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Sunday Bulletin



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Bulletin Deadline— **Wednesday Noon**

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm 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!



Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2009

Pastoral Council Meeting – Synopsis – May 21, 2009 – Called to Order at 8:15 p.m.

Financial Report presented by Renee Thelen for the months of March and April 2009. The adult collection has averaged \$1000 per Sunday. The Easter adult collection was \$6172. An appreciated donation of \$2000 was received from the St. Martin Baseball Team for kitchen repairs. The total expenses for the months of March and April were \$32,381.86. The expenses included the following: sanctuary expense - \$2775.55; fuel - \$8465.60, liability insurance - \$2358.20 and diocesan assessment - \$3347.00. The total income for the two-month period was \$23,488.23.

Religious Education Report presented by Joan Rothstein. The Mass for our graduating seniors will be Sunday, May 24.

Bowling Alley Report presented by Ruth Olmscheid. Ruth reviewed the yearly financial report of the bowling alley.

No reports for liturgy and youth ministry.

OLD BUSINESS: Parish Festival: Set for Saturday, June 27. Registration for the beanbag tournament begins at 12:30 p.m. and stands open at 1 p.m. The polka Mass will be at 4 pm. Chance books will be out this Sunday. Each chance book has 25 chances.

Initiative Foundation: Joan Rothstein stated that the committee has not met since the last parish council meeting.

Western Diocese Meeting: Fr. Corwin stated that there are 15 parishes that meet monthly. This month our parish will be hosting the meeting on May 26.

NEW BUSINESS: 2009-2010 Parish Budget: Renee Thelen stated that the parish finance committee reviewed the budget and made the following changes: fee for religious education will be \$40.00 per student with a \$100.00 family limit, and effective July 1 the cost of an individual cemetery plot will be \$200. After review of other fees, the parish council voted to increase the rent of the parish hall basement to \$150.00. This increase is effective as of July 1. The members of the pastoral council approved the budget proposed by the finance committee with the addition of the increase in the parish hall basement rental. The parish budget for 2009-2010 will be printed in a future bulletin. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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 Morning Mass**
- 2 Tues** — † Lorraine Ehresmann
- 3 Wed** — **8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's**
- 4 Thur** — † Amanda Blonigen
- 5 Fri** — Living & ††, Florian Noll family
- 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: Cycle B Weekday Readings: Year 1
June 1 — St. Justin, martyr • Tb 1: 3; 2: 1a-8 • Mk 12: 1-12
June 2 — Tuesday • Tb 2: 9-14 • Mk 12: 13-17
June 3 — St. Charles Lwanga & comp. • Tb 3: 1-11a, 16-17a • Mk 12: 18-27
June 4 — Thursday • Tb 6: 10-11; 7: 1, 9-17; 8: 4-9a • Jn 15: 9-17
June 5 — St. Boniface • Tb 11: 5-17 • Mk 12: 35-37
May 6 — Saturday • Tb 12: 1, 5-15, 20 • Mk 12: 38-44
***June 7** — **Trinity Sunday** • Dt 4: 32-34, 39-40
• Rom 8: 14-17 • Mt 28: 16-20
*** = Holy Day of Obligation**



Obama picks St. John's prof as ambassador to Vatican

Miguel H. Diaz, 45, a Cuban-born professor of theology at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict has been nominated as U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. An adviser to President Obama's campaign, Diaz is a "gifted bridge-builder" whose ability "to bring people together for spirited discussions and honest interchanges"

would serve him well in the highly sensitive role, a colleague said Wednesday night.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Diaz would be the first Hispanic to serve as envoy to the Vatican since it established diplomatic ties to the United States in 1984.



The St. Ann's Christian Women will be doing the **annual church cleaning** on Tuesday, June 9th starting at 8:30 am. Please bring pails and cleaning rags. All are encouraged to come and help.
The St. Ann's Officers



1st Banns of Marriage

Angela Olmscheid
and
Steve Johnson



THE PENTECOST
"And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..."
Acts 2:3

STEWARDSHIP

May 24, 2009	
Adults	1199.00
Youth	1.00
Children	1.00
Plate	77.00
Peter's Pence	10.00
Visitor	17.00
Votives	14.55
Total	1319.55

Let us all be filled with the Holy Spirit, and pray for one another unceasingly.

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 immediately ask God and the saints to intercede for the sufferer.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

May 31 – Seven Dolors parish center, Albany. **2nd Annual Salad Luncheon & Craft Boutique.** The women of Seven Dolors Parish of Albany will host the 2nd Annual Salad Luncheon & Craft Boutique on Sunday, May 31 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in the parish center. A variety of homemade salads and fresh breads will be served and handcrafted items on display. Come for lunch and see our beautifully restored church.

June 13 – St. James parish, Jacobs Prairie. **Annual Parish Festival.** On Saturday, an outdoor **Polka Mass** at 4 pm. The grounds will open at 5 pm, with a **quilt auction** at 8 pm. Fun & refreshments throughout the evening. **German Dinner** served 5 – 8 pm. **Fireworks** at dusk!

June 6 – Church of St. Michael, Spring Hill. **Bluegrass Music Concert,** featuring “Blue Hazard.” Admission is FREE. Sponsored by St. Michael’s Catholic Aid. Bars & refreshment provided.

St. Martin City Band

Practice this **Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 to 9 pm.** High School Band members, here’s your chance! Join us for a fun summer!

Everyone mark calendars for the following dates:

Saturday, June 13 - New Munich Parade (afternoon)

Wednesday, June 17 - Paynesville Parade (evening)

Saturday, June 27 - St. Martin Bazaar - tentative playing from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. (It might be a bit later.)

Calling all musicians young

and young at heart!

- Do you have a wind instrument at home that has not been played in years?
- Do you have a yen to continue to play...or to pick it up again? There’s still time to oil it up and join us for the summer season! But do it NOW! Be on the Parish Center stage at 7:30 pm this Wednesday, June 3, ready to learn some tunes! We’ll help you get squared away. ☺

World’s Oldest Student Is Baptized at 90

Embraced Christianity After Learning to Read Bible

NAIROBI, Kenya, MAY 27, 2009 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org))- The world-record-breaking oldest primary school student, a Kenyan great-grandfather, was baptized after he learned to read the Bible.

Kimani Ng’ang’a Maruge, the Guinness World Record holder for being the oldest person to enter primary school, was baptized Sunday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kariobangi, east of Nairobi.

Now 90 years old and suffering from stomach cancer, Maruge chose the baptismal name “Stephen” as he stated, “I commit my life to God, from now until the end.”

“I decided to be baptized after reading the Bible,” he explained. “I came across the name Stephen. This is a name for those who have endured hardships like me.”

Father Paulino Mondo, Holy Trinity pastor, affirmed that the schooling helped Maruge to read and understand the Bible, and pass all his catechism tests. Two of Maruge’s 30 grandchildren attend the same school.

American billionaires agree to oppose ‘religious obstacles’ to population control

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=3042>

At a secret May 5 meeting, America’s wealthiest philanthropists decided that combating overpopulation was their overarching common cause and “discussed joining forces to overcome political and religious obstacles to change,” according to a London Times report. Bill Gates, David Rockefeller, Jr., Warren Buffett, George Soros, Michael Bloomberg, Ted Turner, and Oprah Winfrey were in attendance. The Roman Catholic Church is the particular target.

I’ve got to quit reading so much anti-Catholic crap. I do it deliberately so as to “know thy enemy” and thus vaccinate myself against false doctrine, but to tell the truth, those who hate the Church have not had a truly revolutionary new idea since the apple incident in the garden of Eden.

Par for the course in art history, these tiresome conspiracy theories are never sustained by factual documentation. They’re spawned by overactive imaginations. What pulled my chain this time is a recent academic dissertation, blating the same tired old Dan Brown-type theories.

You’re familiar with the so-called Duck Test, coined by Indiana poet J. Whitcomb Riley? If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck. This bit of common-sense wisdom seems to be lost on modern day interpreters of Michelangelo. According to the most recent “scholarship,” Michelangelo’s Catholic words, works and piety were (wink-wink) actually just camouflage for a secret Protestant, Kabbalist and/or homosexual agenda. Yadda, yadda, yadda.

Target of the latest “scholarly” treatise is the famous “Last Judgment,” painted on the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel from 1534 to 1541 but discerned by our author as a crypto-Protestant work. To back up this notion we are peppered with bits of gender studies and gnosticism, but two elements tell me that this fresco is precisely what it appears to be: a superlative example of Catholic painting.

1. The artist and his space. Those who attempt to see Michelangelo as a spymaster in some subversive religion of dissent, overlook his spiritual practices. While the artist can only tenuously be tied to any kind of Protestant sect, he is known to have been a third order Franciscan. His devotion to the Roman Catholic Church is perhaps best witnessed by his agreement to complete the Basilica of St. Peter for the Papacy. In his own words, “for the glory of God, the honor of St. Peter and the salvation of his own soul.”

2. Mary, saints and intercession. Michelangelo’s painting contains 391 figures, a third of them acting as intercessors. Enormous figures of the saints, particularly martyrs, surround Christ in the heavens. Catholicism alone claims martyrs as part of her tradition. The altar painting also has ordinary men and women helping newly resurrected souls upward — the idea of people in heaven assisting others is another quintessentially Roman Catholic notion.

But Mary is the pivotal image. The artist’s Jesus seems distant with his hand raised and his head turned away. But Mary, nestled at Christ’s side, turns toward the resurrected souls. Mary is painted next to Christ’s scar from the lance. That wound, spilling blood and water, brought forth the Church. Like an Eve stepping from the rib of Adam, Mary represents the Church born of Christ’s sacrifice. In turn, Mary (the Church, bride of Christ) is the conduit to Jesus and his salvation. To underscore the importance of Marian devotion, Michelangelo painted a few feet down from Mary, a husband and wife being dragged to heaven by their rosary. Look at the painting sometime, and relax.

You’re in the right church. *yr. obt. svf.*

Are you looking for support in dealing with depression or bipolar disorder?

Join with us at the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance meetings on Mondays. The Monday weekly meetings begin at 6:30 pm and end at 7:30 pm. The meetings are at the Albany Area Hospital & Medical Center’s conference room. Free. For additional information, please contact 320-845-6104 or 1-800-862-1799.

The whole modern world has divided itself into Conservatives and Progressives. The business of Progressives is to go on making mistakes. The business of Conservatives is to prevent mistakes from being corrected.

~G. K. Chesterton