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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

True Greatness Great honors come to great people. If you are a great scientist you might win the Nobel prize. If you are a great athlete you might win an Olympic gold medal. The people who get these honors seem amazing to us. And yet these are not the big honors. They pale in comparison to having God incarnate come to dinner. So what is it about Zacchaeus that makes him win an honor bigger than the Nobel prize or the Olympic gold medal? What are the standards of greatness on God's standards of value?

How does a life glorify the name of Jesus? The [Second Reading](#) explains it. Paul prays for the Thessalonians, he tells them, that they may be made worthy of the calling of God. And how are they made worthy? By living in such a way that the name of Jesus is glorified in their lives.

In the Gospel, Jesus comes to Zacchaeus' house for dinner, and it is an enormous honor for Zacchaeus that he does. How does a life glorify the name of Jesus? Well, people looking at you will not think the God you worship is great if you humiliate your wife in public, neglect your children, spend most of your free time on TV, gossip maliciously about others, and try hard to get as much attention for yourself as you can, will they? Who would want to be like you? Who would want to worship the God you say you worship?

So to be great by God's standards of value is to live in such a way that others looking at you can see and admire the greatness of the Lord.

Now notice Zacchaeus. He didn't attract anyone's admiration. He was a tax collector, who got rich from the oppression of his own people. He didn't care much for his own dignity either. Short as he was, he climbed a tree to see Jesus.

But this is the point of the story and the answer to the question about greatness, isn't it?

A person's winning human prizes (and being tall) isn't what glorifies the Lord. What glorifies the Lord is a person's seeking the Lord first, above all other prizes.

Zacchaeus doesn't care what happens to him as long as he can get to the Lord. That is what makes Zacchaeus great. And that is why Jesus came to dinner at his house.

Eleonore Stump

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Oct	30	8:00 am	SFD	Angels Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
Mon	Oct	31	7:00 pm	SFD	All Saints Holyday
Tue	Nov	1	9 & 11 am	Shawnee & Vienna DOC	
			6:30 pm	SP	All Saints Holyday
Wed	Nov	2	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Nov	3	11:30 am, 1:00 pm	Marion Penitentiary	
Fri	Nov	4	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov	6	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners

Birthdays	
Oct 30	Brenda Morse
Nov 1	Beverly McCabe Robert Skaggs
Nov 3	Harry Gruszczzyk
Nov 4	Janet Hacker
Nov 6	Mitch Garrett Bernice Corrigan

St Paul, Vienna

Sun, Oct 30: 10 am
Server: A. Webb, J. Bayles
Lector: Madonna Slife
Gifts: Paul Widowski Fam
Ushers J Bergmann, M Palmer
 J. Slife, Mt Slife
E. Minister: A. Dueker
 B. Bishop, P Widowski
Greeter: Mike McMahan

Sun, Nov 6, 10 am
Server: R. Slife, B. Bertran
Lector: Arlene Dueker
Gifts: S & P Widowski
Ushers:J Nelson, S Widowski
 C. Zmuda, D. Zmuda Sr
E. Minister K. Felcyn
 P. Kalicki, D. Hopkins
Greeter: H & X Gruszczzyk

Sun, Nov 13, 10 am
Server: A. Webb, J. Bayles
Lector: Joe Nelson
Gifts: Children Liturgy
Ushers M McMahan, S. Hupe
 C. Brown, P Widowski
E. Minister F Dueker
 L. Stoerger, D Bishop
Greeter: Carolyn Johnson

St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, Oct 30, 8:00 am
Server: Logan Shaw
Lector: Mary Treat
Gifts: D. Parks, R. Drone
Usher Myron Cole
E. Min: Cecilia Parks

Sun, Nov 6: 8 am
Server: Mary Treat
Lector: Cecilia Parks
Gifts: LaVonne, Marietta
Usher: Arnold Morse
E. Min: Myron Cole

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Oct 30 Rosary 20 minutes before masses in October
 - St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am
 - St Paul Mass10 am
 - Parish School of Religion.....11 am
- Mon Oct 31 All Saints Holyday Mass at SF.....7 pm
- Tue Nov 1 DOC Masses at Shawnee & Vienna.....9am, 11 am
 - All Saints Holyday Mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Wed Nov 2 Weekday mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Thr Nov 3 USP Marion masses.....11:30 am, 1:00 pm
 - Parish Mission Meeting at SP.....6:30 pm
- Fri Nov 4 Weekday Mass at SP.....12 noon
- Sun Nov 6 Time Falls back 1 hr
 - St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am
 - St Paul Mass10 am
 - Parish School of Religion.....11 am
 - First Sunday of Month Social at SP.....11 am



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

ALL SAINTS HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION is November 1. Holyday mass at St Francis DeSales is Monday, Oct 31, 7 pm; at St Paul on Tuesday, Nov 1, 6:30 pm.

PARISH MISSION A meeting to update planning and coordinate the preparations for the Parish Mission the end of November (27-30) will be held this Thursday evening, Nov 3rd in St Paul Hall.

WANTED: a few good parishioners to volunteer for the Liturgy Committee. We will meet November 6 in a corner of the parish hall during the Parish social to provide information about the committee and its role in supporting St. Paul's. No previous experience in parish volunteering is necessary to join.

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.

THANK YOU...for the pastor appreciation social and words of encouragement
....to St Francis DeSales parishioners for hosting the Halloween Party.
....to all who led and took part in the rosary during the month of October.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End – An old Irish proverb says, “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. When family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to “shelter” them. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important work, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY RECIPES Everybody loves to read recipes, even if they don't want to cook. We're trying to get a jump on the holidays by asking you to send us your favorite holiday recipes to be published in December 2016 in *The Messenger*. Send us the recipe and who gave it to you or where you found it, and we'll put it in the paper. You can email to: cathnews@bellevilemessenger.org or mail recipes to The Messenger Recipes, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221 before November 20, 2016.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22--12:1; Psalm 145; 2 Thessalonians 1:11--2:2; Luke 19:1-10

The reading from Wisdom says that the finite universe is a mere grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew when compared to the infinite Creator. These metaphors establish not only God's vastness but also God's delicate sense of fairness. Unlimited power, in a loving God, means authority can overlook sins so that the sinner has an opportunity for change of heart. Divine punishment is remedial and not vindictive. As God's creatures, we are "chips off the old block"; the Creator can only love us.

Paul prays for the community that he founded: May they allow God to complete the good work begun in them. Christian living is a lifetime pilgrimage that demands the enabling power of grace. All is grace: call, response, fidelity, and salvation. Yet grace does not eliminate human responsibility; we must actively cooperate in hearing the call and making the response.

Paul goes on to say that we should look forward eagerly to the Second Coming of the Lord. At the same time, he cautions against excessive agitation over the "when" of Christ's coming; don't be stirred by irresponsible teaching!

Zacchaeus is described by Luke as a wealthy man. His money came from collecting tolls in Jericho, the major customs collection center for goods entering Palestine from the East. Not always honest in his business practices, Zacchaeus (whose name ironically means "righteous one") commanded little respect with the people. Consequently, those observing protested when Jesus announced his intention to spend the night at "a sinner's house."

The point of the gospel is that Jesus' secret weapon in converting sinners is not scolding or put-downs but love and friendship. Zacchaeus obviously responds; there is an immediate change of heart. Rabbinic law recommended giving restitution plus twenty percent for money illegally acquired. Zacchaeus says that he will give four hundred percent restitution! Jesus says, "Today salvation has come to this house"

-- Francis X. Cleary, S.J.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made." What things do we think of when we hear this? If God's attitude toward every created thing is love, what is your attitude? Do you show reverence for creation? For your neighbor?

Paul wanted the Thessalonians to know that he was constantly praying for them. Does it help you to know people are praying for you? Explain. Does it help you to pray for other people? How?

A man climbs a tree in order to see. A holy man goes to a "sinner's" house for dinner. A repenting person gives half of all his possessions to the poor. How do you explain these events? Does knowing Jesus Christ elicit extraordinary behavior from you? What?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14; Ps 17; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38