December 2nd, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

“Abound in love for one another and for all.”

— 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

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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
Do you enjoy disaster movies? There are movies about massive hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanos, tornadoes, rogue asteroids, alien invasions, zombie attacks. The formula is pretty simple. Some major event happens. Some big cities are destroyed. A small number of people overcome the disaster and rebuild from the ashes. These stories of great natural disasters and upheaval, trials and tribulations are part of the human imagination and our popular culture. We appear to be mesmerized by it, and terrified by it at the same time.

Our Gospel today refers to the end of time as well. Jesus says that “There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world.” It all sounds very scary. Who would want to be alive when all this is happening?

Yet as people of faith, this should not be terrifying. This season of Advent that we begin today is a time of preparing for the Lord’s coming. And we have a three-fold coming of Christ. We remember his coming 2000 years ago and give thanks for his salvation. Jesus will come again to rescue us and save us! And we prepare ourselves to receive the Lord today. He comes to us in the Word of God. He comes to us in the Eucharist. He comes to us in the prayer of the Church. He comes to us in the person of the poor. Christ continues to come to each one of us each and every day in many surprising and unexpected ways. He doesn’t wait until we are perfect to meet us. He doesn’t wait until everything in our lives is ordered and just right. He comes to us today!

Yet we often don’t recognize God’s presence in our lives. Our own darkness, our past failures and our sins all lead us to not recognize that God is still there. That is why personal prayer is so important to our lives. I know that when I don’t spend time each day in prayer with the Lord, I get sidetracked and fail to recognize the Lord’s presence. It is through prayer that we have eyes that can see the hand of God in our lives. It is through prayer that we can hear the voice of God in our lives. It is through prayer that we can feel the love of God in our lives.

I invite each of you this Advent to spend time each day in prayer. For those of you who don’t currently do this, I ask that you spend 3-5 minutes each day without distraction. Go to bestadventever.com and sign up for a short daily reflection sent to your email. We also have many prayer and reflection opportunities planned throughout Advent and a brief daily reflection on our Facebook page and website. I promise you that if you make a conscious effort to spend some time each day in prayer that you will better see the presence of God in your life. This is the preparation we are invited to undertake to celebrate Christmas. This is how we can wait in joyful expectation for the bursting forth of Christ’s presence in the world. This is how we remain watchful and alert for the coming of Christ.
Vincentian Stewardship

Planned Giving

Your ability to arrange a planned gift may be more significant than you first think. Many people of modest means make important gifts to charities of all kinds every day. Most people think of leaving a certain amount of money to their favorite charity by including the gift in their Will. However, giving cash or other assets is just one way to make a bequest.

Year-End Giving: Corporate Match

How can you make your year-end gift at Christmastime to St. Vincent double in value? Check with your company to see if they offer a charitable matching gift program.

Employee Matching Gifts are donations an employer makes to match its employees' charitable contributions. Employee matching gifts often are dollar-for-dollar, but some companies will give double or even triple the original donation. Guidelines and amounts vary with each company. Typically, individuals must submit forms to their employers. Check with your Human Resources Department for more information on matching gift donations at your company.
SETON SOUP KITCHEN

Vincentian Mission Sunday

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 hats and gloves.

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

Vincentian Women

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

The next Pray the Rosary led by Vincentian Women will be Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00 pm in the Church. Doors open at 5:30. All are welcome to pray with us.

Save the Date!...

Second Annual Winter Retreat for Women
Saturday, January 26, 2019
9:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Parish Center and Church.

Visit our website for more information: stydep.org/community-life/vincentian-women/
As members of a large parish, it can be daunting to become familiar with each other. To help remedy this, there will be a Name Tag Sunday once a month, beginning the weekend of December 1-2. When you come to Mass that weekend, please write your name on a name tag that will be available at each door and wear it during Mass. Then as we greet each other at the beginning, and during the Sign of Peace, greet those around you by name. Help us get to know each other and take this step towards building our community.

_St. Vincent de Paul Gift Tag Program_

The Christmas season is right around the corner and many of you have started your Christmas shopping already. Remember those less fortunate by helping make this Christmas one to remember for a child in need, in our community. The St. Vincent de Paul Gift Tag Program provides gifts to families associated with the Marrilac House. Parents come to the center the weekend before Christmas, and with a $5 donation per household, can choose one gift for each child. Monetary donations collected from families are used for field trips for the children throughout the year. Please consider adding another gift to your list this year!

November 17 through December 9, gift tags will be available after Mass at both the Sheffield and Webster entrances. Return the gifts unwrapped to the altar steps or bring them to the Parish Center no later than Sunday, December 16. If you prefer to shop online, visit our charity registry at Target.com using the following link tgt.gifts/SVPGiftTagProgram. Gifts will be delivered directly to the Parish Center.

Volunteers are needed Sunday, December 16, 2018 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, to help sort the gifts in the Parish Center. Please contact Kristin Lapinski at c.k.lapinski@gmail.com to sign up.

Thank you for your help and support in making a child’s Christmas brighter!
Christmas at DePaul - Volunteers Needed!

Christmas at DePaul has become a favorite holiday tradition for both our parish and the University community. As always, we are in need of volunteers to make sure the event runs smoothly. Duties include moving and sorting donations, as well as greeting guests as they arrive for each performance. We have three shifts available and volunteers are welcome to help at one or all three!

Thursday, December 6th: 7:00pm (Shift 5:30pm - 8:00pm)
Friday, December 7th: 7:00pm (Shift 5:30pm - 8:00pm)
Friday, December 7th: 9:00pm (Shift 7:45pm - 10:00pm)

For more information on volunteer roles and to sign-up to help, please visit: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4caeae2da2fc1-christmas1

Questions? - email Kristie at kristie.sexton23@gmail.com

 Advent Vespers
at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish

Vespers is an evening prayer service with origins in the sixth century. It is a simple and ancient Catholic prayer service which features the recitation of psalms.

Vincentians have sung a unique form of vespers since the 1600s. This devotion—known as a nove- na—is prayed in Vincentian communities across the world the nine nights preceding Christmas.

This 30-minute prayer is a perfect way to quiet both your mind and your heart in one final preparation for Christmas.

Sunday, December 16 at 6:15 p.m.
COMING INTO A NEW SEASON OF BLESSINGS!

Advent Mission

St. Michael’s Redemptorist Church
Old Town Chicago

Monday, December 3, 7:00pm
Salvation History, it would have been enough
John 1, 1-15

Tuesday, December 4, 7:00pm
LOVE, renewing our Gift from God
1 Corinthians 13, 1-13
Including the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 5, 7:00pm
God Became Human, let’s become Divine!
John 6, 52-59

Presented by:
Reverend Patrick A. Keyes, C.Ss.R., D.Min
Redemptorist Missionary residing in Minneapolis, MN
DePaul students & St Vincent de Paul Parishioners

Confirmation

What
Are you interested in receiving the Catholic sacrament of Confirmation? DePaul University and St Vincent de Paul Parish offer a sacramental preparation program for DePaul students and St Vincent parishioners. The sacrament will be conferred by Bishop Robert Casey at the 8:00pm Sunday Night Mass on March 3, 2019!

When
Classes will take place on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in the Rectory at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1010 W. Webster Ave. starting January 13.

How
Register for the program by contacting Rebecca Carmichael at rcarmic@depaul.edu.
ON FIRE AND ICE (MOSTLY FIRE) AND
THE 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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I memorized Robert Frost’s poem Fire and Ice years ago because of its intriguing subject matter (Some say the world will end in fire/ Some say in ice/ From what I’ve tasted of desire/ I hold with those who favor fire/ But if it had to perish twice/ I think I know enough of hate/ To say that for destruction ice/ Is also great/ And would suffice) and I can’t help but think about it now as I watch the news coming out of California. The footage of the land and property consumed by the wildfires is horrific. Otherworldly-esque. Like some ancient civilization that died off a thousand years ago and all that’s left is ash and dust.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust... Which is kind of where I’m going here, but first let me share a recent article from the Chicago Tribune about the death and destruction, which as of this writing totals nearly eighty confirmed dead, hundreds unaccounted for, and thousands of homes destroyed. Per the AP piece in the Tribune, “The dead were found in burned-out cars, in the smoldering ruins of their homes, or next to their vehicles, apparently overcome by smoke and flames before they could jump in behind the wheel and escape. In some cases, there were only charred fragments of bone, so small that coroner’s investigators used a wire basket to sift and sort them...” Like I said, horrific.

But less horrific than today’s Gospel. “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,” Jesus says, “and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory...” At the same time, the California fires are more horrific in a way because they’re raging today while the Parousia... well... the Parousia has been coming for over two thousand years. We don’t need to focus on that right now. Right now, we have other things to focus on...

Exactly! Like living our discipleship every single day. Which, I think is the true message this week. “Brothers and sisters...” Paul writes, “we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves, you do so even more...” Discipleship isn’t about the end days. It’s about the here-and-now. “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap,” Jesus says. Yes, the end may be near, but nearer still (and here, even) is the Kingdom. May Advent help us remember this as we daily go about the task of building it up. Perhaps by helping support the misplaced families in California. Perhaps by giving a cup of coffee to a person in need. Perhaps by doing any number of small things that we know deep down are just the right things to do. Some say the world will end in fire/ Some say in ice. Whichever, let’s go down swinging, by loving each other along the way.
News & Notes

Immaculate Conception Masses
Due to Christmas at DePaul and subsequent break-down of the equipment on Friday night and Saturday December 8, we will not have a mass to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Our neighboring parishes have many options, which are listed below to attend one that fits your schedule.

Friday December 7 (vigil)
7pm: St. Alphonsus and St. Michael (in chapel)

Saturday December 8
7:30am: Immaculate Conception
8am: St. Michael (in chapel)
8:30am: St Alphonsus
9am: St Clement and St. Josaphat
10am: St Teresa
12pm: St Alphonsus

Weddings Celebrated in November:

Jazmin Ortiz and Phillip Tuzik
Nicole Wilson and Shawn Fox
Sarajane Crowley and Matthew Gallagher
Maggie McCann and Doug Diedrick

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

To donate:
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

Or give at your local parish.

retiredreligious.org

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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, Alyssa Beverly, Gabriel Cabaal, Juliette Calabrese, Linda Cameron, Camdyn Campbell, Margaret Charles, Almeda Colby, Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, Luis and Evelyn Fuentes, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Mary Hayes, Anita Italiane Hearl, Madelynn Jacobs, Nancy Janis, Laura Linke, David Neesan, Eileen Ouimet, 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.

MASS OFFERINGS

Mass offerings are now available for all weekend masses in addition to weekdays. Several weekend masses are available through the end of the year! We are also scheduling masses for 2019. Request a mass to be offered on behalf of your loved one. You can reserve one for the anniversary of a death or support someone during a difficult time, offer one for a birthday or wedding celebration, or however else you wish.

Please contact the parish office at 773-325-8610 or stop by to reserve a mass intention.
Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 2nd
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. Dixon
RCIA ......................... 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - Portail & St. Vincent Rooms
Al Anon Meeting ................. 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Monday, December 3rd
SPRED ..................................... 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room
AA Meeting ......................... 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Worship Commission Meeting ....................... 7:15 p.m. - Portail Room

Tuesday, December 4th

Wednesday, December 5th
AA Meeting .......................... 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Choir Practice .......................... 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. - Church

Thursday, December 6th
Christmas at DePaul Performance ...................... 7:00 p.m - Church

Friday, December 7th
Christmas at DePaul Performance ............. 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. - Church

Saturday, December 8th

Sunday, December 9th
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dosen; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic
RCIA ..................................... 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - St. Josaphat Parish
Religious Ed ............................ 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. - Portail Room
Outreach Commission Meeting ....................... 11:00 a.m - Soup Kitchen
Al Anon Meeting ....................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Financial Stewardship

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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: Samuel Granieri, Catherine Bisher, Stephen Haughney

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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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.

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018