March 26th, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent
“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want”
— Psalm 23

Rev. Jeremy Dixon, C.M., Pastor

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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 we speak about prayer, most of us think about personal prayer, such as a quiet meditation, reflection or the rosary. Yet balanced with this need for personal prayer, God also invites us to prayer with others, the People of God, through the sacraments. Each of the seven sacraments was given to us by Christ as a celebration of his salvation. They express both a physical reality that can be grasped through our senses as well as a spiritual reality that is understood by faith. This spiritual reality is what is called “grace”: the life and presence of God within us and around us. Each of the sacraments bestows a wonderful gift, and each of the sacraments is a celebration of the entire People of God, not just one individual. As the Catechism teaches, liturgy (Mass) and sacraments are not private functions but are celebrations of the Church, the entire community of the baptized.

The two most frequently celebrated sacraments are the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Each time we participate in Eucharist (Mass), we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Christ. We give thanks to God for the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. We ask for guidance and support to face the challenges of life. While it is a time that we offer some personal prayers to God, Mass is a common prayer of all present. We pray the Creed together. We pray the Our Father together. We pray and sing the songs together. The Eucharist is our time to celebrate salvation together. While each of us may come with our own burdens and desires, we lift them up to God together. Mass and the Eucharist is not private prayer time, but the uniting of our hopes and dreams, our struggles and sorrows. We draw closer to Christ and to each other by our celebration of Mass. This communal prayer helps us to grow in our faith and also helps us to reach out to others.

The other frequently celebrated sacrament is Reconciliation. Also called penance or confession, it may not be seen as one of the most common sacraments, but, like Eucharist, could be celebrated each day. Again, while it may be seen as private, it is a prayer of the whole Church. In the early days, sinners would stand before the assembly and publicly confess their sin to be forgiven; now, the priest stands in for the community and also represents Christ.

Often, we do not recognize the gift of this sacrament. Many things deter us: the idea that we don't really sin; the way we justify our actions; the frustration some people feel with confessing the same sins time and again; a bad experience of the sacrament. As a society, we don't see the need to confess.

But if we recognize that each of us is broken and each of us needs healing, then we can find the beauty of reconciliation. By receiving forgiveness, we can begin to forgive ourselves and draw closer to God and others. I often note that all sin isolates and separates us – from God, others and ourselves. The sacrament of reconciliation begins to heal those wounds and strengthens us to live as God desires. As Pope Francis has said many times, God freely and lovingly forgives us when we ask.

I was never a big fan of confession when I was younger. No one likes to admit their faults, weaknesses and sins. Yet naming our sin before the loving gaze of God and asking for God's transformation can be powerful. I have had some beautiful experiences of the sacrament, both as a sinner and as a priest. I encourage you to receive this beautiful gift from God before Easter. We offer reconciliation beginning at 4:15pm every Saturday before Mass. You also can make a private appointment with me or another priest. Lastly, next week, on April 5, we will have a communal reconciliation service with many different priests available from our area. Don't be afraid! As Pope Francis said, “God, you always wait for me, even when I have left you behind! You are never far from me and if I return to you, you are ready to embrace me. You are patient with me because you love me.”

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From the Pastor
FOURTH WEEK OF LENT
ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

SOCKS APPEAL
St. Vincent Lenten Outreach Initiative

Clothing
- men’s & women’s white socks
- women’s white socks
- men’s undershirts

Pantry
- ground coffee (39 oz. or less)
- hot chocolate mix
- green tea
- sugar (5 lb. or smaller)
- powdered creamer (plain)
- pudding cups

YOUR help is needed to support our outreach efforts. We are collecting the following items at weekend Masses during Lent:

Hygiene (travel sized)
- shampoo
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- shaving cream
- razors
- soap

Catholic-Lutheran Myth Busters
Saturday, April 1, 9:30 a.m. – Noon
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1218 W. Addison
Do Catholics worship the Virgin Mary and the saints? Do Lutherans think of the Eucharist as “just” bread and wine? Do Catholics not value the Bible as much as Protestants? Do Lutherans think they emphasize grace while Catholics talk about works? Whether you are in a Lutheran-Catholic marriage, the child of a Lutheran and Catholic, whether you are committed to ecumenism or simply curious, join us for a lively inquiry. To register or for more information, email office@htchicago.org.

Divided We Fall: Are Justice, Healing, and Reconciliation Possible in Trump’s America?
Program & Discussion
Wednesday, April 5
6:00 – 9:00 pm
Catholic Theological Union
5416 S Cornell Ave, Chicago.
Free and open to the public.

Bryan Massingale, Fordham University
Linda Sarsour, Arab-American Association of New York
Carmen Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
Rabbi Michael Zdek, Congregation Emmanuel
Ahmed Rehab, Council of American-Islamic Relations
News & Notes

RCIA FOCUS
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) dates back to the earliest centuries of the Church. For the first 300 years of Christianity adults received the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and communion) at the Easter Vigil. This year St. Vincent de Paul Parish has a wonderful group of adults who have been preparing all year to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil.

Name - Jamie Sullivan
Are you a candidate or a catechumen? Catechumen
Where did you grow up? Hollywood, FL
Where did you go to school? DePaul University
What is your profession? Compliance at BMO Harris Bank
What has been the most interesting/startling/exciting/surprising thing you’ve learned or experienced in RCIA so far? I think the most interesting aspect of RCIA so far is learning about what happens within the church within the different parts of the calendar year. Lent, etc.
What will your Confirmation name be? St. Philomena

Name - Justin Wang
Are you a candidate or a catechumen? Catechumen
Where did you grow up? Pittsburgh, PA
Where did you go to school? University of Notre Dame
What is your profession? I work at a proprietary trading firm as a trader
What has been the most interesting/startling/exciting/surprising thing you’ve learned or experienced in RCIA so far? It's been interesting to learn about the Congregation of the Mission and the work Vincentians do around the world.
What will your Confirmation name be? Matthew

CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTING SOON...
Adult Confirmation classes at St. Vincent de Paul are held in conjunction with Catholic Campus Ministry at DePaul University. Classes will begin on April 2nd and are held Sunday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the 8:30 PM student Mass. For more information or to register please email Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu.

JOB OPPORTUNITY
St. Vincent de Paul is hiring a part-time (18-20 hours per week), Administrative Assistant, to attend to the day-to-day needs of Parish Center operations. He or she greets and accommodates visitors, parishioners and other guests while fostering a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Our small office environment necessitates flexibility and initiative to meet fluctuating needs.

More Information? Contact Susan Smith at ssmit1@depaul.edu.
News & Notes

LENTEN FISH FRY
Thank you to everyone who made our annual Lenten Fish Fry a great success! We had over 110 attendees, as well as nearly 50 volunteers, and it was a wonderful mix of DePaul students and parishioners. A great time was had by all! Thanks to your generosity, we raised over $400 for Operation Rice Bowl. Thank you to all of our dedicated staff and volunteers for assisting.

HELP NEEDED
Do you have a few hours a month that you could volunteer for the parish from home? We are in great need of volunteers to launder the linens that we use during our masses (the white cloths that we use for the altar and chalices). It’s very simple and we will provide a short training. If you are interested in helping, please contact Fr. Jeremy at jdixon20@depaul.edu or 773-325-4155.

Thank you to the Seminole Alumni group and to Karen Wierer for volunteering last Saturday. They assembled 500 toiletry kits for our guests at the sandwich window and sorted clothing donations. For more information or to volunteer to assist, contact Katie Leifer at ktleifer@gmail.com

EASTER EGG HUNT
Please join your fellow parishioners for St Vincent de Paul Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 15th, 2017 9.00 – 11.00am on the front lawn (Parish Center in case of rain). Egg Hunt by age group, face painting, crafts and more. Children of all ages and families are welcome.
Lent: Pray

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Lent: Serve

Sign Up for a Shift at stvdep.org

Become a Soup Kitchen Volunteer

Weekday and Saturday Morning Shifts Available. Volunteers arrive by 8:00 a.m. on the day they are scheduled to prepare and serve meals. Shifts conclude by 10:15 a.m.

More Information? Contact Katie Leifer

Join the Night Ministry

St. Vincent is forming a team of volunteers to join the Night Ministry - a Chicago-based organization that works to provide services to members of our community struggling with poverty or homelessness.

More Information? Contact Bob Beatty

Lent: Share

Support St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Become a registered parishioner and sign up to give weekly or monthly through our online giving program. It’s simple, and we need everyone’s support.
**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!

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**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: Colleen Burdick, Bob & Pat Dillon, Gloria Flores, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Laura Linke, Matt Merkt, Bill Powers, James Schwake, Joyce Walsh, Marie Rowe

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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<td>Tracy Dolce (living)</td>
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<td>Mary Francis Petro &amp; Josephina Velez Pulecio</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

Sunday, March 26th
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Piletic; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon
Small Faith Group ........................................... 3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - Portail Room
AA Meeting ................................................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
* NO CCM Mass

Monday, March 27th
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, March 28th
TnT ................................................................. 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Soup Kitchen
Small Faith Group ............................................ 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Portail Room
Prayer Yoga .................................................... 7:00 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Wednesday, March 29th
AA Meeting .................................................... 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Choir ............................................................. 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room

Thursday, March 30th
Parish Council ................................................ 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. - Portail Room

Friday, March 31st
Stations of the Cross ........................................ 7:00 p.m. - Church

Saturday, April 1st

Sunday, April 2nd
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

Financial Stewardship

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<td>Sunday Collections</td>
<td>26,826</td>
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<td>Other Revenue</td>
<td>15,764</td>
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<td>Total Revenue for February 2017</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.

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: Coryn FitzGerald, Mary Frawley, Joanne Corboy

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.
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 Carter (mcarte40@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 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 Carter (mcarte40@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 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.