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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 Good News In the Gospel Reading for this Sunday, Jesus talks about things that will happen to his followers at some end time. The Greek word translated 'gospel' means 'good news.' And what good things is Jesus predicting? Well, earthquakes, famines, plagues, wars, persecutions, betrayals, imprisonment, and executions.

A person could be forgiven for wondering what happened to the good news.

But what makes a life good for Christians? Isn't it being Christ-like?

What was Christ like?

Why isn't Jesus' prediction just depressing?

In his infancy, he lived through the war that King Herod waged against the children of Bethlehem. In his childhood, he lived in a country that was conquered by the Romans. In his adulthood, he was betrayed by his intimate friend Judas. And at the end of his life, he was persecuted and put to death by the rulers of his society. All the things—well, virtually all the things—that Jesus predicted for his people in the end time were part of his own life, too.

So if you were hoping for a life of ease, leisure, and video games, you weren't hoping to be Christ-like, were you?

But what is *good* about Christ-likeness, you might think to yourself, if this is what it turns out to be? Why isn't Jesus' prediction just depressing?

Well, look at the First Reading. It seems to be depicting an end time, too, doesn't it? Only this end time must come after the time Jesus is describing. In the time Jesus is talking about, the bad guys win. In the end time the First Reading portrays, the bad guys lose; and they lose big. They don't manage to hang on to either their past—their roots, or their future—their branches. Everything that goes to make them up is lost by fire. Who would want to be them?

In the final end time that the First Reading predicts, everyone will be able to understand what is good about being Christ-like. At that time, Christ will come as the Sun of Justice. All those who are like him will live forever with him; and they will shine like the sun.

So if we are like Christ in his first coming, in his suffering, we will be found like him at his second coming, too. That *is* good news, isn't it?

Eleonore Stump

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Nov	13	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
Tue	Nov	15	9 & 11 am	Shawnee & Vienna	DOC
Wed	Nov	16	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Nov	17	11:30am, 1 pm	Marion Penitentiary	
Fri	Nov	18	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov	20	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners

St Paul, Vienna

Birthdays
Nov 13 Glenn Brown
Nov 15 PamShallenberger
Nov 17 Landon Bayles

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

Sun, Nov 20: 10 am
Server: R. Slife, A. Webb
Lector: Keith Felcyn
Gifts: Children Liturgy Word
Ushers J Bergmann, M Palmer
 J. Slife, Mt Slife
E. Minister: M. Nelson
 V. Anderson, Z. Garrett
Greeter: Geri Tesina

Sun, Nov 27, 10 am
Server: B. Bertran, J. Bayles
Lector: Sabra Moore
Gifts: David, Amanda Zmuda
Ushers: P Kalicki, F Dueker
 D Bishop, R Stoerger
E. Minister S Nelson
 B. Palmer, P Shallenberger
Greeter: JoAnn Brown

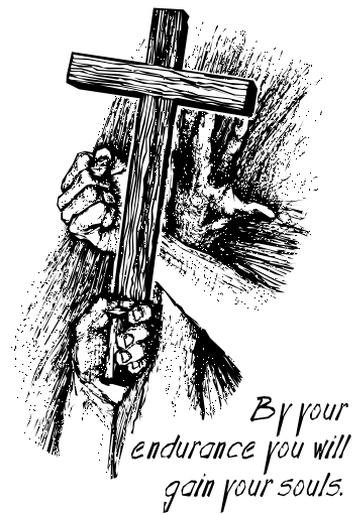
St Francis De Sales, Stonefort

Sun, Nov 13, 8:00 am
Server: Logan Shaw
Lector: Christine Deaton
Gifts: Morse Family
Usher David Parks
E. Min: Mary Treat

Sun, Nov 20: 8 am
Server: Cecilia Parks
Lector: LaVonne Herbert
Gifts: R. Drone, M. Cole
Usher: Stan Treat
E. Min: Brenda Morse

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Nov 13 Anointing of the Sick at weekend masses
 - St Francis DeSales Mass..... 8 am
 - St Paul Mass10 am
 - Parish School of Religion.....11 am
 - Altar Sodality/CCW collection & Meeting.....11 am
- Tue Nov 15 DOC Masses at Shawnee & Vienna.....9am, 11 am
- Wed Nov 16 Ministerial Alliance Mt.....11:45 am
 - Weekday mass at SP.....6:30 pm
 - SP Parish Council Mt..... 7:05 pm
- Thr Nov 17 Mass at Marion Penitentiary.....11:30am, 1 pm
- Fri Nov 18 Weekday Mass at SP.....12 noon
- Sun Nov 20 Campaign for Human Development Collection
 - St Francis DeSales Mass..... 8 am
 - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.....10 am
 - Parish School of Religion.....11 am
 - Community Thanksgiving Service.1st Baptist...6 pm



ANOINTING OF THE SICK The Sacramental Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the Sunday masses on November 13th. Anyone who has difficulty standing should consider sitting in the front seat and the anointing will be brought to you.

ALTAR SODALITY/CCW A collection following next Sunday mass following by the meeting of the Altar Sodality will be held in the hall following the 10 am mass.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE November is a traditional time to especially pray for the deceased. You are encouraged to list names of people in the book of Remembrance, which will be placed by the altar during the Sundays of November

FOOD COLLECTION FOR VIENNA FOOD PANTRY A container is available in the church foyer for donations to assist people in need through the Vienna Food Pantry.

NOMINEES FOR PARISH COUNCIL SOLICITATION In preparation for upcoming Parish Council Election, we ask parishioners to submit their own or the names of others who could be good candidates for serving on the Parish Council. Please return the form enclosed in today's bulletin by November 20th.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION CCHD funds programs in communities across the United States. By giving a hand up, rather than a handout, CCHD helps people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Your donation to CCHD will help build a society where all have a voice and all know their inherent dignity. The collection will be taken November 20th. Offering envelopes are in the boxed envelopes for the year.

JOINT PARISH MISSION A two week countdown starts this Sunday till the beginning our Parish Mission on the Eucharist with Vincentian priest, Fr Bill Rhinehart. Please reserve the evenings of Sunday, November 27th thru Wednesday, November 30th, 6:30 pm each evening to participate. If you're ask to assist with liturgical ministries or supplies for the socials, please be cooperative.

STIMULATE YOUR FAITH A variety of CDs and pamphlets on topics from scripture to practical ways of daily living our Faith can be found on the rack in the foyer of church. Anyone is welcome to check them out. Also two copies of each issue of the Diocesan Catholic Newspaper, The Messenger, are made available in the bulletin rack to encourage awareness of happenings in our diocesan Church, official church promulgations, questions and answers, and reflections on weekend scripture readings

MERCY MOMENT Closing the Mercy Door Pope Francis set this day, 13 November, as the day to close diocesan Mercy Doors. That does not mean, however, that God will stop being merciful. And it surely does not mean that we have done enough, that we can stop doing mercy. These mercy works, these mercy words help broaden our focus from "only me and only mine" to "always us and always ours". Such words pave the way to heaven.

- How will my heart remain open? · How will my words match my works?
- How will my hands offer help?

UPCOMING EVENTS: Thanksgiving Day mass at SP Wed, Nov 23, 6:30 pm
and at SFD Thurs, Nov 24, 8:30 am

Joint Parish Mission 6:30 pm each evening Nov 27-30 at St Paul church

St Francis DeSales Parish Council Mt – Monday, December 5th

Advent Noon Mass & Potluck at St Francis DeSales on Sunday, Dec 11th.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

Fidelity, steadfast faithfulness, is an ongoing challenge to Christians and all people of goodwill. This virtue is essential to marriage and family, church and religion, business and politics. Today's readings urge believers to practice fidelity.

In the first half of the fifth century B.C., an anonymous prophet (Malachi simply means "my messenger") addressed the concerns of the Jewish people. Today's verses, for example, speak to the age-old question of good and evil. On the Day of the Lord, fire will rain down upon the evildoers, and the just will enjoy the healing rays of the sun. The prophet's advice is that all prepare for this day by remaining faithful to the Lord's ways.

The second reading deals with those Thessalonian Christians who believed that Jesus' Second Coming (the Parousia) was imminent (2 Thessalonians 2:2). Paul attacks this false teaching that causes people to be so anxious about the Lord's arrival that they stop working. Paul insists that all be active workers for the Lord's cause and so earn their daily bread. There is no need to worry about the Second Coming; people have already been taught the signs of that time (2 Thessalonians 2:1-15). Be faithful!

Luke wrote his gospel after the destruction of Jerusalem (A.D. 70) was an accomplished fact. In today's section, however, he presents Jesus as a prophetic figure who exhorts his followers to fidelity and who announces the destruction of the Temple. Luke divides this section into three parts: (1) the fate of the Temple (verses. 5-7); (2) signs before the end (verses. 8-11); and (3) advice for coping with persecution (verses. 12-19). Victory is promised to those who remain faithful: "But not a hair of your head will perish" (Luke 21:18).

In a different time, our challenge remains the same -- to see our trials against the background of Jesus. In the crucible of everyday life we must embrace the cross, history's classic example of faithful love and triumphant victory.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

"But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." When you read this do you interpret "fear my name" as cowering in terror, or being filled with wonder and awe when you think of God's name?

Paul says to the Christians in Thessalonica, "We wanted to present ourselves as a model for you." Which saints, or leaders/people in the Church, world or community are models for you? How might you imitate them?

What does Pope Francis say are the two important points for us in this Gospel? First, not to let oneself be fooled by false prophets nor to be paralyzed by fear. Second, to live this time of expectation as a time of witness and perseverance. ...

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Ps 122; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43