February 19th, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
“The Lord is kind and merciful”
— Psalm 103

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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
Last year, when Pope Francis elevated the new cardinals to their positions, including Cardinal Cupich, he gave the following reflection on Jesus’ command to us today to love our enemies. To me, his words were very relevant – and challenging at the same time. Let us pray that we may receive this grace from God to truly love.

*Love, do good, bless and pray.* I think we can all agree on these, and see them as something reasonable. They are four things we can easily do for our friends and for those more or less close to us, people we like, people whose tastes and habits are similar to our own.

The problem comes when Jesus tells us for whom we have to do these things. Here he is very clear. He minces no words, he uses no euphemisms. He tells us: love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you.

These are not things we spontaneously do in dealing with people we consider our opponents or enemies. Our first instinctive reaction in such cases is to dismiss, discredit or curse them. Often we try to “demonize” them, so as to have a “sacred” justification for dismissing them. Jesus tells us to do exactly the opposite with our enemies, those who hate us, those who curse us or slander us. We are to love them, to do good to them, to bless them and to pray for them.

Here we find ourselves confronted with one of the very hallmarks of Jesus’ message, where its power and secret are concealed. Here too is the source of our joy, the power of our mission and our preaching of the Good News. My enemy is someone I must love. In God’s heart there are no enemies. God only has sons and daughters. We are the ones who raise walls, build barriers and label people. God has sons and daughters, precisely so that no one will be turned away. God’s love has the flavor of fidelity towards everyone, for it is a visceral love, a parental love that never abandons us, even when we go astray. Our Father does not wait for us to be good before he loves the world, he does not wait for us to be a little bit better or more perfect before he loves us; he loves us because he chose to love us, he loves us because he has made us his sons and daughters...

Ours is an age of grave global problems and issues. We live at a time in which polarization and exclusion are burgeoning and considered the only way to resolve conflicts. We see, for example, how quickly those among us with the status of a stranger, an immigrant, or a refugee, become a threat, take on the status of an enemy. An enemy because they come from a distant country or have different customs. An enemy because of the color of their skin, their language or their social class. An enemy because they think differently or even have a different faith. An enemy because... And, without our realizing it, this way of thinking becomes part of the way we live and act. Everything and everyone then begins to taste of animosity. Little by little, our differences turn into symptoms of hostility, threats and violence...The virus of polarization and animosity permeates our way of thinking, feeling and acting. We are not immune from this and we need to take care lest such attitudes find a place in our hearts, because this would be contrary to the richness and universality of the Church...Jesus continues to invite us to spend our lives sustaining our people in hope, so that they can be signs of reconciliation. As the Church, we are constantly being asked to open our eyes to see the wounds of so many of our brothers and sisters deprived of their dignity, deprived in their dignity.
February 9, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with some urgency that I write to you today, about a bill in our Illinois legislature, HB 40. The bill in question, if passed, would use tax dollars to pay for taking the life of a child in the womb through an abortion. There are strong indications that HB 40 could be enacted into law if we fail to act.

In addition to mandating state funding of abortion through the Medicaid program, HB 40 also calls for abortion coverage in state employees' health care plans. It also allows for the use of tax dollars to fund grants to organizations that refer, counsel for and perform abortions, e.g., Planned Parenthood. All of these state-funded mandates are currently prohibited by Illinois law.

We have raised our voices in the past for those who have no voice, whether they be the immigrant or the refugee, the poor, or the unemployed. We now need to speak for the children in the womb, who are the weakest among us.

We need to let our elected officials know that taxpayers should not be forced to fund the taking of human life. In fact, tax money should be used to fund prenatal services for the poor and child care for working mothers, as well as expand health-care options for those in need. Please join me in advocating for all life by urging your state representative to reject HB 40 and work instead to pass a budget that funds all essential services.

The Season of Lent begins soon. Lent is a word that means "springtime," the time of new life. Let us make this Lent a celebration of life by protecting the new life and hope the birth of a child brings to the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

If you need assistance in determining the name of your lawmaker, or in sending a message to him or her, go to www.ilcatholic.org or call the Catholic Conference at its Chicago office at 312-368-1066 or its Springfield office at 217-528-9200.
**News & Notes**

**Friday Fish Fry**
March 10th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish young adults and Catholic Campus Ministry are once again teaming up on our Third Annual Friday Fish Fry. Tickets are $5 and all proceeds benefit Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Come for fish, fries, and homemade desserts! Tickets go on sale after Masses on 2/25 and 2/26, as well as 3/4 and 3/5.

Please contact Suzanne Gillen (sgillen1@depaul.edu) with any questions.

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**400th Anniversary**

This year marks the four-hundredth anniversary of the origin of the Vincentian charism of service on behalf of the poor.

The year 1617 was decisive with regards to Vincent de Paul's vocation. Two significant events occurred: on January 25th (The Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul) Vincent preached the first sermon of the mission in Folleville (France). That event took place several days after having heard the confession of a dying man which made Vincent aware of the spiritual abandonment of poor people. Some months later, in August of the same year, Vincent experienced the material poverty and misery of his parishioners.

The events that took place in the year 1617 mark the origin of the Vincentian charism. For 400 years, the followers of Vincent de Paul have dedicated themselves to service on behalf of the less fortunate members of society.

Some 225 religious communities and lay associations spanning 80 countries share the common charism of St. Vincent de Paul. Collectively, these organizations are known as the Vincentian Family.

The Vincentian Family is engaged in various ministries in which they “welcome the stranger” in their midst: health care ministry, works of education/formation, works of human promotion and development, works in which they care for homeless people, for refugees, for abandoned children and for single mothers.

The Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, Father Tomaž Mavrič, has encouraged the members of the Vincentian Family to celebrate this year through participation in four projects:

1. The pilgrimage of the relic of the heart of Saint Vincent which will begin on January 25th in Folleville, France. This relic will be received in all those countries where the Vincentian Family is present.

2. Participation in a project to end homelessness throughout the world and this includes caring for refugees, migrants, street people, displaced persons, etc.

3. An International Symposium during which participants will reflect upon their mission and charism. This event will take place in Rome (October 13-15) and will include a meeting of the Vincentian Family with Pope Francis.

4. International Film Festival: an international competition that will focus on the life of Saint Vincent de Paul.

To learn more, visit [http://cmglobal.org/en/category/400th-anniversary](http://cmglobal.org/en/category/400th-anniversary)
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 s.gillen1@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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**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
Lenten Regulations
(from March 1, 2017, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

Check out our completely updated and mobile-friendly website!

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ON ANY GIVEN SUNDAY, AND THEN SOME
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So I turned 63 two Sundays back. On Super Bowl Sunday, actually. How nice of the NFL to schedule the big game on my big day! As noted by former league commissioner Bert Bell, "On any given Sunday, any team in the NFL can beat any other team." Well, my wife and daughter and I went all the way to Florida to watch New England beat Atlanta in that crazy overtime contest. Mostly, though, we went to visit my sister and her husband. Mary and John's permanent address is Springfield, IL, but they winter in Sun City Center, just south of Tampa. I've kidded Mary about this because Sun City Center is one of those senior communities. You have to be 55 or older to live there.

I mean, I qualify, certainly. I've been 55 or older for a long time, after all. My sister's qualifying age notwithstanding (she's older than me...), Mary has a really nice place with swimming pool access at the community center. “Community center” doesn't do it justice, though. It's more like a country club. Not that I've ever belonged to one, but I hear things. All I know for sure is that Gail and Sarah and I didn't want to head back to the airport Monday for the flight back to Chicago. We did, of course, and we're home, and all is well. But as I consider the readings for the day, I keep returning to something the visiting priest at Prince of Peace Church said in his homily at the 10:00 AM Mass.

The church was packed that Super Bowl Sunday morning, and as I settled into the pew, I looked around. All old people. Yes, this depends on one’s definition of old, but I told my daughter (now 30) that she was the youngest face in the place. Perhaps the visiting priest saw it the same, for after telling us in his homily that we have to be salt and light to the world, he added, “I know what you’re thinking. You’re thinking, “But Father, we’re all retired.” In truth, this prompted me to recall the St. Anthony parish priests telling my classmates and me as we headed into summer vacation that we must never take a vacation from God. Apparently the same holds true for the golden years.

And not retiring or taking vacation from God means only one thing as I see it: living the Gospel. Jesus picks up today where he left off last week in that spirit-of-the-law vs. letter-of-the-law conversation. This week he adds: “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil” and “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” Pretty radical. Pretty challenging. “But if not you, who?” the visiting priest at Prince of Peace offered up. Understood. Whether we are retired, or closing in on retirement, or still the youngest face in the place, we are all charged with doing more-than-less to build up the Kingdom. In Sun City Center and beyond. On Super Bowl Sunday. On any given Sunday. Every day. Everywhere.

Congratulations

Archbishop Cupich has reappointed parishioners Faith Manning and Mark Noetzel to another three-year term on the Board of Advisors of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. St. Vincent de Paul Parish extends its sincere congratulations and best wishes to Faith and Mark.

We appreciate the work that they continue to do to support the Church's universal mission of service and outreach.
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.

Mass Offerings

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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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week at a Glance

**Sunday, February 19th**
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 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 20th**
SPRED ..................................................... 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room
AA Meeting .......................................... 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Baptism Prep - *Prior registration required ............ 7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Church

**Tuesday, February 21st**
Prayer Yoga ............................................. 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

**Wednesday, February 22nd**
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 23rd**

**Friday, February 24th**

**Saturday, February 25th**

**Sunday, February 26th**
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. Robinson
AA Meeting ............................................. 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Financial Stewardship

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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.

Visit www.stvdep.org/donate/ for more information.
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.
Sacristy: 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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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.