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Sunday Bulletin



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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!



The Most Holy Trinity

May 30, 2010

Today we celebrate Memorial Day, and rightly so. While there will always be debates about just wars versus unjustified wars, for the ordinary men and women who sacrifice their lives for their comrades (or for those of us safely at home enjoying the benefits of secular freedom), there is Christ's own consolation— "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13. And love is what brings us to God.

But today we also celebrate an even greater reality: the very nature of God, who created all gifts including love itself. This God, singular yet triune, is who we vow to worship and thank every time we recite our Creed at Mass.

So while we rightly lay wreaths and prayers of thanks at cemetery crosses for those who gave their lives for us, let us not forget to put a wreath of trust and humble thanks at the One Cross of Him who gave his life that we might also be free in the fullest sense—free to love—and live—for all time to come.



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

31 Mon — No Mass

1 Tues — † Doris Molitor

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

3 Thur — Living & ††, Rosary Society

4 Fri — † Alice Kascht

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

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

* = Holy Day of Obligation

Bazaar News — Chance Books should be back from the printer in a week or so. With all our extra maintenance expenses this year, it's vital that all of us really get out there and sell those 2010 raffle chances.

Also, Albany Bakery is taking orders for pies & cakes: Fruit pies \$8, Lemon Meringue \$9, plain Angel Food \$ 6, Iced Angel Food \$7. Order early!

St. Martin Church and Hall Cleaning!

Next Saturday, June 5th, 9 am to 12 noon.

All parish families from **A** through **K** are asked to help with the church and parish hall cleaning. Supplies such as pails, rags, ladders, vacuum cleaners, paint scrapers, squeegee are welcome.

Donations for paint and cleaning supplies are also welcome. Cash donations can be dropped in with the Sunday collection.

Parish Trustee Position Open

Arnie Wehseler's current term as Trustee ends in June. Is there anyone interested in serving as a Trustee for St. Martin Parish? Call Father Corwin at 548-3550.

Stewardship

16 May 2010

54 Adult Envelopes

Total 1185.50

23 May 2010

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Adults	1054.00
Children	3.50
Plate	94.00
Votive Lights	27.00
Peter's Pence	121.00
Total	1299.50

Donations for the Parish Hall boiler project now total **\$14,200.**



Adult practice, Monday, June 7th.

St. Martin City Band

Practice Schedule:

**Every Thursday, 8:00 pm,
Parish Hall.**



Reality?



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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.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. It is effective, healthy, and marriage building. The Billings Ovulation Method of NFP is a natural, highly effective method of postponing or achieving a pregnancy without the use of harmful drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre by appointment at St. Michael's Hospital. For more information, or to register, call Lola or Mark Welle at **320-352-6014**. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. Most insurance plans now cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Sign up for Eucharistic Adoration!

Bring some true reality into your life.

“Girls, God and Good Times”

Catholic Benedictine Camps at Saint Benedict's Monastery is accepting registrations for summer 2010. This unique camp in St. Joseph, Minn., provides fun activities and a chance for girls to find out about the Benedictine Sisters' way of life in prayer and service. Registration is for girls who will be in 4th – 10th grades during fall 2010. The 4th – 5th grade camp will be held June 21 – 23. The 6th, 7th – 8th grade camp will be held July 19 – 21. The 9th – 10th grade camp will be held July 30 – 31. For more information and to access a registration form, please call Sister Lisa Kittock, 320-363-7114 or visit www.sbm.osb.org.

WHAT'S WHERE:

May 23 – Seven Dolores parish center, Albany. **Salad Luncheon & Craft Boutique.** 11:30 am–1:00 pm. A variety of homemade salads and fresh breads will be served and handcrafted items on display. Everyone welcome!

May 30 – St. John's Church basement, Meire Grove. **“All You Can Eat” Brunch.** 9:00 am–12:30 pm. Waffles served with sausage and flavored syrups, strawberries, butter & whipped cream and beverages. Adults \$6; 6-12, \$4; age 5 & under free. Sponsored by St. John's Youth Group.

River Station in Richmond. **Bar Bingo** every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Proceeds benefit Sts. Peter & Paul School. Come early and enjoy a burger basket for only \$3.00.

June 1 – St. Louis Church, Paynesville. **Daughters of Isabella and Knights of Columbus** meet — rosary at 6:45 pm, meetings at 7:00 pm followed by lunch.

June 12 – St. James parish, Jacobs Prairie. **Annual Parish Festival.** On Saturday, an Outdoor Mass at 4:00 pm – grounds will be open at 5 pm with a quilt auction at 8 pm. Fun & refreshments throughout the evening. German Dinner from 5–8 pm.

June 12 – Immaculate Conception parish, New Munich. **Annual New Munich Festival and Parade.** Come hear and watch our St. Martin Band as they play in the parade and then play a concert on the picnic grounds! Lots of great food, fun and refreshments.

Lake Henry Legion Post 612 will honor our veterans on **May 31** with a 10:00 am Mass along with color guard and firing squad ceremonies. A full roast beef and ham dinner will be available for \$6.50, served at 11:30 am.

Holy Family School's **Annual Golf Tournament** will be June 28th at the Albany Golf Course. We still have plenty of room for golfers so call the school office at 845-2011 to sign up. Tickets for the raffle are still available. Only 100 tickets will be sold with a **top prize of \$2500.** 1 in 10 will win a minimum of the cost of the ticket back. (\$100). Tickets are available at Seven Dolores Parish Office and Holy Family School Office. To arrange for a ticket to be delivered to you, call Bonnie Massmann at 845-2011.



Eucharistic Adoration:
Have you made your commitment yet?
One Hour, alone with the Real Presence...
Awesome.

The Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development is pleased to present Stewardship Day with Fr. Dan Mahan, noted author, priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Executive Director of the Marian University Center for Catholic Stewardship. (*Marian U is where yr. obt. svt. went to school.*)

Fr. Mahan will be speaking on the Spirituality of Stewardship. This event will be held on August 31, 2010, at St. Mary's Help of Christians in St. Augusta. Watch for more details to come!

(Excerpt from Fr. Mahan's book, MORE THAN SILVER OR GOLD: HOMILIES OF A STEWARDSHIP PRIEST, "Stewardship is an attitude, a stance in life of expressing through our daily living our gratitude to the Lord for all of His blessings. It's a way of life that calls us to ongoing conversion of heart, and practical, concrete changes in our lives. Stewardship is what we do, after we say 'we believe.'")



“AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT” — IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK

I've mentioned this before, but before the liturgical changes go into effect it might be good to get a basic fact straight in our heads and hearts. Waiting for liturgical instruction didn't serve us well the last time we saw it happen. Mass Confusion. Take the bull by the horns this time.

Let's start with the Introductory Rites. Almost the first thing you hear will be the priest's greeting: “The Lord be with you.” No longer will we reply “And also with you.”

Since 1965 that's clanged on my ear (and perhaps yours) like a volleyball going back and forth. This exchange, to be repeated many times throughout the Mass, is *not* a mere greeting. From the earliest days of the Church it was a *prayer of blessing* followed by a *profession of faith*.

That makes all the difference in the world. It colors and sanctifies everything else we (and our priest) say and do throughout the remainder of the sacrifice of the Mass. In fact it ensures that the Mass *is* celebrated as a sacrifice!

Let's trace it back to Saint John Chrysostom. In his “Homily on the Holy Pentecost” which dates to the end of the fourth century, St. John taught:

This is why you reply with this expression not only when [the priest] ascends to the sanctuary, nor when he preaches to you, nor when he prays for you, but when he stands at this holy altar, when he is about to offer this awesome sacrifice. You don't first partake of the offerings until he has prayed for you the grace from the Lord, and you have answered him, And with your spirit, reminding yourselves by this reply that he who is here does nothing of his own power, nor are the offered gifts the work of human nature, but it is the grace of the Spirit present and hovering over all things which prepared that mystic sacrifice.

When we say, *And with your spirit*, we are professing our faith in the sacrament of Holy Orders and the mark that is borne on the soul of the ordained minister who leads us. Some will hear this and say to themselves (and maybe even to you), “Here we go again; it's that pre-Vatican II clericalism coming back to haunt us. Here we are 90 seconds into the Mass and already we have to tip our hat to Father and tell him how special he is. It's all about the hierarchy...”

The truth, however, is just the opposite.

It's a very tangible example of what St. John the Baptist said of himself; the priest must decrease so that the Lord Jesus Christ, our true High Priest, might increase.

The response, *And with your spirit*, is not just important for what it says, it also happens to be timely for *when* we say it. We're acknowledging that Holy Mass and the parts therein are not really about Father Corwin personally at all. It's not his Mass; it is Christ's Holy Mass.

Father Corwin knows this indelibly and has from the instant of his ordination. It's about time the rest of us begin to accept that Mass is not merely a fellowship event.

Because it's not about us, either. *yr. obt. svt.*

Have You Been Exorcised ?

Bet you didn't know you may have received an exorcism. It's true. In baptism there's a minor rite of exorcism that many of us have received.

There are two different kinds of exorcism, which is defined as driving out or warding off demons and their influence.

Major Exorcism – these are the interventions that make good books. Demonic possession or oppression of a person, place, or object. Only an authorized and trained priest or bishop can perform one.

Minor Exorcism – these are most commonly performed at baptism. Any priest or deacon can perform them.

Here's an example from the Rite of Baptism I heard last week:

We now pray for these children who will have to face the world with its temptations, and fight the devil in all his cunning. Your Son died and rose again to save us. By his victory over sin and death, cleanse these children from the stain of original sin. Strengthen them with the grace of Christ, and watch over them at every step in life's journey.

There's no presumption that a person is possessed or oppressed by a demon when minor exorcism is given. Rather, it's a preparatory prayer that we may be freed from the bonds of original sin, and thus the clutches of the devil's power. It helps us to live out the grace given in Baptism.

There now. That wasn't so scary, was it?