



**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 2 through February 9, 2008

## Is there a doctor in the house?

This weekend we welcome back Father Andrew Cozzens. He has reappeared among us after having disappeared in mid-Advent. He assures me that it was not a seven week vacation!

As most of you know, Father Cozzens' primary assignment is as a professor of theology at the Saint Paul Seminary at the other end of Summit Avenue. To prepare for this position he had been sent to Rome to do advanced studies. After four years there, he returned to the Twin Cities to begin teaching and complete his dissertation from afar—easier said than done! (Don't ask me about the last time I was able to dust off my own half-completed dissertation!)

It is a great credit to Father Cozzens' perseverance that he has performed his duties at the seminary so well, assisted us generously, and completed his dissertation. Even his doctoral defense was done while multi-tasking, as he was the faculty member on duty for the eleven fourth year seminarians spending the "J-term" in Rome! The board of professors handed out high compliments to him on the quality of his thesis on the rich theological meaning of priestly celibacy as an image of Christ the Bridegroom of the Church.

This is a great opportunity for us to remember that seminaries have to be more than "trade schools" producing priests who can preach and administer the sacraments. These must also be places where the rich treasury of our faith is explored more fully and the way is opened for new scholars to emerge. Sometimes immediate needs trump investment in the future. It is a great testament to Archbishop Flynn's vision that he has sent so many young priests for further studies so that they can now enrich the eager young minds at the seminary.

We are justly proud of our "weekend helper" and wish to publicly congratulate him on his well-deserved honors! Father Cozzens also wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and encouragement.

## **Father Joseph**

### Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 6, marks the beginning of Lent. Here at St.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 2/2**

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

**Sunday 2/3**

9:00 AM People of the  
Parish

**Saturday 2/9**

5:00 PM Lorraine Trummer

**Sunday 2/10**

9:00 AM People of the  
Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT**

**MASS**

**Saturday 2/2 (Vigil)**

Matthew 5: 1-12

**Sunday 2/3**

Matthew 5: 1-12

**Monday 2/4**

Mark 5: 1-20

**Tuesday 2/5**

Mark 5: 21-43

**Wednesday 2/6**

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

**Thursday 2/7**

Luke 9: 22-25

**Friday 2/8**

Matthew 9: 14-15

**Saturday 2/9 (AM)**

Luke 5: 27-32

**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.

Vincent’s we will mark this important day of penance and conversion with a 7pm Mass that will include the distribution of ashes. Please plan to attend.

**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.

**Soup Supper and Stations on Fridays during Lent**

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.

**No Second Saturday Potluck during Lent**

During the holy season of Lent, St. Vincent’s will not offer second Saturday potluck. Second Saturday potlucks will resume in the Easter season.

**Thursday Morning Meeting**

The monthly meeting to discuss parish business and any concerns of members of the parish will be held next Thursday, February 7 at 7 AM in Wellisch Hall. The parish office will be open from 8:30 AM to Noon every Thursday. Please call with your questions, suggestions, mass intentions and address updates for the parish roster.