



## Weekly Bulletin

December 5 to December 12, 2009

### “To discern what is of value”

In today’s second reading, our patron Saint Paul prays that we may learn “to discern what is of value.” This is an important skill in all areas of life! Black Friday and Cyber Monday specials are only appealing if we determine the object on sale to be of greater value than the price being asked for it.

This time of year sees lots of gifts being exchanged. When we buy, we need to be smart shoppers. When we receive, we need to gratefully acknowledged what is being given. The discernment comes in when we realize that price is not the essential ingredient in value. What parent receiving a hand-made artwork from a child doesn’t value that more than the *Mona Lisa*? What parent seeing a plastic toy that costs way too much hasn’t occasionally swallowed hard and bought it because the smile on the child’s face is worth it?

Amid the flurry of gift-giving, this season of Advent is an opportunity to remember the greatest gift ever given: our Savior Jesus Christ! What more could God offer us than Himself? Even in prayer we too often seek anything but the simplest and most precious goal—loving union with God. This gift awaits us to claim it by reordering our daily lives to reflect the priority of God above everyone and everything else.

Saint John the Baptist asks us to prepare the way of the Lord by repentance, that is by learning to value God’s Love as our true treasure. The cost of discipleship can often be steep but salvation is a bargain at any price!

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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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Sunday 12/6  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 12/12  
5:00 PM Donald Weber

Sunday 12/13  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 12/5(Vigil)**  
Luke 3: 1-6

**Sunday 12/6**  
Luke 3: 1-6

**Monday 12/7**  
Luke 5: 17-26

**Tuesday 12/8**  
Luke 1: 26-38

**Wednesday 12/9**  
Matthew 11: 28-30

**Thursday 12/10**  
Matthew 11: 11-15

**Friday 12/11**  
Matthew 11: 16-19

**Saturday 12/12 (AM)**  
Luke 1: 26-38 or 1: 39-47

**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!**

**Tuesday, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation**

On Tuesday, December 8, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. **Mass will be offered at St. Vincent's at 7 PM.** All Catholics who are physically able are required to attend Holy Mass on this day in honor of our Immaculate Mother. If you are not able to attend Mass at St. Vincent's that day, please make provisions to attend Holy Mass somewhere else. If you need assistance in finding a church, please call the parish number (651-488-6737). The Cathedral of Saint Paul is offering four Masses in celebration of this Solemnity – 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM, 5:15 PM and 7 PM.

**Farewell Vespers for Bishop-Elect Sirba**

Everyone is invited to the Cathedral on Friday, December 11, at 7 PM for a vespers service for Bishop-elect Sirba, whose episcopal ordination and installation as Bishop of Duluth is on December 14.

**Hmong New Year Celebration**

On Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, the Church of Saint Vincent de Paul will celebrate the Hmong New Year 2010. The celebration will begin with 9 AM Mass followed by entertainment at 11, the blessing of eggs and a potluck fit for a king at 12:30. Plan on attending this important and joyful event!

**Christmas Clean Up and Set Up – December 20**

All able bodied parishioners are asked to help clean our Church and set up decorations for the wonderful days of Christmas. We will begin these preparations after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, December 20. There will be no adult religious education that day.