



**St. Vincent
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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 16 through February 23, 2008

“Tis good Lord to be here”

Every day of the year is a gift from God and should be gratefully received from Him with prayer. Whatever words we choose to use or in silence, prayer is our conversation with the God who gives us life this day.

For people of faith, our relationship with God provides the meaning to everything that happens to us. A day without prayer is a day which ignores that relationship. Thus, a day without prayer is a day empty of meaning—scary thought!

Lent is a season to make more time for prayer. It isn't that the multiplication of words helps us. Rather, we are enriched by the time we spend with the One who loves us and Whom we profess to love. It deepens our relationship with God which makes every moment of life more meaningful.

During Lent, we choose to make sacrifices to foster greater spiritual discipline and show our commitment to “take up the Cross” to follow the Lord. I can think of no better and costly sacrifice than to offer the gift of time. With busy lives in a busy world, it is a steep price to redirect any time for something not already on our schedules. Yet, this is time that we invest in a relationship that lasts for eternity... and then we see prayer time as the bargain that it is!

I am edified to see all the additional people who make the commitment to attend daily Mass. No higher prayer exists than that in which we are nourished by the Savior's Body and Blood! Whether quietly at home, or in the car (with radio off or meditation CD in), or on break at work (with the Ipod set to something holy), or in church to light a candle or attend Mass or Stations of the Cross on Fridays... hear the call to pray and find rest, nourishment, and guidance for the soul! The sacrifice is much less than the gift that we make to ourselves from this encounter with God.

Father Joseph

Soup Supper and Stations on Fridays during Lent

Every Friday during Lent at 6pm, St. Vincent's will offer a simple soup

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2/16

5:00 PM Don & Midge
Huberty

Sunday 2/17

9:00 AM People of the
Parish

Saturday 2/23

5:00 PM Cecilia Shelby

Sunday 2/24

9:00 AM People of the
Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT
MASS**

Saturday 2/16 (Vigil)

Matthew 17: 1-9

Sunday 2/17

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Monday 2/18

Luke 6: 36-38

Tuesday 2/19

Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday 2/20

Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday 2/21

Luke 16: 19-31

Friday 2/22

Matthew 16: 13-19

Saturday 2/23(AM)

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

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!

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