July 23rd, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness”

— Romans 8:26-27

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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
I recently read a reflection on today’s Gospel reading. I found it very inspiring and challenging. It was written by Deacon Jim Knipper from Trenton, New Jersey. It appeared in “Give Us This Day” and is adapted from the book *Naked, and You Clothed Me.*

**Love’s Reach**

The crowd listening to these parables knows all too well that the mustard seed is an invasive weed. It is the last think anyone wants in their field!

No one in their right mind would ever sow mustard seeds. Well…no one, unless you are God. Remember, in these parables Christ is describing God's love. And like the sower who casts the mustard seeds that are rejected by most, this parable reminds us that God’s love encompasses all and reaches even those that are rejected…those who are on the fringes…those who are broken. God’s love reaches the divorced, the gay, the depressed, the homeless, the jobless and the addicted. Our personal weeds grow together with our wheat. But no matter how many mustard seeds we have, God’s love reaches each of us and fills us with forgiveness. And the best news yet? It is freely given by God to all of us and can’t be earned. There is nothing we can do more of or less of in order to gain more favor or more love from God. All we are called to do is to be open to this incredible gift of God and, in turn, to reach out to others with this same love.

But all too often, as we are reminded in the parable of the wheat and the weeds, we allow our egos to take over. We focus on what we want and what we think, based on our own reference points, judging who are the worthy and the unworthy – rejecting others, rejecting ourselves, and thus rejecting God.
**WEEK 2**

July 24, 7:00pm socializing begins at 6:30pm
Kincade's Bar and Grill: 950 W Armitage Ave

**Get the Heck Out!** Get out of your bubble and start making authentic relationships
Margaret Motto

For more information on all of the Theology on Tap events taking place across the Archdiocese of Chicago and at the Lincoln Park and Old Town parishes this summer, please visit [www.totchicago.org](http://www.totchicago.org) or contact Suzanne Gillen at 773.325.8612 or sgillen1@depaul.edu

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**Welcome the Stranger Initiative**

Thank you to all who participated in last week’s group discussion regarding refugees and immigration. As we move closer to receiving another refugee family this summer, we are hosting a cultural training workshop on Thursday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This workshop is for those who wish to participate in the welcoming and relationship-building process with our new family. Exodus Worldwide, our partner agency, will be leading the workshop.

**More Information? Contact Emily LaHood Olsen at**
[emily lahoodolsen@gmail.com](mailto:emily.lahoodolsen@gmail.com)
Serve

Volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul Parish at

SHEFFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL AND GARDEN WALK

Saturday, July 22nd  
Sunday, July 23rd

Sign up to volunteer by logging onto the parish website at stvdep.org, or sign up in the back of church after mass in the coming weeks.

Positions include serving beer, food, working in the kitchen, and more.  
Shifts are two or three hours, and there is a job for everyone.

St. Vincent de Paul Special Edition Church Tour

Can you spot the Foundlings, Sun of Splendor or Daughters of Charity?  
Do you know the story behind the Munich Stained Glass? Were you an extra when a Hollywood movie was filmed on location at St. Vincent de Paul Parish?

Learn about these and more at The St Vincent de Paul Special Edition Church Tour on Garden Walk Sunday July 23, 2017 after the 10:00 am Mass. We will gather at 11:15 am on the front steps of the church facing Webster Avenue to take a deeper look at our beloved patron Saint Vincent de Paul along with the history, church architecture and Vincentian art in our parish.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!
Stewardship of Giving

Who’s In The Pews?
Profiles of neighbors serving our mission to Worship/Serve/Share

Names: Gena Shone

How long have you been attending Mass at St. Vincent de Paul? Since 2002

Where did you grow up?
Hammond, IN and Calumet City, IL

Where did you go to school?
St. John the Baptist, Whiting, IN and Hoover grade school and TF North High School in Calumet City, IL

What do you do professionally (or what types of volunteer or other activities do you participate in)?
I work part-time for Re/Max Synergy in Flossmoor, IL. I live with my husband of 43 years, in Lansing, IL, and sing funerals for two churches nearby. Have been served as a cantor at St. Vincent’s since the late 90s when I was still singing at Holy Name Cathedral (20 years), but joined the St. Vincent Chorale in 2002. I am also a quilter and belong to a quilt guild in the South suburbs.

What do you like most about St. Vincent de Paul parish?
I love singing in the choir; the music program is so rewarding and challenging. The music is praise-centered, liturgically-pertinent, and definitely to my taste. All the choir members get along and I feel I am part of a team where everyone is needed. I’ve enjoyed worshipping at St. Vincent’s.

The family catechetical model of religious education is used at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. The Church believes that parents are the primary teachers of their children, and the parish is there to assist and help them. In this format, parents and children meet together for class from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM once per month. Families utilize take-home materials to continue the lessons at home. Weekly mass attendance is also considered part of the class.

The religious education fee is $150 per child. Due to space limitations classes will be capped at 10 students. Two years of religious education classes are required for a child to receive his/her First Communion. For more information or to register email Rebecca at rcarmict@depaul.edu
Registrations must be received by September 1st.
“Be proud of your age.” That’s the message printed on the inside foil of the Dove dark chocolate square I just ate. It’s timely because lately I’ve been thinking that my young colleagues at work are probably putting me at like a hundred years old. I’m not, but for sure I’ve been in the workplace since long before many of them were born. I bring a lot of this perceived perception on myself, however, and I do so by telling stories. I’ve got an endless supply, and when the time seems appropriate, I’m quick to share them. These aren’t why-when-I-was-your-age stories, but they’re stories that demonstrate a point cogent to the given work conversation. Just the other day I made a point about the importance of working collaboratively with other departments by recalling something I heard a personnel staffer tell a new non-QA employee back in 1978: “This is just the lab. Don’t worry. You’ll never have to come back here.”

If a picture is worth a thousand words (or ten thousand words, or any of the variations of the old maxim you can find online), an illustrative story is certainly worth all the P & Ps tucked away in a corporate handbook that describe a principle but don’t give the principle life. In today’s Gospel, Jesus picks up where he left off last week telling parables to the crowds. But while last week he said he spoke in parables because—fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy—the people hear, but don’t understand, this week he says he speaks in parables to actually fulfill the words of “the prophet,” saying “I will open my mouth in parables...” I’m no Scripture scholar, but I think he’s referring to Asaph from the Book of Psalms (“I will open my mouth in story...”), who wrote maybe a thousand years BC. Hey! At least I’m not that old!

But all of this just reinforces in my head and heart the importance of a good story. And Jesus tells three excellent ones today as he speaks to the crowds about the kingdom of heaven. He likens it first to a man who sows good seed in his field only to have his enemy come and sow bad seed there, so the wheat and the weeds grow up together. When the servants ask the owner if he wants them to pull up the weeds, he answers, “No...let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to a tiny mustard seed that becomes a large bush where the birds of the sky come to dwell. Finally, he likens the Kingdom to yeast that leavens the entire batch, causing it to rise. After explaining the parable of the wheat and weeds (“Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so it will be at the end of the age...”), Jesus again says that those with ears should hear. As noted, I value a good story in making a point, probably because I personally learn much from listening to a good story. Jesus delivers today. Per usual. And indeed, whoever has ears ought to hear.
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: Juliette Calabrese, Mike Cameron, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, Gloria Flores, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Anita Italiane Hearl, Richard Jaracz, Laura Linke, Bill Powers, Terri Proietto, James Schwake, Joyce Walsh

Please contact Ginny 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 Ginny at that time. If you would like Fr. Jeremy to visit the person (if they live in the area), please let Ginny 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.
**Week at a Glance**

| Sunday, July 23rd | 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. Rybolt  
| | Sheffield Music Festival and Garden Walk |
| Monday, July 24th | AA Meeting ........................................ 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room  
| | Baptism Prep, pre-registration required .................. 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Church |
| Tuesday, July 25th | Knights of Columbus .................................. 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room |
| Wednesday, July 26th | AA Meeting ........................................... 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |
| Thursday, July 27th | |
| Friday, July 28th | |
| Saturday, July 29th | |
| Sunday, July 30th | Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Rybolt; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon  
| | Community Life Commission ........... 3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - Portail Room  
| | Al-Anon Meeting ......................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |

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**Financial Stewardship**

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*Includes DePaul University Monthly Stewardship

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: Rachel Fatunde

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 Phil at outreach@stvdep.org.

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.

First Communion: Requires two years of classes. Family catechesis (classes for parents and children) religious education classes are held monthly. 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
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