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### **ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2020 State Rte 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

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

**The Worst Kind of Pride** In the [Gospel Reading](#), Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee and a tax collector, in order to teach a lesson about pride. As Jesus tells the parable, the Pharisee is not pleasing to God; the tax collector is.

In the parable, what the Pharisee says in his prayer is this: “I thank you, God, that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.”

The tax collector just prays for God to have mercy on him, a sinful man.

Now what exactly is wrong with the Pharisee’s prayer?

True humility is seeing that every excellence you have is a gift. Notice that the parable doesn’t doubt the Pharisee’s truthfulness: he does have real moral excellence. And notice too that the Pharisee doesn’t congratulate himself on this moral excellence in himself. He thanks God for it; he gives God all the credit for it.

So what exactly is wrong with this Pharisee?

Think about it this way. Aquinas says that there are four kinds of pride.

(1) There’s foolish pride. You think you have an excellence which you don’t have, like a child who thinks he’s the best basketball player in the world.

(2) There’s the pride of the self-made man. You think you have an excellence you do have, but you think you got that excellence for yourself, without anybody’s help.

(3) There’s the sneakily self-congratulatory pride. You think you have an excellence you do have, and you recognize that God gave it to you; but you assume God gave it to you because he knew that you would make such good use of it.

(4) And then there’s the most self-deceptive kind of pride. You think you have an excellence you do have, and you recognize that you have it because God gave it, and you acknowledge that God gave it because he is so good, not because you are so nice—BUT you are glad others don’t have it and you hope they don’t get it.

Now we see what is wrong with the Pharisee, don’t we? He accepts that his excellence is a gift from the Lord. He just doesn’t want anybody else to have what he has. He likes looking down on that tax collector! And that is the worst kind of pride.

True humility is seeing that every excellence you have is a gift from your loving Lord and is given to you so that you can share it with others in love and rejoice with them when they have it too.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 17 # 43 **Thirtieth Sunday of the Year, October 23, 2016**

**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Oct	23	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
Tue	Oct	25	9 & 11 am	Shawnee & Vienna DOC	
Wed	Oct	26	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Oct	27	11:30 am, 1:00 pm	Marion Penitentiary	
Fri	Oct	28	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Oct	30	8:00 am	SFD	Angels Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners

**St Paul, Vienna**

<b>Birthdays</b>
Oct 25 Lavonne Herbert Billie Porter Kevin Retz
Oct 28 Marc Palmer
Oct 30 Brenda Morse

<p><b>Sun, Oct 23, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> J. Bayles, R. Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Sarah Nelson  <b>Gifts:</b> R &amp; C Webb Family  <b>Ushers</b> L Stoerger, R Stoerger  D. Bishop, K. Felcyn  <b>E. Minister</b> Z, Garrett  S. Belske, C. Webb  <b>Greeter:</b> Cathy Kruep</p>	<p><b>Sun, Oct 30: 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> A. Webb, J. Bayles  <b>Lector:</b> Madonna Slife  <b>Gifts:</b> Paul Widowski Fam  <b>Ushers</b> J Bergmann, M Palmer  J. Slife, Mt Slife  <b>E. Minister:</b> A. Dueker  B. Bishop, P Widowski  <b>Greeter:</b> Mike McMahan</p>	<p><b>Sun, Nov 6, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> R. Slife, B. Bertran  <b>Lector:</b> Arlene Dueker  <b>Gifts:</b> S &amp; P Widowski  <b>Ushers:</b>J Nelson, S Widowski  C. Zmuda, D. Zmuda Sr  <b>E. Minister</b> K. Felcyn  P. Kalicki, D. Hopkins  <b>Greeter:</b> H &amp; X Gruszczyk</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Oct 23: 8 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Lector:</b> Marietta Moore  <b>Gifts:</b> Parks Family  <b>Usher:</b> Stan Treat  <b>E. Min:</b> Brenda Morse</p>	<p><b>Sun, Oct 30, 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Logan Shaw  <b>Lector:</b> Mary Treat  <b>Gifts:</b> D. Parks, R. Drone  <b>Usher</b> Myron Cole  <b>E. Min:</b> Cecilia Parks</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Oct 23 Rosary 20 minutes before masses in October  
St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am  
St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.....10 am  
SP Blood Pressure checks before and after mass  
Parish School of Religion.....11 am
- Tue Oct 25 DOC Masses at Shawnee & Vienna.....9am, 11 am  
November Calendar info due
- Wed Oct 26 Weekday mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Thr Oct 27 USP Marion masses.....11:30 am, 1:00 pm
- Fri Oct 28 Weekday Mass at SP.....12 noon
- Sat Oct 29 Joint Parish Hayride, Hot Dog Roast.at SF..4:00 pm
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**All who humble themselves  
will be exalted.**

**COMMUNAL RECITATION OF ROSARY** During the month of October, the rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before Sunday masses.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** are available this weekend before and after the mass in the room off the foyer. Our Thanks to the Wellness Committee for providing these monthly screenings.

**SP PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES** from the Oct 19<sup>th</sup> meeting are available in the rack of the bulletin board.

**UPDATED PHONE AND ADDRESS DIRECTORY** is available for each household with attached label. It also includes the Phone Tree for special notifications. If anyone is aware of incorrect information, please notify the parish office.

**NEW LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES** for the months of November and December are available in the church foyer.

**JOINT PARISH HAYRIDE AND HOT DOG ROAST** will be hosted by St Francis DeSales beginning at the church this Saturday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> beginning 4:00 pm. Hot dogs, marshmallow and drinks provided. Participants are welcome to bring chips or cookies and chair.

**REGIONAL MISSION OF STORY AND SONG** On **November 6, 7, and 8 at 7:00 PM**, please join the Church of Southern Illinois in a mission celebrating the Mercy of God with the talented ValLimar Jansen leading the assembly. This grace-filled event will be held at St. Mary Immaculate Conception in Mt. Vernon. Each evening presentation beginning 7 pm should last just over an hour followed by opportunity for fellowship. Plan on attending this regional mission of story and song.

**MERCY MOMENT** If I would do all the right things for the wrong reasons, would they still count? Probably not. Would God care? Most likely, yes! The Gospel paints this picture. The boasting person at prayer: I fast, I pray, I tithe, I am faithful – I am not like “him”....(and everyone see this about me). But the humble one prays: I am far from perfect, I sin – be full of mercy. The Old Testament reading sheds more light. Be like God, Sirach says. Attend to the poor, the widow, the orphan (anyone in need), God says. Look to them. Care for them. It is right and just behavior. • How will I boast, not in myself, but in the Lord? • How will I behave? Whom will I help?

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**..Oct 31-Nov 1** All Saints Holyday masses- SF 7 pm, Oct 31; SP 6:30 pm, Nov 1

**..Nov 3** Parish Mission Coordinating Mt, at SP hall, 6:30 pm

**..November** Food Collection for DayStar in Cairo

**..Nov 13** Communal Anointing of the Sick at weekend masses

**..Nov 20** Conclusion of the Year of Mercy

**..Nov 27-30, 6:30 pm** Joint Parish Mission on Eucharist hosted at St Paul.

# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14,16-18; Psalm 34; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Television idealizes the rich and famous. Their success and affluent lifestyles become the fascination and envy of millions. This luxurious glitter is far distant from the mandate of today's readings, which is concern for the distressed. Wealth is not evil, and we should not forget those who are well off; but the poor hold a special place in the Christian community.

The Sirach passage was written at the beginning of the second century B.C. God is depicted as a just judge who considers each case on its own merits and never stoops to bribery. At the same time, the judge has a special concern for the down-and-out. The author (Ben Sira) insists that the Jewish nation must imitate this divine compassion for those without a special advocate.

Psalm 34 is a hymn of praise grounded in God's actions on behalf of the unfortunate. Israel is urged to emulate this God who confronts the comfortable and relieves those broken in spirit. The faithful of every generation must redeem a broken world where life becomes only existence and not celebration.

Luke's parable employs a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee represents faithful Jewish observers of the Mosaic law. The tax collector, because of abuses in the manner of gathering taxes, represents sinners. The Pharisee stands in front, proclaiming his righteousness and demeaning all others. The tax collector acknowledges his sin and hence leaves the Temple at peace with God. Luke concludes with Jesus' statement of role reversal: The exalted will be humbled and the humble exalted.

Human nature finds identity with the rich and famous more appealing than identity with the down-and-out. Who doesn't want to stand in front as a model of virtue? Yet if we choose to occupy this sacred space and call ourselves Christian, then we must draw the outcasts into our circle of concern. Hence we embrace our compassionate God's preferential option for the poor.

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

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Do you do anything when you hear the cry of the oppressed, the wail of the orphan or the widow's complaint? Is there something you could do that you are not doing now, to help anyone in need? How is our own Pope Francis like Sirach in biblical times?

Do you feel like you are sometimes being "poured out like a libation," or that everyone has deserted you? What do you think Paul did to combat these feelings in himself? What do you think would help you?

According to Pope Francis, God has a weakness for the humble ones, and their prayers open God's heart wide. Which heart can God fill with his mercy, the humble empty one, or the one that keeps track of all his/her good deeds and his/her neighbors' misdeeds?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Ps 145; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-22; Luke 19:1-10