

Weekly Bulletin

March 7 to March 14, 2009

"This is my beloved Son."

Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac foreshadows God's reckless love in sacrificing Jesus for our salvation. The very presence of the Son of God in our midst was already a spectacular gift. Jesus giving Himself up to pay the debt of sin in our place is even more unspeakably beautiful an act of love. Difficult to understand is the reality that this gift is now accessible to us through the Blessed Sacrament.

When we see the priest lift the consecrated host at Mass or we stop into a chapel with Eucharistic adoration, we should hear those words: "This is my beloved Son." Jesus is truly present or else nothing matters. The disciples on the way up the mountain could not imagine how they would see Jesus' true identity unveiled at the summit in the Transfiguration. We too are on an ascending journey and need to realize how limited our eyesight currently is. Only when we reach Heaven will we see undimmed what we now accept in faith.

Our Lenten practices should advance our relationship with God and not just add a few chores to our list for forty days. Anything we "give up" or do for Lent should somehow draw us closer to the Lord. The Holy Eucharist is the gift-presence of Jesus to each one of us as disciples. Thus, all of our worthy observances should be able to be connected to the Holy Eucharist in some way. For example: if I fast from snacks or candy, it should be in order to advance self-discipline over worldly appetites as well as encourage a growing hunger for the Bread of Life. We are Eucharist-centered because we are Christ-centered.

The "beloved Son" must always dominate our spiritual lives as Christians. We don't have to look very far to find some basic ways to let the graces of Lent transform us. We can resolve to arrive early for Sunday Mass not just to get a good parking spot but to spend time quieting our minds and hearts. We can also stay after Mass for some time of thanksgiving for the gift we have received in Holy Communion and to make concrete decisions about how to act as instruments of God's Love to those around us. We can read the Scriptures for Mass at home and discuss them as a family. We can attend Mass more often—if not every day, then once or more during the week. We can stop for moments of Eucharistic adoration, either for a few minutes each day or a Holy Hour once per week.

When we truly recognize Jesus "in the breaking of the bread," then we will respond as the disciples did on the mountain: "Lord, it is good that we are here!"

Father Joseph

"State of the Parish" Meeting-Sunday, March 15th



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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 3/7
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 3/8
9:00 AM People of the Parish

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

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 3/7 (Vigil)
Mark 9: 2-10

Sunday 3/8
Mark 9: 2-10

Monday 3/9
Luke 6: 36-38

Tuesday 3/10
Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday 3/11
Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday 3/12
Luke 16: 19-31

Friday 3/13
Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

Saturday 3/14 (AM)
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Saturday Confession

Saturday Confession will be at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul** from 3:30PM-5:00PM

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. Contact Deacon Nao Kao if you would like to sponsor one of these suppers. 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.

Second Saturday Potluck

Remember that every second Saturday of the month all are invited to gather in Wellisch Hall for a simple potluck following the 5 PM Mass. Please bring food to share.

Family Day At The Cathedral of Saint Paul

On Sunday, March 8th, from 1:30 – 4:30 PM, the Cathedral of Saint Paul welcomes everyone and especially families to tour this historical landmark. Listen as a resident musician plays the massive Skinner Pipe Organ, do an art project with the Minnesota Children’s Museum and get a souvenir photo taken of your visit. Roy Cook, Ph.D., a University of Minnesota professor who is building 8 x 12 foot scale models of the Cathedral and the Minnesota State Capitol in LEGO bricks, will have his “work in progress” on display. The Cathedral is located at 239 Selby Avenue .

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!**