March 11th, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent
“God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ”
— Ephesians 2:4-10

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
Our faith is one of many paradoxes. We must die to live. Suffering leads to redemption. And at the center of our faith is the cross. A sign of severe punishment and humiliation. A source of shame and disgrace. Yet it is how we are saved. It is a sign of God's victory, a sign of hope and love. Through the cross and Jesus’s death, sin and death are defeated. It is perhaps the ultimate paradox, but it shows us how God can transform what seems to be hopeless and hateful and senseless into an opportunity of promise and love.

The cross empowers us to give ourselves up to the power of God’s love, the love that can transform all, even our pains and sufferings. Just as Moses healed the people by lifting up a snake on a pole and having them look at it, we too are spiritually healed by looking upon Christ crucified, lifted up on his cross. We are able to do so because of God's great plan of love for us and for the whole world. As St. John says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Once when I was on retreat, the leader rephrased this verse, “For God so loved you, Jeremy, that he gave his only Son, so that you who believe in him might not perish, but you might have eternal life.” Each one of us could say the same, reflecting on God's love and generosity. St. Paul also reminds us today that God is “rich in mercy” and has “great love” for each one of us. Often in our lives, we may feel a void or emptiness in which we do not sense that love or generosity. Yet we are invited to believe today in the word of Christ, that he came to bring us to new and abundant life in his love and truth.

Let us give thanks today for this great gift of God’s love and concern for us, that we can be healed through Christ's sacrifice. And as we remember this sacrifice at our Eucharist, let us look upon the Crucified One, who is also forever the Risen One.

We need to ask ourselves today if we can believe in what Jesus said, that he came to save each one of us. Do we believe in his great love for us? Can we give thanks for it?
Lenten Regulations
(from February 14th, 2018, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.
Join TnT for Lenten Solidarity Suppers
Young adults are invited to join TnT for Lenten Solidarity Suppers. Each week, we will prepare a warm meal for the soup kitchen and, afterwards, share dinner and reflection from the CRS Rice Bowl recipes. Join us Thursday evenings during Lent from 6:00-7:30 in the soup kitchen starting February 15. Please contact stvincentdepaultynt@gmail.com for more.

RCIA

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. During this past year a wonderful group of adults at St. Vincent de Paul have been preparing all year to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil.

This week please pray for:

**Trina Dee D., Matthew M. & Lee S.**

**Prayer for Candidates & Catechumens**
Loving and life giving God, bless those who have been journeying into the fullness of faith in the Catholic Church. Strengthen and encourage them during this Lenten season that they may grow closer to you in faith and wisdom. Reveal to them the saving love of Your Son Jesus. Empower them with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit and be with them as they receive the sacraments of initiation at the Great Easter Vigil.
Adult Confirmation classes at St. Vincent de Paul are held in conjunction with Catholic Campus Ministry at DePaul University. Classes will begin on April 8th 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

Vincentian Women

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Encouraging women to build friendship and community in our parish through faith and service.

Upcoming Event - Women's Self Defense Workshop - Saturday, April 14

If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Jenny (jennyemohan@gmail.com). Meeting attendance is not a requirement. We will send out our meeting minutes and event announcements to everyone on our list. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Learn more by visiting: stvdep.org/community-life/vincentian-women/
ON RANDOM SHOPPING LISTS, AND OTHER DEFINING THINGS
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“Lettuce, fruit, chicken, lunchmeat, cream cheese, liver sausage, rolls, dill, sausage, fz potatoes, pork chop, eggs.” I found this list—scribed in very neat cursive hand-writing on a small piece of lined note paper—in the parking lot when I was leaving work a few days ago. I didn’t know what it was when I bent down to pick it up, I was just intent on throwing it away. And I since have, but not before taking note of the items detailed above. As the primary grocery shopper in my household, I thought, “This could be my list!” Until I got to the liver sausage. Not a fan. My wife is, though, so I guess it could have still been my list, but trust me here: the Braunschweiger wouldn’t have come from me.

“Lettuce, fruit, chicken, lunchmeat, cream cheese, liver sausage, rolls, dill, sausage, fz potatoes, pork chop, eggs.” I don’t do Facebook. My wife does a little bit, though, and she told me once that Facebook posts are akin to fingerprints, often identifying the person leaving them. She said that in her circle of Facebook acquaintances, for example, Person A usually posts something about, say, animals; Person B usually posts something about, say, politics; and Person C usually posts something about, say, the environment. These comments define the person to a certain extent, in the same way a routine shopping list defines a person to a certain extent.

“Lettuce, fruit, chicken, lunchmeat, cream cheese, liver sausage, rolls, dill, sausage, fz potatoes, pork chop, eggs.” In a bad way, Israel defines itself in the first reading from 2 Chronicles. “In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the Lord’s temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.” It gets worse. God sends messengers in his compassion for them, “But they mocked the messengers of God, despised their warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the Lord against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.” Except, maybe, I don’t know…seventy years of captivity?!! Very defining, I’d say...

With history and grace on our side, though, something else defines us. Something glorious. Something magnificent. Something unbelievable, yet we dare to believe. We are God’s children, and we stand blameless before him because Jesus took the nails on our behalf. According to a Catholic website I stumbled upon while working on this column, Pope Francis in 2015, while reflecting on John 3:16 from today’s Gospel (“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life”) observed “This is the simplest expression that summarizes the whole Gospel.” It’s a powerful statement. By emulating the Christ, we embrace it, and on our best days, the whole world knows it. “Lettuce, fruit, chicken, lunchmeat, cream cheese, liver sausage, rolls, dill, sausage, fz potatoes, pork chop, eggs.” Our shopping lists, our Facebook posts, any number of things define us. But one thing defines us and brings salvation.
DAUGHTERS OF WISDOM: WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH

April 6-8, 2018 • Chicago

Following Pope Francis’ establishment of a commission to study the ordination of women deacons, this conference addresses—more broadly—women’s leadership in the Catholic Church, with a special focus on the global South. Speakers from Asia, Africa, and Latin America explore topics such as women’s use of Scripture, the ecclesiological basis for women in Church leadership, and the leadership roles that women are already exercising in grassroots church communities, faith-based social movements, and theological education.

**Marguerite Barankitse** (Kigali, Rwanda)
Founding president of Maison Shalom network for orphans of Burundi’s civil war
Inaugural recipient of the Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity

**Melinda Roper, MM** (Darién, Panama)
Past president of the Maryknoll Sisters Congregation
Longtime missionary among Panama’s mestizo and indigenous communities

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WORLD CATHOLICISM WEEK 2018
Holy Week and Easter

**Palm Sunday, March 25th**
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 5:00 pm

**Easter Triduum**
*Holy Thursday*, March 29th - Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 pm
*Good Friday*, March 30th - Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Passion of the Lord 7:30 pm
*Holy Saturday*, March 31st - Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday*, April 1st**
8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 noon
*Evening Masses are not celebrated on Easter.*
Giving

stvdep.org/donate

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: Ron Bennett, Gabriel Cabael, Juliette Calabrese, Linda Cameron, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Mary Hayes, Patty Hayes, Anita Italiane Hearl, Madelynn Jacobs, Laura Linke, Sue Michalak, 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.

Mass Offerings

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Did you know that you can request a 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 11th**
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. Croak; 8:30 p.m. Campus Ministry Mass - Fr. Borlik

Religious Education........9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Ozanam, Portail, St. Vincent
RCIA ............................ 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Portail & St. Vincent Room
Al-Anon Meeting ....................... 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

**Monday, March 12th**
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 13th**

**Wednesday, March 14th**
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

**Thursday, March 15th**
TNT Lenten Dinner Preparation ..... 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Soup Kitchen

**Friday, March 16th**
Stations of the Cross ..................... 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Church

**Saturday, March 17th**

**Sunday, March 18th**
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Rybolt; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon

RCIA ............................ 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Portail & St. Vincent 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: Nancy Cortes, Sharon Young, Allison Glienke, Jennifer Kosiarek, Christina Menconi, Jacquelyn Gardner, Bernardo & Bobbie Medellin

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/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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018