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Sunday Bulletin



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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!

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2008



Wangari Muta Maathai was born in Nyeri, Kenya (Africa) in 1940. The first woman in East Central Africa to earn a doctorate degree., Wangari Maathai obtained a degree in Biological Sciences from Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas (1964). She pursued doctoral studies in Germany and the University of Nairobi, obtaining a Ph.D. (1971) from the University of Nairobi where she also taught veterinary anatomy. She became chair of the Department of Veterinary Anatomy and an associate professor in 1976 and 1977 respectively. It was while she served in the National

Council of Women that she introduced the idea of planting trees with the people in 1976 and developed it into a broad-based, grassroots organization whose main focus is the planting of trees by women in order to conserve the environment and improve their quality of life. Through the Green Belt Movement she has assisted African women in planting more than 20 million trees on their farms and on schools and church compounds.

Internationally recognized for her persistent struggle for democracy, human rights and environmental conservation, Wangari served on the commission for Global Governance and Commission on the Future. She and the Green Belt Movement have received many awards, notably The 2004 Nobel Peace Prize.

On Tuesday, September 30 at 8 pm, Wangiri will speak at St. John's University at the H.H. Humphrey auditorium as she receives the coveted **Dignitas Humana Award**. This is a presentation which all who love the land and its people — women and men alike — should not miss. It will be an inspiring experience.

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

8 Mon — No Mass Today
9 Tues — † Martin Doll
10 Wed — 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's
11 Thur — †† Joseph and Susan Kuhl
12 Fri — † Elizabeth Boecker
13 Sat — 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's
14 Sun — 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin
 ~for the Parish

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A Weekday Readings: Year 2
Sept 8 — *Nativity of the BVM* • Mi 5: 1-4a • Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23
Sept 9 — *St. Peter Claver* • 1 Cor 6: 1-11 • Lk 6: 12-19
Sept 10 — *Wednesday* • 1 Cor 7: 25-31 • Lk 6: 20-26
Sept 11 — *Thursday* • 1 Cor 8: 1-7, 11-13 • Lk 6: 27-38
Sept 12 — *Holy Name of Mary* • 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-27 • Lk 6: 39-42
Sept 13 — *St. John Chrysostom* • 1 Cor 10: 14-22 • Lk 6: 43-49
***Sept 14** — **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
 • Nu 21: 4b-9 • Phil 2: 6-11 • Jn 3: 13-17
 * = Holy Day of Obligation



Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:30 pm at Farming

Help Still Needed!

October 18 Deutsche Fest

Parish Hall, 4 pm till ?

Bartenders - Waitresses - Bussing - Cooks
 - Dishwashers - Kitchen Help and anyone
 interested in helping out in other ways!
 Please call Jim Rothstein at 548-3647



Open House for Parents!

St. Martin's Religious Education program will host an informative **Open House** at 7 pm on **September 17** for parents of students in all grades, 1 through 11. Parents, this will be an opportunity for you to sample what your kids will be learning, to get to know their teachers and also find out what support you will be expected to offer at home. Please plan to attend — it'll make all the difference!

For more info call **Joan Rothstein** at 548-3209.

3rd Marriage Banns

Ashley Noel Burg
 and
 Jon Klaphake
 Curt Schaefer
 and
 Nicole Albers



1st Marriage Banns

Melissa Kolb
 and
 Steven Stang

Adult Choir Practice

Monday, Sept. 8th - 7:30 pm.

WHAT'S WHERE:

Sept 7 – Seven Dolors Parish Center, Albany. **Country Breakfast.** Featuring pancakes & toppings, sausage by Pep's Pork, Farm-fresh eggs. Serving from 8:30 am–12:30 pm. Adults \$7.00, age 5-9 \$3.00, 4 & under free. Sponsored by K of C council #3628.

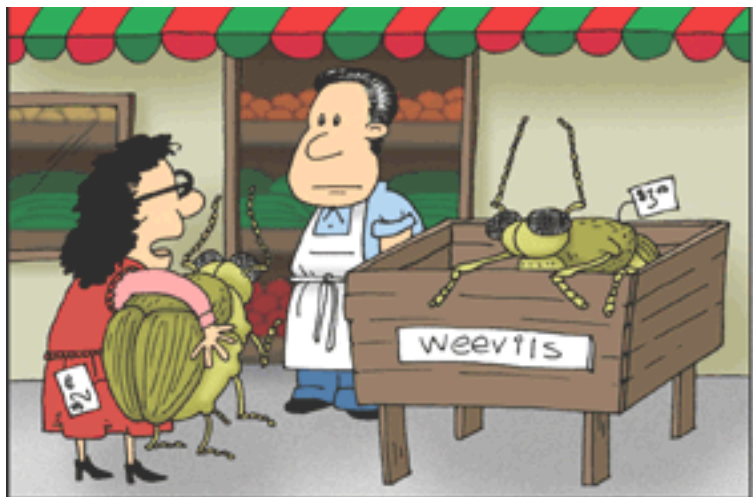
Sept 7 – St. Joseph's Hall, Grey Eagle. **Rel.Ed. Benefit Breakfast.** Pancakes & sausage, all you can eat. Adults \$6.50, 10 & under \$4.50, preschool free.

Sept 12, 13 & 14 – Pioneer Club Showgrounds, Albany. **Pioneer Days.** Remember the good old days? Bring the whole family and join in the fun. Be sure to attend the Threshing Show, featuring vintage transportation and Galloway engines. Great fun for everyone, young, old and in between. For info call 320-845-7410, or check the flyer on our Buletin Board.

Sept 19 – St. Boniface Church, Cold Spring. **Deb Hennen Benefit Supper.** Spaghetti Dinner, 4 till 8 pm. Silent Auction & Raffle. Music by Max and the Good Old Boys.

Sept 21 – Brooten Elementary School. **Annual Fall Dinner & Raffle.** Roast turkey & ham, real mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, corn & coleslaw, cranberries & dinner rolls and homemade pie/dessert. Serving 11:00 am till 1:30 pm. Raffle drawing after dinner with 150+ prizes – prints, quilt, cash.

Sept 28 - Albany Legion Smorgasbord Breakfast 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM.



Ministry Formation Classes will be beginning soon. The Ministry Formation Program is a collaborative effort between Catholic Education Ministries and our diocesan education office, and Saint John's University to bring theology classes to areas around the diocese at an incredible price. Courses are offered at a college level for credit (\$145) OR non-credit (\$85). Text fees extra. Scholarships are available from CEM! For more information or to register go the [website www.stcdio.org/cem/mfp](http://www.stcdio.org/cem/mfp) OR call Brenda Kresky at 320-251-0111. The following classes are offered this fall.

In Princeton: Theology of Ministry and Spirituality of Ministry
Instructor: Ms. Jackie Witter, Ed. D.

In St. Cloud: Topics in Pastoral Ministry: The Church
Instructor: Fr. Anthony Oelrich, Ph. D.

Online: Topics in Pastoral Ministry: Engaging Scripture
Instructor: Ms. Dawn Carrillo



FOR SALE

- One Cross – almost new. top-heavy. cramps my style keeping up with the world.
- One Talent – slightly shelfworn. Unused for several years.
- One Bundle of Seldom-Used Opportunities, including Mass attendance.
- One Badly Used Influence – needs a little repair and careful use.

*These items may be seen anytime in the basement of my home.
Corner of Thoughtless Avenue and Neglect Street.
Signed, Careless Catholic*

FAIR WARNING

There's a lot going on in my life right now. For one thing, delayed harvest from late-planted gardens and rapidly cooling days mean urgent hours trying to get everything plucked, processed and seeds saved all at once, more or less. Tomatoes, all 74 vines, are going to ripen simultaneously — we hope the food shelf will get a lot of that, but even so...

To all who had any voice in repaying my parish history writing efforts by fostering replacement of thoroughly worn-out computer equipment, my sincere thanks, and I suppose it's just God's sense of humor that it happen in perfect sync with the garden harvest snafu. What it boils down to is that I may not be able to fill blank white space with stuff from all over. And there's been a growing lack of parish news to report.

Therefore: The next two or three issues of the Bulletin may have a lot of white space and "accidents" because I'm dismantling and triple-checking the entire electronic file and internet search system so as not to corrupt the new operating system. Things may get kind of gnarly before I get it all sorted out.

Lastly, school's about to start again, and that's what's mainly on my mind. Those precious Wednesday night catechism classes where we try to crystallize and condense God's entire cosmic plan of love, atonement and salvation into a fractured series of scant 1-hour classroom sessions. Almost, but not quite, impossible. It just means that teachers must prepare tightly, and depend on support from our students' First Teachers, their parents. For my part I'll not be assigning any homework because everything we do in class *is* homework ... if it's going to stick.

That means support and attention from all you parents. We'll be depending on you to *ask* your students what they learned in CCD class. And *listen* attentively to what they say. And be sure they know beforehand at least the basics — e.g., on the first class night I expect each 8th grader to be able to recite the Nicene Creed, name the Seven Sacraments and actually know the names of our parish priest, our bishop and our pope!

You'd be surprised to know how rare that is.

We can't fix everything that ails us instantaneously. We can't fill our empty pews overnight, and we can't put more hours in the day. But we can, each and every one of us, reach out and remind each other of what our real priority is and what needs more effort. Despite all these sources of potential confusion and decay, I'm looking forward with considerable confidence.

Now if we can just get those laggardly tomatoes to ripen up, and some sun onto a punkin... ~yr. obt. svt.

This space available!

Got some parish news? No? Call someone and ask!

What's your group up to? Who needs help with something?

Bulletin deadline Wednesday noon