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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

Marginal People - “The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.” That is the essence of our faith, and it is the focus of today’s liturgy. Naaman in the first reading and the Samaritan in the Gospel both experience the saving power of God. The wonderful deeds of the Lord should elicit several reactions from us.

The first is gratitude to God, like the cured Samaritan who was the only one to return and give thanks to God.

The second is worship, like Naaman, who vows: “I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the Lord.”

The third is action on behalf of others, as we pray in the opening prayer: “May our love for you express itself in our eagerness to do good for others.”

God has blessed us with a wonderful earth and filled it with a beautiful family of brothers and sisters. As Christians, we are called to have thankful worship of God, expressed in care for the lepers and blind people of our day—the poor, hungry, and homeless, the victims of war and oppression, the suffering and dying.

We are to “sing to the Lord a new song” in a new world where lepers and the blind are welcomed back into society.

The central meaning of Jesus’ ministry is bound up with the fact that he sought the company of people who, for one reason or another, were forced to live on the fringe of society.

These he made the special object of his attention, declaring that the last would be first and that the humble would be exalted in his Father’s kingdom.

The church finds its true identity when it fully integrates itself with these ‘marginal’ people including those who suffer from physical and psychological disabilities.

US Bishops, [*Pastoral Statement on Handicapped People*](#), 1978:12

Gerald Darring

Vol 17 # 41 **Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year, October 9, 2016**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Oct	9	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Family
			10:00 am	SP	Charles & Mary Querrey
Tue	Oct	11	9 & 11 am		Shawnee & Vienna DOC
Wed	Oct	12	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Oct	13	11:30am, 1 pm		Marion Penitentiary
Fri	Oct	14	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Oct	16	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Raymond Levesque

St Paul, Vienna

Birthdays	
Oct 12	Doc Maier
Oct 14	Jamie Starratt
Oct 16	Vickie Anderson Aiden Nelson

Sun, Oct 9: 10 am
Server: R. Slife, A. Webb
Lector: Steve Widowski
Gifts: Children Liturgy Word
Ushers J Bergmann, C. Brown
 G. Tesina, Mt Slife
E. Minister: D. Bishop
 S. Nelson, M. Nelson
Greeter: Pat Kalicki

Sun, Oct 16, 10 am
Server: A. Webb, B. Bertran
Lector: PSR Children
Gifts: Children Ministries
Ushers: M. Palmer, F. Dueker
 M McMahan, P. Widowski
E. Minister P. Shallenberger
 B. Palmer, Md Slife
Greeter: Joan Galey

Sun, Oct 23, 10 am
Server: J. Bayles, R. Slife
Lector: Sarah Nelson
Gifts: R & C Webb Family
Ushers L Stoerger, R Stoerger
 D. Bishop, K. Felcyn
E. Minister Z, Garrett
 S. Belske, C. Webb
Greeter: Cathy Kruep

St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, Oct 9: 8 am
Server: Cecilia Parks
Lector: Myron Cole
Gifts: R. Drone, L. Herbert
Usher: Arnold Morse
E. Min: Mary Treat

Sun, Oct 16, 8:00 am
Server: Brenda Morse
Lector: LaVonne Herbert
Gifts: A. Morse, M. Cole
Usher Fred Deaton
E. Min: Christine Deaton

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Oct 9 Rosary 20 minutes before masses in October
 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am
 St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word10 am
- Mon Oct 10 Draw-Down Basket Preparation.....4 pm
- Tue Oct 11 DOC Masses at Shawnee & Vienna..9am, 11 am
- Wed Oct 12 Weekday mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Thr Oct 13 Mass at USP Marion.....11:30 am & 1:00 pm
 Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4 – 7:30 pm
- Fri Oct 14 Weekday Mass at SP.....12 noon
 SP Finance Council mt.....5:30 pm
- Sat Oct 15 St Paul Parish Draw-Down Party.....6:00 pm
- Sun Oct 16 Rosary 20 minutes before masses in October
 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am
 St Paul Mass & Children Liturgical Ministry...10 am
 Parish School of Religion.....11 am



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

OCTOBER COUNT Each year, a count of mass attendance during October is made to be submitted to the diocese. Ushers are reminded to record # on the attendance sheet.

CHILDREN LITURGY OF WORD will be offered at this Sunday's mass.

DRAW-DOWN FUNDRAISER will be Saturday, Oct 15, 6-9 pm. Volunteer hands are requested to set up tables following this Sunday mass. A reminder to bring baskets to parish hall by 4 pm on Monday when they will be assembled. Those who've signed up for the food list are asked to deliver items by 5:30 pm on Saturday.

BDCCW CONFERENCE Oct 12 The Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women annual Convention with the theme - Mercy, A Bridge Connecting God, Ourselves, and others will be at St Joseph, Marion 8am-3:30 pm Oct 12. Registration forms are on bulletin board in church or contact Madonna Slife.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be offered this Thursday, Oct 13, 4 pm to 7:30 pm at St Paul Church. You're encouraged to sign up for a time on the bulletin board schedule.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Next Sunday we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is "Mercy Changes the World." Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

ST FRANCIS DESALES TOWN HALL MT ON PASTORAL PLAN A Town-Hall style meeting will follow the Mass on Oct 16th to obtain feedback for representatives before meeting with the Diocesan Committee and bishop on the Pastoral Plan Restructuring and Renewal.

HEALTH FOCUS- Flu season can start as early as October and last through May. A simple vaccine is the best way to protect yourself from the flu. Flu can be a deadly disease for some people. The best time to get a flu shot is as soon as they are available, usually starting in September. It takes 2 weeks after administration to build up immunity. There are several flu vaccines available. Traditional vaccine is a shot in the upper arm. There is an egg-free version for those allergic to eggs. The high dose version is for those over 65 and there is a nasal spray vaccine that isn't given with a needle. The nasal spray is not recommended for this season by the CDC as data has shown it not to be very effective. Flu shots are recommended for everyone from 6 months of age and older. There are mild side effects of flu vaccine-soreness at the injection site, low grade fever, and body aches. Serious side effects such as allergic reaction are rare.

Mercy Moment Elisha looks out for Naaman (2 Kings 5:14-17). Jesus looks out for the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). Both teach us to always attend, always respond to the needs of others. In the Collect today we pray: "make us always determined to carry out good works." I need to be on the lookout. The need for good works abounds. • Who is in need? • Who needs me? • What will I do?

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Giving thanks should be a way of life. Even in those times when we feel forgotten and neglected, the gift of life itself demands gratitude. The readings today insist that we put aside concentration on self, open our eyes to the goodness within and around us, and give praise for giftedness.

The episode from the Second Book of Kings recounts the cure of the Aramean general Naaman through the intercession of the prophet Elisha. Naaman is healed of his leprosy and thus confesses his faith in the God of Israel and offers a gift as a sign of his gratitude.

Psalm 98 is an enthronement psalm honoring Yahweh as king of the universe. The poem also emphasizes Yahweh's interventions on behalf of Israel and Israel's recognition of this generosity. Yahweh is loyal to the covenant: "He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel" (Psalm 98:3).

Luke portrays a merciful Jesus responding to the oppressed of his society, namely, ten lepers. In verses 17-18, Jesus asks three questions that bring out the contrast between gratitude and ingratitude. Only the Samaritan returns; he has experienced more than just a physical cure. This man links the healing with the healer; the other nine fail to make the connection. Awareness of divine intervention must flow over into praise. Fittingly the Samaritan's appreciation leads to his conversion through Jesus.

Gratitude, like charity, should begin at home. These biblical passages make us humble as we remember all the kindness shown through the years. The love of parents and other family members is the first and greatest recollection. Frequently our gratitude can take the form of imitation. Where we have received sympathy, support, and concern, we can give the same to others. In this way the generosity of the giver is not lost but perpetuated. The spirit of the Scriptures inspires praise and thanks for each and every gift we have received.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Naaman must have expected special and involved treatment, though he got ordinary directions from Elisha to wash in the river. How could this be sufficient to cure his illness? Which do you think God uses more often to communicate with you, extraordinary signs or ordinary ones? Explain.

Name some people whom you would say have suffered for the gospel. Who suffers for the gospel today? Do you? in what ways?

This Sunday we see foreigners who were grateful. Does God offer generous love regardless of a person's origins or accomplishments? Do you give of yourself or your goods when you suspect ingratitude? Do you take note when God pours grace into your life? Are you grateful?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Exodus 17:8-13; Ps 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8