



Weekly Bulletin

July 21 through July 28, 2007

"Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper"

Consternation about the recent Vatican document on the nature of the Church needs to be addressed. It is a most unremarkable document that states nothing new. As a Jewish rabbi remarked, it is silly to think that anyone believes anything without thinking that they are right! The trouble comes from the necessary consequence... other people may thus be wrong.

Pope Benedict XVI has called the current atmosphere prevalent in Western civilization "the dictatorship of relativism." You are free to believe or say anything you want as long as you make no claim for it of an absolute nature. This is, of course, ridiculously unscientific though it claims to be reasonable. How can your belief about something be more right than mine? To ask such a question would be akin to asking in science: how can you say that your claim about the world being round is any better than my claim that it is flat? There is such a thing as objective truth equally about the physical and spiritual dimensions of our universe. The world cannot be both flat and round. Jesus either is the Savior the world or He is not. My opinion doesn't change the facts of the matter—just whether or not I delude myself.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta faced this situation often. India is a richly diverse nation and Christians account for a tiny percentage. When she was attacked for "wanting to convert everyone," she said "Jesus is my treasure—of course I want to share the joy of knowing Him with others." But she did so in a humble way within the context of simply loving everyone regardless of their religious beliefs or lack thereof. Let us seek to love others and then invite them to the source of our love—the God Who is Love and reveals Himself to us in Jesus Christ!

Each time we encounter the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist we must give thanks for the gift of the Church. Jesus Christ founded the Church to bring the fullness of truth and sanctification to our world. May the members of the Church always rejoice in the grace of the sacraments and the guidance in discipleship which have been given to us! And may we share that joy eagerly, but humbly, with all of our brothers and sisters!

St. Vincent de Paul Pray for us!

In Christ,

Father John Paul Erickson

Finance Council Meeting on August 19th

There will be a parish Finance Council Meeting at noon on Sunday, August 19th in Wellisch Hall. If you are a member of the parish Finance Council, please plan on attending.

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SCHEDULES

Masses:

Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM

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
- Rosary & Altar Society meeting

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7/21
People of the Parish

Sunday 7/22
People of the Parish

Saturday 7/28
People of the Parish

Sunday 7/29
People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 7/21
Matthew 12: 14-21

Sunday 7/22
Luke 10: 38-42

Monday 7/23
Matthew 12: 38-42

Tuesday 7/24
Matthew 12: 46-50

Wednesday 7/25
Matthew 20: 20-28

Thursday 7/26
Matthew 13: 10-17

Friday 7/27
Matthew 13: 18-23

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!**

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School Opening

This fall, a new Catholic High School will open its doors in Minneapolis. "Cristo Rey" is a safe, college preparatory, Catholic High School that is affordable due to a unique corporate work-study program in hospitals, banks, law firms and businesses that prepares students for career success. Opening to 125 students for freshman year, 2007-2008. Transportation and financial aid available. Please contact Fr. Bill Johnson, SJ Director of admissions for further details: bjohnson@crstoreytc.org 612-276-0140.

Crosier Missionaries at Saint Vincent de Paul This Weekend!

THIS weekend (July 21/22), two missionaries from the Canons Regular of the Holy Cross (Crosier Fathers) will be visiting Saint Vincent de Paul. They will be speaking about the work of the Crosiers in Africa and will join us for both of our Masses. A collection will be taken during these Masses for the needs of their important work. Please welcome these laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Mass intentions more than available

Many of our Masses at St. Vincent de Paul are celebrated "For the People." Many times, this is the very worthwhile "default" intention. It often times, though not always, means that no one has requested that that particular Mass be offered for a specific intention. Please know that we have *many* Masses available for special intentions. This is a beautiful and powerful gift to give to a loved one, living or dead. Please contact Veronica Ochoa at the Cathedral at 651.357.1356~ if you wish to have a Mass said for a loved one.

Prayer for Vocations

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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.