March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.”
— Psalm 92

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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: 8:00 p.m.

Weekdays:
Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday mornings after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
We all know someone who always appears calm, cool, and collected under pressure or when someone attempts to get under their skin. Maybe it’s a boss or co-worker, a parent or family member, or perhaps a close friend. No matter what happens, they seem to say or do the right thing to diffuse a situation. Even in periods of conflict, this person manages to pull together to solve a difficult problem or find understanding.

We also likely know someone who is the opposite. So long as everything is going smoothly, they are kind, calm, and peaceful. But once turmoil appears, the gloves come off and they become a different person; one that says and does things that are reactionary and hurtful. The truth in a person’s character is found in the way they handle themselves under pressure. Often true character is revealed by words people speak.

Our readings today focus on appearances and truth. Anyone or anything may appear wholesome or ‘good’, but depending on the circumstances, a mismatch may appear between appearances and the underlying truth. Sometimes, things are not as they seem. Jesus reminds us in today’s Gospel how easy it is for us to look at others and judge their faults, when all the while we overlook our own. It is easier to find fault in others before finding fault in ourselves.

Paul reminds us in the second reading the importance of remaining steadfast and fully devoted to the work of the Lord. It is not easy to follow Christ’s example all of the time; we are human after all. But when we stumble, we need to pick ourselves up and remember the examples and teachings of Jesus.

We are called this week to reflect on our actions and words. Are we too quick to look outside of ourselves to find faults in others or do we first recognize our own faults? When our grace under pressure escapes us, how do we handle ourselves? Do we ignore the impact our actions or words have on people, or do we reflect and learn how to better handle situations in the future?
Vincentian Stewardship Snapshot

January Highlights
Curious to know how we've been advancing our mission? Here are some details as to the things that happened in January. Let us know how you would like to get involved!

Sacraments
Baptisms 7       Weddings 3       Reconciliation 25
Attendance at Mass 622  (average for five weekend Masses)

Service
Sandwich kitchen
Daily Guests 76
Total Meals 1,937
Distribution of winter coats, hats, gloves and toiletries

Food pantry
Families served 40
Individual volunteers 52

Left: St. Vincent Launches Baby Bottle Drive to support Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland

Community
Vincentian Women sponsored a retreat day which featured a speaker, mass, reflection and prayer and individual confessions.

The DePaul Humanities Center in partnership with the St. Vincent Chamber Chorale presented lectures and performances highlighting the religious and ethical-political conceptions of strangers, immigrants, and neighbors—and what it means to offer sincere hospitality.

Young Adults: Around 20 young adults gathered for community at Homeslice for the Second Sunday Social. They also volunteered at the sandwich window one Saturday.

On January 24, Scott Jakubowski—one of our Vincentian seminarians—was installed as a Lector, one of the steps on the road to priesthood.
Since 1887, Mercy Home has offered young people who have experienced abuse, poverty, neglect, or violence with a safe place to call home. The children at Mercy Home are given the tools they need to grow into successful, self-reliant adults, through tools like a good education, life skills, job experience, and career support. Last year, more than 950 young people and families were served through Mercy Home’s residential, aftercare, mentoring, and referral programs. Because Mercy Home is 100% privately funded, the support of donors is critical to their mission.

Vincentian Women

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

Join us for Pray the Rosary led by Vincentian Women on Wednesday evenings during Lent starting March 13!

6:00 pm in the Church. Doors open at 5:30 pm. All are welcome!

Visit our website for more information: stvdep.org/community-life/vincentian-women/
Lent: Pray

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 a.m.  12:00 p.m.  7:00 p.m.  9:30 p.m.

Lenten Scripture Reflections

Beginning on March 7, Fr. Jeremy will host a Scripture reflection on the readings for the following Sunday. A mix of historical background and context along with spirituality will help everyone to go deeper into the Word of God. No prior experience is necessary! Copies of the readings will be provided. We will continue each Thursday until Holy Week at 7pm in the parish center.
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 canned fruit and vegetables.

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

Lenten Regulations
(from March 6th, 2019, 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 us for a fish fry!

Share in a Lenten gathering with Friends!

Friday, March 15 | 5:30pm - 7pm

Location: St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1010 W. Webster

Tickets are $10 for parishioners and free for DePaul students! You can register and print out your ticket at go.dePaul.edu/fishfry
ON MAXIMS/ADAGES/APHORISMS

Dictionary.com defines a maxim as “an expression of a general truth or principle.” I’ve always liked these things. They speak to me of poetry in that they tend to capture the essence of something with just a few words (poetry’s pithy that way). And because of their brevity, they are also easy to commit to memory. I’ve committed many to memory myself. You have, too. And probably without even knowing it. I Googled “popular maxims” just now and here are a few of the entries: “A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush,” “An apple a day keeps the doctor away,” and “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” See what I mean?

Thesaurus.com offers the following synonyms for maxim: “adage, aphorism, axiom, dictum, motto, proverb...” The list goes on. I stop at “proverb,” though, because, the Bible has a pretty good book of them. In truth, it’s one of my favorite books in the Book, and for all of the reasons I’ve already mentioned. “Better a dry crust with peace than a house full of feasting with strife” and “Hatred stirs up disputes, but love covers all offences” and “A man’s spirit sustains him in infirmity, but a broken spirit, who can bear?” All poetic/pithy/memorable. On a recent business trip, I had dinner at a little Chinese place in Portland, OR. Per my fortune-cookie fortune, “A short pencil is usually better than a long memory any day.” The Book of Proverbs wins.

And perhaps because I’ve always liked maxims/adages/aphorisms, I’ve actually created a few of my own over the years. My children would call them dad-isms, I suppose, and I shared such insight with Sarah and Paul over and over and over again as they grew up. My maxims/adages/aphorisms wouldn’t have made the cut for the Book of Proverbs—or even Benjamin Franklin’s Poor Richard’s Almanack—but I don’t think they’re half bad. Things like, “Always be mindful of those who come after you,” and “Give yourself a chance to succeed” and “Whatever you do, stay in the game.” I even came up with this one based on a negative experience I had at work several years ago: “Never trust a man with two first names.” It made sense at the time.

All this maxim/adage/aphorism talk comes to mind today as I consider the readings. Look at Sirach: “When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks” and “Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.” Look at Paul [referencing (I think) Hosea]: “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” This is so poetic/pithy/memorable, it could be a song. Maybe it already is. And look at Jesus himself: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?” and “A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” Recalling Sirach, “The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had...” It’s on us to produce good fruit: in ourselves, and--by our love and example--in others. This is discipleship. And today, not tomorrow. As Poor Richard puts it, “Lost time is never found again.” Poetic/pithy/memorable.
News & Notes

Weddings Celebrated in February:

February 16 - Stephanie Stasa and David Molk

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.

Giving

DONATE IN A SNAP... FROM YOUR BANKING APP!

• Open your banking app
• Select “Transfer $ using Zelle”
• Enter donate@stvdep.org
• Enter an amount to donate
• Send!
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 Cabael, 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, Gustavo Lauria, Laura Linke, David Neesan, Eileen Ouimet, Terri Proietto, Natalia De Los Rios, James Schwake, Philip Stelnicki, 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

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 3rd
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Rybolt; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 p.m. Mass - Bishop Casey
R.C.I.A. ........................................ 9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Portail Room, St Vincent Room, and Soup Kitchen
Al Anon Meeting ................................ 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Adult Confirmation ......................... 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room; 8:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. - Church

Monday, March 4th
SPRED .................................................. 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room
AA Meeting .......................................... 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Finance Commission Meeting ............ 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. - Ozanam Room

Tuesday, March 5th
Music, Stillness, Solidarity Meditation ....... 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. - Church
Men's Faith Sharing Group ............... 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Wednesday, March 6th
- Ash Wednesday -
AA Meeting .......................................... 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Presiders: Ash Wednesday: 8:00 am - Fr. Benson, 12:00 pm – Fr. Borlik, 7:00 pm - Fr. Dixon, 9:30 pm – Fr. Borlik

Thursday, March 7th
Scripture Study Group ....................... 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

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

Saturday, March 9th
Presider: 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon

Sunday, March 10th
Presiders: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Benson
Religious Ed. ...................... 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Portail & Ozanam Rooms
Al Anon Meeting ................................. 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Adult Confirmation ......................... 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room; 8:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. - Church

Financial Stewardship

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* Includes Monthly Stewardship from DePaul University

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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.
Visit www.stvdep.org/donate/ for more information.

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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:** Joseph Marchese, Thomas Ryan & Lura Boyd, Sean O’Grady, Christina Olson

**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.
- **Sacristory:** 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 sacristory from the church which allows access to the Parish Center through the sacristory. 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](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.

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