February 5th, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright”
— Psalm 112

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Mass Schedule

Weekends:
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
September through May: 8:30 p.m.

Weekdays:
Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday mornings after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
When I was in high school, I got involved in Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), which consisted of several weekend retreats each year. It was a powerful experience, bonding with other people and getting to know Christ better in my life. It helped me in a confusing time (when isn’t high school confusing?) and helped me trust in the presence of God in my life. The anthem of our TEC retreats was the old children’s song, “This Little Light of Mine.” We sang it countless times throughout the weekend and it made an indelible impact on us.

“This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.” These lyrics continue to resonate with us today as we read Jesus’ words in the Gospel from the Sermon on the Mount: “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Mt 5:16) Each one of us is a reflection of God’s goodness, God’s light. From the moment of our baptism, we are called to keep the light burning brightly in our lives. It is through our actions, our words, and our prayers that God continues to make himself known in the world.

The light of God’s love that dwells within us is not meant for ourselves alone. It is not to be hoarded selfishly, but shared with those around us. Just as light doesn’t keep to itself, our love and faith is meant to be given to others. If the light is within us, we are called to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, shelter the oppressed and homeless, remove hatred and malice from our hearts and assist those in need, as Isaiah reminds us in the first reading.

When we give away the light, it continues to grow and does not go out.

Yet there remains the danger of “burn out.” When we give and give, at times we feel emptied and exhausted. This is where prayer comes into play. As we live out our faith and proclaim our faith through words and deeds, we are called to re-energize the light through our personal prayer. Ask Christ to give you the strength to let your light shine, to be a reflection of God’s love and goodness for those around you.
News & Notes

A Reflection in Preparation for Lent

The Worship Commission cordially invites you to a reflection in preparation for Lent.

Sunday February 12th
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(in the Parish Center - St. Vincent Room)

Led by Fr. Jeremy, we will explore some of the major themes and symbols of the Lenten season, connecting them with Scripture readings.

For more information contact Suzanne Gillen (sgillen1@depaul.edu)

YCP Chicago’s First Year Anniversary Celebration

Come celebrate YCP Chicago's one year anniversary as we reflect on the amazing community we've built with you this year and as we look ahead to another exciting year! Jeff Schiefelbein, YCP National Board Member, is our featured speaker. Join us for drinks and heavy appetizers on Tuesday, February 7th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Narcissus Room on Macy's on State St.

Suggested donation is $20.00. Cocktail attire is suggested.

Secure your spot (and skip the registration line at the event) and RSVP at bit.ly/YCP2717

Young Catholic Professionals is an organization dedicated to helping young professionals connect with one another and grow in their Catholic faith while pursuing demanding careers. Learn more about YCP by visiting ycpchicago.org.

We look forward to seeing you February 7th!
Check out our completely updated and mobile-friendly website!

Join TnT (Twenties 'n Thirties) on Sunday, February 12

Join TnT (Twenties 'n Thirties) on Sunday, February 12 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. We'll walk over to HomeSlice Wheelhouse and socializing starts around 6:00 p.m.
January 21, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As a new year begins, I want to assure you of my prayers for you, your families, and your parish communities. I also want to share some important information about Renew My Church.

As you may already know, Renew My Church is an archdiocesan initiative that involves all the people of the archdiocese and their faith communities. The goal of Renew My Church is to make our parishes more vital and more sustainable. We do this not on our own initiative but in response to the call of Christ, which was first heard by those disciples recounted in today’s gospel. The call is the same as it was in those early days of the Church: to be His disciples and take responsibility for carrying on His mission in our time. The place to start is by working together to make our parishes vibrant communities that form missionary disciples of Jesus. This will also mean being realistic about our limited human and material resources and evaluating how our present structures may need to be organized differently to keep pace with changing realities.

A very important part of the process of Renew My Church are the parish groupings that will work to plan for the future and discern where God is leading us. After receiving consultation and feedback from you, the priests of the diocese, and parish pastoral councils, we are announcing the groupings today. Your parish will be part of a grouping that will enable you to assess, plan, and discern how best to meet the needs of the future in a way that is both reasonable and in conformity with God’s will for us.

Each grouping will have guidance for its process of reflection and discernment. Everything, however, begins with building relationships across parishes in a given grouping. That means getting to know each other and perhaps sharing some common projects or events, such as retreats, lectures, or community service for those in need. With future guidance and facilitation, this will develop in more specific planning and discernment directions. Today, your pastor will share a list of the parishes in your grouping.

Renew My Church will undoubtedly involve leaving behind familiar patterns and demand that we move outside our comfort zones. In a word, it will require sacrifice, but that has always been true for the Church whenever we have taken up new challenges. I am convinced that we are up to the task, and willing to do whatever it takes to build our capacity to pass on our faith to future generations. That is what is at stake in the Renew My Church process. I encourage you to become involved and pray for its success.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago
ON (SINGLE) WORDS FOR 2017
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Mary Schmich, the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the Chicago Tribune, speaks to me. Not all the time, but more times than not, so I read her on a regular basis. I got my wife some red shoes years ago because Mary Schmich observed in a column that every woman should have at least one pair. I went to more outdoor concerts this past summer than I probably would have because Mary Schmich wrote a column about summer resolutions she hoped to keep. And now, intrigued by a recent Mary Schmich column advocating the selection of a word for the year—a single word meant to inform and guide us along the way—I’ve chosen one myself for the first time ever.

A friend told me once that I respond well to gimmicks. Perhaps Schmich does, too, because it seems she began the practice of choosing a yearly guide word a few years back when a reader wrote in to promote the idea. But it’s no more gimmicky than, say, New Year resolutions. In theory, I suppose, a single guide word could be considered the forest while individual resolutions are the trees, and as we all know, we should never lose sight of one for the other. Besides, Schmich puts it this way: “The one-word program seemed simpler than a long list of resolutions, and a guiding word has proved useful, like a flashlight beam on a dark, rocky trail.” Like I said, she speaks to me.

For her 2017 word, Schmich chose “Help” (“Not ‘help’ as in the cry of a drowning person, but help as in: How can I help? Let me help. Would you mind helping me?”). Nice. I told a few others about the concept and solicited input. My friend Daisy came back in short order with “Difference,” adding, “Like, make a difference. Don’t stand still and wait for things to happen when you can make a difference in someone else’s life, your own.” Nice as well. I kicked several words around before nailing one down. I’m going with “Fulfillment.” Not as in, feeling complete, but as in, realizing expectations. Others’ certainly, but more so, my own, in both large and small contexts.

All of which brings me to today’s readings. Isaiah speaks first: “Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked…do not turn your back on your own…” On my best days, maybe. Then Jesus defines our discipleship using two unforgettable metaphors. “You are the salt of the earth,” he says, “But if salt loses its taste…it is no longer good for anything” and “You are the light of the world…your light must shine before others...” Again, perhaps on my best days. I recognize my shortcomings for sure, but the end game is part—a large part, actually—of my fulfillment quest. Specifically, to use my gifts for the good, everyday, in all ways. If I don’t, then what good am I—really—to the Kingdom? The great distance runner Steve Prefontaine purportedly once said, “To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.” Well, there you go. Like Mary Schmich, I want to help in some way. Like Daisy, I want to make a difference. Fulfillment. Word.

HELP WANTED: LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at 3540 S. Hermitage Ave. in Chicago. You do not need to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.

Contact Sabrina (sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or 773-927-0512) to learn more or to register.

Tutor training workshops begin soon!

Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.
**News & Notes**

**FEB 22ND**
**6:30 PM**

**SCREENAGERS**
**GROWING UP IN A DIGITAL AGE**

February 22 | 6:30 p.m. | Athenæum Theatre

Presented by

[Alphonsus Academy](http://www.alphonsusacademy.org)

BOOK FREE SCREENING TICKETS

[WWW(ALPHONSUSACADEMY.ORG/SCREENAGERS](http://WWW.ALPHONSUSACADEMY.ORG/SCREENAGERS)
ST MIKES TRIVIA NIGHT

Come, join us at St. Michael’s in Old Town for laughs, friends, and to test your knowledge of all things trivial! **BYOB!!!**

**Save the date! February/25/17**
Giving - 2 Ways to Give

via TEXT...
- Text “GIVE” to: 773-382-8583
- Follow Instructions
- Enter Name/CC#
- Done!

via Website...
- Scan QR code (left) OR
- visit: tinyurl.com/zo4h85v
- Create NEW Profile
- Complete Fields
- Enter Name/CC#
- Done!

Weekly Intentions

Please Pray for Our Sick
Let us remember all those here at St. Vincent’s who are ill and in need of God’s healing and comfort. Let us keep them in our prayers and thoughts, especially: John Brittain, Judy Biedeman, Sandra Daulton-Zeidman, Bob & Pat Dillon, Gloria Flores, John Garrity, Mary Greconia, Leticia Gross, Mike Grynevich, Laura Linke, Matt Merkt, Bill Powers, Maddy Roock, Marie Rowe, Jeffrey T. Rumph, Rishon Sylvain, James Schwake, Joyce Walsh.

Please contact Susan in the parish center to inform us of those who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. They will be listed in our bulletin for 3 weeks. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Susan at that time. If you would like Fr. Jeremy to visit the person (if they live in the area), please let Susan know when you add them to the list.

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Did you know that you can request a weekday mass to be offered on behalf of your loved ones? Sometimes people will have a mass intention reserved on the anniversary of a death or to support someone during a difficult time. Other times mass is offered in thanksgiving on a birthday or other celebration. If you would like to reserve a mass intention, please contact the parish office at 773-325-8610 or simply stop by.
**Week at a Glance**

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| **Sunday, February 5th** | Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Udovic; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon  
AA Meeting ...............................................  4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |
| **Monday, February 6th** | SPRED .....................................................  6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room  
AA Meeting ..................................................  7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |
| **Tuesday, February 7th** | Prayer Yoga .............................................  7:00 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |
| **Wednesday, February 8th** | AA Meeting ..................................................  6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room  
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal .......................  7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room |
| **Thursday, February 9th** |                                                                                   |
| **Friday, February 10th** |                                                                                   |
| **Saturday, February 11th** |                                                                                   |
| **Sunday, February 12th** | Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Croak; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic  
Minister Gathering .......................................  11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Soup Kitchen  
Community Life Commission .......................  3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - Portail Room  
AA Meeting ..................................................  4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |

**Financial Stewardship**

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<td>23,807</td>
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Thank you for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul Parish! Your commitment is vital to the fiscal health of our parish. For convenient regular giving, please consider using our auto-withdrawal program.

Welcome

Thank you for being with us! As you explore what St. Vincent has to offer, please reach out to a member of the parish staff to answer any questions. We ask all who regularly join us in worship to take a moment to register. This enables us to serve you better and takes only a couple of minutes. Registration can be done through the Parish Center during business hours, or by visiting us online at www.stvdep.org.

We welcome the following new parishioners: Jarryd Steimer, Olga Kusmierzcyk, Stephanie Loftus

Private Prayer in the Church

Please enter the church for private prayer through the Parish Center during regular office hours.

Finding Your Way Around

Restrooms: Public restrooms are located in the narthex and Parish Center.

Parish Center: Staff offices and meeting rooms are housed in the Parish Center. Reception for the public is located in this building to the west of the church and to the back of the courtyard.

Ozanan Room: Large meeting and activity room on the first floor at the end of the hall.

Portail Room: Small conference room on the first floor across from the kitchen.

St. Vincent Room: Large meeting room on the lower level.

Narthex: Large gathering space at the main doors on Webster Avenue.

Sactisty: Room behind the west side of the sanctuary where the priest and other ministers prepare for liturgical celebrations. This room also provides access to the Parish Center.

Parking

Parking behind the church is permitted for parishioners and guests attending weekend masses and Friday wedding rehearsals. Parking at all other times without a proper DePaul University faculty/staff permit is subject to towing at the owner's expense. Public parking is available at the university garage on Sheffield (at Fullerton). Tickets may be validated for two hours at Parish Center reception, or at the Sheffield entrance of the church while attending church-related functions.

Disabled Access

A ramped sidewalk can be accessed from the rear parking lot to the Sheffield entrance of the church. There is a ramped access to the sacristy from the church which allows access to the Parish Center through the sacristy. All of our restrooms are disabled-accessible.

Mother Seton Food Pantry and Sandwich Kitchen

Located in the northeast corner of the church (access is through the wheelchair door on Sheffield), the sandwich kitchen is open Monday-Saturday from 8:15-10 a.m. The food pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering in the morning, or to help prepare meals or shop, please contact Katie Leifer at ktleifer@gmail.com.

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

If you would like more information about child protection in the Archdiocese of Chicago or how to report abuse, please go to http://www.archchicago.org/departments/protection/protection.shtm or call Jan Slattery, OPCY Director at 312-534-5319.
Celebration of the Sacraments at St. Vincent de Paul

Reconciliation: Saturday afternoon, 4:15-4:50 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room near the Sheffield entrance of the church, or you can call the Parish Center for an appointment.

Baptism: Please contact Mary Jo Polark (mpolark@depaul.edu) to register for baptism preparation, which is held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. You may attend this class either before or after your child is born.

Following preparation and after your child is born, please contact Mary Jo to schedule a baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m., or during a regular Sunday mass. Baptism is not celebrated during the Lenten season.

Marriage: Please contact Mary Jo Polark (mpolark@depaul.edu) to discuss the celebration of the sacrament of marriage here at St. Vincent’s, or concerning preparation and prenuptial matters if you are getting married in another parish.

For baptized Catholics, marriage is celebrated within a Catholic church in the presence of a priest or deacon. The first item to plan is the selection of a date and time. **In order to celebrate the sacrament of marriage at St. Vincent, one needs to be a registered parishioner for four months prior to discussion of a date.** DePaul University faculty, staff, students, and alumni may also celebrate their wedding here, provided either the bride, groom, or both are Roman Catholic, registered at a parish and actively engaged in the practice of their faith. Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays only, at 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. Weddings are not celebrated during the season of Lent, Holy Week or Saturdays that conflict with other parish events. Mary Jo confirms all reservations for weddings.

Confirmation: Catholic adults who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to contact Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu. Confirmation preparation sessions are held Sunday evenings February through May.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program that prepares adults to receive the sacrament(s) of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Preparation sessions are held on Sundays from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and celebration of the sacraments occurs at the Easter Vigil mass. To learn more or to enroll in the RCIA program, please contact Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu.

Priesthood/Religious Life: Please contact Fr. Jim Osendorf, CM, by phone at 1-800-depaul-1 or by email at vocations@vincentian.org to learn more about becoming a priest or religious.

Anointing of the Sick: To receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick, please contact the Parish Center.
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Bulletin Information

Articles must be submitted on or before Noon on Saturday for the next weekend's bulletin (earlier, for the week preceding holidays). Microsoft Word attachments are requested. Please make sure to indicate which Sunday date(s) you’re requesting.

Please DO NOT send content by email, but instead use the Bulletin Submission Form: stvdep.org/weekly-bulletin/

Contact Christopher Allen, Communications Director (callen53@depaul.edu) with any questions.

Website Information

Submit news items, photos, PDF announcements, and similar promotional materials at any time to Christopher Allen. Please include your complete contact information in case we need to reach you.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (tinyurl.com/pn4a7wl) has a daily video reflection on the mass readings, as well as the readings.

The Word Among Us (wau.org) is a Catholic devotional magazine with the daily mass readings and reflections.

Busted Halo (bustedhalo.com) is an “online magazine for spiritual seekers” sponsored by the Paulist Fathers. It includes reflections on faith and popular culture.

DePaul University (http://tinyurl.com/mxkaue6) has a variety of resources regarding St. Vincent de Paul and the Vincentian Family, including articles, podcasts and interviews, in “All Things Vincentian.”

Saint of the Day (http://tinyurl.com/l57vch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.