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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

Weekly Bulletin

December 1 through December 8, 2007

“You also must be prepared...”

“...for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” Today’s scriptures remind us to be prepared! Advent is a time of preparation. We know this because we spend so much energy preparing holiday gatherings and gifts for loved ones. But what about spiritual preparation?

We are pretty good about making spiritual preparations in Lent... but what about Advent? As Christians, we cannot afford to be busy shopping and drinking egg nog without also preparing our hearts for the celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus. We need to make time for what is most important—our relationship with God. The best gift that we can give to ourselves is the renewal of the spiritual dimension of this beautiful season.

It can be so easy to do! Make an Advent wreath and say family prayers around it each evening. Attend the Advent morning of Recollection at the Cathedral and make sure to get to confession before Christmas. Spend time with people who have been “left behind” as age or sickness has isolated them. Promise to give a “matching grant” to charity for each dollar you spend on gifts for your family. When receiving gifts, make sure to clear room in the closet for them by passing on some older belongings to those in need.

The list goes on... so check it twice and commit to letting Jesus into your life during this crowded time of year!

Father Joseph

Saturday, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/1
5:00 PM Sean Byrne

Sunday 12/2
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 12/8
9:00 AM People of the Parish
5:00 PM Tom Magnalici

Sunday 12/9
9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 12/1(Vigil)
Matthew 24: 37-44

Sunday 12/2
Matthew 24: 37-44

Monday 12/3
Matthew 8: 5-11

Tuesday 12/4
Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday 12/5
Matthew 15: 29-37

Thursday 12/6
Matthew 7: 21, 24-27

Friday 12/7
Matthew 9: 27-31

Saturday 12/8 (AM)
Luke 1: 26-38

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!**

On Saturday, December 8, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On this patronal feast day of the United States, the Church remembers the glorious fact that our Blessed Mother was conceived without original sin. This was a gift of Her Son and Savior. **December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation and all Catholics who are physically able are required to attend Holy Mass on this day in honor of our Immaculate Mother. Mass will be offered at St. Vincent's at 9 am on December 8.** If you are not able to attend Mass at St. Vincent's that day, please make provisions to attend Holy Mass somewhere else. NB: The Cathedral of Saint Paul is offering three Masses in celebration of this Solemnity – 5:15 pm on Friday, December 7 and both an 8am and 12 noon on December 8. Please also note that attendance at a Vigil Mass on the day of the Solemnity (4pm or later) does not count towards the fulfillment of one's obligation to attend Mass on December 8.

Home Visits

Father Erickson would love to visit your home! No meal is required or expected. This is simply an opportunity to develop a better sense of community and connection with the families that call St. Vincent de Paul home. Please call Txiv Plig Erickson at 651-357-1330 or e-mail him at frerickson@cathedralsaintpaul.org to arrange a visit. I look forward to seeing you soon! - Fr. Erickson

Second Saturday Potluck

Remember that every second Saturday of the month all are invited to gather in Wellisch Hall for a simple potluck following the 5 PM Mass. Please bring food to share.

Thursday Morning Meeting

The monthly meeting to discuss parish business will be held on December 6th at 7 AM in Wellisch Hall. All parishioners who would like to listen in or share information are invited to attend this meeting. The parish office will be open from 8:30 AM until Noon every Thursday.