



Weekly Bulletin

May 24 to May 31, 2008

This is my Body Which will be given up for you.

My dear friends, this weekend we celebrate one of the great feasts of the Catholic Church. *Corpus Christi*, the body of Christ, reminds us that for the Catholic, the consecrated host is not a piece of bread – it is the sacramental presence of Christ Himself. It is His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity veiled under the little form of bread and wine. Jesus has not left us orphans. He remains with us until the end of days, feeding us with his own Divine Life. Thanks be to God for such an awesome gift!

This weekend, several of our littlest parishioners will receive Jesus for the first time. This is an incredibly important day for them, when Jesus will draw ever so close to them. It is not by coincidence that many young girls dress in a miniature version of a bridal gown and veil on their First Communion day. This is a wedding day of sorts – God and these young people will draw close to each other and truly be one. This is cause for joy and gratitude for all of us.

Some of the most powerful words in the Holy Mass are the words of Consecration – **“Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, which will be given up for you.”** These words, especially the second sentence, have special importance for the priest. They are not just the words by which he summons God into his hands in the host. They must also be the way of his life – a life of sacrifice given up for others. It is in the spirit of this reality that I must announce that I have been reassigned by the Archbishop, effective June 16. My life is not my own, and I will go where the Archbishop, my spiritual father, needs me. I am excited about the future and my new assignment, but I leave with mixed emotions. I have grown to love Saint Vincent’s, with all its challenges and difficulties. Rarely have I seen a community so welcoming to guests. Rarely have I seen a community with such promising youth – young men and women who have blindingly bright futures. I have learned much here. Thank you to everyone for your support, kindness, and love, and I ask you for your continued prayers as I prepare for this transition.

I am thrilled to be able to tell you that Father James Adams, a young priest full of energy and enthusiasm will be joining the Saint Vincent’s family immediately after my departure. He comes with many gifts, and I know with certitude that he will serve the needs of this community well.

I will not go far, and hope to visit Saint Vincent’s often. The Archbishop has asked me to serve as Parochial Vicar at Saint Agnes, while at the same time serving in the newly constituted Worship Office. I know several Saint Vincent’s families have connections to Saint Agnes. I look forward to seeing you down the street!

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CLERGY

- † Fr. Joseph Johnson, Pastor
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- † Dc. Va Thai Lo
- † 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

1st Sat. of Month:

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5/24

5:00 PM *Mary Sanoeki*

Sunday 5/25

9:00 AM *People of the Parish*

Saturday 5/31

5:00 PM *Samuel Clyde*

Sunday 6/1

9:00 AM *People of the Parish*

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 5/24 (Vigil)

John 6: 51-58

Sunday 5/25

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Monday 5/26

Mark 10: 17-27

Tuesday 5/27

Mark 10: 28-31

Wednesday 5/28

Mark 10: 32-45

Thursday 5/29

Mark 10: 46-52

Friday 5/30

Matthew 11: 25-30

Saturday 5/31 (AM)

Luke 1: 39-56

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!**

My final weekend at Saint Vincent's will be June 7/8. I regret that only two weeks separate me from this departure date. I hope to be able to speak with as many of you as I can to personally convey my gratitude and love between now and then. Please know that I thank God for the gift that all of you have been to my life these past two years.

Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

In Christ,
Father Erickson

Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession

Join thousands of Catholics from around the Archdiocese Sunday (May 25) afternoon at 2pm for the annual Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession. We will begin at the Little Sisters of the Poor residence at 330 Exchange Street in Saint Paul and process down West 7th Street to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The day will conclude with Benediction followed by an Ice Cream Social on the lawn of the Cathedral.

Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery

Join Archbishop Nienstedt at Resurrection Cemetery on Memorial Day as he celebrates Holy Mass for our fallen armed forces. Mass begins at 10am.

May 27 Confirmation: New Location

On May 27, those young adults prepared for Confirmation will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands and anointing with Chrism. **Please note the change in location of this Liturgy: The Confirmation will now be held at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis.** Please contact Father Erickson for directions. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this powerful liturgy.

June 1: Important Meeting for parents and students involved in Religious Education this past year

If you had at least one child enrolled in Religious Education this past year at Saint Vincent's, please plan to attend a very important meeting following the June 1, 9am Sunday Mass. This meeting will replace the regular faith formation class for adults. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Archdiocesan "Protecting Children Initiative," a program meant to assist parents in protecting their children. While the adults will meet in Wellisch Hall, all youth involved in the program this past year will also meet in the school to discuss safety issues. If you cannot attend, or have any questions, please contact Father Erickson or Father Johnson at 651-357-1330. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.