



Our Autumn **CRAFT, RE-USED CHRISTMAS ITEM AND RUMMAGE SALE** will be **Saturday, November 6th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**. All good reusable Christmas items and clothing are welcome for the upcoming sale. Bring your items to the Parish Hall during the next two weeks!

This is our 1st used Christmas sale — please sort through and select any good Christmas items in your collection and let's get this off to a good start!

St. Benedict & St. Boniface groups will be working.

The following groups will work the **BAKE SALE**: St. Elizabeth's, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Mary's, St. Rose of Lima, and Sacred Heart of Mary.

WHAT'S ELSEWHERE:

Oct 30-31 – St. Michael's church basement, Spring Hill. **Worn-a-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale.** **Saturday:** 9 am–4 pm. **Sunday:** 9:00 am–12:30 pm. Sunday, clothing \$1 per bag! Lunch is available both days!

Nov 2 – St. Louis Church, Paynesville. **Daughters of Isabella & Knights of Columbus** will hold their meeting on Tuesday. Rosary at 6:45 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm followed by lunch.

Nov 6 – Sts. Peter & Paul School, Richmond. **Gently Used Christmas Sale.** 7:00 am–12:00 noon. Trees, wreaths, ornaments, decorations at a very low price. Also gently used toys for children.

Nov 7 – St. Agnes Church basement, Roscoe. **CAA-MG Bingo & Games Party.** 7:30 pm. Lunch & Refreshments will be served. Come one, come all!

Nov 7 – Sts. Peter & Paul church basement, Elrosa. **Fall Ham & Egg Breakfast.** 9:00 am–1:00 pm. Adults \$6.50; children 5-12 \$3.75; under 4 free.

Nov 14 – Seven Dolors Parish Center, Albany. **Turkey Bingo. 25 ¢ per card.** 11:30 am–2:30 pm. Lunch will be served: turkey or ham croissant, chips, pickles, a cookie, coffee/tea/milk – \$5 per plate.

500 Card Party!

Sunday, November 14th



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 card party.

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Men's Society

This month's workers:

Chairman: Joe Schmitt **Co-Chair:** Tim Shay

Helpers: Jerome Bertram, Ralph Bertram, Leander Blonigen, Tom Doll, Joe Dingmann, Larry Fleischhacker, Math Kaiser, Gene Loecken, Joe Mehr, Joe Magedanz, Randy Orbeck, Daron Schaefer, Joey Thelen, Gene Utsch, Jerome Weber.

Why Pray?

A CCD student asked: If God knows everything, why should we pray? After all, doesn't He already know what we want and need?

Good question! The answer has more to do with us than with God.

When we pray we open the door where He stands and knocks. Prayer puts the focus of our soul's eyes on God and away from us. Stillness and listening welcomes our Visitor into the home of our heart where our soul lives. There we can converse in comfort, mindful that we are humble creations, servants of God, doing the asking.

To put it another way, prayer changes us, not God. God's perfect, He *does* know everything. We don't.

Prayer simply makes us attentive to His words. Prayer makes us more like Mary than Martha.

Hospitality **IS** important and needful. Dishes do have to get washed, tables do have to be set. Nevertheless, sitting in the living room of our heart with God is more important for us – *more* needful. With a little practice, our hearts will become attentive and not simply filled with chatter.

SING IN THE CHOIR



Prayer Line 548-3436

Is someone ill or in need of prayers? Call **Diane Rothstein – 548-3436**. Dozens of parishioners will ask Jesus, Mary and the saints to intercede!

Unity of the Twelve, Unity of the Church

It's Thursday as I'm writing this, the feast of Saints Simon and Jude. Not only because Jude is the patron saint of hopeless causes (which some would say I am), but also because we tend to let weekday feastdays sort of slide right past as if they have nothing to tell us about the life we struggle to live, I'm going to turn the space over to Pope Benedict XVI for a change. No one could have said it better:

Today, let us examine two of the Twelve Apostles: Simon the Cananaean and Jude Thaddaeus (not to be confused with Judas Iscariot). Let's look at them together, not only because they are always placed next to each other in the lists of the Twelve (cf. Mt 10: 3, 4; Mk 3: 18; Lk 6: 15; Acts 1: 13), but also because there is very little information about them, apart from the fact that the New Testament Canon preserves one Letter attributed to Jude Thaddaeus.

Simon is given a nickname that varies in the four lists: while Matthew and Mark describe him as a "Cananaean," Luke instead describes him as a "Zealot." In fact, the two descriptions are equivalent because they mean the same thing: indeed, in Hebrew the verb *qana'* means "to be jealous, ardent"... Thus, it is highly likely that even if this Simon was not exactly a member of the nationalist movement of Zealots, he was at least marked by passionate attachment to his Jewish identity, hence, for God, his People and divine Law. If this was the case, Simon was worlds apart from Matthew, who, on the contrary, had an activity behind him as a tax collector that was frowned upon as entirely impure. This shows that Jesus called his disciples and collaborators, without exception, from the most varied social and religious backgrounds. It was people who interested him, not social classes or labels!

And the best thing is that in the group of his followers, despite their differences, they all lived side by side, overcoming imaginable difficulties: indeed, what bound them together was Jesus himself, in whom they all found themselves united with one another. This clearly constitutes a lesson for us who are often inclined to accentuate differences and even contrasts, forgetting that in Jesus Christ we are given the strength to get the better of our continual conflicts. Let's also bear in mind that the group of the Twelve is the prefiguration of the Church herself, where there must be room for all charisms, peoples and races, all human qualities that find their composition and unity in communion with Jesus.

Note from yr. obt. svt. — There is and always has been a strong foundation for unity here in St. Martin. May it grow and not become perverted by bigoted political harangues, a border-war mentality and mistrust of "foreigners." Your great-grandparents were sneered-at foreigners, too, and so were mine.

Community Halloween Party



The St. Martin Catholic Aid Council 95 wishes to thank everyone who helped make the 2010 Community Halloween Party a success! Thank you to all individuals who volunteered time, creativity, and resources to put together another spectacular haunted house. Thanks also for the donated supplies.

Over 350 children and adults attended this year's party!

Special thanks to the 2010 Community Halloween Party sponsors:

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Adult choir sings:

November 7
November 14
November 28

Next choir practice:
November 1, 7:30 pm.

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