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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 29 through January 5, 2008

Wholly Family

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that through the Incarnation God chose not just to share our human nature but also to become part of a family. Broken and dysfunctional as many are, our families are still the means by which God teaches us to love one another—which includes the necessary ingredient of being able to forgive. They are not the best structure for human life... they are the only structure!

This feast also reminds us that every family is supposed to become a holy family. Jesus should be the center of our life together and guide us in helping one another along the path to the one true home of our family and every family: Heaven! We didn't get to choose our families and they didn't get to choose us... God chose us for each other as companions on our journey to the Eternal Father's House.

Sometimes this season can be a source of added anxiety and pain for those whose families are filled with the strife and tension with which sin has infected our homes. We don't need to go down the laundry list of offenses big and small that chip away at family peace and unity. It is enough to know that the ideal of family life with the white picket fence is less and less the case. Every family has its struggles so we should be attentive to those around us who may need some friendly encouragement.

These past months we have focused on understanding our membership in the Church as sharing a mission—with Christ and with each other. This time of year makes it all the more clear that Jesus has commissioned us and empowered us. The gift of Love which came to the world at Bethlehem should now come through our Christ-like lives as His disciples.

We have a shared mission because of having been bound together by the grace of baptism. Our union with one another in the Mystical Body of Christ is the root of this collaboration in the Holy Spirit. We share God's Love together as a family of faith. My prayer is that the New Year will see us continue to commit to one another and to this mission. We need to reach out beyond those people in the parish whom we already know and like (or dislike) until each member feels welcomed as part of the whole spiritual family... and then we will truly be a holy family as well!

Father Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/29
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 12/30
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 1/5
8:30 AM Ralph Mikel Family
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 1/6
9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 12/29(Vigil)
Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

Sunday 12/30
Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

Monday 12/31
John 1: 1-18

Tuesday 1/1
Luke 2: 16-21

Wednesday 1/2
John 1: 19-28

Thursday 1/3
John 1: 29-34

Friday 1/4
John 1: 35-42

Saturday 1/5 (AM)
John 1: 43-51

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!**

Holy Day Schedule

Feast of the Holy Family (December 29,30): Usual Weekend schedule
Mary, Mother of God (Tuesday, January 1) (Bi-Lingual): 10am
Please note that January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Hmong New Year Celebrated December 30th

On Sunday, December 30th the Church of Saint Vincent de Paul will celebrate Hmong New Year. The celebration will begin with 9am Mass offered by Bishop Richard Pates, followed by entertainment, the blessing of eggs, and a Pot Luck fit for a king. Please plan on attending this important and joyful event!

Open Gym

Arrangements have been made for the Youth Group, their family and friends to use New Spirit's gym on Sundays from 1pm - 5pm. This will be an open gym activity and is not mandatory, but is open for anyone who wants to come and just get some physical activities going. Please feel free to bring both your school homework and Sunday school homework to work on as well. There will be a space available for you to work on those while the gym is in use.

- Peter Ly