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

January 12th, 2020
The Baptism of the Lord
“The Lord will bless his people with peace”
— Psalm 29

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The St. Vincent de Paul community lives out the Vincentian charism by serving and loving the Body of Christ without exception.
Do you remember your baptism? If you’re like me, probably not. I was an infant when my parents brought me to church for baptism. All that I can see from that day are some photos and my baptismal candle, which my mother kept.

Do you remember the day of your baptism? Again, probably not. Yet, Pope Francis has encouraged all of us to know when we were baptized, when we were reborn in the Church as daughters and sons of God. The Pope said, “All of you know the day on which you were born and you celebrate it as your birthday, don’t you? We all celebrate our birthday. I ask you a question: who among you remembers the date of your Baptism? Let’s do something: today, when you go home, find out what day you were baptized, look for it, because this is your second birthday. The first birthday is the day you came into life and the second birthday is the one on which you came into the Church. Will you do this? This is your homework: find out the day on which you were born to the Church, and give thanks to the Lord, because at Baptism he has opened the door of his Church to us.”

As we celebrate the feast of the baptism of Jesus today, we are reminded that we too share in the baptism of Christ. Baptism is not simply a ceremonial ritual, or a way to make your grandmother happy. Baptism is our entrance into eternal life, into being a part of God’s holy people, the Church. It is through our baptism that we are called to imitate Christ and make him a priority in our lives. Although our parents decided this for many of us, we are invited today to claim our baptism personally and live up to our calling as Christians. In the Gospel, after Jesus’ baptism, God said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” God says the same to us at our baptism, wrapping us up with his love and grace. No matter what happens to us in the rest of our lives, God’s promise of love can never be erased or extinguished. How we respond to it is up to each one of us: do we respond to God’s love with gratitude and faith, or do we ignore or trivialize it?

Each of us is called to strive to live out our baptismal calling, the call to holiness as a member of God’s family. No matter where life takes us, that seal of God’s love goes with us. The baptismal candle that I received on my baptism was relit and used during my ordination as a priest, because my journey to being a minister began at my baptism, my second birthday, October 26.

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Pray : Serve : Share

Eucharistic Adoration
Jan 14, 28
Feb 11, 25
Mar 10

Taizé Prayer
Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18
Mar 3

Tuesdays at 8pm
St. Louise de Marillac Chapel

Questions? Contact Matt Merkt:
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Catholic Campus Ministry
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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Vincentian Women

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

Women’s Retreat, Saturday, February 1, 2020
9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Featured Speaker Fr. Chris Robinson, C. M.
“No Women – No Mission: A Deeper Look at Vincent and Louise”

Register to attend now. Email Mary Carter @ mcarte40@depaul.edu

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

HOMILIES ONLINE

Did you know that Father Jeremy records his homilies and posts them on our website?

So if you were out of town, or would like to hear it again, you can go to our website (https://stvdep.org/about-us/from-the-pastor/) or our Facebook page to listen.

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus’ baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age. Today’s reading from Isaiah describes God’s chosen Messiah, upon whom God’s spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power” (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew’s Gospel Jesus’ baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

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January 12, 2020
Join us for Parish Vision Day

Remember “Renew My Church”? The groupings, the parish meetings, and the structural decisions lasted most of last winter and spring. While the process of structural change is complete for our area of the Archdiocese, the spiritual and communal renewal for our parish and area is just beginning. So, where do we go from here? What does this renewal process look like? What are the implications for my own faith life and for the St. Vincent de Paul community? We invite you to our Parish Vision Day on Saturday, January 25th from 10:00AM to 12:00PM the parish center, where we will begin a conversation around these questions. The morning will give each of us a chance to pray, reflect, and discuss where Christ is leading us individually and as a community in the journey of becoming Missionary Disciples. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, contact Rebecca Simons in the parish office. Hope to see you there!

Young Married Couples Group

St Vincent’s young married couples group is active once again!

The vision of this group is to give an intentional space for married couples to come together to reflect on and actively strengthen the marriage vocation. Our first meeting will be on January 12th!

We will meet in the parish center after the 5pm Mass for a short speaker, reflection, and dinner. More events to follow as this group forms and takes shape.
December Highlights
Curious as to what’s been going on in the parish? Here are some details as to the things that happened in December. If you would like to get involved in any ongoing activities, please contact the parish office.

Sacraments
- Baptisms: 5
- Weddings: 2
- Reconciliation: 10
- Christmas Mass attendance: 830*

*the second largest count since 2015

Our parish grouping had a combined celebration for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with reconciliation following at St. Michael in Old Town. 75 people attended, making this our largest reconciliation service in years.

Service
- Sandwich kitchen
  - 73 guests per day for a total of 1,829 meals served
- Food pantry
  - 40 families served, including a turkey and a Christmas meal
- Christmas at DePaul
  - Over $21,000 was donated for our outreach ministries. Boxes of coffee, cocoa, tea and canned goods were received for the soup kitchen.
- Christmas gift program
  - Parishioners donated over 600 toys and helped sort the donations on December 15 to benefit Vincentian Family partner Marillac-St. Vincent Family Services.

Community
- Young adults
  - 20 young adults gathered for community at the parish center for the Second Sunday Social.
- Vincentian Women
  - sponsored an evening praying the rosary, followed by Eucharistic adoration.
- Music, Solidarity, Stillness
  - The church was open Tuesday nights for private prayer and reflection with live music.
- Men’s faith-sharing group
  - Met on Wednesday evenings for Scripture-based reflection

The 2019 Christmas Vigil at St. Vincent de Paul

Fr. Jeremy and members of Vincentian Women facilitated the food pantry drive at this year’s Christmas at DePaul. Not pictured but present at different performances were members of the Knights of Columbus and Affirmed—a ministry of support for the LGBTQ+ community.

Men of the parish choirs sang the Vincentian Novena for Advent Vespers on Sunday evening, December 22.
Years ago, my boss asked me if any of our team members had a tattoo. I recall forming two internal questions in that moment: “How should I know?” and “What are you asking me for?” I softened the response to Internal Question No. 1, telling my Quality Assurance VP that no, I did not know the tattoo status of my QA colleagues (I knew about the small butterfly a few inches below Tattoo Nancy’s left collarbone because she’d shown it to me decades prior, but Nancy worked in IT, and I understood even then that it’s always best to answer only the question asked). Re: Internal Question No. 2, I just left that one alone.

My mother-in-law is long gone now, but she had a little rose—inked in roughly the same spot anatomically as Tattoo Nancy’s butterfly—and I recall ShirleyMom being proud of it from the get-go until the very end. My sister-in-law Alyson has a few tattoos, including the WGN logo on one of her wrists and a floral bracelet on the other. Alyson’s husband is long gone, too, but he had lots of them. Most memorably to me, Dave had a large tattoo on his back of a prehistoric cave woman reining in two saber-toothed tigers. I remember him asking me what I thought of it when he first showed it to me. I remember responding, “Uh…What does something like that go for these days?”

Both of my children have tattoos as well. I voiced disdain when the tattoo conversation began in the college years, but with their own money in-hand, I figured they wouldn’t take me seriously. In the great scheme of important things, though—things I tried to teach Sarah and Paul about life and love and embracing the good—I put tattoos pretty far down on the list. Besides, truth be told, I like tattoos. I don’t necessarily want one (I’m not big on pain), but I like them. I’ve even sported a few of the temporary variety. I don’t like those all-over-the-body tattoos that some people display, but I find a tattoo here and there interesting. Sometimes enticing. And always, always telling.

Which leads to the readings on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Not that there are any tat references, but I’m taken today by the notion that baptism is sort of like a tattoo. Not a visible one, of course. But maybe... I mean, look at the reading from Isaiah: “I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.” I’m not sure who the “you” is here, but I’m taking it as you and me, being called even then to our messianic mission. In today’s world especially, I think that living our discipleship for all to see has got to be interesting to nonbelievers (as in, “What’s with those guys?”). It might be enticing (as in, it could attract others to follow our lead). For sure, it’s telling. Remember that old folk song often played at guitar Masses: And They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love? Baptism marks us. It’s not a tattoo, but when we show our best selves to the world by emulating the Christ, I think it’s telling indeed.
**News & Notes**

**St. Vincent de Paul Parish Men's Group**

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Ozanam Room in the parish center.

Join the parish men's faith-sharing group for Scripture-based reflection every Wednesday 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.

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**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.

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**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, 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

Saturday, January 11th
Vigil Mass............................. 5:00 p.m. - Presider: Fr. Dixon - Church

Sunday, January 12th
Presiders: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Robinson; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon

Religious Ed ......................... 9:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Parish Center
RCIA ...................................... 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Outreach Commission Meeting ............. 11:00 a.m. - Soup Kitchen
Al-Anon Meeting .................... 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Young Married Couples .............. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room

Monday, January 13th
Daily Mass ................................ 8:00 a.m. - Church
Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel ..... 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center
Baptism Prep ................................ 7:00 p.m. - Church
AA Meeting ............................. 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Tuesday, January 14th
Daily Mass ................................ 8:00 a.m. - Church
Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel ..... 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center
Music, Stillness, Solidarity Meditation ...... 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Church
Eucharistic Adoration ................... 8:00 p.m. - St. Louise de Marillac Chapel

Wednesday, January 15th
Daily Mass ................................ 8:00 a.m. - Church
Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel ..... 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center
AA Meeting ............................. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Men's Faith Sharing Group ............. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Ozanam Room

Thursday, January 16th
Daily Mass ................................ 8:00 a.m. - Church
Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel ..... 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center
Choir Practice ........................... 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room

Friday, January 17th
Daily Mass ................................ 8:00 a.m. - Church
Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel ..... 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center

Saturday, January 18th
Legal Help Desk................. 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Bro. Leo & Marillac Rooms
Vigil Mass.................................. 5:00 p.m. - Presider: Fr. Dixon - Church

Sunday, January 19th
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 - Cardinal Cupich

Al-Anon Meeting .................... 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

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.

Visit www.stvdep.org/donate/ for more information.
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:** Martin Frolik; Patrick Kowalkowski

**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 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.
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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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/l5yvch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

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