April 1st, 2018

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad”

— Psalm 118

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
Happy Easter to all! We celebrate today the great victory of God who raised Christ from the dead to new life. This day above all is a day to give thanks and praise to God because we too are invited into the new life of Christ. Easter is a time of great hope, when we proclaim that not even death has power over us. It is always a challenge to live this Easter faith in our world. So often, it feels as if the power of evil and darkness have the upper hand, or have already won. But with faith we proclaim that it not true. Jesus Christ is alive! He is not dead! Each of us and our entire world has been transformed and made new through the resurrection.

God’s love and mercy reaches its climax in Jesus’ death and resurrection. God not only invites us to this new life, but freely gives it to all who ask. No preconditions, no application forms, no background checks. This free gift of new life is ours for the taking simply if we desire to want to be a little closer to God.

All of us are at different roads in our journeys. Some have deep relationships with Christ; others have more superficial ones. Many of us are somewhere in the middle. Yet each of us is invited to experience once more God’s loving mercy and generosity in our lives. Jesus comes to us in our hurts and wounds in order to heal us and make us whole. Each of us is invited to open a little more to Jesus’ presence through our prayer and service.

Paul tells us to “pray without ceasing?” Does it mean that I have to spend all day in church? Does it mean I have to remove myself from the world? No, that is not what Paul intends. When we pray without ceasing, our life becomes a prayer, a gift to God. When we pray without ceasing, we are conscious of God’s presence in us and around us at all times.

Being aware of God’s loving presence for me is a cause of great joy. It is also cause to celebrate. Pope Francis has noted several times that being a disciple of Jesus Christ is a joyful experience, not a burden. We live out our faith in the world by our words and works of goodness and mercy. When we have the joy of Christ, that peace and serenity spreads to others. I encourage each of us present today to spend some time reflecting on God’s loving presence in our life journey, to recognize the great gift given to us by our God and to share that with those in need. It will change and transform your life.
Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord Jesus,

The news today seems to be dominated by death-dealing forces and foreclosed possibilities. This past year has brought us a plague of gun-violence, streams of helpless refugees in different parts of the world, struggles in our own nation around questions of immigration and racism, countless victims of natural disasters, and large numbers of people who are—in the words of Pope Francis—“discarded.” There seems to be scant room for hope and optimism.

Yet, we know by our own experience as believers and our common bonds of faith that this is not the full story of reality. There, indeed, is other news, the good news of our Easter faith. Christ has conquered all death and evil. Christ is risen!

When we profess our faith in the risen Lord, we do not deny the pain and suffering at work in our world. The risen Christ himself bears his wounds of his suffering, but he is risen. He has conquered sin and death, and our victory is certain. We hold a great hope in him who leads forward. But, it does not end there, for as St. Paul tells us, all of that we celebrate in these days has taken place so that we “might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died for our sakes and was raised.”

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, our commitment to Renew My Church means that we take our Easter faith seriously to the point that it becomes the source of new energy for communities and individuals who share our faith with the world and bring it hope the world cannot take away.

May our faith in the Risen Lord be alive in our hearts, and may we share that gift widely and generously with others.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago
The Seton Sandwich Window began in 1980 from the front of the parish center. Since then, the generosity of many people has allowed us to expand the menu and serve guests six days per week. Now we serve over 31,000 meals per year.

The second weekend of every Month will be Vincentian Mission Sunday. We ask that you bring donations to church with you. You can give it to an usher, put it on the altar, or take your donation to the parish office.

**This month we are asking for donations of paper towels.**

Thank you for your continued support of our Vincentian mission to serve our sisters and brothers in need.

Have you ever wanted to get more out of your faith journey? Then consider learning more about SPRED. We are a small faith community who help children with developmental disabilities to grow in their spirituality. Our group of 6-10 year olds make us smile, laugh and get more out of our relationship with God and each other and they could do the same for you! To learn more about this ministry and how it may benefit you or if you know of families with special needs members (of all ages), please email Tracy at stvdepspred@yahoo.com or leave a note in the Parish Center in our SPRED mailbox.
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 rcamic1@depaul.edu

Upcoming Events for all Women of the Parish:

- **Women's Self Defense and Safety Workshop** – Saturday, April 14, 10:00 am, Ozaman Room. Contact Mary Carter at marycharlescarter@gmail.com to register.

- **Book Discussion** – Thursday, May 10, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Portail Room. “Barking to the Choir” The Power of Radical Kinship By Gregory Boyle (author of “Tattoos on the Heart”).

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/
Vincent’s People: A Stewardship Chronicle

The lives of St. Vincent parishioners are undoubtedly our greatest treasure. We continually seek to increase awareness and faithfulness to our mission to worship, serve, and share. In doing so, we understand the significance in telling the stories of how ordinary people are doing extraordinary things to live a life of discipleship, both within our parish and in the world. This month, we introduce Greg, Meaghan, Nora and Henry Stallkamp...

Greg and I met 8 years ago at Trinity Bar on Halsted while celebrating St. Patrick’s Day and watching College Basketball. Greg has been attending St. Vincent DePaul since he moved to Chicago about 15 years ago and I started attending with Greg in 2013. For a few years, prior to attending St. Vincent DePaul, I was not a regular church goer. I was having trouble seeing eye to eye with the Catholic Church. I was hearing one message but was not seeing the same message put into action. I attended Catholic Schools for 18 years and was comfortable with my beliefs. I thought I was ok on my own being a “good Catholic”, volunteering at various organizations and praying independently.

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(part 2)

What drew me to St. Vincent DePaul’s Parish and kept me wanting to come back was their sense of community and their outreach to the underserved members of our community. This was the first time I was seeing a Parish practice what they preach. I signed up to volunteer on Saturdays in the Seton Sandwich Kitchen within a week of attending my first Mass at St. Vincent DePaul and reading about the volunteer opportunity in the bulletin. Since then, Greg and I have participated in a variety of activities from picking up baked goods for the Sandwich Kitchen to helping with the Christmas toy drive. I currently serve on the Outreach Commission and the Parish Council. I love being a part of a community that has a strong commitment to living the Vincentian Mission and not just talking about it. To me, St. Vincent DePaul Parish exemplifies what it means to follow in Jesus’ footsteps and serve those in need.

Greg and I were married by Fr. Jeremy at St. Vincent DePaul on November 29, 2014. Since then, we have welcomed two children, Nora, 2, and Henry, 9 months, into our family, both of whom were Baptized here. It is important for us to raise our children in the Catholic faith and to teach them by example. We want Nora and Henry to understand that there are people around them who are not as fortunate as us and struggle everyday with poverty and hunger. We hope to teach them that they can have a positive impact on someone or something and that they can be instruments of change. It is important for us to expose our children to the diverse city we live in and give them opportunities and experiences in which they can serve others and develop the necessary skills to make positive choices in their lives. Thanks to our Vincentian community, we are surrounded by a culture of service and people who exemplify the importance of giving back and helping our neighbors. We hope that Nora and Henry will follow in St. Vincent DePaul’s footsteps, show empathy and treat others with kindness and respect. In the meantime, we are in the pews singing Old MacDonald and the ABCs with Mr. Bob and the choir.
ON ASH VALENTINE’S AND EASTER APRIL FOOLS’
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As I wrote in this space earlier this year when Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine’s Day: “Huh? I know it’s happened before, but I don’t really remember when. Not only do I typically give up coffee for Lent, I also like those little candy conversation hearts (AWESOME, COOL, BE TRUE...), but ix-nay to these, too, I guess.” I wondered out-loud if the Church might lighten up a bit—bad timing and all—till my wife shared with me this published Archdiocesan news: “This year, the largely secular celebration of Valentine’s Day coincides with Ash Wednesday and some have inquired if a dispensation from the obligations to fast and abstain from meat will be given.” Yeah...no.

I gave up a few chocolates on 2/14 and sadly, my conversation hearts (CU SOON), but the disappointment was short-lived, then on with the journey. With long hours at work, though, I wasn’t really paying attention to the calendar. Now that I am, I’m tickled to see that Easter falls on April Fools’ Day. I know this Ash Valentine’s/Easter April Fools’ has happened before, but again, I don’t remember when. Turns out this time, though, I can’t remember when. I mean, seems the last time this happened was 1945. I wasn’t even alive. Long dry spell aside, however, the cosmic humor of having the Great Sunday align with April Fools’ is as delicious as my Easter morning cup of coffee...

Everything was pointing to the end of the line for Jesus, after all. Even before pulling into Jerusalem, Jesus told his disciples of the bad stuff coming his way. And when it actually went down, his friends left him. Peter included, who said up-and-down that he wouldn’t. The soldiers mocked Jesus. The religious elite ridiculed him. The crowds reviled him. “Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!” they shouted. And ultimately, they did. “Woman, behold your son,” he spoke to Mary at the end. And to the disciple Jesus loved, “Behold your mother.” Then “It is finished.” And for the world—even for his disciples, who just couldn't take everything in—it certainly seemed to be so.

Per Wikipedia, “April Fools’ Day is an annual celebration in some European and Western countries commemorated on April 1 by playing practical jokes and spreading hoaxes. The jokes and their victims are called April fools...Although popular since the 19th century, the day is not a public holiday in any country.” Well, has there ever been a better April Fools’ joke than the one Jesus pulled off? “Why do you seek the living one among the dead?” those two guys in white asked the women from Galilee on that first day of the week. I can almost hear the smile in their voices. And here’s another thought... In the Apostles’ Creed, we say that Jesus “was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; and on the third day he rose again from the dead.” Per the Catechism, “Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.” OK, but maybe he descended there, too, just to tell Satan, “Got ya!” He is risen. He is truly risen. Happy Easter.
Giving

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Weekly Intentions

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.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 1st  
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 12:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt

** Parish Office Closed **
8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm, Easter Sunday Masses .................Church

Monday, April 2nd  
** Parish Office Closed **

Tuesday, April 3rd

Wednesday, April 4th  
AA Meeting ........................................ 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Thursday, April 5th

Friday, April 6th

Saturday, April 7th

Sunday, April 8th  
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Croak; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Rybolt; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:30 p.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt

Religious Ed ................................. 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Ozanam, Portail and St. Vincent Rooms

Outreach Commission Meeting .......................... 11:00 a.m. - Food Pantry 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.

Visit www.stvdep.org/donate/ for more information.
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: Ray Nechvatal, Cassandra Villadonga, Caitlin Hubbard, Peg & David Wales, Meaghan Rohan & Daniel Sirus

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 Fr. Jeremy Dixon at JDIXON20@depaul.edu.

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/15yvch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

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