September 9th, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Be strong, fear not! Here is your God”
— Isaiah 35:4-7a

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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
Sometimes I think about what it would have been like to be present for one of Jesus’ miracles. What would I see and hear? What would I feel as I see a miracle? Maybe I too would be “exceedingly astonished” as the Gospel says that the crowd felt.

As amazing as it would be to be present for one of the miracles recounted in the Gospels, that is not where our faith invites us. To simply remain at the extraordinary is only the beginning of faith. Jesus’ miracles all point to our salvation, how God invites us into new life that changes our perspective. The miracles point to God’s presence here with us, how God reaches out to heal us.

If we believe that these mighty deeds done by Jesus are the only miracles worth looking for, then we may miss how God is actively present in each one of our lives. We are invited to see how God is present in the “small things” of life: the kind word, the warm smile, the sharing of simple gifts. These too are wondrous signs of God’s love and compassion if we are open to seeing and hearing them.

Just as we are invited to see and hear the presence of God in our lives, we are also called to be that presence of God to others. Jesus uses us as instruments to continue to perform miracles in today’s world, miracles both great and small. As we have received God’s goodness, generosity and love, we are called to share God’s goodness, generosity and love with those around us.

This Tuesday is the anniversary of the September 11 tragedy. As Vincentians, we also remember the feast day of St. John Gabriel Perboyre. John Gabriel was a Vincentian priest who went to serve as a missionary in China and was martyred there at the age of 38. The side altar on the left of the church next to Mary is dedicated to him, and a stained glass window of him is right next to it. He wrote a beautiful prayer about being the presence of Jesus to those around us. As we remember the events of September 11 and mourn the ongoing tragedies in our Church and world, let us pray the prayer to continue to bring the light and love of God to a world in desperate need of it:

_O my Divine Savior, transform me into yourself. May my hands be your hands. May my tongue be your tongue. Grant that every faculty of my body may serve only to glorify you. Above all, transform my soul and all its powers that my memory, my will and my affections may be the memory, the will and the affections of you. I pray you to destroy in me all that is not of you. Grant that I may live in you, and by you and for you, and that I may truly say with St. Paul, “I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me._

_Fr. Jerry Diiorio in_
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

**Pray : Serve : Share**

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Join us for a Special Evening in the Vincentians’ Private Garden

Saturday, September 15, 2018
Six to Eight o’clock in the evening
Pansza Garden entrance on Kenmore

A limited number of reservations available at a minimum suggested donation of $75 per person for adult beverages and appetizers

All proceeds will benefit St. Vincent de Paul Hunger Walk team

Make your reservation in the Parish Office
Cash or checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul Parish
Join TnT (Twenties 'n Thirties) on Sunday, September 9 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. We’ll walk over to HomeSlice Wheelhouse and socializing starts around 6:00 p.m.
GREAT SCOTT!

Join TnT (Twenties 'n Thirties) on Wednesday, September 19 for a free showing of “Back to the Future” at Gallagher Way near Wrigley Field.

Meet up at St. Vincent de Paul Parish at 6 p.m. We’ll take the red line to Wrigley from there. Outside food is permitted. Guests may bring unopened bottled water with a manufacturer’s seal. All other beverages and glass containers are not permitted.

Vincentian Women

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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

Join us to pray the Rosary this Wednesday, September 12, at 6:00 pm in the Church...doors to Church open at 5:30 pm.

Our next book discussion will be Thursday, November 8, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. We will discuss “My Life with the Saints” by James Martin, SJ. Start reading it now and mark the date on your calendar!

Thanks to all who supported our School Supply Drive in August. All supplies were delivered to St. Joseph Parish for HighSight Mentoring Program the last week of August. Your generosity is appreciated!

Visit our website for information on past and upcoming events:
stvdep.org/community-life/vincentian-women/
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program for adults who would like to become Catholic. Adults who have not received the sacrament of baptism or communion participate in weekly classes to learn more about Catholicism and to grow in faith. Contact Rebecca by October 1st at rebeccarmichael@gmail.com for more information.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It's a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you're stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you're in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us--nation, parish church, occupation, illness--can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the "communion of saints" is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life's struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.
ON GROANING

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Several years ago now, my son’s then-scoutmaster (the recently deceased Russ Gremel) invited me to join him and the rest of the troop at summer camp up in Minnesota. Cool. I stayed on the same large site as everyone else, but Russ asked me to pitch my tent away from the platform tent area when the scouts were staying. House rules for visitors, he explained. Accordingly, I set my tent up on the site’s outer perimeter, not far from the path everyone needed to take to get to the showers. On my way there one morning, I passed by a tent maybe fifty yards down the path where another guy (not with us, but about my age) had staked ground for the night. It was the groaning sound he made exiting the tent that actually caught my attention. I wished him a good morning. He wished me one in return, adding that he was so glad that no one was around to see him getting up out of his sleeping bag and into a vertical position each morning. Or hear him...

I laughed and commiserated with him for a moment or two then moved on, and I’ve thought about this only a few times since. It came to mind just the other day, however, as I was getting into my car to drive home from the lakefront after an eighteen-mile training run (the last few miles of which were in a pounding rainstorm). OK. So I drive a ten-year old Volvo S40 with nearly 120,000 miles on it. Bought it used a few years ago. I like the car because it’s paid for, gets decent gas mileage, and is easy to park. At the same time, it sits very low to the ground, which makes it difficult to get into and out of for some people. And for me, especially when I’m drenched and have just run for three hours. I grabbed the top frame and settled into the seat as gingerly as I could, but the groaning was pronounced. I thought of the guy coming out of the tent, and smiled.

And I’m taken by groaning now as I consider today’s Gospel. Not as in it’s really hard work to consider today’s Gospel, but as in the sound Jesus makes when he cures a deaf man with a speech impediment. The Evangelist Mark gives us the detail. The crowd brings the man to Jesus and begs him for a cure. Jesus takes the man away from the crowd, puts his finger in the man’s ears, spits, and touches the man’s tongue. Then he looks up to heaven, groans, and says “Ephphatha!” (“be opened”), and per Mark, “Immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.” Great! But what’s with the groaning? I mean, in the passage immediately prior, Jesus exorcises a demon from a woman’s daughter (who’s not even around) without batting an eye. Similar accounts run throughout Scripture. But maybe all of the miracles Jesus performed weren’t as easy as many of them are written to seem. Maybe Mark slipped in this element of detail to help us understand this. At least this is how I like to think of things. It’s tough, after all, doing God’s work in the world. And if it’s not, perhaps we’re just not trying hard enough. Getting out of tents and into low-riding cars aside, a little groaning, a little spit, and a little effort might do us all—and the Kingdom—some good.
DePaul University Convocation

DePaul University celebrated its 121st academic year with the annual convocation ceremony at St. Vincent de Paul Parish on August 30th.
**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, Camdyn Campbell, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Mary Hayes, Anita Italiane Hearl, Madelynn Jacobs, Laura Linke, David Neesan, Terri Proietto, Natalia De Los Rios, James Schwake, Scott Taylor, 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 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, September 9th**  
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Borlik; 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. Borlik  
Al Anon Meeting ......................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

**Monday, September 10th**  
Worship Commission Meeting ......................... 7:00 p.m. - Portail Room

**Tuesday, September 11th**  
Parish Office Closes at 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 12th**  
Pray the Rosary led by Vincentian Women ..................... 6:00 p.m. - Church  
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, September 13th**  
Parish Office Closes at 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 14th**

**Saturday, September 15th**  
Garden Party ............................................. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Pansza Garden

**Sunday, September 16th**  
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dosen; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic; 8:30 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon  
Outreach Commission Meeting ........... 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Soup Kitchen  
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.  
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:** Michelle Perkovic, Nikola Lukic, Kristen Neisler

**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.

**Ozana 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.

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**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.
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.

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WHY IS IT?
A man wakes up after sleeping on an ADVERTISED mattress and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas. Then he brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste, washes with ADVERTISED soap, and drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee. He drives to work in an ADVERTISED car and then puts on ADVERTISED clothes.

Later if business is poor, he refuses to ADVERTISE.

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