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Sunday Bulletin



2nd Sunday in Lent

Online

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Bulletin Deadline— **Wednesday Noon**

Reconciliation: Saturday, 10:30 am 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!



February 28, 2010

A Message from Bishop Kinney and the Minnesota Catholic Conference

In less than six weeks, the General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) program will end. This program provides basic health care to our poorest and sickest neighbors – all of whom are living in deep poverty. Access to affordable health care that protects and supports the life, dignity and health of all people is a matter of simple justice.

Less than two weeks ago, the Minnesota House of Representatives passed a bill *which does not include coverage for abortion services*, temporarily extending health care coverage to our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors.

The House passed the bill on a 125 to 9 vote, and the Senate passed the bill on a 47 to 16 vote. Governor Pawlenty promptly vetoed the bill. Please contact your Representative and urge him or her to vote **YES** on a **veto override**. Our neighbors with the greatest needs are counting on us. For more information and to find contact information for your Representative, please visit the Minnesota Catholic Conference web site at www.mncc.org.



Everything's brilliantly clear on the mountain-top: at the retreat center, during a parish mission or when hearing an excellent homily. Back at home, does Jesus shine as brightly? To be dazzled again, look in the faces of the least of our sisters and brothers.



Every Friday during Lent, 8:00 pm

FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers (Extraordinary and Ordinary) are called to a special love and care for the Eucharist and for all who share in the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Spirituality Center at St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph is sponsoring a special evening for Eucharistic Ministers on Monday, March 22, 2010 from 7 – 9 pm at the Spirituality Center. It will be a time to reflect on your sacred ministry and to strengthen your appreciation of the Eucharist. Fee is \$20. Call 320-363-7116 to register or to inquire about special rates for parish groups.

St. Martin City Band!

Regular players, former players and anyone who has ever played in a brass band, concert/marching band or wind ensemble:

➔ Band practice on **Tuesdays, 8:00 pm.**

Age is **not** a factor, no audition necessary. If you play an instrument, come to practice! Parents, if area schools are cutting music programs, encourage your high school band students to stay ahead of the curve, right here in St. Martin. We play to serve the entire community area, for the love of it!



STEWARDSHIP

21 February 2010

Adults	1143.00
Children, Plate	48.50
Energy	100.00
Visitor	157.00
Votives	21.40
Total	1469.90

Our donation total for the Parish Hall boiler project now stands at **\$11,720**. Your continuing generosity is much appreciated.

Donations for the sound system now total **\$1045**.

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

1 Mon — **No Mass**

2 Tues — † Veronica Miller

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

4 Thur — † Mary Ann Fleischhacker

5 Fri — †† Martin & Ursula Shay
Stations of the Cross, 8:00 pm

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

***7 Sun** — **10:00 am Mass at St. Martin**
~for the Parish

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year C Weekday Readings: Cycle 2

Mar 1 — Monday • Dn 9: 4b-10 • Lk 6: 36-38

Mar 2 — Tuesday • Is 1: 10-11, 16-20 • Mt 23: 1-12

Mar 3 — Wednesday • Jer 18: 18-20 • Mt 20: 17-28

Mar 4 — Thursday • Jer 17: 5-10 • Lk 16: 19-31

Mar 5 — First Friday • Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
• Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Mar 6 — Saturday • Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20 • Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

***Mar 7** — 3rd Sunday in Lent • Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15
• 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12 • Lk 13: 1-9

* = Holy Day of Obligation

Quilting Schedule:

Friday, Mar. 5 — **the Baseball group.**

Monday, Mar. 8 — **Our Lady of Fatima**

Everyone is welcome to help!



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.



Religious Education News

CCD Class Schedules for March 3:

Grade 1: Regular class at 7:00 pm.

Grades 2-10: Reconciliation – Students should come directly to church by 7:00 pm. **Grade 9** will have Reconciliation first and then will make up February's missed class so their time will be 7:00 – 9:15 pm.

NOTE – We are in need of a TV and DVD player for 8th Grade. Need not be new, just so they work. If you can help, please call Joan at 548-3209 or Paul Hughey at 837-5436.

Adult Choir Practice:

Monday, March 8, 7:30 pm.

Communal anointing of the sick

during Mass on **Tuesday, March 9, 10:00 am** with dinner to follow in the Parish Center. Everyone from St. Martin and St. Catherine parishes is invited to the Mass and dinner.

Note: The meal is being served by the St. Martin Catholic Aid Council. Those who want a take-out meal, please contact Lisa Winkels at 548-3564 in advance or Sue Spanier at 548-3253.

St. Martin Catholic Aid Council #95

Matching Grant Pork Chop Supper

Sunday, March 14, 2010
serving 4:30 - 8:30 pm
at the St. Martin Parish Hall.

Serving Pork Chops, Baked & Scalloped Potatoes,
Homemade Cinnamon Bread, Cookies & More!

Proceeds go to the Religious Ed Program.

Tickets are available in advance from Religious Ed student families and area businesses.

WHAT'S WHERE:

Feb. 28 – A-Rod's Bar & Grill, Elrosa. **Breakfast.** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. French Toast, eggs, sausage, potatoes, coffee & milk. Sponsored by Commercial Club. Adults \$6.50; kids 6-10 \$3.50, under 5 free.

Mar. 2 – St. Louis Church, Paynesville. **Daughters of Isabella and Knights of Columbus** will each hold their monthly meetings. Rosary at 6:45 pm, followed by 7:00 pm meeting and lunch. Remember Food Shelf Donation!

Mar. 7 – Seven Dolores Parish Center, Albany. **Family-sponsored Breakfast.** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Sausage, ham, pancakes, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, apple-sauce, strawberries & whipped cream, caramel and cinnamon rolls, juice, milk, coffee. Adults \$7.00; K-6 \$4.00, 5 & under free.

Mar. 7 – Immaculate Conception basement, New Munich. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.** Includes eggs, applesauce, cinnamon bread, assorted toppings & beverage. Sponsored by New Munich Lions. Adults \$7.50; kids 5-12 \$3.00, under 5 free.

Mar. 7 – Spring Hill church basement. 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm. **Sausage & Ham Supper.** Sponsored by Spring Hill Baseball Team, Recreation Club & St. Michael's parish. Adults \$6.50; kids 6-12 \$3.00, 5 & under free.

Mar. 14 – St. Margaret's church basement, Lake Henry. **Parish Breakfast.** 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. Sausage, eggs, potatoes, applesauce, etc. Adults \$6.00; kids 6-10 \$3.00; and under free.

Catholic Women's Spring Retreat

Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Keynote Speaker is Fr. Greg Paffel

"Year of the Priest"

Saturday, March 6 — 8:00 am–3:00 pm

St. Louis Catholic Church, Paynesville

All women of the Diocese are invited!

• Registration info is on Bulletin Board •

It's time to
look toward the Easter
Miracle through

LENT**Questions for Reflection**

1. Sit today with the story of the earth, the five billion years of this planet, then spend some time contemplating that God has always planned for you to be a part of it.
2. Have you ever been amazed to notice that a prayer has been answered over a long course of time?
3. When was the last time you skipped Mass?
4. We know little about "the Dark Ages." Maybe they began to be called "Dark" because people refused to see the light?
5. When was the last time you received Absolution for your sins? If you say "Every time I receive Communion," that's partly right, but if you mean full absolution with a penance attached...that's too long ago.

**Hey, Mind Your Own Business!**

Lent means "to lengthen", as in the days elongating as Spring's sun rises. You can imagine the verbal gymnastics required keep an eighth grader's attention on that little bouncing ball long enough to stretch the definition far enough to explain what our churchly season of spiritual growth truly implies.

Saint Paul told his student Timothy and the folks at Thessalonica to get yourself ready for salvation by minding your own business, growing your faith. Later, he told Tim that minding your business wasn't enough unless you helped others, laying such a to-do list upon his former student that poor young Tim may yet be scribbling it onto his arm with a heavenly ballpoint.

Denominational bible-slicers had been debating the issue of "Faith Before Works" even before somebody edited Paul's Thessalonian letter to make it say that we are saved by faith alone—by simply reading the Bible.

And we must learn to read Scripture! It teaches us, it consoles, inspires and warns us; but it only prepares us to act. Doesn't do it for us. Remember that! Simply playing "Bible Bingo" will NOT get you into heaven!

Hurriedly 'minding my own business' (even though an early Spring seems a dubious proposition) by planting heirloom seeds into trays of sterile potting mixture, I straighten up with a groan to look at a flat of seed potatoes, greening nicely in reaction to the light and warmth of lengthening days. What does this tell me?

Christ is the light. His resurrection is the coming miracle of salvation's new life. In Lent the Church focuses the Son's light into warmth I can feel, but if the window to my soul is streaked with grime...

Clean it, says Saint Paul. Lengthen the reach of thy days by helping thy neighbor. Then the Son will shine in.

If on this sunny day I wash some south-facing windows, my seedlings will thrive. If I then go 'lengthen up' a Food Shelf box at church, maybe someone somewhere will use that warmth to better see the light. *yr. obt. svt.*

500 Card Party!Sunday, March 14th

Attend the C.A.A. Pork Chop dinner downstairs, then come upstairs to the gym and play cards!

Great Prizes! Sandwiches, dessert, coffee, milk.

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

• Young, older and all those in-between are invited!
10-game session.

Beer and soda for sale during the card party.

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Men's Society

This month's workers:

Chairman: Dave Doll **Co-Chair:** Florian Euteneuer

Helpers: Gery Blonigen, Jason Blonigen, Jerry Burg, Peter Doll, Brent Doll, Nathan Doll, Zachary Euteneuer, Joe Kalthoff, Richard Kalthoff, Tim Lauer, Mark Thelen, Doug Thomes, Arnie Wehler.

**IVF babies carry added health risks, doctors warned**

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=5534>

Children who are conceived by in vitro fertilization (IVF) face elevated risks of health problems that include birth defects, diabetes, obesity, and high blood pressure, medical studies show. As the first generation of IVF babies reaches adulthood, there are also indications that they face a higher rate of infertility—perhaps a genetic trait inherited from their parents. A doctor in the vanguard of IVF treatment says that parents willingly accept the risk that their children might be infertile, reasoning that the children, too, can receive IVF treatment...

Keep April 10th open!

We are planning a **German Dinner** in the parish hall for April 10th. We're looking for people who would be willing to work for this. All of the money raised will go for hall improvements. Anyone willing to work should contact Geri Moscho at **548-3233** or Joan Rothstein at **548-3209**.