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SCHEDULES

Masses:

Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM

Confession:

Sunday 8:00AM-8:45AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday 7:00PM-8:00PM

Religious Education:

Sunday 10:30AM-12:00PM

1st Sat. of Month:

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Rosary & Altar Society
meeting

Weekly Bulletin

April 15 through April 21, 2007
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Peace be with you!”

The gift of peace seems elusive in our days. From wars raging across the globe to the murders and gang violence of our own metropolitan area, there seems to be a profound lack of peace. Strife in families and struggles within our own hearts make this un-peacefulness a reality that we cannot ignore.

If the Risen Lord Jesus promises us peace, then we should turn to Him to receive that precious gift. That seems to be where we fail. Pope John Paul II had asked us to pray the rosary for peace in Iraq. How many of us took up that invitation on a daily basis? How many of us complain regularly about the president and the politics of war? If we spent half as much time praying as we do complaining, then perhaps we would already have peace! Instead, we do not trust in the Risen Lord’s power to bring peace and so content ourselves with wishful thinking and a lot of belly-aching. The same is true of bringing peace to neighborhoods, families, and our own souls. If we have faith, we must turn to Jesus for peace!

Where does peace begin? It starts in the human heart which needs a Savior to rescue it from the selfishness which poisons our relationships with one another. We need an openness to God and neighbor which is profoundly different from the “my way or the highway” mentality that so often prevails. The failings of others and the grudges we nurture because of them rob us of a peaceful life. Our own mistakes can do the same, as we are sometimes unable to forgive ourselves as well as those around us.

Peace is the fruit of living in God’s Merciful Love. As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we welcome the forgiveness of our sins and the peace, which this brings to our hearts. We realize that this commits us to mercy in our dealings with one another: “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us!” How can we even think of peace in a place with centuries-old hatreds when we can’t live peacefully with those near us who share so many of our values? We need to turn to Jesus and let Him show us how to love. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy need to become part of our everyday living. We need to build our lives on the firm foundation of God’s unwavering love for us so that we can peacefully withstand the inevitable imperfections in our love for one another. The Risen Lord can help us to rise above the troubles we face... if we let Him!

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

<p><u>MASS INTENTIONS</u></p> <p>Saturday 4/14 <i>Mary Swits</i></p> <p>Sunday 4/15 <i>People of the Parish</i></p> <p>Saturday 4/21 <i>Charlie Burton and Rita Shiptad</i></p> <p>Sunday 4/22 <i>People of the Parish</i></p>	<p>“Jesus, I trust in You!”</p> <p><i>St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!</i></p> <p>In Christ,</p> <p><i>Father Joseph Johnson</i></p> <p><u>Parish Announcements</u></p>
<p><u>GOSPEL READING AT MASS</u></p> <p>Saturday 4/14 Mark 16: 9-15</p> <p>Sunday 4/15 John 20: 19-31</p> <p>Monday 4/16 John 3: 1-8</p> <p>Tuesday 4/17 John 3: 7b-15</p> <p>Wednesday 4/18 John 2: 16-21</p> <p>Thursday 4/19 John 3:31-36</p> <p>Friday 4/20 John 6: 1-15</p>	<p>April 29: Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>At 12:30 pm on April 29th, the Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Council will be gathering for a meeting in Wellisch Hall. If you are a member of the council and are not able to attend, please inform Andre Yang or one of the clergy.</p> <p><u>Other Announcements</u></p> <p>Today at the Cathedral: The Feast of Divine Mercy</p> <p>A guide to this special Sunday’s events and materials on Divine Mercy is available for those unfamiliar with the Devotion. The schedule of events include:</p> <p>12:00 PM - Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and readings from the Works of Saint Faustina and John Paul II on Divine Mercy</p> <p>1:30 PM - Confessions begin</p> <p>2:00 PM - Pray the Rosary</p> <p>2:50 PM - A short reflection by Father Joseph Johnson</p> <p>3:00 PM - Chant the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Father John Paul Erickson</p> <p>3:20 PM - Benediction</p>
<p><u>Saturday Confession</u></p> <p>Saturday Confession will be at the Cathedral of Saint Paul from 3:30PM-5:00PM.</p>	<p>April 16: Be Part of Cathedral History</p> <p>One facet of the Cathedral Cornerstone Centennial will be special tours of the Cathedral offered in the afternoons of June 2 and 3. Enactors will bring to life bits of the past in five to seven minute presentations. Would you be interested in serving as an enactor? Memorization is minimal; a strong sense of hospitality is essential. Learn more about this history-making way to participate in our monumental weekend. Come to an informational meeting on Monday, April 16 at 7:00pm in Hayden Hall. For more information call our Centennial Hotline, 651-357-1354.</p>
<p><u>Lus ceeb toom</u></p> <p>Vim tsis muaj tus teb xov tooj hauv peb lub Tsev teev Ntuj lawm, mas yog nej hu tuaj, tus yuav teb xov tooj yog tus khiav hauj lwm nyob pem lub niam Tsev teev Ntuj (Cathedral). Tso nej npe thiab xov tooj, Txiv Plig mam li hu rov rau nej.</p>	
<p>St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for us!</p>	

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