer, Noah didn't know from boats, but he kept on building one. **B.** Noah took God at His word. **C.** At an hour no one expected, everyone else got a huge surprise, but not Noah. He just herded his family into the Ark and off they sailed into a truly *new* World.

Writer George Santayana once said: "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it." In Noah's day there was great ugliness in the world — so much and so nasty that God chose to destroy the wicked and save only the righteous. Is that far-fetched? Jesus didn't think so.

"So it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." From the very beginning of history to its very end, we humans will have had a short-sighted vision of life, a vision that sees only ourselves and our selfish desires. Jesus exhorts us to cure that myopia and focus intently on why we're here.

Jesus' warning, "Stay awake!" means clear-eyed foresight. What we think and require of ourselves now is preparation for the "coming of the Son of Man" who will arrive "at an hour [we] do not expect." That's why Advent is a season of the same liturgical color as Lent — it's not Santa Claus white or Rudolph red. It's preparation violet; penitentially purple.

In the revised and corrected new Mass translation, many new words command our attention. Our priest had been saying, "Happy are those who are called to his supper" as he held up the Eucharistic host. But the new translation of this prayer is more robust. Priests now will say, "Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb." It's a whole different level of meaning when we say "Blessed." The day *will* come when *all* of us will climb the mountain of the Lord and encounter a new vision of what it meant to have walked in the ways of God. (Wake up!)

With this wide-awake vision we can hold to the hope and trust that by living in Christ we *will* be among those blessed ones who are taken into eternal glory at the Second Coming.

Advent always begins by looking to the second coming of Christ. But Advent is not simply about peering into the future; Christ came in the past and is coming to us now. No matter how we talk about Christ's coming (whether at his first coming at the incarnation, at his second coming, or at his coming to us now in word and sacrament and each other), we are talking about salvation. That's what it means to be "blessed." *yr. obt. svt.*

## Baptism: Into the Life of God

Theology Day at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary

Join scholar Kimberly Hope Belcher to think about how our daily experiences of joy and tragedy call us back to the waters of our baptism. If you wish, you may bring a baptismal photo or memento (yours or someone else's) to assist our reflection. Belcher, an assistant professor at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary and the Department of Theology at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, studies sacramental theology, ritual studies, and Trinitarian theology. Dec. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Emmaus Hall, SJU, Collegeville. Free event. Lunch provided. Registration is required: [www.csbsju.edu/sot](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot), 320-363-3570 or [sot-sem@csbsju.edu](mailto:sot-sem@csbsju.edu).

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

## 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**

## Catholic Charities

### Emergency Services,

in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps League, sponsors the St. Cloud Area **Toys for Tots** program for children of families in need. New, unwrapped gifts or cash donations are accepted at drop sites throughout St. Cloud, the full list of drop sites can be found at [www.ccstcloud.org/toysfortots](http://www.ccstcloud.org/toysfortots).

## STEWARDSHIP

### 20 November 2011

Adults	733.00
Children	10.25
Plate	59.33
Sp. Coll.	25.00
Cath. Charities	50.00
Energy	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>927.58</b>