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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 Real Thing** In the [Gospel](#) Reading, the Sadducees come to show Jesus up. Here is their case: If there were a resurrection and a life with God in heaven, then what a mess there would be for people who had married more than once!

The problem with the Sadducees is that they can't imagine anything bigger or better than the small world they know. In that world, a man needs a wife and gets a wife and certainly hopes not to share her with anybody. But, they think, if there were a resurrection of the dead, then any man whose wife outlived him and remarried would find that in heaven his wife had another husband in addition to him. Since *that* is plainly an intolerable thought, there can't be any such thing as heaven.

When you see their view this way, it seem so childish. They are like a child who reacts with dismay when he is told that he won't be sucking his thumb when he grows up.

Is there no sex in heaven? Then how could it be heaven?

But, of course, we have our own version of this sort of Sadducee position; and Jesus' answer to the Sadducees prompts it. People aren't married in heaven, Jesus tells them; they are like the angels of God, who also don't marry. What?! some people say. Is there no sex in heaven?

Then how could it be heaven? Obviously, our contemporary Sadducees think, there can't be any such thing as heaven since the best things in life couldn't happen there!

These contemporary Sadducees must pity the angels. The angels *never* had bodies. So, they were never able to have what these people think of as the best things in life—sex or even marriage.

When it is spelled out in this way, the childishness of this contemporary Sadducee-like position is clear. It supposes that the little goods of embodied creatures are as good as things ever get. But God created the angels much bigger than human beings. They unite with each other not in the limited way that bodies can unite but with their whole selves with each other, in an intimate and joyful way, through their union with the mind of God.

By comparison with the power of that union, sex, even sex in happy marriage, is small. And *that* is why human beings don't marry, or have sex, in heaven. In heaven, they finally have the real thing.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 17 # 45 **Thiry-Second Sunday of the Year, November 6, 2016**

**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Nov	6	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
Tue	Nov	8	9 & 11 am	Shawnee & Vienna DOC	
Wed	Nov	9	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Nov	11	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov	13	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners

**Birthdays**

- Nov 6 Bernice Corrigan
- Nov 7 Nolan Zmuda
- Nov 11 Jerry Cecchi  
Girard Cole
- Nov 13 Glenn Brown

**St Paul, Vienna**

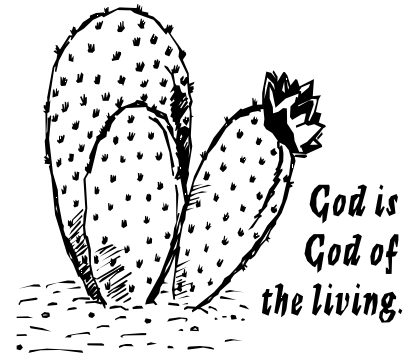
<p><b>Sun, Nov 6, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> R. Slife, B. Bertran  <b>Lector:</b> Joe Nelson  <b>Gifts:</b> S &amp; P Widowski  <b>Ushers:</b> J Nelson, S Widowski                  C. Zmuda, D. Zmuda Sr  <b>E. Minister:</b> K. Felcyn                  P. Kalicki, D. Hopkins  <b>Greeter:</b> H &amp; X Gruszczyk</p>	<p><b>Sun, Nov 13, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> A. Webb, J. Bayles  <b>Lector:</b> Arlene Dueker  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Liturgy  <b>Ushers:</b> M McMahan, S. Hupe                  C. Brown, P Widowski  <b>E. Minister:</b> F Dueker                  L. Stoerger, D Bishop  <b>Greeter:</b> Carolyn Johnson</p>	<p><b>Sun, Nov 20: 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> R. Slife, A. Webb  <b>Lector:</b> Keith Felcyn  <b>Gifts:</b> David, Amanca Zmuda  <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>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Nov 6: 8 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Mary Treat  <b>Lector:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Gifts:</b> LaVonne, Marietta  <b>Usher:</b> Arnold Morse  <b>E. Min:</b> Myron Cole</p>	<p><b>Sun, Nov 13, 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Logan Shaw  <b>Lector:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Gifts:</b> Morse Family  <b>Usher:</b> David Parks  <b>E. Min:</b> Mary Treat</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Nov 6 Time Falls back 1 hr
  - St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am
  - St Paul Mass .....10 am
  - Parish School of Religion.....11 am
  - First Sunday of Month Social at SP.....11 am
- Tue Nov 8 Election Day – Exercise privilege of voting
  - DOC Masses at Shawnee & Vienna.....9am, 11 am
- Wed Nov 9 South Vicariate Pastoral Mt...Christopher..12 Noon
  - Weekday mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Thr Nov 10 Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4:00-7:30 pm
- Thr-Sat 10-12 St Paul Volunteers at Faith Alive Store..9am-3pm
- Fri Nov 11 Weekday Mass at SP.....12 noon
- Sun Nov 13 Anointing of the Sick at weekend masses
  - St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am
  - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.....10 am
  - Parish School of Religion.....11 am
  - Altar Sodality/CCW collection & Meeting.....11 am



**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. Ride available leaving from St Paul parking lot 5:30 pm on Sunday

**FAITH ALIVE STORE VOLUNTEERS** St Paul volunteers will staff the Faith Alive Thrift Store in Vienna this Thurs, Fri, 9am-3 pm, and Sat, 9 am-12pm. There is a sign up list on the bulletin board to indicate any time you can assist.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** The November Eucharistic Adoration will be offered at St Paul Church this Thursday, Nov 10, 4- 7 pm. To assure someone is present during the whole time, participants are asked to sign a time on the bulletin board schedule.

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

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

**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.

**MERCY MOMENT No game-playing.** The Maccabees boys are clear today: even death by torture is not feared because life in heaven is next. The Sadducees, in trying to choose up sides, discover: who is married to whom in heaven is not a central question. Being in heaven is the central answer. With the love and hope and grace – all good gifts from God, Saint Paul tells us today – we await heaven. Not by playing games. But by good works and good words. · What words of mercy can I speak? · What works of mercy will I do? Recall that Pope Francis has added this work of mercy to each list: Care of our common home.

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14; Psalm 17; 2 Thessalonians 2:16--3:5; Luke 20:27-38

The Hebrew Scriptures theology of martyrdom is vividly taught in the first reading's appalling account of the torture and murder of seven sons with their mother. The family spokesman says that even painful death is preferable to denial of their Jewish religious heritage. A second brother says that martyrdom can be endured because there is hope in a future physical resurrection. This is one of the few Hebrew Scriptures explicitly teaching belief in an afterlife.

Paul teaches that prayer's first concern should be for spreading the Good News worldwide rather than for personal or neighborhood problems. He admits that our evangelization will be frustrated occasionally by confused and evil persons, but the Lord will give the strength required. Like any good homilist, Paul encourages his audience to keep up the good work, exhorting them to be open to their leaders and ruled by God's love.

The Sadducees controlled the temple high priesthood and so comprised the party of power, wealth, and privilege. They accepted only written Scripture and rejected oral tradition that the Pharisees used to apply God's Word to everyday life. The Sadducees were rigidly orthodox but at the same time unscrupulous in doing whatever was necessary to maintain their wealth and religious influence. Luke describes their attempt to discredit Jesus by posing a trick question concerning afterlife.

Jesus presents two arguments. First, life in the age to come will be different from life as we now know it. Life in the kingdom will be a free gift from God, not something automatic for all in good standing. Second, the inmost nature of God is life, and that is proof for the reality of resurrected existence. All God's acts of salvation have one ultimate purpose -- selfless sharing of that life. Abraham and all faithful descendants must therefore live, or God is not God!

Francis X. Cleary, S.J.

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### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What are some other burdensome earthly trials besides martyrdom that people might be able to endure because of the hope of the resurrection? What suffering could this hope allow you to endure?

Does Paul pray that his and his friends' ministry speed forward or that the *Word of the Lord* do the same through their efforts? Discuss. What is the difference?

The Sadducees thought that this present life was the standard for eternity. What does Pope Francis say God has in store for us that turns the Sadducees' way of looking at eternity on its head? This is why Jesus affirms: "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live to Him" ([Luke 20:38](#)). And the most important tie is with Jesus: The life that God has in store for us is not simply a better version of this one: it goes beyond our imagination, because God continually surprises us with his love and mercy.

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** Malachi 3:19-20a; Ps 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19