September 17th, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor”

— Sirach 27:30 – 28:9

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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 I first read these readings this week, I felt struck by a sense of how appropriate they are for us today. The readings speak about forgiveness—and our tendency to be stubborn in forgiving others. The first sentence from the first reading makes it clear: “Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.” (Sirach 27:30) In our world today, anger and vengeance are all around us. The polarization in our society appears all-consuming. We refuse to speak or dialogue with people who are different, or have different views. It’s much easier to stay in our bubble and not engage, and often when we do engage, it is with anger and indignation.

Don’t get me wrong: I am just as guilty. I can feel that same sense of righteous anger or moral superiority. The challenge for all of us is how to express our faith and views in a manner that can lead to conversion. When we speak out on behalf of migrants, refugees, the poor or the unborn, we are called to do so in a respectful way that leads to dialogue and change, not adding to the anger and the sense of outrage in our society.

Jesus today calls us to be people of forgiveness and reconciliation, to be limitless in our forgiving of others as God is limitless in forgiving us. While others around us, and sometimes ourselves, appear consumed with attacking others, we are called to ask for the grace to forgive. It can be one of the most challenging things that we do as disciples, and it is only with Christ’s help that we can do it.

As I was reflecting, I came across a brief reflection by Pope Francis on this parable, delivered in a visit to Assisi in 2016. May the words of the Holy Father inspire us to reflect on God’s mercy—and how we show that same mercy to others.

“God’s forgiveness knows no limits; it is greater than anything we can imagine and it come to all who know in their hearts that they have done wrong and desire to return to him. God looks at the heart that seeks forgiveness.

“The problem, unfortunately, comes whenever we have to deal with a brother or sister who has even slightly offended us. The reaction described in the parable describes it perfectly: ‘He seized him by the throat and said, ‘Pay what you owe!’ Here we encounter all the drama of our human relationships. When we are indebted to others, we expect mercy; but others are indebted to us, we demand justice! All of us do this. It is a reaction unworthy of Christ’s disciples, nor is it the sign of a Christian style of life. Jesus teaches us to forgive and to do so limitlessly: ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.’ What he offers us is the Father’s love, not our own claims to justice. To trust in the latter alone would not be the sign that we are Christ’s disciples, who have obtained mercy at the foot of the cross solely by virtue of the love of the Son of God.”

F. Jean Dier 17
Welcome: The Parish Choirs of St. Margaret Mary, Naperville

We extend a warm welcome to the combined choirs of St. Margaret Mary in Naperville at this weekend’s 10:00 Mass. The choirs are joining us to pay tribute to Fr. Pat McDevitt, C.M. who was a tremendous spiritual leader during the time he assisted at St. Margaret Mary. We look forward to Fr. Pat and our visitors being with us for this week’s liturgy.

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

Name:
Steve Geiermann

How long have you been attending Mass at St. Vincent de Paul?
Since 2004

Where did you grow up?
Carelton, Michigan

Where did you go to school?
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

What do you do professionally (or what types of volunteer or other activities do you participate in)?
Public Health Dentistry (treating communities versus individuals). Additionally, I sing with the Chicago Gay Men’s Chorus and serve on the board of the National Network for Oral Health Access.

What do you like most about St. Vincent de Paul parish?
I enjoy the good preaching, good music, and good community. As a lector, I also like to proclaim the Word.
NIGHTFEVER
CONQUER THE NIGHT

HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL
Saturday, October 7, 2017
4th Anniversary of Nightfever in Chicago

Mass—7:30 p.m.
Celebrant and Homilist: Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.
Augustinian Advisor, Villanova University
Nightfever—9:00 p.m.
Night Prayer—11:30 p.m.

ADORATION—MUSIC—RECONCILIATION

www.nightfeverchicago.org
Are you looking for a meaningful way to grow in your Faith and learn more about the Word of God? This year, the Archdiocese of Chicago is launching Six Weeks With the Word of God: Young Adult Scripture Faith Sharing to provide you with a wonderful opportunity to do just that.

Beginning in the third week of September, groups of young adults will meet in nine different locations across the Archdiocese of Chicago on a weekly basis in a comfortable community environment, from outdoor parks to parish halls. Six Weeks With the Word of God sessions will combine elements of study, support, and fun, ultimately enabling attendees to help one another to find God in their lives.

For more information, please visit pwm.archchicago.org/events/six-weeks-with-the-word-of-god

You can register to join a Six Weeks With the Word of God group by visiting www.cvent.com/d/15qhdh

Interested in becoming Catholic? Maybe you are interested in being Baptized? Want to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation in the Catholic Church? Perhaps you grew up in another faith tradition but would now like to join the Catholic Church the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you! If you are interested in joining RCIA this year please contact Rebecca at rebeccarmichael@gmail.com by October 1st.
Joel Osteen, pastor of Lakewood Church in Houston, took some heat a few weeks ago for not immediately opening his expansive facility to flood victims in Harvey’s wake. I didn’t hear the full story, but he claims a misunderstanding—something about the church itself originally being closed because of flooding and safety concerns—so I cut the guy some slack. But maybe that’s just because I’m Catholic, and we are prone to be a forgiving people. Just like the joke I heard Mr. Osteen begin one of his messages with not long ago on SiriusXM...

Three guys—a Baptist, a Catholic, and a Charismatic—all die and go to Heaven on the same day. St. Peter meets them at the gates, but their rooms aren’t quite ready yet. Needing someplace to put them until the housekeeping is finished, Peter calls Satan and asks if the three can stay at his place for a little while. Satan reluctantly agrees. A few hours later, though, Satan calls Peter back. “You have to come get these guys,” Satan says. “The Baptist man is saving everybody. The Catholic man is forgiving everybody, and the Charismatic has already raised enough money for air conditioning.” I laughed, anyway.

I’m proud of my Catholicism, so if a joke pokes fun at my faith for being on the forgiving side of things, I’m cool with that. Emily Dickinson wrote a short poem about forgiveness that I don’t fully understand. The first quatrain, though (“Of God we ask one favor/That we may be forgiven/From what, he is presumed to know/The Crime, from us, is hidden”), takes me immediately to Jesus on the cross (“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”). Mostly, though, I think we know precisely what we do, and we do it anyway. Our God is a forgiving God, thank God! Still, there’s that pesky Lord’s Prayer: “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us…”

Today’s Gospel personifies the point. Here, Jesus speaks of a king settling accounts with his servants. One debtor owes the king a huge amount. I read somewhere once that the debt was like 10,000 talents. Hyperbole perhaps, to drive the message home. Regardless, this servant—threatened with being sold along with his family to cover the exorbitant debt—begs for mercy and promises to pay his due back in full. The king is moved with compassion and not only frees the servant, he forgives the debt. But then this servant encounters one of his servants who owes him money, albeit a much lesser amount. The pardoned servant refuses similar mercy to his debtor, and when word gets back to the king, this servant pays dearly for his actions. “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us…” Let the joke be on us, then (“The Catholic man is forgiving everybody…”) because forgiveness can play well into a Joel Osteen bit. At the same time, it’s sure no laughing matter.
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.
### News & Notes

#### First Friday Women’s Series:

*Contemplatives for Our Time*, begins Oct. 6 at the Chicago Cenacle. The program is from 10am-noon. You are invited for lunch with the Sisters after Mass.

$30 suggested program offering.

The Cenacle is located at 513 Fullerton Pkwy.

For more info or to register: 773-528-6300 ext: 188 or cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats-Programs/

#### First Friday Women’s Series:

*Calligraphy as Prayerful Meditation* workshop at the Chicago Cenacle on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9am-noon.

The $40 offering includes all materials needed.

The Cenacle is located at 513 Fullerton Pkwy.

For more info or to register: 773-528-6300 ext: 188 or cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats-Programs/

#### Living Mercy, Giving Hope: Come and See Weekend retreat

Be the hope you want to see in the world. The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, invite single Catholic women, ages 18-42, to a Come and See weekend retreat Nov. 10-12. Deepen your prayer life. Explore where God is calling you. During the retreat, you can meet with the newest members of the Sisters of Providence, learn more about foundress Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, ask questions and learn more about the spirituality and mission of the Sisters of Providence. There is no cost to attend. Learn more or register at [ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org](http://ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org), call or text Sister Editha Ben at 812-230-4771 or email eben@spsmw.org.

#### About the Sisters of Providence

**The Sisters of Providence**, a Congregation of nearly 300 women religious, with more than 200 Providence Associates, collaborate with others to create a more just and hope-filled world through prayer, education, service and advocacy. The Sisters of Providence have their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located just northwest of downtown Terre Haute, Ind. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 17 states, the District of Columbia and Asia, through works of love, mercy and justice. More information about the Sisters of Providence and their ministries may be found at [SistersofProvidence.org](http://SistersofProvidence.org).

For more information, contact Jason Moon, media relations manager, at 812-535-2810, or email jmoon@spsmw.org.
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Giving

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, Mary Hayes, Patty Hayes, Anita Italiane Hearl, Laura Linke, David Neesan, 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.

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**Week at a Glance**

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| **Sunday, September 17th** | Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic; 8:30 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon  
  Al-Anon Meeting 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |
| **Monday, September 18th** | AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room  
  Baptism Prep 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Church |
| **Tuesday, September 19th** | AA Meeting 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room  
  Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room |
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| **Saturday, September 23rd** | **Sunday, September 24th** |
| **Financial Stewardship** | **Actual vs. Budget**  
 | August 2017 | Budget | $ Over Budget | August 2017 | August 2016 | $ Change |
| **Sunday Collections** | 27,260 | 26,254 | 1,006 | 27,260 | 26,254 | 1,006 |
| **Other Revenue** | 19,155 | 17,764 | 1,351 | 19,155 | 16,496 | 2,619 |
| **Total Revenue for August 2017** | 46,375 | 44,018 | 2,357 | 46,375 | 42,750 | 3,625 |

*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:**
Jamie & Parker Remak, Bryan Van Horn & Natalie Sweet

**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 (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/pn4aqwl) 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.