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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!

## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

November 9, 2008

### Message to all:

Last April I signed up to serve as chaplain on a cruise ship. I will be gone for 2 weeks.

Fr. Wilfred Theisen will take my place. In case of an emergency or funeral, contact Fr. Steve in Richmond — 597-2575.

*Fr. Corwin*



Today is the dedication anniversary of the cathedral of Rome, the “mother church” of all Roman Catholics.

**Question:** How did our parish formerly celebrate the anniversary of its dedication? How does it celebrate its titular (patron saint) feast day? (**Not at all in recent years.**) These two days are “solemnities,” the highest feast within the parish boundaries. They are premier occasions for celebrating our history and forming a vision of where the parish is heading. How best could we get the word out, to generate ideas?

### 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

- 10 Mon** – No Mass Today
- 11 Tues** – †† Schaefer and Lauer families
- 12 Wed** – No Mass at St. Catherine's today
- 13 Thur** – †† Joseph & Susan Kuhl
- 14 Fri** – † Hugo Kuhl
- 15 Sat** – 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's
- 16 Sun** – 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin  
~ for the Parish

**Make God's Love Visible** annual request for Catholic Charities services begins this weekend, and our special collection will be on Nov. 23. As you consider this request you may be surprised to know that for as little as 28 cents a day, you'll provide five days' of housing to a homeless women and her children, or ensure that 30 meals will be delivered to home bound seniors in your community. 28 cents a day, less than the cost of a cup of coffee or the cost of a wrapping of a single Christmas present will make a difference for someone in need. Of all our blessings, sharing 28 cents a day may prove to be the most important of all.

Special Match God's Love Challenge..... If you've not been a supporter in the last year or never given before, please give special consideration to a unique match being offered. For every dollar, The Circle of Hope, a multi year giving society made up of individuals and business, has provided \$25,000 dollars to match your donations, making it that much more effective and important. Your 28 cents a day gets doubled to 48 cents; instead of 20 families a week, we can help 40 families or provide an extra 60 meals to seniors. Please accept the challenge to make God's Love Visible.

Ed. note: Catholic Charities receives no money from the Diocesan annual appeal.

### Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle A      Weekday Readings: Year 2

- Nov 10** – St. Leo the Great • Ti 1: 1-9 • Lk 17: 1-6
- Nov 11** – St. Martin of Tours • Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14 • Lk 17: 7-10
- Nov 12** – St. Josaphat • Ti 3: 1-7 • Lk 17: 11-19
- Nov 13** – St. Francis Xavier • Phlm: 7-20 • Lk 17: 20-25
- Nov 14** – Friday • 2 Jn: 4-9 • Lk 17: 26-37
- Nov 15** – Saturday • 3 Jn: 5-8 • Lk 18: 1-8
- \*Nov 16– 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
• Prvbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 • 1 Thes 5: 1-6 • Mt 25: 14-30

\* = Holy Day of Obligation

BOSTON (UPI) -- Children who play a musical instrument for at least three years outperform children with no music training on verbal ability, U.S. researchers said. The study found that children who study a musical instrument for at least three years outperform children with no instrumental training — not only in tests of auditory discrimination and finger dexterity, but on tests measuring verbal ability and visual pattern completion — skills not normally associated with music. The researchers also found that the longer and more intensely kids had studied his or her instrument, the better he or she scored on all sorts of tests.

That's the story, here's the question:

Would not we all — as measured by the woeful inability of our church choirs as well as the recently reborn St. Martin Town Band to interest young people in joining — be better off if **all** parents **encouraged** their kids to add real music-making skills to their passive click-play iPod expertise? Especially if their academic school grades also improved? Think about it!

## Catechism Classes

**Class Schedule:**

**Wednesday, Nov. 12 – Grades 1-8, 7:00 pm**



Adult Choir: **Tuesday, Nov. 11 @ 7:30 pm**  
 Junior Choir: **Sunday, Nov. 23 @ 9:30 am**

## 500 Card Party!

**Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

8 PM in the parish hall. Admission \$2.00.  
Lunch served, refreshments available.

•Sponsored by St. Joseph's Men's Society

**Chairman:** Joe Magedanz **Co-Chair:** Jerome Weber  
**Helpers:** Joe Mehr, Dan Olmscheid, Ralph Bertram, Joe Dingmann, Math Kaiser, Gene Loecken, Stan Olmscheid, Joe Schmitt, Gene Utsch.

### STEWARDSHIP

**November 2, 2008**

Adults	823.00
Youth	4.00
Children	2.25
Plate	49.00
Hurricane IKE	20.00
Votives	16.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>914.50</b>

## THE UNSPOKEN WORD

### WHAT'S ELSE WHERE:

**Nov 9** – St. Louis Church, Paynesville. **Daughters of Isabella.** Rosary will be at 6:45 pm, then a Mass in honor of our deceased members, followed by the meeting.

**Nov 11** – Greenwald School Basement. **Chicken Dinner.** 11:30 am - 1 pm. Chicken, potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, homemade bread & dessert. Cost: \$5, all you can eat.

**Nov 15** – Sacred Heart church basement, Freeport. **Rummage/Soup/Bake Sale.** 3 - 8 pm. Lunch will be served: homemade chicken noodle soup, sandwiches, pie. Takeouts will be available.

News Briefs

### PIUS XII SAW 'MIRACLE OF THE SUN'

NOVEMBER 06, 2008

A previously unpublished note written by Pope Pius XII, found in Pacelli family archives and included in the current Vatican exhibit on the pontificate of Pius XII, shows that the wartime Pontiff observed the "miracle of the sun" on four different occasions. The Pontiff reported that the phenomenon occurred just before and after he solemnly defined the dogma of the Assumption in 1950.

Pius XII wrote in his journal, "I have seen the 'miracle of the sun,' this is the pure truth."

The miracle of the sun is most frequently associated with the Marian apparitions at Fatima, where thousands of people witnessed it. The Virgin Mary had told the Fatima seers that the miracle was intended to encourage belief in her message.

The miracle of the sun was the astonishing episode that occurred in Fatima, Portugal, on Oct. 13, 1917. According to the Fatima visionaries, Mary had promised that there would be a miracle that day so that people would come to believe. Thousands — including hundreds of scientists and even atheists — had gathered at the site of the visions, and the sun "danced" for them, reportedly drying instantaneously the rain-soaked land and spectators.

The papal note says that at 4 p.m. on Oct. 30, 1950, during his "habitual walk in the Vatican Gardens, reading and studying," having arrived to the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, "toward the top of the hill [...] I was awestruck by a phenomenon that before now I had never seen."

"The sun, which was still quite high, looked like a pale, opaque sphere, entirely surrounded by a luminous circle," he recounted. And one could look at the sun, "without the slightest bother. There was a very light little cloud in front of it." The Holy Father's note goes on to describe "the opaque sphere" that "moved outward slightly, either spinning, or moving from left to right and vice versa. But within the sphere, you could see marked movements with total clarity and without interruption."

Pius XII said he saw the same phenomenon "the 31st of October and Nov. 1, the day of the definition of the dogma of the Assumption, and then again Nov. 8, and after that, no more."

from the clippings file:



Gee, great. Just what he needed, too.  
Deer season's coming.

Last week Americans made some historic choices. How I voted, you voted, or anyone else voted, does not concern me. Something a man did promise to do, does.

Last February Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta spoke powerful words in a homily to the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, D.C.:

"As Catholics, we are obliged to promote the common good as rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ. ... We are not another lobby but a community that serves the poor and vulnerable every day. We are not an interest group, nor are we advocating our own narrow interests, but speaking for the voiceless and standing up for the common good. We go not to serve our own needs but to serve the 'least of these,' who we believe to be Jesus in their persons." (*Origins, March 27, 2008, p.658*).

Later in the homily, Archbishop Gregory said:

"We may not know the ins and outs of Washington ... but we do know this:

- *The lives of unborn children need protection.*
- *Poor children need justice.*
- *Families need affordable health care.*
- *Immigrants need to be treated as sisters and brothers, not enemies.*
- *The hungry of the world need food.*
- *Those living and dying with HIV/AIDS need compassionate care.*
- *The people of the Holy Land need a just peace.*
- *The unending war in Iraq requires a responsible transition.*
- *And we need a world that is not only safer, but better and more just."*

We will have to wait and see how some of these moral- and social-justice issues play out, but President-elect Obama addressed most of them with contagious feeling in a soul-stirring address in Grant Park.

8 out of 9 ain't bad. It's that first issue that we need to get busy on. And quickly, because one of the first non-economy bills to cross his presidential desk will be the Freedom of Choice Act. Freedom to Murder Act.

President Obama long ago made it clear that he will sign it as soon as he sees it. FOCA will erase every state (and prior federal) safeguard for the unborn.

Act now. Letters and emails. And then pray for a miraculous conversion of heart. ~yr. obt. svt.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage Banns

Christopher Wehseler

and

Cheryl Bruemmer



The **Junior Choir** is looking for new members. We sing the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, with practice before Mass. Age does not matter! Grade school students, high school, adults. If you like to sing, you need to commit to join the **Junior Choir**. Please call Norine Lieser at 320-548-3252 or Mary Kay Kotschevar at 320-548-3561.