

# Weekly Bulletin

August 16 to August 23, 2008

## “A house of prayer for all peoples”

Today’s first reading speaks of the universality of God’s Love. All His sons and daughters, of every race and nation, are welcomed to the Father’s House. Our little parish of Saint Vincent de Paul illustrates this reality beautifully both in the past and the present.

In the late 1800s this parish was built largely by newly-arrived Irish immigrants. Just a few years later it was the scene of an important baptism of some Chinese immigrants. A century ago this already foreshadowed the outreach to Asian immigrants that we see today as the spiritual home for Hmong Catholics in the Twin Cities! Add to this those of German, French, Italian, or other descent and we get closer to welcoming “all peoples.” Now we also get my visiting friends from the Vatican, England, and of course Texas!

It isn’t just geography, or even language and culture, that we must overcome. We cannot allow clan divisions or personal rivalries to tear at the unity of the Church. This is a sin that we must repent and then avoid in the future. We see that it only creates sorrow and prevents so much good from being done. We must learn to share with one another the merciful love that God has so freely given to each one of us.

Jesus always reached out to the marginalized. There should be no “strangers” here—we are all God’s children. Our parish life will thrive only if each one of us is willing to commit to a community of faith. We follow the Lord Jesus together! We are destined to share eternal life... so we might as well start to share our lives now!

God bless you!

Fr. Joseph

## Financial Aid for Catholic Schools



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### CLERGY

- † Fr. Joseph Johnson,  
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Associate Pastor
- † Fr. Andrew Cozzens,  
Associate Pastor
- † Dc. Va Thai Lo
- † Dc. Nao Kao Yang

### 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

#### 1st Sat. of Month:

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 8/16**

*5:00 PM Lillie Zak*

**Sunday 8/17**

*9:00 AM People of the Parish*

**Saturday 8/23**

*5:00 PM Lillie Zak*

**Sunday 8/24**

*9:00 AM People of the Parish*

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 8/16 (Vigil)**

Matthew 15: 21-28

**Sunday 8/17**

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**Monday 8/18**

Matthew 19: 16-22

**Tuesday 8/19**

Matthew 19: 23-30

**Wednesday 8/20**

Matthew 20: 1-16

**Thursday 8/21**

Matthew 22: 1-14

**Friday 8/22**

Matthew 22: 34-40

**Saturday 8/23 (AM)**

Matthew 23: 1-12

**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.

St. Vincent de Paul,  
Pray for us!

Saint Vincent de Paul received a special grant a couple of years ago for the sole purpose of assisting students from our parish to attend Catholic schools. Several students have benefited from this fund over the past two years. The remaining funds are available to parishioners who would like to enroll their children in Catholic schools. Assistance for the coming year is available in the amount of \$500 for grade school tuition and \$1,000 for high school tuition. Requests should be submitted in writing to Fr. Johnson by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Religious Education Meeting**

On Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-9:30 PM, the Church of St. Helena is hosting an in-service catechetical meeting entitled “Helping to Identify a Catholic Identity.” This class features high quality speakers and is open to anyone working in religious education.

**Mass Intentions Available**

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest possible prayer there is. It is a powerful prayer to offer for a friend or family member. Please call the parish office at 651-488-6737 to arrange for a Mass to be offered for your own intentions.

**Year of Saint Paul**

He, who is called “the Apostle to the Gentiles”. that is, to the Nations, never actually met Jesus during his life in Jerusalem or along the roads of Galilee, like the Twelve Apostles. He is the first apostle to have the experience of only the Risen Christ, as all Christians will continue to have through the centuries. With Paul, the words of the Prophet Micah, “.....from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” (Micah 4:2), were fulfilled in just a few years and in an ardent manner.

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ