



## Weekly Bulletin

June 26 to July 3, 2010

### Looking Forward with Gratitude

My least favorite thing in the world is saying goodbye. It is never any fun and always very difficult to find the right words to say that I will miss everyone and that I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as parochial vicar at Saint Vincent de Paul for the past year. In many ways, I like my good-byes to be much like my homilies, quick and painless. It has been a great joy to say Mass in this magnificent church and share God's mercy in that sacred confessional.

The Gospel is quite fitting this weekend to remind all of us that the destination is Jerusalem. And Jesus reminds us to keep looking forward as that's where God's Kingdom is. God's Kingdom isn't in the past and cannot be manipulated to re-write history. With Jerusalem as the destination, that means that we will be called to look forward to the joys and challenges of this life. There will be crosses and blessings. Jesus tells us that he is determined to do the will of the Father and that is what is also asked of us. As I have been asked to serve the good people of Belle Plaine at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church, I look forward to that opportunity with great gratitude for the past that has allowed me to accept this new assignment. And you are always welcome to visit me at any time and see another very beautiful parish of our local church.

I do want to express my great gratitude to the parishioners of Saint Vincent de Paul for inviting me into your lives and sharing your joys, hopes, sorrows, pains and prayers with me. It has been a privilege to pray and worship with you and I am forever grateful for the love, support and encouragement that you have given to me. I have been blessed by you. And I am grateful for the beautiful farewell receptions that you have given to me. Thank you!

We know that life is filled with change. Sometimes the change we experience is gradual and other times more sudden. Throughout the experience of change, we know that God remains near and close. You have revealed God's presence to me this past year and I ask for your continued prayers as I am moved to a new assignment. You will always remain in my prayers. May God continue to richly bless your lives with His abundant love,

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- † Fr. Joseph Johnson, Pastor
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- † Fr. Andrew Cozzens,  
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- † Dc. Nao Kao Yang

#### 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

*To know, love and serve Jesus Christ*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 6/26  
5:00 PM †Sgt. Michael Findley

Sunday 6/27  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 7/3  
8:30 AM Ralph Mikel Family  
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 7/4  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 6/26(Vigil)**  
Luke 9: 51-62

**Sunday 6/27**  
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**Monday 6/28**  
Matthew 8: 18-22

**Tuesday 6/29**  
Matthew 16: 13-19

**Wednesday 6/30**  
Matthew 8: 28-34

**Thursday 7/1**  
Matthew 9: 1-8

**Friday 7/2**  
Matthew 9: 9-13

**Saturday 7/3(AM)**  
John 20: 24-29

**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!**

*Father Michael Kaluza*

**Peter's Pence Collection**

This weekend we will take up a second collection to support the works of the Holy Father as he offers emergency relief to those most in need around the globe who suffer because of war, famine, disease, oppression or natural disaster. We can show our solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this collection.

**Summer Camp with the Missionaries of Charity**

Mark your calendars for July 5-15 (Monday through Thursday of both weeks) when the sisters will once again have a wonderful summer camp experience at St. Vincent's for our youngsters! Please contact Houa Her to sign up!

**Eucharistic Adoration and First Saturday Mass**

Of course everyone remembers our serious obligation to honor God and nourish our souls by attending Mass every Sunday... but we also want to remember that each Friday evening we have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration from 7-8pm. This is a time to deepen our relationship with the Lord in quiet prayer and to ask God's continued blessings on our parish. Each first Saturday of the month we also have a 8:30am Mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. When life seems really tough, perhaps it is because we haven't been using the opportunities offered to us to grow spiritually. Make sure not to take a vacation from God this summer!

**Papal Prayer Intentions For July**

**Christians in the Middle East** - That Christians in the Middle East may live their faith in complete freedom and become instruments of reconciliation and peace.

**Humanity Reconciled** - Through the witness of the faithful, may the Church be the seed and soil of a humanity reconciled to be God's one true family on earth.