

# Weekly Bulletin

November 22 to November 29, 2008

## Inherit the Kingdom

Sometimes we like to dream about a knock on the door and finding Ed McMahon handing us a sweepstakes prize. It is the stuff of so many fairy tales that a pauper can suddenly become a prince... but could it ever really happen? In fact, it already has.

Jesus offers to share his Kingdom with us. Not as slaves but as friends, he calls us to enter rejoicing. We were created in God's image and likeness. Through baptism He has conferred upon us a "royal priesthood" and promised us the crown of eternal life. Even in a democratic republic that sounds like a very attractive offer, but how can "Joe the Plumber" become "Prince Joe of Plumberville"?

We are often complacent about our kingly inheritance. Even in fairy tales, there is a dragon to be slain or a frog to be kissed or a wicked stepmother to be overcome before the prize is won. We need to be clear that we can never earn our way to Heaven, but we also need to be equally clear that Jesus has said that not everyone who calls out "Lord, Lord" will enter the Kingdom. Lip-service to Christ the King will not suffice.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows the way to the Kingdom: "whatever you did for one of the least brothers of Mine, you did for Me." It all comes back to love of God and neighbor. Are we ready to let Christ-like love shape our lives? We should show a little excitement about this royal dignity offered to us rather than being so ho-hum. This desire then leads us to take the concrete steps to change our thoughts, words, and desires to conform to Christian charity.

The Book of Revelation reminds us: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself first won the victory and sit with my Father on his throne." It's not Ed who knocks and the prize is much better... will you answer?

**Father Joseph**

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

The Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at 9 AM. Thanksgiving is



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- † Fr. Joseph Johnson,  
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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 11/22**

5:00 PM Don Furchner

**Sunday 11/23**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday 11/29**

5:00 PM Diane Welvang

**Sunday 11/30**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 11/22 (Vigil)**

Matthew 25: 31-46

**Sunday 11/23**

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**Monday 11/24**

Luke 21: 1-4

**Tuesday 11/25**

Luke 21: 5-11

**Wednesday 11/26**

Luke 21: 12-19

**Thursday 11/27**

Luke 21: 20-28

**Friday 11/28**

Luke 21: 29-33

**Saturday 11/29 (AM)**

Luke 21: 34-36:

**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.

a national holiday commemorating the first Thanksgiving when pilgrims far from home gave thanks to Almighty God for their blessings. It is always so important to give thanks. Regardless of how badly things seem to be going or how far we seem to have to go to reach our goal, there is always reason to give thanks. Over and above all of the struggles of our life, our LORD is faithful – He is love and He loves us. For this beautiful revelation, we are compelled to give thanks.

It is certainly the prayer of all the clergy at St. Vincent de Paul that your family has a wonderful Thanksgiving. May your time with your families be filled with joy and peace. Please know of our own gratitude for the gift that the parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul are to our lives. And may God continue to manifest to you the many blessings that are yours – not the least of which is the knowledge given by faith that you are loved by Him who is Love.

**Religious Education**

There **will not** be any religious education classes Thanksgiving weekend.

**Year of Saint Paul**

He, who is called “the Apostle to the Gentiles”. that is, to the Nations, never actually met Jesus during his life in Jerusalem or along the roads of Galilee, like the Twelve Apostles. He is the first apostle to have the experience of only the Risen Christ, as all Christians will continue to have through the centuries. With Paul, the words of the Prophet Micah, “.....from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” (Micah 4:2), were fulfilled in just a few years and in an ardent manner.

<b>St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for us!</b>	
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To know, love and serve Jesus Christ