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7th Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2008

Dear Parishioners,

In many countries the Feast of the Ascension was observed last Thursday as a Holy Day of Obligation. Some years ago the bishops of our country moved the feast to the following Sunday — the obligation to attend Mass becomes part of the feast. **That obligation is part of every Sunday of the entire year.**

Many people think that the Ascension of our Lord is the end of the Easter season. Not so. Just because we celebrate the “going home” of Jesus does not mean it’s the end of our joyous Easter season. After all, he stated plainly, “I am with you always.” The end of the Easter season doesn’t take place until the following Sunday when we celebrate Pentecost, the sending of the Holy Spirit. So the Easter candle remains in the sanctuary until Pentecost.

It’s been a long time since we celebrated Easter. It is the Risen Lord who is with us always. Hopefully everyone has thought of just what that means. Sadly, too often we think of Good Friday as the highlight of Holy Week. No, it is the Resurrection that should be uppermost in our minds. If you haven’t thought about it much all these weeks, ask yourself, “What does the Risen Lord mean for me in my daily life?” Answers will vary.

Don’t be alarmed, but our sesquicentennial celebration is creeping up on us. It will be here before you know it. Various committees are still meeting and planning how to make things run smoothly. I am very grateful to all those who have been working so diligently.

The work list will be ready shortly. Take a close look at it. You should already know when and where you will be working, as the chair of each activity was supposed to contact their workers. If for some reason you cannot work your shift, contact the chairperson *of that activity*, or switch with someone from another shift!

The centennial books have been moving at a fair pace. Have you purchased yours yet? It’s a good historical document and is something that every parishioner should keep for posterity.

In all the frenzy of preparing for the celebration while still doing your regular work, **don’t forget** to pray for the sick in St. Martin parish. Also pray for peace in the world, and for the safety of all our troops.

God bless all of you!

Fr. Julian, osb



LAST CHANCE FOR CHANCE BOOK

Still dithering about donating a prize for the Sesquicentennial Prize Drawing? The committee has decided to extend the deadline by one (1) week. Contact **Chuck Schaefer** this week with your pledge. **548-3294.**

Ed. comment – The U.S. predilection for streamlining isn’t without cost. Celebrating Ascension on Sunday means we miss the Mass texts of this Seventh Sunday of Easter, filled with anticipation for the Spirit of Pentecost. From *Acts* in the 1st reading, we are asked, ‘How patient are you when you have to wait?’ And what are we waiting for? **Glorify**, a word we hear often but seldom discuss. For some thoughts on the strange parallel between patriotism and Pentecost, see the column on page 2.

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

- 5 Mon — No Mass Today
- 6 Tues — † Hugo Kuhl
- 7 Wed — 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine’s
- 8 Thur — Living & ††, St. Joseph Society
- 9 Fri — † James Heidgerken
- 10 Sat — 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine’s
- 11 Sun — 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin:
~for the Parish

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A Weekday Readings: Year 2

- May 5 — Monday • Acts 19: 1-8 • Jn 16: 29-33
 - May 6 — Tuesday • Acts 20: 17-27 • Jn 17: 1-11a
 - May 7 — Wednesday • Acts 20: 28-38 • Jn 17: 11b-19
 - May 8 — Thursday • Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11 • Jn 17: 20-26
 - May 9 — Friday • Acts 25: 13b-21 • Jn 21: 15-19
 - May 10 — Saturday • Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 • Jn 21: 20-25
 - *May 11 — Pentecost Sunday • Acts 2: 1-11
• 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 • Jn 20: 19-23
- * = Holy Day of Obligation

Band Practice

- Tuesday, May 6th at 7:30 pm.
- Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30 pm.
- Tuesday, May 20th at 7:30 pm.
- Tuesday, May 27th at 7:30 pm.

All musicians please be there – and be sure to bring your copy of “103 Tunes” band book so it can be photocopied.

Don’t forget! During May and June, we practice every Tuesday.

Choir Practice

- Monday, May 19th at 7:30 pm.

The St. Martin adult choir will next sing on the 4th Sunday of May.

Gardening Rule. When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not an edible plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it was an edible plant.

WHAT'S WHERE:

May 4 – Seven Dolores Parish Center, Albany. **Belgian Waffle Brunch.** Presented by Boy Scout Troop #30. 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Belgian waffles, 9 toppings, sausages and beverages. *ALL YOU CAN EAT.* **Silent Auction** with many new items.

May 6 – St. Louis Catholic Church, Paynesville. Daughters of Isabella will host a **Salad Supper Buffet.** All members and their guests are welcome. The charge is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 10 and under. More info call Julia Moorhead, 453-3891.

Friday, May 9th, 2008

St. Martin Martins

1st Baseball Game Under the Lights

8:00 pm. Blessing of the Lights by Fr. Julian,
followed by Field Dedication

8:15 pm. Gametime – St. Martin vs. Richmond



Thank you

to everyone who worked so hard to make our Catholic Aid Matching Grant Pork Chop Supper a success. All proceeds go to our CCD Program.

The quilt winner was Kennedie Salzl.

Congratulations!

Synopsis of Pastoral Council Minutes

March 27, 2008

Committee Reports:

Financial: Received a \$3000 from anonymous parishioner for upkeep on the parish hall and received \$2000 from the bowling alley income. Expenses included a purchase of a garden tractor with attachments for snowblowing. It was noted that the property liability insurance for 2008 will be \$11,791.

Liturgy: Reported that St. Catherine's are celebrating Fr. Julian's Jubilee & Jerry Theis as deacon on June 15 at 10 am.

Rel. Ed.: Last Saturday class will be April 5. First Communion on April 20.

Youth Ministry: YM held a lock-in with 30 students in January, grades 7-12, and have 5 new members. Sold daffodils for the American Cancer Society & hosted Holy Thursday reception. There will be a bake sale on Mother's Day.

OLD BUSINESS: Sesquicentennial: Committee has been working on workers' list. **Deutsche Fest:** This will be an annual or semi-annual event. **Parish Doors:** Completed and paid.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposed 2008-2009 Budget: The proposed budget will be reviewed by the finance committee and presented at the May meeting.

Fr. Julian's Announcements: **Trustee Recommendation:** Jack Kaschmitter has resigned and a recommendation needs to be made to the Bishop for the Bishop's approval of the trustee. The term is for 2 years but appointment can be renewed up to 10 years of service. The candidate needs to be a practicing, confirmed Catholic. Council members were asked to bring names to Fr. Julian as soon as possible.

A DEMONSTRATION OF POWER



How do you show pride in your country? In your church? Lost in the scriptural shuffle of pasting yet another Holy Day of Obligation atop an existing Sunday liturgy (in this case, the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord) is a Gospel word with some curious connections. The word is 'glory.'

The American flag has a nickname. When people want to show their patriotism, they wave Old Glory.

Salvation, like patriotism, was a demonstration of glory. Not the glory of confetti-filled parades or self-promoting dignitaries, but a demonstration of power from powerlessness. A glory shown on the cross. A glory of love, Father for Son.

Our resurrected Lord appeared to hundreds of people in all sorts of places; in each case his appearance is described as 'glorified.' When he ascended to His Father's house, the same. How that differed from 'normal' we are not told, but his subsequent gift of the power of the Holy Spirit was described as tongues of fire surrounding the apostles' heads, so we may surmise some special and visibly glowing aura. Artists through the ages have rendered it as haloes.

Even today, under assault by the ruler of this world, we speak in 'glowing praise' of those whose faith is visible. One who is totally committed to spreading a message is said to 'have the glow.' Expectant moms often have it.

It's the glow of Pentecost, the visible sign of what Jesus sent to sustain us—intimate unity with the Trinity. More than coexistence within the Church, it's a bond of love, a far greater witness than any of us can make alone. It's a prayer for community on the supernatural level; a prayer that all of us might share in the life that the Father and the Son share. Eternal life! That's our Lord's promise, and glorification.

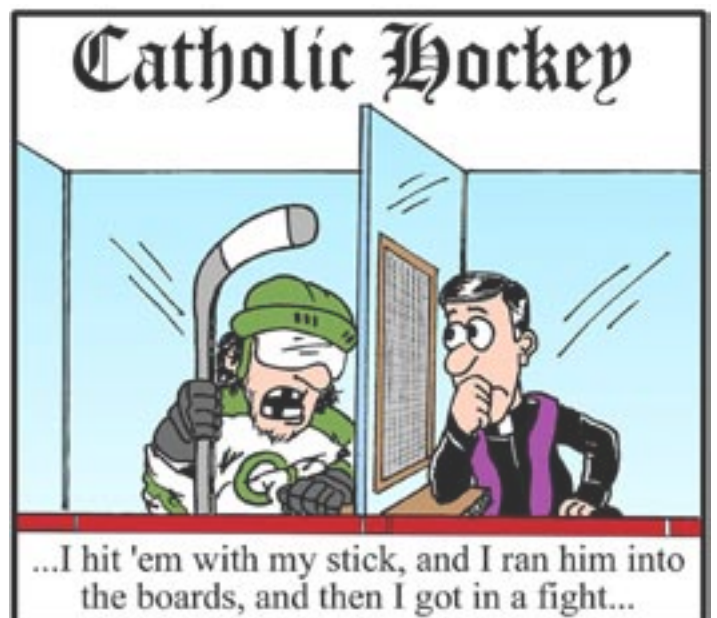
What a demonstration of power! ~yr. obt. svt.

SPRING PLANT SALE AT ST. CLOUD CHILDREN'S HOME

Students from the **Cultivating Youth Program** at **Catholic Charities' St. Cloud Children's Home** have been growing their self-esteem and some fantastic spring plants! The students will be selling hanging baskets, flowering annuals, vegetables, herbs and speciality grasses for one weekend only at the Children's Home. Stop by **Friday, May 9** from 3 - 6 pm, **Saturday, May 10** from 8 am - 4 pm, or **Sunday, May 11** from 8 am - noon. More details and directions at www.ccstcloud.org

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here and drink whatever comes out.'

For that matter, who was the first person to look at a chicken and say, 'See that ugly bird there? I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta its hinder end.'



It's through people like you

That God's blessings are known. Thank you for your continuing support of food to the Albany Food Shelf. It's very much appreciated.

The Albany Food Shelf
and Albany Women of Today