



**St. Vincent
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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

Weekly Bulletin

March 1 through March 8, 2008

“How did he open your eyes?”

The cure of the blind man in today’s Gospel reminds us of Jesus’ power to work miracles of healing. This power serves as a witness to His identity as Messiah. His mission is not to perform miracles but the miracles point to His mission.

An essential part of Christian discipleship is the acknowledgement of our need for salvation. We eagerly pray whenever we need bodily healing... but what about healing the soul from the wounds of sin that is the real mission of Jesus the Savior? Do we take this gift for granted and not even bother to ask for it?

Jesus empowered the Church with the Holy Spirit to forgive sins in His name. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the healing instrument of the Divine Physician whereby the burden of sin is lifted from our hearts. We need to humbly acknowledge in this sacrament that Jesus alone can restore the union with God that we have strained or broken by our sins. Confession gives to us the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins... and what peace and joy come to us from this encounter with Merciful Love!

It would be foolish for us to tell our doctors how to treat our bodily ailments—so why do we tell the Church that we prefer our spiritual cure in a way other than how Christ has instituted it? The neglect of confession is a failure that can indicate only one of three possibilities: lack of belief that Jesus instituted this sacrament, lack of humility to acknowledge my sinfulness and need for forgiveness, or lack of trust that God’s Love will forgive me.

Lent should be an opportunity for all of us to avail ourselves of the healing graces of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Making this a regular part of our spiritual lives will remedy the pride that sometimes claims that we can “do it ourselves” and bring forth a great fruit in holiness. Jesus the Savior wants to give us this gift—are we ready to receive it?

Father Joseph

Council Meetings-March 16th

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/1

5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 3/2

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 3/8

5:00 PM Lillie Zak

Sunday 3/9

9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 3/1 (Vigil)

John 9: 1-41

Sunday 3/2

John 9: 1-41

Monday 3/3

John 4: 43-54

Tuesday 3/4

John 5: 1-16

Wednesday 3/5

John 5: 17-30

Thursday 3/6

John 5: 31-47

Friday 3/7

John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday 3/8(AM)

John 7:40-53

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!

The Men's and Women's Leadership Councils will meet at 11 AM and the Finance Council will meet at Noon, Sunday, March 16th.

Religious Education Classes

Classes will not be held on Palm Sunday, March 16th and Easter Sunday, March 23rd.

Soup Supper and Stations on Fridays during Lent

Every Friday during Lent at 6pm, St. Vincent's will offer a simple soup supper in Wellisch Hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend. During our regular Friday Holy Hour during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed.

Church Envelopes

There are still a few boxes of 2008 envelopes that have not been picked up. They are in the back of church. Record keeping will be much easier if everyone uses their new envelopes.

Thursday Morning Meeting

The meeting to discuss parish business will not be held on March 6th but the office will be open from 8:30 AM until Noon. Call with any questions or concerns you may have.