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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

Weekly Bulletin
July 27 through August 4, 2007

"Vacation is a gift from God"

I recently read the following on *Zenit*, an internet site dedicated to reporting "The world seen from Rome."

VATICAN CITY, JULY 8, 2007 (Zenit.org). - *Vacation is a "gift of God," says Benedict XVI, that allows one to revive the physical and spiritual energies necessary for life's journey.*

In an address today to those gathered in St. Peter's Square to pray the Angelus, the Pope wished to all, "especially those most in need, the possibility of taking a little vacation to reinvigorate your physical and spiritual energies and recover a salutary contact with nature."

How do you like that!!!!? The Pope himself, advocating vacation! Why would he see fit to speak on this seemingly frivolous topic?

In a very real way, the affirmation of the importance of leisure is a needed assault on the culture of death, specifically that part of the culture that equates importance with production. The fact is man is not a machine. The human person's worth cannot be appropriately evaluated by what he can make or how much he can produce. Unfortunately, we live in a society that promotes precisely this kind of mentality. It is certainly true – our labor should provide us with a sense of self-worth and self-respect. However, to connect our own dignity with what we can do is a dangerous first step towards legalized euthanasia and widespread selective abortion.

Many years ago the famed German philosopher Josef Pieper wrote a book entitled "Leisure, the Basis of Culture." In the text, Pieper reflected on the fact that without time away from the necessary demands of our daily activities, culture (art, philosophy, theology, architecture, etc) is not possible. We have not been made to simply produce – human persons have been made to think and to love. Leisure, and vacation certainly counts as leisure, gives one the humanizing opportunity to do both well.

During this season of visits to the cabin and to the lake home, let us thank God for the great gift of vacation. And let us take the opportunity to vacation *well*, by taking the time we need to rest, to think, to play, and to strengthen our relationships with those we love.

And by the way, this weekend we welcome home our vacationing pastor. We hope and pray that he vacationed well.

St. Vincent de Paul Pray for us!

In Christ,

Father John Paul Erickson

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7/28
People of the Parish

Sunday 7/29
People of the Parish

Saturday 8/4
People of the Parish

Sunday 8/5
People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 7/28
Matthew 13: 24-30

Sunday 7/29
Luke 11: 1-13

Monday 7/30
Matthew 13: 31-35

Tuesday 7/31
Matthew 13: 36-43

Wednesday 8/1
Matthew 13: 44-46

Thursday 8/2
Matthew 13: 47-53

Friday 8/3
Matthew 13: 54-58

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!**

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.

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.

Youth News—2 youth events are coming up that you should be aware of:

Description: Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe's Shrine in Lacrosse, WI

Date: Saturday, August 18

Time: Departing at St. Vincent de Paul's at 8am and returning in the early evening.

Cost: \$10 fee (waivable)

Please talk to Peter or Eric for more information.

Description: 2nd Annual Boys and Girls Retreat

Date: Friday, August 24 - Sunday August 26

Details: This is a mandatory retreat for all Youths ages 14 years and up. More information to be disclosed.

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.