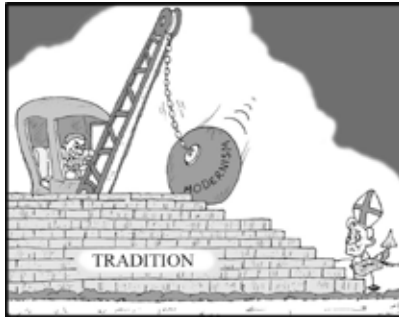




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<b>Total</b>	<b>1597.35</b>



## Pseudo-Knowledge ABOUT MARY

Pseudo-knowledge is stuff that “everybody knows,” not because it’s true, but because some head with important hair said it on TV, or some magazine said so, or a character in a movie stated it as fact and millions of ordinary folks repeated it around water coolers.

Most of what people think they know about Mary and the Catholic Church is really pseudo-knowledge.

Pseudo-knowledge is why everyone knows that Humphrey Bogart said, “Play it again, Sam” (he didn’t). It’s why everyone knows the US Constitution speaks of a “wall of separation” between Church and State (it doesn’t). And it’s why everyone knows that medieval Europeans believed the world was flat (mostly they didn’t).

Pseudo-knowledge causes us to feel sure that at one time or another we must have read the Federalist Papers, boned up on meteorological data for global warming from the latest scientific studies, or committed to memory the documents of VAT 2 or the Council of Trent, when we cannot, in fact, quote five words from any of these things.

What most people really know is whatever that resonant, ignorant, well-modulated voice on TV or their own circle of friends (or both) told them was “common knowledge” about government, science or the Catholic Church.

And, of course, it’s why “everybody knows” that “the Catholic Mary” is really a warmed-over pagan goddess. That modern myth has circulated for so long now that few practicing *Catholics* even bother to question it. If they do, they discover there’s nothing there. Not one scrap of genuine historical support for the pagan goddess claim. Like so many myths about the Church, it arises from skin-deep knowledge, and from the fact that most non-Catholics listen only to other non-Catholics circulating baseless junk as “fact.” End result: pseudo-knowledge.

Enter the Virgin Mary, whose mission has been the same ever since Jesus gave her to us: “Behold your mother.” (No, Mr. Brown, he did not say behold my wife...) St. Ambrose called her the “type of the Church.” Exactly as the Church does, she has appeared often to say to the world, “Do whatever my Son tells you.” And to pray. That’s it.

The mystery of the Trinity includes God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. That’s who we adore, worship, invoke. And yet just recently I heard a devout St. Martin Catholic speak of “adoration” of Mary in church.

Pseudo-knowledge. We’ve gotta get it straight. Otherwise our kids will perpetuate the myths. *yr. obt. svt.*

## Albany Area Hospital Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

40 years and celebrating! Albany Area Hospital and Medical Center is proud to be celebrating a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Albany Area Hospital this year. The first day of operation for the hospital was August 4, 1969.

The open house will be held in the clinic lobby from 5 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday, August 5. The open house will feature history displays, information booths and more. A brief program will be held at 6 pm. Everyone is invited!

## Turkish study links abortion, breast cancer

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=3658>

A study published in the *WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY* has concluded that “age and induced abortion were found to be significantly associated with increased breast cancer risk” among Istanbul women.

## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

**Aug 2** – Church of Seven Dolors, Albany. **Church Bazaar.** Indoor Polka Mass at 10:30 am, music by the “Country Polkateers”. Homemade Chicken & Ham Dinner with dressing, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and more, incl. home-baked pie, served from 11 am–2 pm. Take-outs available. **Quilt Auction** at 3:00 pm; **Church Restoration Items** also to be auctioned: church pews, metal chairs, student chairs and other items. **Grand Raffle** at 6:00 pm, \$1,000.00 grand prize + 246 prizes. Bingo, Fancy Work / Craft Stand, Furniture Raffle, Country Store, Ring Toss, Children’s Games, Cake Walk, Fet Kuchen and more.

**Aug 4** – St. Louis Catholic Church, Paynesville. **Daughters of Isabella**, in the St. Louis Room. Rosary at 6:45, business meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Aug 8** – St. James Parish, Jacobs Prairie. **BARBECUE PORK CHOP AND CORN-ON-THE-COB FEED.** 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The menu is fabulous: barbecue pork chops, corn-on-the-cob, baked potatoes, cabbage salad, etc. Adults, \$8.00; Children 5 through 12, \$5.00 at the door; under 5 free, served a hot dog. All the corn on the cob you can eat!

**Aug 15** – St. Martin Parish Hall. **Joe Thelen Benefit Chicken Dinner.** 4:00 pm–8:00 pm. \$7 advance, \$8 at the door; children 6 to 12, \$5; 5 & under free. **Silent Auction**, 4–8 pm, **Live Auction** at 8:30 pm. More info on Bulletin Board posters. Workers needed for the dinner — Confirmation students who need service hours encouraged to volunteer!

**Aug 15-16** – St. Boniface Church, Cold Spring. **Parish Festival.** On **Saturday:** 5:00 pm Polka Mass, Country Polkateers. Food & beverage stands open, music by the Chaser, 7:00–10:00 pm. Fireworks show at 10 pm. **Sunday:** 10:00 am **Parade**, then the fun continues with food, games & entertainment. **Quilt Auction** bidding begins at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center. Handmade quilts of all sizes; to preview, log on to [www.stboniface.com](http://www.stboniface.com) and click Quilt Auction link.

**Aug 22-23** – Sacred Heart parish, Sauk Rapids. **Parish Bazaar Weekend.** On Saturday, our Family Parking Lot Dance, 6:00–9:00 pm. Come and enjoy the Dan Allen Band, numerous food and beverage stands open. Sunday begins with a 10:00 am Polka Mass featuring Adam and the Jolly Jammers. Games, live music and refreshments on the church grounds all day. **Grand Raffle** at 7:00 pm.

**Aug 23** – St. Francis of Assisi parish, 10 miles N of Albany on 238. **Fall Festival.** Chicken & Ham Dinner with homemade dressing and all the fixings starts at 11:00 am. Food, games & refreshments all day. Live music by Country Polkateers and Country Rascals (5:00 – 8:00 pm). **Grand Raffle** at 8:00 pm.

## Catholic Charities begins efforts to send kids back to school

Catholic Charities is seeing the effects of the current economic situation. In June, we provided nearly 1,700 families with food because they couldn’t make ends meet. That’s 20% more than last year – 40% more than two years ago.

Come August, many of those families will need to send their children back to school. At Catholic Charities, we expect to be asked to help well over 1,000 children with back to school supplies this year. In this time of great need, our community has responded. People like you, your employees and customers have stepped up and helped us help meet our neighbors’ needs.

Please consider donating some school supplies or conducting a school supply drive in St. Martin to help Catholic Charities provide local students with the basic supplies they need. School supplies can be dropped off at Catholic Charities [Emergency Services](#) building (it’s behind Tenvoorde Ford in St. Cloud) by August 14.

If you prefer, you may donate online at [www.ccstcloud.org](http://www.ccstcloud.org). CC will use those funds to purchase school supplies.

