

# Weekly Bulletin

September 20 to September 27, 2008



## St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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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

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Month:

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

### AM I NOT ALLOWED?

Hello St. Vincent de Paul parishioners. These words upon are from our Lord in today's Sunday Gospel. He is talking about "his ways" that the prophet Isaiah says are not our ways (in the first reading). In the Gospel, the householder gives everyone the same wage even though they started working at different times during the day! The workers say, "HEY, now wait a minute...!!!"

We too say, hey, now wait a minute! At least for myself, I look out at others either right next to me or in the news or elsewhere and I see people that do not seem to have certain troubles I do. And, like I did when I was little, I say inside: IT IS NOT FAIR! And God says, "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what I want?" Why is it so hard to swallow the fact that "his ways are not our ways," and "his thoughts are not our thoughts?"

This becomes most clear to me when I go to confession. My way of thinking and reacting to sin is to be overwhelmed with the fact that it happens and so tempted to doubt that God can bring good out of evil. God's thought is that he simply wants to take sin and evil away from our life and then give us his mercy and peace. WOW!! This is the God that loves each one of us. He invites you and me to be in contact with him, to seek him today in a fresh way by handing over our sins and our will into his merciful heart and loving our neighbor. When we allow God to do what he wants with us and through us, we participate in God's own plan which the best one for us. Pope Benedict says it so well in his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*:

"If I have no contact whatsoever with God in my life, then I cannot see in the other anything more than the other, and I am incapable of seeing in him the image of God. But if in my life I fail completely to heed others, solely out of a desire to be "devout" and to perform my "religious duties", then my relationship with God will also grow arid. It becomes merely "proper", but loveless. Only my readiness to encounter my neighbour and to show him love makes me sensitive to God as well. Only if I serve my neighbour can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much he loves me... Love grows through love. Love is "divine" because it comes from God and unites us to God; through this unifying process it makes us a "we" which transcends our divisions and makes us one, until in the end God is "all in all" (*1 Cor 15:28*)."

Let us pray that we can all allow God to do with us as he wants this week.

**Father James Adams**

### Religious Education

Religious education classes begin Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please plan on

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 9/20**

5:00 PM Larry Husten

**Sunday 9/21**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday 9/27**

5:00 PM Randy Sommers

**Sunday 9/28**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT**

**MASS**

**Saturday 9/20 (Vigil)**

Matthew 20: 1-16

**Sunday 9/21**

Matthew 20: 1-16

**Monday 9/22**

Luke 8: 16-18

**Tuesday 9/23**

Luke 8: 19-21

**Wednesday 9/24**

Luke 9: 1-6

**Thursday 9/25**

Luke 9: 7-9

**Friday 9/26**

Luke 9: 18-22

**Saturday 9/27 (AM)**

Luke 9: 43-45

**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!

signing your children up for these important classes which will run from 10:30 until 12 each Sunday unless otherwise notified.

**Hanca Leadership Meeting**

The Hmong American National Catholic Association will be holding a leadership training session on Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27.

**Mass Intentions Available**

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest possible prayer there is. It is a powerful prayer to offer for a friend or family member. Please call the parish office at 651-488-6737 to arrange for a Mass to be offered for your own intentions.

**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 Jersalem” (Micah 4:2), were fulfilled in just a few years and in an ardent manner.