



WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

July-August-September 2019

The “Weekly Bulletin Announcements”, based on the Gospel of each Sunday, are suggested for your parish weekly bulletin. The action statement can easily be adapted to fit your local needs.

This is a very effective way for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to encourage all the members in the parish:

- **To have ears to hear the “cries of the poor,”**
- **To have eyes to “seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived,” and**
- **To have hearts that “bring God’s love to the poor” through their generosity and donations.**

JULY 2019

July 7: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members “go out two by two” to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

Know that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.

July 14: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel, when Jesus asks “which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” the scholar of the law answered, “the one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus then said, “Go and do likewise.”

This week you can also “treat the poor with mercy” by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

July 21: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless loving service to those who are poor.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

July 28: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our “Father” and just as a parent’s love for their children is unlimited, so is God’s love and care for us unlimited.

In the month of July, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

AUGUST 2019

August 4: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.

August 11: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Gospel, Jesus says “Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.”

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will indeed find “an inexhaustible treasure in heaven!”

August 18: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!

Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the of God’s love.

August 25: Twenty- first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us to “strive to enter through the narrow gate.” Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.

In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

SEPTEMBER 2019

September 1: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

With love for your neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame or blind, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

September 8: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ."

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

September 15: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

September 22: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

September 29: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On **September 27**, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

In the month of September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor,” by assisting _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!