

# Weekly Bulletin

January 3 to January 10, 2009



## St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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### CLERGY

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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

“You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace...”

“...that was given to me for your benefit.” So wrote our patron Saint Paul to the Ephesians in today’s second reading. He is conscious of both the gifts that God has given to him and of the responsibility of using those gifts in the service of the Church. Today’s feast of Epiphany recalls the “three kings” who also felt compelled to transform their regal treasures into the form of gifts to the Lord Jesus.

Christmas time usually sees even non-religious people exchanging gifts as a sign of love for one another. As Christians, we recognize the greatest gift ever given to us as we celebrate the birth of Our Savior. We need to take this awareness of God’s Love with us throughout the year—especially as we experience the turbulence of economic downturn and personal travails.

God’s gifts of Love are also manifested in our own good qualities. We need to thank God for the goodness of His Creation... starting by looking in the mirror. God sent His Son to save us because he considers us worth saving! Each person is a masterpiece who can enrich the whole world as God’s gift. Are we conscious of this dignity? Are we engaged in daily living out this gift? Do we treat others as a gift?

We need to foster this disposition of heart: gratitude for the gift that we are and generosity in becoming a gift to others. Christ took on our humanity so that we could become living vessels of Merciful Love. We have been commissioned to do nothing less than transform the world! As members of the Church, our prayers and actions are the instruments of God’s Love today. My hope is that our New Year’s resolution will be that this shared sense of gratitude and responsibility may take root in the hearts of our members and bear a beautiful fruit of holiness!

## Father Joseph

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 1/3  
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 1/4  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 1/10  
5:00 PM Lorraine Trummer

Sunday 1/11  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 1/3 (Vigil)**  
Matthew 2: 1-12

**Sunday 1/4**  
Matthew 2: 1-12

**Monday 1/5**  
Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday 1/6**  
Mark 6: 34-44

**Wednesday 1/7**  
Mark 6: 45-52

**Thursday 1/8**  
Luke 4: 14-22

**Friday 1/9**  
Luke 5: 12-16

**Saturday 1/10 (AM)**  
John 3: 22-30

**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!

**2009 Church Envelopes**

The donation envelopes for 2009 are available in back of church. Please check names and addresses to make sure we have up-to-date information. You should be using these new envelopes for your contributions in 2009. Please call the office number (651-488-6737) if you have any questions.

**Religious Education Classes**

Religious education classes will resume this Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Second Saturday Potluck**

Remember that every second Saturday of the month all are invited to gather in Wellisch Hall for a simple potluck following the 5 PM Mass. Please bring food to share.

**Year of Saint Paul**

He, who is called “the Apostle to the Gentiles”. that is, to the Nations, never actually met Jesus during his life in Jerusalem or along the roads of Galilee, like the Twelve Apostles. He is the first apostle to have the experience of only the Risen Christ, as all Christians will continue to have through the centuries. With Paul, the words of the Prophet Micah, “.....from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jersalem” (Micah 4:2), were fulfilled in just a few years and in an ardent manner.