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ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020 State Rte 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

Sat – 5:30 pm, Sun - 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays – Wed 6:30 pm & Fri 12 pm

Parish Council Chair: Joe Nelson

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

Mulberry Street, Stonefort, IL – 62987

Sunday - 8:00 a.m.

& First Saturday – 8:30 am

Parish Council Chair: Mary Treat

Trustees: Myron Cole, Stan Treat

What Must I Do? In the [Gospel Reading](#), a lawyer asks Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus says to the lawyer, “Well, how do you read the law?” Without hesitation, the lawyer gives Jesus the answer, which the lawyer already knew: “Love God wholly and your neighbor as yourself.”

“Right!” Jesus tells him. “You do that, and you’ll live.”

“But wait,” the lawyer says, “who is my neighbor?”

And then Jesus tells the lawyer the parable of the bad priest and the bad Levite and the good Samaritan. Then Jesus finishes with another question to the lawyer: “Which of these was the neighbor of the robbery victim?”

And the lawyer gives the answer he has to give: “the good neighbor was the Samaritan.”

Notice the oddness of the lawyer’s first question. He doesn’t ask: what is the best way to soar in love of God? He asks: what *must* I do inherit eternal life? He is looking for the minimum necessary to get into heaven, isn’t he?

But eternal life is a union, a marriage, with God. Who would want to get married to someone who said, “what’s the minimum I can do for you and with you and still get you to marry me?”

So Jesus gets the lawyer himself to answer his question, and the lawyer gives the right answer. What you *have* to do, the minimum necessary, is everything. Love God wholly, and love your neighbor as yourself.

This is a disconcerting answer, of course, because in this life none of us is ever going to do everything. So if *everything* is the minimum necessary, then none of us is getting in.

And so the lawyer tries on his original move again. He wants a definition of *neighbor* which gives him the minimum number of people to count as neighbors he has to love.

But Jesus upends the lawyer’s continuing desire for a minimum by giving him another maximum: everyone you can love is your neighbor. If you can do good to him, he counts as your neighbor.

And that is why what we *must* do to inherit eternal life is come to Christ. The lawyer’s own answers to his questions are right. But giving everything in love for God is a holiness we can find only through Christ’s unstinting outpouring of love for us. Eleonore Stump

Vol 17 # 28 **Fifteenth Sunday of the Year, July 10, 2016**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Jul	10	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
Tue	Jul	12	9 & 11 am	DOC	mass at Shawnee and Vienna Corrections
Wed	Jul	13	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Jul	14	11:30 am, 1 pm	Marion	Penitentiary Masses
Fri	Jul	15	12:00 pm	SP	Rev Jack Joyce
Sat	Jul	16	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jul	17	8:00 am	SFD	Britney Deaton
			10:00 am	SP	Joe & Verla Bowling

Birthdays	
Jul 12	Justus Bayles
Jul 13	Zachary Kolb
Jul 14	Cathy Kruep
Jul 15	Edna Goddard

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, July 10, 10 am Server: R. Slife, A. Webb Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Steve, Katie Pobst Ushers: F. Dueker, A. Dueker D. Zmuda Sr, C. Zmuda E. Minister D. Hopkins, K. Hupe, K. Felcyn Greeter: Carolyn Johnson</p>	<p>Sun, July 17: 10 am Server: B. Bertran, J. Bayles Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: John & Joy Prather Ushers: C Brown, S. Hupe M. McMahan, J. Nelson E. Minister: D. Bishop, S. Nelson, P. Widowski Greeter: Monica Querry</p>	<p>Sun, July 24, 10 am Server: A. Webb, B. Bertran, Lector: Sabra Moore Gifts: Querry Family Ushers: D. Bishop, K. Felcyn, R. Stoerger, L. Stoerger E. Minister M. Nelson, P. Shallenberger, S. Belske Greeter: Cathy Kruep</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, July 10, 8:00 am Server: Logan Shaw Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: L. Herbert, M. Moore Usher: Myron Cole E. Min: Mary Treat</p>	<p>Sun, July 17: 8 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: Parks Family Usher: Arnold Morse E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat	Jul	9	St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun	Jul	10	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8 am
			St Paul Mass	10 am
			Altar Sodality Collection & Mt at St Paul.	11 am
Tue	Jul	12	DOC masses.....	9 & 11 am
Wed	Jul	13	Weekday Mass.....	6:30 pm
Thr	Jul	14	USP Marion Masses.....	11:30 am & 1 pm
			Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....	4 pm – 7:30 pm
Fri	Jul	15	Weekday Mass.....	12:00 pm
			St Paul Finance Council Mt.....	5:30 pm
Sat	Jul	16	St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun	Jul	17	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8 am
			St Paul Mass	10 am



ALTAR SODALITY COLLECTION AND MEETING will be held this Sunday following the 10 am mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to participate.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION You are encouraged to attend Eucharistic Adoration to be held on Thursday, July 14 between hours of 4 pm and 7:30 pm.

PARISH MISSION OR RETREAT presented by the Vincentian Community has been scheduled on November 27-30th, 2016. A planning committee to work on publicity, liturgical celebration preparation, food and hosts for socials, phone contacting, outreach to non practicing, preparatory prayers, etc. will be gathered soon. If you would be willing to assist, contact Madonna Slife or talk to Fr Tom.

THANK YOU....

....to Nelson family team for preparing eats for after Mass Social last Sunday.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER -“Domestic Violence” – Domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, income, or other factors. Every year, more than 3 million children witness domestic violence in their homes and suffer abuse or neglect at high rates. Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Become familiar with the signs of domestic violence at Violence Protection Center of Southwestern Illinois - www.vpcswi.org. If you suspect that someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, be aware of the resources available in your community. Pray those subjected to abuse receive the help and support necessary to break away from the cycle of violence.

BELLEVILLE TEC & QUEST are hosting a Fellowship Celebration on July 31 from 4-9 p.m. at Holy Trinity in Fairview Heights. The evening will consist of Mass at 5 p.m. (will have Oddwalk Ministries leading worship), food available for purchase after Mass from a food truck and pizza sold by the slice, 7-9 p.m. will be a concert by Oddwalk Ministries. Weather permitting, the concert will be held outside, so please bring lawn chairs. All are welcome. The concert is free. Donation boxes will be available if anyone would like to give a free will offering

WATER WELLS PROJECT In recent years, the friars of the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart have been serving the Diocese of Belleville in a variety of ways: parochial ministry, Hispanic ministry, prison ministry, and teaching. On behalf of the Franciscans, I invite you to join us in a project to celebrate the Year of Mercy. Remembering that one of the Corporal Works of Mercy is "to give drink to the thirsty," the Franciscans are trying to raise \$50K to dig fresh water wells in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. To date, we have raised just over \$28K. Your participation in this project could make a significant difference in the lives of people who have little access to clean water. If you donate by check, please make the donation out to “Franciscan Charities.” and send to: Year of Mercy Project, Franciscan Charities, 3140 Meramec Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-4399. If you wish to donate on line, please go to franciscancharities.org and click on the "Donate" button. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. John Eaton, OFM, at 314-655-0551 or at pshdev@thefriars.org.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Unconditional love is an other-worldly ideal. Forces here on earth limit our generosity. Business teaches us debits and credits, law enacts statutes of limitation, athletics value strictly enforced rules of the game. No wonder we struggle to accept the reality of a God infinite in mercy and compassion.

Deuteronomy talks today about the people of Israel who have suffered a curse rather than blessing because of their violations of the covenant. The author, however, is unequivocal in reminding the wayward that God's capacity for forgiveness cannot be exhausted. Yahweh's arms are outstretched to those seeking forgiveness; God requires only the resolution to try again.

Paul, in our passage from Colossians, is making a point: God restored harmony to the universe through the action of Christ. In Christ, God has destroyed all those barriers that keep humans from God, from the created world, and from themselves. Unity is the result of Christ's act of reconciliation. The price of this compassion is high: "Making peace through the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1:20; also Romans 5:9-11; Ephesians 2:13-18).

Luke, as opposed to Matthew and Mark, has the lawyer speak the great law of love for God and neighbor. The lawyer asks: "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). The evangelist wants to teach us that all who show mercy are able to belong to God's family.

The parable illustrates this teaching. The legalism of the society prescribed a ritual impurity for anyone touching the corpse of a Jewish traveler. Thus the priest and the Levite passed by the man victimized by robbers. The Samaritan becomes the unlikely hero. As a non-Jew he is an outcast or a "non-neighbor," yet he alone opts for the higher law of compassion. He is a hero because he is a genuine neighbor.

What kind of neighbors are we? If the measure is "How far do I have to go?" then ours is a this-world compassion. If the measure is "What more can I do, especially for the poor and abandoned?" then ours is an other-worldly and Godlike mercy.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Where do we find God's commandment? According to Jesus it consists of this: love God and love your neighbor. Do you find yourself relying on codes and guidelines more than on the underlying commandment?

This reading says that Christ reconciled all things, making peace by the blood of his cross. In the Gospel's story of the Good Samaritan, what are the things that need reconciling? What still needs reconciling in the besieged environment today? In the arena of human rights? Will you be a passerby or will you share in the work of creation, redemption and renewal?

Think of the Good Samaritan story in terms of today's world. What groups need the Samaritan? The trafficked? The immigrants? Gun control groups? The homeless? the hungry? Whether it is large or small, is there anything you can do to help any of these?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES- Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42