May 14th, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house”

— 1 Peter 2:4-93

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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
Many of you have probably thought about your dream house. The house you would build if you had unlimited amounts of money and time and people to build. How many rooms it would have, how many bedrooms and bathrooms. What the kitchen is like. How you want your “man-den.” How many hot tubs you would install. It’s easy for us to imagine what our dream house is like.

In the Gospel today, Jesus is telling us about the house of his Father, how he is going to prepare a place for each one of us. But we shouldn’t think of this too literally. Now even though he was a carpenter, Jesus is not in heaven building each of us a dream house. But it’s a way to express that God has room for everybody, that no one is excluded. Jesus came to save all people, to lead all people to a relationship with God. Jesus died for all people, not just a few. Jesus came to share his life and his love, to show us the way to God.

Being Christian means that we put this love into practice. We are called to be open to the other, to welcome the stranger. It is not easy to do this. It’s much easier to simply be with people we know, or people we have something in common with. Even the early Church in our first reading today had problems with this, that they took care of people like them and didn’t attend to the needs of the other.

Yet we are called to be responsible for each other, just as the early Church agreed to work together to support each other. We are called to be open to each other, to the stranger, just as Jesus was, to practice what he practiced, to love as he loved. Jesus said if you have seen me, you have seen the Father. What Jesus did, how Jesus treated people, is how God acts, is how God treats people. And when we imitate Jesus, we imitate God.

We are called not to exclude, but to be welcoming. Because we seek to imitate Jesus, we are called to be a church that is open to all, that invites all people to share in our prayer together. We are a church of saints and sinners. We are a chosen people, a holy nation as Peter tells us. Through the generosity of God, we have been chosen, and we are called to be generous to others. We are not called to keep this gift to ourselves, but to share it, to live out our baptismal calling to share the Good News.

When we follow Jesus, we open our hearts to others. We welcome others as Jesus did. We recognize our own dignity and extend dignity and respect to others. We strive and struggle together to follow the way of Jesus. Let us continue forward together.
DATE NIGHT for MARRIED COUPLES

Thursday, May 18th
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Using “Happy Together” as a guide Gen 2 will be hosting a series of “date nights” for married couples. Sessions will take place in the parish center followed by fellowship and fun at Home Slice Pizza. This program has something to offer everyone whether you’re a newlywed or celebrating your 20th anniversary. Pick up a copy of “Happy Together in the parish office in order to prepare for May 18th.

If you'd like more information or have questions please email Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu
“Dear Families and Friends of St. Constance School – Welcome to our St. Constance School’s 100th Anniversary Gala...” This is how Principal Eva Panczyk began her letter to the attendees of the evening’s festivities, which actually began with 4:30 PM Mass last Saturday afternoon and ended up with dinner, dancing, and one long-ago graduate of St. Constance School going home with the $5,000 grand raffle prize. What a fitting way to close out the night’s agenda, even though when my wife and I left nearly an hour later, there were still several folks just sitting around talking and enjoying themselves. It was that kind of night. Wonderful.

From the moment we’d heard about the event months ago, Gail and I were excited about attending. More so, we encouraged people we knew with SCC connections to attend as well. I recall telling a few school moms and dads who I met when our children were in school together that they had to attend... that we had to celebrate the years we all shared there. The parking lot conversations. The sporting events. The homework. The science fairs. The variety shows. As I told several people that night, “Just think of all the time, and energy, and money, we’ve sunk into this place...” And as one school dad said in return, “We couldn't have made a better investment.” Amen.

It was too far for our son Paul—a 2003 grad—to make it down for the gig, and while his sister Sarah—a 2001 grad—is local, there was no guarantee she’d want to spend her Saturday night sitting around with her folks and other (um...) older people. She did, though, and I think she enjoyed it. Perhaps inspired by her presence, I recalled a chat I’d had with a school mom fifteen+ years ago, shortly before Sarah’s graduation. With the mom’s son Paul graduating, too, the mom said she wished the class could just stay together forever. When I told a school dad of this memory at the gala, he said, “Well, she was right,” and I knew at once that he was seeing something I’d missed all those years ago.

“All do not let your hearts be troubled,” Jesus tells his disciples in today’s Gospel, part of his farewell discourse to his friends the night before he goes to the cross. “You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be...” Thanks to school-dad Joe, school-mom Sophie’s wish that the class could just stay together forever took on a deeper—and eternal—meaning. Because in the context of our discipleship, this is the end game, of course, for all of us. I don’t want to gush, but the St. Constance School 100th Anniversary Gala was heaven-esque to me. Great food and drink. Great music. All of us together again, celebrating the good. Yeah, Joe, you nailed it. Sophie had it right all along.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Can you share 60-75 minutes on Sunday morning to help our sandwich kitchen? Volunteers are needed to do the “Costco run” and pick up and delivery to the church the pastries that they donate. If you are interested or would like more information contact Katie (ktleifer@gmail.com).
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: Colleen Burdick, Juliette Calabrese, Mike Cameron, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, Gloria Flores, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Laura Linke, Matt Merkt, Bill Powers, 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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
**Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, May 14th**
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon;
10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic
Religious Ed classes .............................. 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. - Parish Center
AA Meeting ...................................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

**Monday, May 15th**
AA Meeting ...................................... 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

**Tuesday, May 16th**
Prayer Yoga ...................................... 7:00 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

**Wednesday, May 17th**
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, May 18th**
Gen 2 .............................................. 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

**Friday, May 19th**

**Saturday, May 20th**
Closing V & L mass ................................. 9:00 a.m. - Church

**Sunday, May 21st**
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Robinson;
10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon
Community Life Commission meeting ...... 11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - Soup Kitchen
Latino Mass ...................................... 11:00 a.m. - Church
Anniversary Mass (Fr. Rybolt) .................. 3:00 p.m. - Church
AA Meeting ...................................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
DPU - Confirmation Mass ....................... 8:30 p.m. - Church

**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.

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: Rose Wysocki, Jackson Kontny, Katherine & Aron Lowe

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 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.

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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/l5yvch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017