

Weekly Bulletin

March 14 to March 21, 2009

"Zeal for Your House will consume Me"

Lent is a time to continue purifying and channeling our desires. Routine, lethargy, apathy, and going on "cruise-control" can all diminish the place of faith in our hearts. If we compare our desire for Jesus to our other desires, we can formulate our own little examination of conscience.

For example, some of us really like, make that "love," sports. We are willing to stand in long lines for tickets and pay high prices. We memorize the statistics of our favorite team and players. We think nothing of spending hours at the game or watching it on television. We wear clothes that proudly profess our allegiance—not just at the game but everywhere. And if someone says unflattering things about our team, we may even get into a heated argument!

Now let's compare: Do we make as much effort to get to Mass on time as to arrive for the game's kick-off or opening pitch? Are we begrudging about time in church, personal/familial prayer, and volunteer service? (Spending at least as much time and energy on these as we do on our favorite sports?) Does our financial giving to the parish surpass the cost of what we spend at the game for tickets, parking, beer and a hot dog? Do we know our faith at least as well as team/player standings? (Can we name all ten commandments and do we have a basic familiarity with the Bible?) Are we ashamed to pray in public before meals? Are we silent when people belittle the Pope and Church or take God's name in vain?

For some, this may prove to be a sobering exercise as we realize that sports dominate our lives much more than God. For others, it may not be sports but something else such as a hobby or getting ahead in our career. Lent is a time to refocus our priorities. It may take us a while to pull all of our actions into line, but at least we need to get the big picture right. If being a Christian is the most important thing to me, then I will try each day to cooperate with God's grace to follow the Gospel. If I do not want my relationship with Jesus to define every aspect of my life, then why am I sitting here reading this?

Father Joseph



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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/14
5:00 PM For Living and Deceased
Members of the Steve & Mary Lauinger Family

Sunday 3/15
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 3/21
5:00 PM Rita Shipstad

Sunday 3/22
9:00 AM People of the Parish

“State of the Parish” Meeting – TODAY!

Everyone should plan to attend this important meeting with Father Joseph Johnson to discuss issues of importance in our parish community. The meeting will be held in Wellisch Hall from 10:30 – 11:30 AM.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Every Friday during Lent at 6 PM, a simple soup supper will be offered in Wellisch Hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Stations of the Cross

During our regular Friday Holy Hour during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed. You are invited to make this a part of your Lenten observance.

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 3/14 (Vigil)

John 4: 5-42

Sunday 3/15

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Monday 3/16

Luke 4: 24-30

Tuesday 3/17

Matthew 18: 21-35

Wednesday 3/18

Matthew 5: 17-19

Thursday 3/19

Luke 2: 41-51

Friday 3/20

Mark: 12: 28-34

Saturday 3/21 (AM)

Luke 18: 9-14

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!

Pathways is coming to St. Vincent de Paul!

Pathways is an organization at the Cathedral of Saint Paul that provides faith education and spiritual formation opportunities for all adults. St. Vincent de Paul parish is hosting a Pathways Bible study beginning on May 11. This will be a 5-week DVD study on Saint Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Each session will be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Wellisch Hall.

There is no charge to attend the study sessions but free will donations are gratefully accepted.

All St. Vincent de Paul parishioners are welcome.