

# Weekly Bulletin

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## St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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### CLERGY

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### SCHEDULES

#### Masses:

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM

#### Confession:

Sunday 8:00AM-8:45AM

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday 7:00PM-8:00PM

#### Religious Education:

Sunday 10:30AM-  
12:00PM

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Month:

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

### “Some were being neglected in the daily distribution”

There was a concern recorded in the Acts of the Apostles that some people in need were not receiving the assistance they deserved from the community. In particular, they needed food for their daily meals. This resulted in the choosing of the Church's first seven deacons—a decisive response to meet a recognized need. One could hope that such needs no longer existed but we know that not to be the case.

With the current economic downturn, it is deeply distressing to think that our community would consider terminating any assistance programs for the poor. And yet, the city government of Minneapolis is threatening to do just that. Justifying their actions by reports of drug problems, they are attempting to revoke the food license of Sharing and Caring Hands—which serves 1,000 meals per day to people who would otherwise go hungry. It seems logical to me that depriving already desperate people of hot meals is more likely to increase crime rather than to decrease it!

It is easier than ever to become poor with layoffs and foreclosures increasing. Poverty is not a crime but the misery it causes sometimes leads to crime. There is no doubt that there are some “bad apples” that the city could use to justify closing down a beautiful work of charity which has been going on without major problems for well over twenty years. It is equally true that the same justification could be used to close all of our city parks, libraries, and buses! Personally, I have been going to Sharing and Caring Hands for nearly a decade and find it much safer, friendlier, and more cheerful than many places—including city hall. Why the targeting of this particular place?

I can't read hearts to tell you the motivation of these public servants. The poor about to be deprived of their only source of sustenance are pretty clear on what they think is happening: “The ballpark that is going up next door means that rich people won't want to see the homeless on their way to the games.”

Amazingly, Mary Jo Copeland has never accepted a penny of government money for her efforts—rightfully wary of the strings that are so often attached. So, whose taxes have to rise in order to fund those 1,000 meals per day and where are they going to be served and by whom? And if there is “nothing in the budget” to feed the hungry that the city is depriving of meals... what does that tell us about our priorities? (Especially considering the millions in public tax dollars going to support the building of the ballpark!)

Now is the time for all people of good will to act. We need to send a strong message that our community will not tolerate abandoning our brothers and sisters in need. Please support Mary Jo Copeland and the good work of Sharing and Caring Hands with your prayers and, if so inspired, by contacting the Minneapolis city government to tell them of your concern.

## Father Joseph Johnson

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 4/19**

5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

**Sunday 4/20**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday 4/26**

5:00 PM Mary & Sarah Clyde

**Sunday 4/27**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 4/19 (Vigil)**

John 14: 1-12

**Sunday 4/20**

John 14: 1-12

**Monday 4/21**

John 14: 21-26

**Tuesday 4/22**

John 14: 27-31

**Wednesday 4/23**

John 15: 1-8

**Thursday 4/24**

John 15: 9-11

**Friday 4/25**

Mark 16: 15-20

**Saturday 4/26 (AM)**

John 15: 18-21

**Saturday Confession**

Saturday Confession will be at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul** from 3:30PM-5:00PM

**Lus ceeb toom**

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.

**Father Fliss**

We are pleased to welcome back to Saint Vincent de Paul a very familiar face - Fr. Paul Fliss. While Fr. Fliss was not able to be with us during Lent, he has generously volunteered to make the long trek from Milwaukee to be with us on the weekend of April 26/27. Fr. Fliss will offer Mass on April 27th in Hmong and will be available to hear confessions in Hmong following the Liturgy. If you have not yet had a chance to make a good confession this year, please plan to make this part of your day on April 27.

**May Day Family Procession**

The annual May Day Family Rosary Procession will be held Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The procession will gather on the Capitol approach at 1:30 PM and process down John Ireland Boulevard to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Join thousands of individuals and families in the prayer of the Rosary for the intentions of their own families and all the families of the world.

**Church Photo Directory**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in this project so far. The photo sessions will continue through the first week of May from 12 Noon to 2 PM. We would like to have a group picture of each of the following groups: religion teachers, Youth Group and altar boys.

**Prayer For Vocations**

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

*Pope John Paul II*