



Weekly Bulletin

August 22 to August 29, 2009

The Bread of Life

For several weeks we have been listening to chapter six of Saint John's Gospel about Jesus giving himself in the extraordinary gift of the Eucharist. We hear this weekend that several disciples turn away and leave because they have difficulty accepting Jesus as the Bread of Life. They recognize his remarkable teachings and miraculous deeds, but have trouble believing that we can eat his flesh and drink his blood. Jesus even asks Peter if he also wants to leave. Yet Peter responds to the Lord with divine insight, "You have the words of eternal life." The gift of our Lord is eternal life. We are offered that same challenge to consider this week.

My hope is that we stay close to our Lord in the great gift of the Eucharist by faithful participation in the holy sacrifice of the Mass. There are so many reasons not to leave. Jesus invites us share in his life and holds nothing back. He willingly gives all so that we can experience salvation. This great grace allows us to participate in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through praying the Mass, our own lives are changed into a prolonged Mass. We are allowed a cosmic glimpse of eternity to pray with all those who surround the heavenly altar. We continually remember Christ's passion and death, which delivered us from the real evil of sin and merited for us all true good. We also constantly experience the joy of His resurrection which gives us the virtue of hope. We take what we experience at Mass with us back to our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces and schools to joyfully proclaim his resurrection and ascension through our own words and deeds. Our Sabbath is centered on the holy sacrifice so that we might look forward to Christ's return in glory.

The difficulty in the teaching is that we must imitate our Lord. He willingly offered himself as a gift to the Father. In doing so, his life became a great gift for others. We are called to belief which leads to action. Our belief that Jesus gives the words of eternal life encourages us to journey with the God who accompanies us on our pilgrim way. May our sharing in the Eucharistic banquet assist us to make our lives a gift to others.

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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

1st Sat. of Month:

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

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8/22
5:00 PM Tou Yang John Ly

Sunday 8/23
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 8/29
5:00 PM Diane Welvang

Sunday 8/30
9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 8/22(Vigil)
John 6: 60-69

Sunday 8/23
John 6: 60-69

Monday 8/24
John 1: 45-51

Tuesday 8/25
Matthew 23: 23-26

Wednesday 8/26
Matthew 23: 27-32

Thursday 8/27
Matthew 24: 42-51

Friday 8/28
Matthew 25: 1-13

Saturday 8/29 (AM)
Mark 6: 17-29

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!**

Thank You from Father Kohler

Upon returning to my ancestral neighborhood of Frogtown to preach on behalf of the missionary ministries of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, I would like to extend my thanks to the parish for your generous response to this appeal. I am most appreciative of the kindnesses shown to me and the several good conversations I had with many of you. Be assured of the Spiritans prayers for you and for your intentions. Likewise be assured of the need of Spiritans worldwide for your prayers for them and for God's little ones; the poor and those left out.

Do please keep the missions in your hearts. Keep the Spiritans in mind. And continue to witness to the Gospel in your lives.

Father Girard J. Kohler, C.S.Sp.

Financial Aid for Catholic Schools

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 three years. The remaining funds are available to parishioners who would like to enroll their children in Catholic schools and can demonstrate financial need. 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 1st.

Finance Council Meeting

The Finance Council will meet Sunday, August 30th at 12:30 PM in Wellisch Hall.