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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

February 9 through February 16, 2008

Ashes to Ashes...

Lent begins and ends each year in the same way—tracing the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The familiarity of this progression might actually dull our awareness of the “big picture” of its meaning. We know this journey so well that we assume that we have explored all of the implications of Lent by now.

We usually focus on the penitential meaning of this holy season. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are essential elements of the process of conversion that we highlight. We encourage one another to “give up” something good as a sacrifice or to do something extra to improve our spiritual life. It goes without saying that we should also be focused on giving up what is evil or just plain unhelpful to our discipleship of the Lord Jesus!

All of these practices are meant to have us cooperate more fully with the transformation by which the grace of the Holy Spirit makes us more Christ-like. This is certainly a worthy goal—but it isn’t the whole story. As a moral theologian, I must be the first to say that our primary objective is not perfect moral conduct! That is the means, not the end!

Our aspiration is Heaven and nothing less! The ashes remind us that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. The cross on our foreheads is a sign of repentance *and of mortality*. Easter is the celebration of Christ’s victory over sin *and death*. We need to appreciate Lent as the journey from death to eternal life... we miss the point if we only think about repentance and not about immortality. We repent because we have strayed from the union with God that leads us by His Mercy *through death* to the infinite embrace of His Love.

We refuse to be distracted by passing pleasures for our eyes are set on an eternal inheritance. Our lives are meant to not just be “good” but “heavenly”! We obey the commandments so that we may abide in God’s Love—now and forever! May our spiritual discipline in Lent renew this hope within us!

Father Joseph

Soup Supper and Stations on Fridays during Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2/9

5:00 PM Lorraine Trummer

Sunday 2/10

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 2/16

5:00 PM Don & Midge Huberty

Sunday 2/17

9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 2/9 (Vigil)

Matthew 4: 1-11

Sunday 2/10

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Monday 2/11

Matthew 25: 31-46

Tuesday 2/12

Matthew 6: 7-15

Wednesday 2/13

Luke 11: 29-32

Thursday 2/14

Matthew 7: 7-12

Friday 2/15

Matthew 5: 20-26

Saturday 2/16 (AM)

Matthew 5: 43-48

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!

Every Friday during Lent at 6pm, St. Vincent's will offer a simple soup supper in Wellisch Hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend. During our regular Friday Holy Hour during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Prayer For Vocations

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

Pope John Paul II

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ