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Sunday Bulletin



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**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:00 pm at Richmond. (St. Martin TBA)  
**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 Stephen at least six months before your planned wedding date!

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday on Ordinary Time October 9, 2011

### from the Pastor's Desk

A reminder, that in an effort to help you better understand the upcoming changes in the liturgy. I have put together seven articles from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Packet of articles are at the entrance to the church. Please share the packets with others. I hope they will be helpful to understand the changes that are coming in the liturgy during November.

~Fr. Stephen, o.s.b.

### Prayer of Those Living with Cancer

Lord God, even before I was born, you knit me together in my mother's womb. Every cell of my body you know, and every inch of my skin you yourself shaped onto my flesh and bones.

Not a single hair on my head goes uncounted, and no tear of mine escapes your gaze.

So I know you can make me whole again.

From the depths of this disease, I cry out to you, O God, for I am convinced that neither cancer, nor tumor, nor chemo, nor radiation, nor fear, nor doubt, nor isolation, nor pain will be able to separate me from your love and the wonder of the person you created me to be.

From my first breath, you made me holy. Fashion me again with your Spirit and fill this sacred and broken body with a new life that every breath to my last may proclaim your mighty and wondrous deeds.

Amen. *Give Us This Day, the Liturgical Press*

### I Hope You Dance

Kelly, a teenage girl on vacation with her parents, was having a horrible time. And her face and her posture let everyone know it. All week long she'd moped by the resort's pool—alone with her iPod.

On the last night, her parents convinced Kelly to join them for the evening entertainment. It was square dance night, and the teenager groaned and glared at her parents when she saw the old guy with the checkered shirt and string tie up on the bandstand calling out the do-si-does.

The old guy spotted her reaction and was up for a challenge. With a twinkle in his eye he waltzed up to her and said, "You'll be my partner." She resisted at first, but soon he had her doing the "alleman left with your left hand," and the Texas Star, and all sorts of other twists and turns. At one point Kelly even threw her head back and laughed out loud. Her parents felt they'd finally experienced the vacation they'd been so looking forward to.

We're all invited to the dance, the banquet, the wedding feast of life. And thankfully there are people we meet along the way who help us get outside of ourselves and out on the dance floor where the Lord of the dance awaits.

~Tom McGrath

### Don't Shop On Sundays

What do young churchgoing Catholics do on Sunday when they start to drift from the Church? Certainly, some are sleeping in or goofing off. Yet in my experience many young Catholics are working very hard to support themselves or their families or to prepare for the future.

Unlike those lucky enough to have "normal" weekday jobs, my twenty-something friends who work retail all have to work on Sundays because that's when everyone shops.

If young people are busy working, it's very hard for them to get to Mass. We cannot serve both God and Mammon. What easier way to serve God than through collective inaction on the Lord's Day?

~Kevin Jones

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at Richmond ----- 4:30 pm  
Sunday morning at Richmond----- 8:30 am  
Sunday morning at St. Martin----- 10:15 am  
Monday morning— **No Mass.**  
Tues - Wed - Friday — **No Mass** at St. Martin  
Thursday morning at St. Martin — 8:00 am  
Holy Days ----- to be announced

### MASS INTENTIONS

13 Thur — 8:00 am Mass  
† Ray Linz  
16 Sun — 10:15 am Mass  
For the People

### Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Year A      Weekday Readings: Cycle 1  
Oct 10 — Monday • Rom 1: 1-7 • Lk 11: 29-32  
Oct 11 — Tuesday • Rom 1: 16-25 • Lk 11: 37-41  
Oct 12 — Wednesday • Rom 2: 1-11 • Lk 11: 42-46  
Oct 13 — Thursday • Rom 3: 21-29 • Lk 11: 47-54  
Oct 14 — Friday • Rom 4: 1-8 • Lk 12: 1-7  
Oct 15 — (St. Teresa of Avila) • Rom 4: 13, 16-18 • Lk 12: 8-12  
Oct 16 — 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O.T. Is 45: 1, 4-6  
• 1 Thes 1: 1-5 • Mt 22: 15-21

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Frank, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 94. Please be careful!"

"But it's not just one car," said Frank. "It's hundreds of 'em! Trucks too."



## COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>  
7:30-9:00 PM  
St. Martin Parish Hall

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**Fun / Games / Food / Prizes**  
Costume Judging  
Haunted House Admission: \$1.00

sponsored by:

St. Martin Catholic United Financial Council #95  
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St. Martin Commercial Club








### Adult Choir Practice

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.  
We will be singing on:  
**Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>** (10:15 am)  
**Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** (All Saints Day) **8:15 pm**



### Catechism Class News

**Wednesday, October 12:**  
**Grades 1-8:** Classes at 7:00 pm, Parish Hall.

## MARTIN LUTHER ON PIKE... AND THE LAWS OF CHANCE

### First one this Fall! 500 Card Party!

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM in the parish hall. \$3.00 entry fee.

**Great Prizes! Sandwiches, dessert, coffee, milk.**

• Young, older and all those in-between are invited!  
10-game session. Beer and soda for sale.

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

*This month's workers:*

**Chairman:** Otto Kaschmitter **Co-Chair:** Marty Shay

**Helpers:** Leander Arceneau, Chris Blonigen, Roger Burg, Scott Burg, Norman Euteneuer, Larry Fleischhacker, Charlie Hennen, Melvin Kascht, Ron Lauer, Hubert Lieser, Roger Mehr, James Rothstein, Roman Schaefer, Chris Weber.

Our fall **CRAFT, RE-USED CHRISTMAS ITEM AND RUMMAGE SALE** is Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. All good reusable Christmas items and clothing are welcome for the upcoming sale.

The two groups working are **St. Mary's** and **St. Rose of Lima**. The following groups are to bring items for the Bake Sale: **Sacred Heart of Mary, St. Theresa, St. Agnes, St. Anne,** and **St. Benedict**.

#### Evening for Life Banquet

Theme: "Every Life is Worth Living"  
Saturday, October 15th

Doors open at 5:30, Meal at 6 pm,  
Pro-life speakers and entertainment to follow

**Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Center**

Dinner tickets: \$8

Call Linda Pederson for info at 597-4667

#### Deer Hunters Widow Bingo

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

1 PM at the River Station, Richmond.  
Come early and enjoy lunch specials.  
Bloody Mary Bar opens at 11AM.

Sponsored by Sts. Peter & Paul Church.  
Proceeds benefiting the school.

#### WHAT'S ELSEWHERE:

**Oct 11** – St. Andrew's School, Greenwald. **Chicken Dinner.** 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Come and enjoy home-cooked chicken, potatoes & gravy, vegetables, coleslaw, homemade bread and dessert. Cost is \$5.00. Takeout available.

**Oct 16** – St. John's Church basement, Meire Grove. **Potato Pancake Supper.** 3:00 pm-8:00 pm. Potato pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cinnamon bread, potato salad. Adults \$8.00; 10 & under \$.00; pre-schoolers free.

Discover the full potential of your marriage by attending the October 15-16 **Marriage Encounter!** Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for a listing of retreats and locations or call 651.454.3238.

Be honest. Do you see the pursuit of God's Kingdom as a joyful romp, or a tiresome chore? Do you just do the minimum, or grab for all the spiritual gusto you can out of your Christian life? Do you make excuses that you're too tired or too busy when opportunities arise to grow spiritually, or do you make the Kingdom top priority?

Catholic tradition speaks of "seven deadly sins." One of the sneakiest and deadliest is often overlooked, which is exactly why it is sneaky and deadly. It is called "sloth," or spiritual laziness. The symptoms? The sloth perceives the kingdom of God to be so boring that he can find no energy to pursue it. Everything else takes precedence so that the sloth never gets around to seeking God.

The greatest sin of our sex-saturated, hyperactive culture is not lust but, ironically, that spiritual laziness called sloth. Parents, do you set an active example for your kids? Do you insist that they study for CCD class?

For those who still think I am ecumenically intolerant and utterly lacking in charity when I talk about the One True Faith, I am happy to report that at long last I have found something old Martin actually said that I can agree with wholeheartedly.

It was his reasoning on the subject of "excellent large pike." Luther maintained that God would never have created pike so good to the taste if He had not meant them to be eaten. Good on you, Martin! And for the same reason, I suppose this world would never have been left so full of uncertainties, nor human nature so framed as to find a peculiar joy in meeting uncertainty bravely and cheerfully, if it had not been divinely intended that most of my amusement and much of my education should come from ridiculously chancy endeavors.

Next to salvation itself, fishing is the chanciest endeavor I can think of, and in this prolonged Autumn non-weather, not only the walleye but even the solitary large pike have begun to creep into shoreline rocks to chase baitfish for supper. Fishing shoreline rocks on the windward side of a Minnesota lake is a supreme example of risk-taking behavior, or would be if I just had a boat to go out in the dark and chance drowning.

"Chance" is as disreputable a word as "pike." It is supposed by pious persons to be improper and almost blasphemous. But I do not share this verbal prejudice. I am inclined rather to believe that "chance" is a good word to which a bad reputation has been given. What does it mean, after all, but that some things happen in a certain way which might have happened in another way? Where is the immorality, the irreverence, the atheism in such a supposition? Certainly God must be competent to govern a world in which there are possibilities of various kinds, just as well as the Presbyterian version in which every event is inevitably pre-destined beforehand.

St. Peter and the other fishermen-disciples on the Lake of Galilee were perfectly free to cast their net on either side of their empty boat. So far as they could see, so far as anyone could see, it was a matter of chance where they chose to cast it. But it was not until they let it down, at the Master's word, on the right side that they had good luck. And not the least element of their joy in the haul of fishes was that it changed the future.

Never believe a fisherman when he tells you he does not care what he catches. He may say he is just as happy when he takes nothing as when he guides a 30-pound pike into the net. He is not telling a deliberate falsehood. He is only assuming an unconscious pose, indulging in a bit of self-flattery. Even if it were true, it would not be to his credit.

When I have had the chance to go stalk large pike (or walleyes) in a Minnesota Chop — and connect — my face is broader than when I went out; there is a sparkle of triumph in my eye. And later when I am pressed to narrate the modest story of the capture — and how sweet the flavor of that pike's tender flesh — do I claim dumb luck? No. I credit the Master. Jesus said Be a Fisher. On that, Martin Luther and I also agree. *yr. obt. svt.*

#### MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST

(67<sup>th</sup> in a series)

WARSAW, Poland (AP)— Roman Catholics in Poland gathered last Sunday for a special Mass celebrating what they see as a miracle: the appearance on a communion wafer of a dark spot that they are convinced is part of the heart of Jesus.

The communion wafer in question developed a brown spot in 2008 after falling on the floor during a Mass in the eastern Polish town of Sokolka. Two medical doctors determined that the spot was heart muscle tissue, church officials have said.

Bialystok Archbishop Edward Ozorowski said during the Mass that in history, the "substance of Christ's body or blood has become available to the human senses, and this also happened in Sokolka."

"For God, nothing is impossible," he added. The dark-spotted wafer was carried aloft in a reliquary in a procession and was put on display in the town's church of St. Anthony as about 1,000 faithful looked on, according to a report and footage carried by the TV station TVN.

The wafer was dropped by a priest celebrating communion in 2008. In accordance with church practice, the priest placed the wafer in water to dissolve it. Several days later a nun found that the wafer had not dissolved, and found a red mark on it. The nun's discovery sparked huge interest among the faithful in this deeply Roman Catholic country, sparking large numbers to flock to Sokolka. The Vatican is still examining the matter and has not yet officially decided whether to declare it a miracle.

A group of rationalists complained about the matter in 2008, and called on civil authorities to investigate if a murder or other crime was involved if human flesh was indeed found on the wafer. Police say they have no evidence of any crime.

Disbelief is certainly no crime.