October 13th, 2019

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power”

— Psalm 298

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: 8:00 p.m.

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

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday mornings during the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Sunday Scripture Reflection

Sr. Kara is a Daughter of Charity who typically attends the Sunday 5:00pm mass here at St. Vincent’s. She currently serves in as a Speech-Language Pathologist and Disability Services Coordinator at Marillac St. Vincent Family Services, a social outreach and early childhood education center located here in Lincoln Park at St. Vincent DePaul Center (right up the street on Halsted) and Marillac Social Center in East Garfield Park. She works closely with children with special needs, and assists families in accessing the resources necessary to support the continued growth and development of their children.

A little over 3 years ago, I was on a special retreat in preparation for what we call “Incorporation,” the day I became a Daughter of Charity. I was filled with excitement and anticipation for this huge step in my life, the culmination of much discernment and prayer. As we settled into the retreat, our formation councilor presented on this Gospel reading from Luke. At first, I thought it was an odd scripture passage to focus on for this occasion. What does curing leprosy have to do with becoming a Sister?

As we reflected, I realized that this passage was not just about Jesus healing the sick. This reading illustrated the joyful gratitude erupting from a person who was deeply touched by an encounter with Jesus. After his experience of transformation and new life, the only fitting response was to return and say thank you. “And one of them, realizing that he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.”

Jesus responded, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” There was a longing in Jesus’ words, wondering where the other nine could be. Why didn’t they return as well? Yet there were no takebacks, for this miraculous healing was not determined by whether or not Jesus would get a thank you in return. Jesus acknowledged the gratitude, received the thanks, and sent the Samaritan man forth to share the joy that a grateful heart brings to our lives and into the world.

So, why did my formation councilor use this passage for our retreat? I think it beautifully paints the connection between gratitude and joy, both foundational for any Christian. Benedictine monk, Br. David Steindl-Rast wrote in his book Gratefulness: The Heart of Prayer, “The root of joy is gratefulness... For it is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.” It was from this deep place of genuine gratitude that the Samaritan man cultivated a joy that could not be contained, propelling him to the source: Jesus Christ.

As we enter into this week, be on the lookout for the gifts God pours out to you each day. Spend some time giving thanks and sharing the joy that erupts from a grateful heart.

Sister Kara Davis, DC
October is Stewardship Awareness Month

“I always assumed stewardship was just the awkward ‘money’ talk we hear once a year. Once I started praying and understanding stewardship, I realized it is my visible offering that I can give to God. As I pray more often, as I share my gifts on various ministries and as I give my tithe, I am drawing closer to a relationship with Jesus. My family has also seen the benefits of having a stewardship way of life. We are blessed because we can give and serve!”

Have you ever wondered if the offertory during Mass was more than a collection basket for your envelope? Well, it is! The offertory is part of the Liturgy and it is an invitation to participate and respond to God’s generosity in our lives.

Stewardship provides a framework for discernment. Ask yourself each week:
Who do I pray for? How do I serve in ministry? How much do I give to provide for our mission?

As you prayerfully discern your intention for next year, we hope you will find the Stewardship Intention Card as your invitation to grow spiritually with our parish community!
Calling all Moms! The SVDP Mom's Group is holding a Caramel Apple decorating event on Sunday, October 13th from 11:00am - 12:00 pm in the Ozanam Room in the Parish Center. We will have yummy apple slices, gooey caramel, sticks for dipping and all sorts of toppings. All Moms and kids are welcome to join in the fun!
Pray: Serve: Share

What's been happening? September in review

Curious as to what’s been going on in the parish? Here are some details as to the things that happened in September. If you would like to get involved in any ongoing activities, please contact the parish office.

Sacraments
Baptisms: 7  Reconciliation: 25  Weddings: 6  Funerals: 2  Average Sunday mass attendance (5 masses): 656 (4% increase over last year)

Religious Education for children began on September 29. This year, we have 18 children taking classes.

Service
Sandwich window (6 days per week): guests per day for a total of 2,000 people served  Food pantry: 40 families served

60 people participated in the Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk to help benefit the Mother Seton Food Pantry.

A monthly legal clinic continued to provide assistance to our sandwich window guests, as well as a social worker who has office hours twice per week.

Haircuts were also offered one morning to our guests.

Community
We hosted the vow mass of Scott Jakubowski, CM. Many Vincentians and hundreds of guests celebrated over the weekend of September 29. With his vows, Scott has promised to spend his life as a Vincentian. Congratulations!

Vincentian Women sponsored an evening praying the rosary.

The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul was celebrated with hospitality. Unfortunately, due to the weather, our annual barbecue had to be cancelled.

The pilot phase of Alpha began in September. The group gathers each week to share a dinner, watch a video on faith and have a discussion.

Young Adults: 20 young adults gathered for community at Homeslice for the Second Sunday Social. They also hosted Vincentian Jeopardy! in the parish center with 15 people participating. A thank you to Sister Kara Davis, DC, for being the emcee.

A special thank you to Fr. Dick Benson, CM, for conducting our annual appeal for the Vincentian mission in Kenya. You donated over $4,100 to the mission!

The Knights of Columbus raised nearly $1,000 for our parish SPRED (special religious education) program with their Tootsie Roll drive.
Empowering Women in the Catholic Church

VOICES OF FAITH

ZUZANNA FLISOWSKA

Thursday, October 17 | 6:30-7:30 | Cortelyou Commons

Voices of Faith is a global advocacy initiative based in Rome that is focused on empowering and advocating for Catholic women to be welcomed into leadership and decision making roles within the Catholic Church.

Zuzanna Flisowska grew up in Warsaw, Poland and studied art history and theology. As a researcher she focused on the early-modern period and is passionate about the relationship between art and spirituality.
Encouraging women to build friendship and community in our parish through faith and service.

**Please join us on Wednesday, November 13, for our Fall Book Discussion!**

6:30 – 7:00 pm Wine and Cheese Reception
7:00 – 8:00 pm Discussion

Our book selection this fall is “The Fisherman’s Tomb: The True Story of the Vatican’s Secret Search” by John O’Neill. The incredible, sometimes shocking, story of the 75-year search and its key players has never been fully told until now. The quest would pit one of the 20th century’s most talented architects, a woman, against top Vatican insiders.

Visit our website for more information: stvdep.org/community-life/vincentian-women/
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program for non-baptized adults or adults who were baptized (in any Christian denomination including the Catholic Church), but never received their First Communion or Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church. Classes are held on Sunday mornings and offer the opportunity to learn more about Catholicism. Contact Rebecca by October 14th at rebeccamsimons426@gmail.com for more information.

We welcome into the church this weekend:

Ava James Smit, child of Peter & Wendy Zamaripa
Andrew Liam McLeod, child of Andrew & Karina McLeod

Weddings Celebrated in September:

Jennifer Scully and Jimmy Lynch
Christina Olson and Marco Berrios
Lauren Swift and Mike Brokaw
Angela Koss and Anthony Preston
Kate Anhut and Michael Riebesehl
ON GRATITUDE, AND FAITH, AND GEOGRAPHY
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With the great Syrian military leader Naaman being cured of leprosy in the Old Testament passage, and with ten lepers—including that single grateful Samaritan—being cured in the Gospel, today’s readings are all about gratitude. We needn’t look far for thoughtful insight on the subject. Per Aesop, for example, “Gratitude is the sign of noble souls.” And per Irving Berlin, “Got no check books, got no banks/ Still I’d like to express my thanks/ I got the sun in the mornin’/ and the moon at night.” And heck, per Oprah Winfrey, “Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.”

Were I ever asked for thoughtful insight on the topic, I’m thinking today’s Gospel would be Exhibit A. We all know the story. Jesus is travelling through Samaria and Galilee on his way to Jerusalem when he encounters ten lepers. They call to him from a distance, asking for pity. Jesus sees their station in life and tells them to go show themselves to the priests. Pretty simple instructions—too simple, one could surmise—but all ten immediately comply. Enroute to the priests, they are cleansed, and realizing this, one of them returns to Jesus, thanking him and glorifying God. As the Gospel explains simply and powerfully, “He was a Samaritan.” Just as simply and powerfully, Jesus replies, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?”

It’s hard to ignore the striking contrast in thankfulness between the grateful Samaritan and the others. We hear nothing more about them, and with even Jesus calling them out on it, they seem destined to be defined as first-class ingrates forever. I’ve written about this Gospel several times, though, and once again, I feel the need to defend the nine. Are they truly ungrateful, or just way inconsiderate? I give them the benefit of the doubt, because I know this: they are people of faith. They don’t balk at the simple cure Jesus proposes (as Naaman originally does when Elisha tells him via a messenger to just go and wash seven times in the Jordan). And listen to the next thing Jesus tells the cleansed Samaritan: “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”

Seems he’s not saved for saying thanks. Seems he’s saved for having the faith to ask Jesus for help, and then act on his direction. As did the other nine. But today I’m seeing something that I’ve missed before. Upon being cured, Naaman wants to give Elisha a gift in thanks. When Elisha refuses, Naaman instead asks for two mule-loads of earth to take home with him. Why? Because Naaman—now believing in Elisha’s God alone—wants some ground from Israel to offset his Syrian geography. OK. And next look at Paul’s letter to Timothy: “The word of God is not chained.” Paul writes from prison, so the words are true enough in that context. But they’re true in a geographical context, too. As in, the Good News knows no boundaries. Today’s readings, then, are all about gratitude, yes. But they’re also all about faith, and all about geography as defined by two mule-loads of sacred turf that I guess seemed necessary then. But not anymore.
News & Notes

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Men's Group

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul room in the parish center.

Join the parish men's faith-sharing group for Scripture-based reflection every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We'll be discussing the previous Sunday's readings.

No sign-up needed. Email SVDPMensGroup@Gmail.com for any questions

Mass offerings are now available for all weekend masses in addition to weekdays.

Several weekend masses are available through the end of the year! 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!
**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, Alyssa Beverly, Leonila Cabael, Juliette Calabrese, Linda Cameron, Camdyn Campbell, Allen Carter Sr., Frances Carter, Margaret Charles, Almeda Colby, Virginia Dillon, Luis and Evelyn Fuentes, Mariam Gracia, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Mary Hayes, Anita Italiane Hearl, Madelynn Jacobs, Gustavo Lauria, Laura Linke, David Neesan, Ruth Ohrem, Eileen Ouimet, Terri Proietto, Natalia De Los Rios, James Schwake, Deedee Siytangco, 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. 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

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## Financial 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: Kelsey Shaw; Sebastien Mary

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.

Sacristry: 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 Church. 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. Derek Swanson, C.M., 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.

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The Word Among Us (wau.org) is a Catholic devotional magazine with the daily mass readings and reflections.

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.”

Busted Halo (bustedhalo.com) is an “online magazine for spiritual seekers” sponsored by the Paulist Fathers. It includes reflections on faith and popular culture.

Saint of the Day (http://tinyurl.com/l57vch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.