



Weekly Bulletin

September 1, 2007 through September 8 2007

"It Is Right To Give Him Thanks And Praise"

With the celebration of Labor Day this weekend, summer comes to its unofficial conclusion. The time for weekend visits to the cabin, beer and brats in the backyard, and family vacations has come to its inevitable end. School begins for most this week. For some, this is cause for excitement, perhaps even relief. For many, however, it means the resumption of hectic school schedules and the demanding Fall task list many have been putting off for the summer.

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Holidays such as Labor Day give us a needed opportunity to pause in the midst of very busy lives and remember how blessed we truly are. Everything we have been given that we count as good in our lives is gift, and these gifts have been given to us by a God who loves us as a father. Not the least of these gifts is the freedom we enjoy in the United States – freedom to worship as we please, freedom to speak our minds in political protest, freedom to enjoy the fruit of our labor.

CLERGY

- † Fr. Joseph Johnson, Pastor
- † Fr. John Paul Erickson,
Associate Pastor
- † Fr. Andrew Cozzens,
Associate Pastor
- † Dc. Va Thai Lo
- † Dc. Nao Kao Yang

Thanksgiving is an essential activity of the Christian. The greatest of Christian prayers is the Eucharist, a word that means thanksgiving. We gather every Sunday **to give thanks** to a God who has held nothing back in His love for us, giving to us even His own beloved Son. Every Sunday is a *Holyday*, a day to rest in God and to remember how blessed we are.

SCHEDULES

Masses:

Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM

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

Authentic Christian joy flows from gratitude. This gratitude in turn flows from the knowledge that we are loved, that we are cherished, and that we have a homeland where pain and suffering are no more, provided we live a life of love ourselves. A lack of gratitude in one's life leads to selfishness, apathy, and loneliness. In more ways than one is the Eucharist the source and summit of the Christian way of life. It is *the* prayer of gratitude which leads to a life of gratitude.

May this Labor Day weekend be a time of gratitude for the blessings of the summer. And may every Sunday be a time of gratitude for the gift of our faith and the gift of Jesus, given by a Father who loves us.

St. Vincent de Paul Pray for us!

In Christ,

Father John Paul Erickson

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9/1
5:00 Mrs. L. R. Kegley

Sunday 9/2
People of the Parish

Saturday 9/8
Marie Huberty

Sunday 9/9
People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 9/1
Matthew 25: 14-30

Sunday 9/2
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Monday 9/3
Luke 4: 16-30

Tuesday 9/4
Luke: 4: 31-37

Wednesday 9/5
Luke 4: 38-44

Thursday 9/6
Luke 5: 1-11

Friday 9/7
Luke 5: 33-39

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!**

September 5th is the Feast of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

This week marks the 10th death anniversary of Mother Teresa, foundress of the Missionaries of Charity. We are so grateful to God for the beautiful example of her life and the presence of her sisters to teach our religious education classes. Please say a special prayer for the sisters this Wednesday for their feast day! Also, recent news stories have reported on the book to be released this week entitled “Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light!” It is a very informative look at the inner spiritual life (including struggles) of this holy woman and an inspiration to all of us on our journey to Heaven!

Religious Education begins again on September 9

Starting September 9, our religious education program will begin again. Please plan on signing your children up for these important classes. As usual, classes will run from 10:30 until 12 each Sunday, unless otherwise notified. Please speak with one of the clergy of Saint Vincent’s if your children will be attending class.

Second Saturday Potluck Next Weekend

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

Important Parish Business Announcement

Each Thursday morning there will be an open meeting in Wellisch Hall at 7 AM to address concerns about parish business. The various staff people who assist Father Joseph will be present to answer questions or follow-up on concerns related to our parish life. The parish office will also be open Thursday mornings from 8:30 AM to 12 noon. Father Joseph’s assistant, Mrs. Pat Sticha, will be there to help with hall rentals, Mass stipends, or any other parish business. Stop by or call 651-488-6737.