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**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

**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

**Christ the King** In the [Gospel Reading](#), Christ is crucified. The rulers, who caused this crucifixion, feel no compassion. They add to his misery by mocking his mission: He saved others, himself he cannot save. One of the two thieves crucified with him mocks him too: Hey, Christ, save yourself and us!

Christ the King says nothing. He just hangs there, nailed to the wood of the cross.

What the *other* thief says is astonishing. He rebukes the first thief, the one mocking Jesus, in the strongest possible way. "Have you no fear of God?" he says.

If you leaned over the edge of your chair and saw a giant python inching its way across your floor, you would leap sky high, wouldn't you? You would be so afraid! You wouldn't be doing any mocking right then, would you? The good thief wants to get the same reaction out of the bad thief. He wants to scare that bad thief right out of his mocking. Only it isn't a python that is meant to give the bad thief a reality check. It's the awesome power of the living God.

But how about a reality check for the good thief? Look at where Christ the King is! What's to fear about the God who lets his King be killed this way?

The whole earth is soaked with the tears of the suffering—and broken humanity is like the flotsam and jetsam everywhere on the ocean of history. What's to fear about God? Where is he?

Sooner or later, the consuming fire of God's love will burn away his mockery's pretense. On the cross—that is the answer. God is love, and all the power of God is there in the love shown by Christ's painful death. To save us, and to bring us to himself in heaven, the incarnate God will suffer even the torment of death on the cross. Love that is willing to suffer is greater than power that is able to coerce, and that powerful love is there on the cross.

Someone habituated to mockery *should* fear this power. Sooner or later, the consuming fire of God's love will burn away his mockery's pretense.

But someone who fears God because God loves him will find Christ in the way the good thief did. Sooner or later, he will hear Christ say to him, "This day you will be with me in paradise." Then he will know the victory of Christ the King, and he will be victorious with Christ.

Eleonore Stump

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**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Nov	20	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
Tue	Nov	22	9 & 11 am	Shawnee & Vienna DOC	
Wed	Nov	23	6:30 pm	SP	SP Thanksgiving Mass
Thr	Nov	24	8:30am	SFD	Thanksgiving Mass
Fri	Nov	25	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov	27	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners

<p><b>Birthdays</b>          Nov 24 David Zmuda Jr          Nov 25 Jailyn Bayles          Nov 26 Peter Garrett</p>
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**St Paul, Vienna**

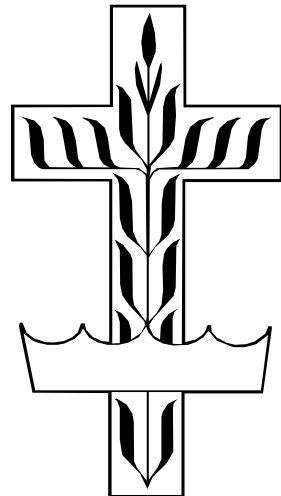
<p><b>Sun, Nov 20: 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> R. Slife, A. Webb  <b>Lector:</b> Keith Felcyn  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Liturgy Word  <b>Ushers</b> J Bergmann, M Palmer                    J. Slife, Mt Slife  <b>E. Minister:</b> M. Nelson                    V. Anderson, Z. Garrett  <b>Greeter:</b> Geri Tesina</p>	<p><b>Sun, Nov 27, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> B. Bertran, J. Bayles  <b>Lector:</b> Sabra Moore  <b>Gifts:</b> David, Amanda Zmuda  <b>Ushers:</b>P Kalicki, F Dueker                    D Bishop, R Stoerger  <b>E. Minister</b> S Nelson                    B. Palmer, P Shallenberger  <b>Greeter:</b> JoAnn Brown</p>	<p><b>Sun, Dec 4, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> R. Slife, J. Bayles  <b>Lector:</b> tba  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Lit of Word  <b>Ushers</b> Caryn, David Zmuda                    J. Nelson, S.Widowski  <b>E. Minister</b> S. Belske                    C. Webb, P. Widowski  <b>Greeter:</b> Bill &amp; Billie Porter</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Nov 20: 8 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Lector:</b> LaVonne Herbert  <b>Gifts:</b> R.Drone, M. Cole  <b>Usher:</b> Stan Treat  <b>E. Min:</b> Brenda Morse</p>	<p><b>Sun, Nov 27, 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Lector:</b> Marietta Moore  <b>Gifts:</b> Stan, Mary Treat  <b>Usher</b> Fred Deaton  <b>E. Min:</b> Cecilia Parks</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Nov 20 Campaign for Human Development Collection
  - St Francis DeSales Mass..... 8 am
  - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.....10 am
  - Blood Pressure checks before and after mass
  - Parish School of Religion.....11 am
  - Community Thanksgiving Service.1<sup>st</sup> Baptist...6 pm
- Mon Nov21 Blood Drive at Fellowship Baptist Hall.....12-6pm
  - Parish Mission Committee Mt..hall.....6:30 pm
- Tue Nov 22 DOC Masses at Shawnee & Vienna.....9am, 11 am
  - December calendar info deadline
- Wed Nov23 Thanksgiving Mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Thr Nov 24 Thanksgiving Mass at SFD.....8:30 am
- Fri Nov 25 Weekday Mass at SP.....12 noon
- Sun Nov 27 Fr Bill Rhinehart speaks at weekend masses
  - St Francis DeSales Mass..... 8 am
  - St Paul Mass .....10 am
  - Opening session of Parish Mission.....6:30 pm



**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 20<sup>th</sup>.

**MARIAN TALK** Fr. David Uribe, OMI will be presenting "**Mary, Mother of Us All**" from 5:30-7:00 pm this Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Newman Center, 715 S Washington, Carbondale IL. Anyone is invited to participate.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be hosted by Vienna Ministerial Association at the First Baptist Church (North 7<sup>th</sup> St) beginning 6:30 pm, this Sunday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.

**JOINT PARISH MISSION** A final week of preparation till the beginning our Parish Mission on the Eucharist with Vincentian priest, Fr Bill Rhinehart. Please reserve the evenings of Sunday, November.27<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm each evening to participate. If you're ask to assist with liturgical ministries or supplies for the socials, please be cooperative. The committee heads will meet this Monday, 6:30 pm. Please check the bulletin board for reminder if you volunteered to bring treats for the social following each evening of the Mission, or sign up if you've missed the invitation.

**BLOOD DRIVE** this Monday, 12-6 pm at the Fellowship Baptist hall (Senior Dr, Vienna)

**PARISH THANKSGIVING LITURGIES** Every Eucharist is a celebrating of Thankfulness, but we connect our gratefulness with blessings of family, health, sufficient food, supportive relationships, freedom of religion among others at this holiday. Our parish masses for Thanksgiving are Wed, 6:30 pm at St Paul, and Thur, 8:30 am at St Francis.

**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 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - What does the Kingdom of God look like?** We pray today in the Preface at the outset of the Eucharistic Prayer for a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. We know and we believe that we get glimpses of it all. Right here, right now. We practice for Kingdom of heaven living after death by Kingdom living now. The mercy works are cherished methods, splendid ways to do this.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Thanksgiving Eve mass at SP Wed, Nov 23, 6:30 pm

**Thanksgiving Day** mass 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 11<sup>th</sup>

# Solemnity of Christ the King

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Royalty has its privileges. Kings and queens, princes and princesses, are expected to live in castles where their wishes are the will of the court. But what about the court? Heads of state are subject, like anyone else, to the gospel mandate of justice and charity. All are called to serve!

David, king of the southern realm of Judah for over seven years, wished to reign over the northern kingdom of Israel as well. In today's account, the tribes gather in the south to affirm David as Yahweh's choice and to anoint him as king of all the Chosen People. The key phrase in the transaction is "bone and flesh." Bone means power; flesh means weakness. The partners will be loyal to one another through thick (bone) and thin (flesh). The royal David pledges care for the needs of all.

The passage from Colossians describes a dispute raging in the community. Some held that angelic intermediaries were the agents of creation and had control over human destiny. The author of this letter says that creation is ruled by God's power, a power now manifested in Christ. In order to bring unity out of chaos, this same Christ died on the cross. This high price of reconciliation is another example of a servant king.

Luke paints a poignant picture of a powerless king. The Messiah is stripped of his dignity as the soldiers roll dice for his clothes. Taunts are directed at Jesus, daring him to save himself from this agony. Then an ordinary Palestinian criminal recognizes the royal status of this man by requesting a share in the mercy that only a king can provide. For Luke, Jesus' role as Savior means meeting the needs of the penitent. Jesus grants forgiveness, dramatizing his royalty even more than does the sign over his head: "This is the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38).

Baptism makes us one with Christ and grants us a share in his kingship. How do we exercise this royalty? To be bone and flesh with the Lord is to be servant of all God's people.

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

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Compare Jesus with David, each one as a shepherd, anointed one, and king. What is the difference between their kingships?

"He is the image of the invisible God. All things in heaven and earth were created in him, through him and for him." Therefore, shouldn't we heal the wounds of the environment? How? The good thief reached out to Jesus. How is he a model for us? Is anyone reaching out to you in any way? How about at work, at home, in your parish, in the local community, in the world community? If so, how will you heal their wounds and/or warm their hearts?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44