February 12th, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden”

— 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

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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
Most of us don’t like laws, or other people telling us what to do. Many times, we will do only what is necessary. We make a complete stop at a stop sign or drive the speed limit only when there is a police car behind us. We may follow the law externally, but not really believe in its purpose. You can probably think of many examples where people can follow the letter of the law in order to game the system, or to actually subvert the intention of the law.

Jesus calls us today to think beyond the mere letter of the law to understand the deeper meaning and intention of God’s law. Jesus leads us to the heart and spirit of the law. He does not change the law that God gave the Jewish people, but he calls his disciples to a deeper understanding of what God meant.

What Jesus is calling us to is a life of virtue. He asks us not just to be good, but to be the best person we can be. He calls us to live each moment for God. It is not enough to say, “I didn’t murder anyone today,” and expect congratulations, but we are called to control our anger and resentment. It is not enough to say, “I didn’t commit adultery today” and expect congratulations, but we are called to control our feelings that may lead us there. It is not enough to say, “I didn’t lie today,” and expect congratulations, but we are called to be sincere in all our interactions with others, so that we have no need to swear by anything other than our word.

What Jesus points out to us today is the underpinning of the law. What underlies all of our laws in the Scriptures and in the Church is respect and love for others and for God. It is not enough to simply follow the commandments, but we are invited to be open to God’s presence in others and in the world.

When Jesus tells us not to get angry, not to think lustful thoughts, not to swear, he is reminding us that it is the little things we do each and every day that lead to other, more serious consequences. Without anger, there is no murder. Without lustful looks, there is no adultery. What we choose to do in seemingly meaningless situations is an indicator of what we will do when our choice is more serious. If we can do the little things well, we will do the big things well also.

Virtue is not something that is achieved overnight. It takes practice. Just as a musician doesn’t become a virtuoso after one lesson, we too need time to further develop the virtues and abilities that God gives us. And God always gives us the grace and the strength we need to make the right decisions, to see the basis of our faith, to love and respect others.

From the Pastor

F. Jerry D’iorio
2017 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself”

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme, “Love Your Neighbor As Yourself,” was selected to remind us that our contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal enable the funded ministries and services to share God's love with many others in our parish, our Archdiocese, and throughout the world.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

After our parish goal of $26,313 is reached in cash, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.
Nuptual Blessing and Hospitality

Sunday, February 12th

A blessing for married couples will take place at all Masses.

The Community Life Commission, together with Gen2 (our newly married couples group), is hosting hospitality after parish Masses to commemorate upcoming St. Valentine’s Day.

Everyone is invited.
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.

Check out our completely updated and mobile-friendly website!

stvdep.org
This Lent, our small faith groups are embarking on a new Spiritual journey. Using Bishop Robert Barron's CATHOLICISM* Study Group, we’ll spend our time together exploring the rich history and theology of our tradition. Cost is free and open to parishioners of all ages, but they must sign up for a group. **Signups close February 24.**

Visit stvdep.org/faith-sharing-groups/ for complete information and registration.

Additional questions? Email Suzanne Gillen at sgillen1@depaul.edu

* CATHOLICISM illustrates the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic Faith in an epic media experience. Viewers will witness a vision of the Catholic Faith that has never before been seen. From the lands of the Bible to the great shrines of Europe, from the heartland of America to the mysteries of Asia and the beating heart of Africa, see the passion and glory of the Faith that claim over 1.1 billion of the earth's people.

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**News & Notes**

**Drinking with the Saints: a Holy Happy Hour**

**2/18/17 6:00pm-8:00pm**

Who exactly IS St. Valentine? Is there another patron saint of lovers? Join us for our next edition of Drinking with the Saints: a Holy Happy Hour to find out! Tickets are $15 and get you 5 drink tastes/food pairings plus 2 drink tickets so you can enjoy your favorites after the formal event. Additional food will be provided. RSVP to Suzanne Gillen at sgillen1@depaul.edu

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**New Parishioner Reception * Mardi Gras Style!**

**When:** Sunday February 26th 6-8pm

**Where:** The Parish Center

**Who’s Invited:** All are invited to welcome new parishioners to our community!

* Food and drinks provided

RSVP to ssmit195@depaul.edu
And now, for one of my favorite topics: the letter of the law vs. the spirit of the law. As an example, the letter of the law says I shouldn't sit in the accessible seating reserved for individuals with disabilities when I'm traveling on the Blue Line. The spirit of the law says I should offer my seat to someone who appears to be struggling with, say, some physical challenge, or even just a bag of groceries. Wikipedia puts it this way: “The letter of the law versus the spirit of the law is an idiomatic antithesis. When one obeys the letter of the law but not the spirit, one is obeying the literal interpretation of the words (the ‘letter’) of the law, but not necessarily the intent of those who wrote the law.” While I certainly don't disregard the letter of the law, I like to think of myself as favoring the spirit in most matters. Well. Until I got the “Automated Speed Enforcement Violation” in the mail this past summer...

The ticket said I was going 6-10 mph over the posted 25 mph school zone speed limit. I watched the on-line camera footage and all it showed was my car going south with no other cars around. In my defense, it was a stretch of road I don't usually travel—my normal way was closed for repairs—but tell that to the judge, I guess, because I had the option of paying the $35 fine or fighting city hall. Self-righteous, I drove back to the scene of the alleged crime planning on the latter. I had already read up on the city statutes around speed cameras, so when I found absolutely no “photo-enforced” speed signage posted on the stretch of road where the camera was, I was hell-bent to contest the ticket. I took pictures. I quoted chapter and verse in the eloquent letter I drafted in my defense. But just before I sent it, I chatted with a lawyer-friend about my chances of beating the rap. Tom thought I had a shot—especially if I went downtown to argue in person—but then he said, “Still. You were speeding...”

Letter vs. spirit. Jesus speaks to the notion in an infinitely larger context in today’s Gospel. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets,” he says. “I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” He then goes on to give four examples of what the law says about killing, adultery, divorce, and oath-making. This is the letter-of-the-law part of his message. He follows each, though, with his spirit-of-the-law interpretation (“whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement,” and “everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery,” and “whoever divorces his wife—unless the marriage is unlawful—causes her to commit adultery,” and “do not swear at all...let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’” The spirit of the law is tougher than the letter of the law. At the same time, it's fuller, richer, more reflective of our best selves. By the way, given my lawyer-friend's assessment, I tore up my eloquent letter and sent my check to the city. More-than-less, may I live the spirit of the law in an infinitely larger context as well.

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.
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
- 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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<td>Tracy Dolce (living)</td>
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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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<td>Sunday Collections</td>
<td>23,807</td>
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<td>Other Revenue</td>
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<td>Total Revenue for</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: Dominique & Gerald Dorsainvil, Shannon Gasick, Jenna Quill, Jose Ornelas, Margaret McCaskill

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.

Ozanam 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.

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

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

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.