July 30th, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Solomon prays for an understanding heart”

— 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

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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
From the Pastor

How many of you have watched poker on television? Or maybe you’ve played it yourselves with some friends. It’s usually very dramatic as a player decides to risk everything he has and go “all in.” He bets it all and either doubles his money or loses everything. A few cards make the difference between winning and losing. It’s a combination of luck and skill.

We can see the same risk in our lives. When two people get married, they take a risk on each other. When a person takes a new job in a city far from home, she takes a risk. Myself, as I decided to become a priest, I too felt I took a risk.

The most difficult part about going all in and taking a chance is the complete lack of control over what will happen. We never know completely that we will like the new job, that we will be fulfilled in our married life, that our lives will work out as we plan. Giving up control, going all in, can be terrifying. Yet that is what the Word of God invites us to today. To go all in, to give up control, to trust completely in God and God’s plan for us.

Jesus again tells us parables, today about a buried treasure and a pearl of great price. And he tells us that the person who finds this treasure sells all that he has to gain it. We too are called to surrender all for the Reign of God, to go all in. We are called to trust in God. It can be hard to let go of control in our lives, to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our actions. Yet Jesus tells us that it is necessary to give our all for the Reign of God. There is no room for half-hearted responses, but we are called to go all in.

It is not easy to go all in and to trust in God’s love and providence to help us. We can see that life doesn’t become less difficult simply because we trust God. Any number of bad things happen to good people and it causes us to ask “Why God? Why does this have to happen?”

I don’t know the answer to this. All I know is that God has a plan of love for each one of us. I don’t understand why some things occur, why poverty and earthquakes and violence happen, why babies and little children get sick and die, but I know and believe that God knows why.

I think that this may be the most difficult time to understand God’s love and to trust in him – when death occurs, especially when a loved one dies. As St. Paul tells us in our second reading, “We know that all things work for good for those who love God.” It sometimes takes great faith to trust in the goodness of God’s plan for us. Trusting in God doesn’t make the risk any less disappointed by God. (Continued page 3…)
While we know that there will be difficulties, we have confidence that God will never reject us and always loves us.

Let us trust God and take his hand, which is always held out to us in love, ready to welcome us back to his presence. Let us trust more in God’s mercy, in God’s loving plan for us. Let us go all in, giving our all in prayer and service for the Reign of God. Unlike the poker players on TV, this is a bet we cannot lose.

I will be away from the parish on vacation from August 1-15. Please contact the parish office for any assistance you may need.

WEEK 3
July 31, 7:00pm socializing begins at 6:30pm
Marge’s Still: 1758 N Sedgwick Ave
Athletics and Faith - Looking at the letters of St. Paul through an athletic lens
Sr. Stephanie Baliga

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 or contact Suzanne Gillen at 773.325.8612 or sgillen1@depaul.edu
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.
Today is the last entry from the parable discourse found in Matthew:13. After the sower and the seed, we heard similes last week that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a field of wheat and weeds that grow together before being separated at the harvest, like a mustard seed that grows to a mighty plant, and like yeast that leavens the loaf. Today Jesus tells us that the Kingdom is first like treasure buried in a field that prompts a man to sell all he has so that he might purchase the field. Jesus then tells us that the Kingdom is like a pearl of great price that prompts a merchant to sell all he has so that he might purchase the pearl. These last two are similar in theme, and I find them easy to listen to.

Finally, though, Jesus tells us today that the Kingdom is like a fisherman’s net that collects good fish and unwanted things indiscriminately. The net is then brought ashore and the haul is sorted with the good fish being saved while the undesirable element of the catch is discarded. Then Jesus takes the time to explain the parable in such generous detail (“Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth”), that there can be no misunderstanding of the point he wants to make, and for me, anyway, it’s not so easy to listen to.

And it’s not easy to listen to in the same way that last week’s simile likening the Kingdom to the wheat and the weeds growing up together wasn’t easy to listen to. Actually, it’s Christ’s explanation—not the parable itself—that’s unnerving: “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age,” with “all who cause others to sin and all evildoers” being gathered and thrown into the fire.

Fast forward now to the last Sunday in November, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Come that day, we will again hear—also from Matthew’s Gospel—the Judgement of the Nations: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats...and these will go off to eternal punishment...” Wheat vs. weeds. Desirable elements of the catch vs. undesirable elements of the catch. Sheep vs. goats. As I see it, the two parables point to Jesus’ own description of the Judgement Day, and he makes it pretty clear about how things will go down when it all goes down. So pick your simile, but sooner than later, because as Jesus keeps telling
English Literacy Volunteers Needed

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Our next New Tutor Training Workshop will be Friday, October 21 from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday, October 22 from 9am to 4pm. Prospective tutors must attend both days, and advance registration is required. A one-time $25 fee helps cover the cost of materials and workshop refreshments. The remaining 3 hours of training are scheduled individually during regular Center hours. At the end of all training, you will receive a 6-month membership and a certificate through ProLiteracy.

Contact us for registration information today! Email us at info@aquinasliteracycenter.org or call (773) 927-0512 and ask for Kristen. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The achievement of the late 1960s and early 1970s in enriching the "euchology" or "words of thanksgiving" available in the Church's prayer is important on many levels. Ecumenically, it means that the Latin Rite now reflects the wealth of the East in having more than one prayer available to the Church. Pastorally, it actually acknowledges the place of the assembly in prayer, which is particularly clear in the Masses with Children. In fact, the traditional prayers of the Eastern Church served as models for our new prayers.

In the East, what we call the Eucharistic Prayer is called the anaphora, and there are three main families of anaphora. Each family has a different "recipe" for arranging the usual parts of these prayers. All anaphora have "intercessions" included, but the Churches of Antioch place them toward the end of the prayer, Alexandria prefers them at the beginning before the "Holy, Holy," and Syria puts them at the very end. One branch of the Syrian family is unique in not mentioning the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. The Roman Canon we once prayed exclusively has some connection with the Alexandrian family, but once the signal for creativity was given, all the wealth of every prayer tradition was on the table, and our Sunday Mass has been greatly enriched.

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- 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, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, John Garrity, Richard Gray, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Anita Italiane Hearl, Richard Jaracz, Laura Linke, David Neesan, 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.

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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 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

Monday, July 31st
AA Meeting ........................................... 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Finance Committee Meeting ................... 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Portal Room

Tuesday, August 1st

Wednesday, August 2nd
AA Meeting ........................................... 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Thursday, August 3rd

Friday, August 4th

Saturday, August 5th

Sunday, August 6th
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Rybolt; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dosen; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic
Al-Anon Meeting .............................. 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

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: Matt, Kelly & Kinsley Chaplin; Mary Buckley; Luke Burbach; Kendra Dodds; Carmine Cesario

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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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 (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.
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