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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: Steve Pobst

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

**Listening To Jesus** High on the mountain, the three disciples witness a dazzling sight as Jesus was transfigured before their eyes, his face as bright as the sun and his clothes as radiant as light. In the middle of this vision, they hear God's voice telling them to listen to "my beloved Son on whom my favor rests."

The opening prayer focuses our attention on this part of the story: "God our Father, help us to hear your Son." The verse before the Gospel does the same: "From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son; hear him."

Lent is a time to listen to Jesus, "who calls us to repentance and a change of heart." It is a time to reflect on God's Word about loving our enemies and being peacemakers, about proclaiming liberty to captives and letting the oppressed go free, about being the salt of the earth and the light of the world, about being perfect just as our heavenly Father is perfect.

It is a time to be quiet and listen to the God "who has saved us and has called us to a holy life." It is a time to become a "great nation" through whom "all the communities of the earth shall find blessing."

Jesus perfected revelation by fulfilling it through his whole work of making himself present and manifesting himself: through his words and deeds, his signs and wonders, but especially through his death and glorious resurrection from the dead and final sending of the Spirit of truth.

Moreover, he confirmed with divine testimony what revelation proclaimed: that God is with us to free us from the darkness of sin and death, and to raise us up to life eternal.

Vatican II, [\*Constitution on Divine Revelation\*](#), 1965: 4.

Gerald Darring

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**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Mar	12	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Mary Everett
Tue	Mar	14	9 & 11 am		Shawnee & Vienna DOC
Wed	Mar	15	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Mar	17	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Mar	19	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	Mary Sherman

**St Paul, Vienna**

**Birthdays**

Mar 13	Anna Mae Street Matt Slife
Mar 15	Christine Ross M.G. Jones
Mar 17	Annabeth Webb Bill Anderson

**Sun, Mar 12, 10 am**

**Server:** R. Slife, L. Slife  
**Lector:** Steve Widowski **Gifts:**  
 Dale, Beverly Bishop  
**Ushers** M McMahan C Brown  
 S Widowski, P Widowski  
**E. Minister** V Anderson  
 P Kalicki, K Felcyn  
**Greeter:** Beth & Marc Palmer

**Sun, Mar 19, 10 am**

**Server:** J. Bayles, R. Slife  
**Lector:** Sarah Nelson  
**Gifts:** Children Lit of Word  
**Ushers** M Palmer, J Bergmann  
 J.Sliffe, D Bishop  
**E. Minister** P Widowski  
 B. Palmer, P Shallenberger  
**Greeter:** S & P Widowski

**Sun, Mar 26, 10 am**

**Server:** A. Webb, B. Bertran  
**Lector:** Keith Felcyn  
**Gifts:** Mont, Patsy Bishop  
**Ushers:** P Kalicki, S Hupe  
 Mt Slife, G. Tesina  
**E. Minister** F. Dueker  
 A. Dueker, L. Stoerger  
**Greeter:** Monica Querrey

**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

**Sun, Mar 12: 8 am**

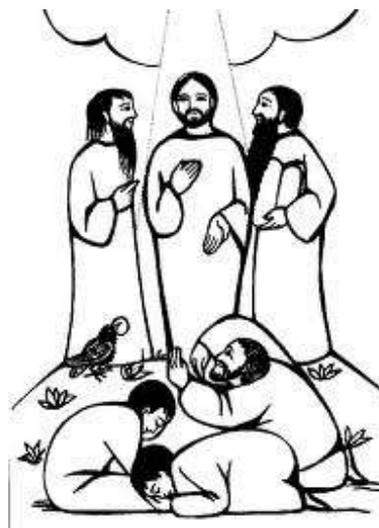
**Server:** Cecilia Parks  
**Lector:** Christine Deaton  
**Gifts:** L Herbert, M Moore  
**Usher:** Fred Deaton  
**E. Min:** Myron Cole

**Sun, Mar 19: 8:00 am**

**Server:** Logan Shaw  
**Lector:** Cecilia Parks  
**Gifts:** R.Drone, D. Parks  
**Usher** Myron Cole  
**E. Min:** Christine Deaton

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Mar 12 Time springs forward 1 hour
  - Black & Native American Mission Collection
  - Stations of the Cross.....20 minutes before masses
  - St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
  - St Paul Mass .....10 am
  - Parish School of Religion .....11 am
  - Altar Sodality (CCW) collection and Mt.....11 am
- Tue Mar 14 Shawnee and Vienna DOC Masses.....9,11am
  - Resisting Happiness Book Discussion SF.....6:30 pm
- Wed Mar 15 Ministerial Alliance Mt.....12:00 pm
  - Weekday Mass.....5:00 pm
  - SP Parish Council Mt..... 7:05 pm
- Fri Mar 17 Weekday Mass.....12 noon
  - St Paul Fish Fry.....5-7 pm
- Sun Mar 19 Stations of the Cross.....20 minutes before masses
  - St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
  - Resisting Happiness Book Discussion..hall...8:30 am
  - St Paul Mass and Children Liturgy of Word.....10 am
  - Parish School of Religion .....11 am
  - Vicariate CCW Mt hosted at St Paul.....1 pm



**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION** Today, our parish will take up the 134<sup>th</sup> annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

**CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL** Thank You to the households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to each, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not responded, please make every effort to do so. Checks should be made to St Paul with CSMA notation.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed beginning 20 minutes before Sunday masses during Lent. Consider an intentional participation; arrive to participate at the beginning.

**LENTEN PAMPHLETS** There are a variety of booklets to assist with Lenten reflection and prayer in the church entrance. .

**RICE BOWLS FOR CRS** The Rice Bowls on the Lenten table assist efforts to fast and live simply with purpose by making contributions to Catholic Relief Services which uses funds for distribution of food to famine area, refugee camps and nutrition programs for youth. Take a cardboard box for your Lenten reminder.

**RESISTING HAPPINESS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will be offered at St Paul hall on Sunday mornings 8:30-9:45 am (with coffee and snack) and on Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15 (with soup and sandwich) beginning March 22. Discussion Group will meet at St Francis DeSales on Tuesdays 6:30-7:45pm beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you need an extra book, call the office.

**THREE VERBS.** Each reading provides a verbal injunction today. (1) Abram is told to Go and, in the going, to trust God. And so are we. (2) Early followers of Jesus are told to Bear the Good News and, in the bearing, to rely on God's strength. And so are we. (3) Peter, James, and John, while Jesus touches them, are told Do Not Be Afraid! And so are we.

· Where do I need to "go" this Lent? How will I bear, not my own good works, but the Good News of Jesus Christ in words and deeds? · What do I fear? And how can I stay within the touch of Jesus and trust what happens next?

**VOCATION CORNER** "Father Pat York is the Dean of Students and Vice-Rector at Conception Seminary College. Father Pat recalls he considered the priesthood during his eighth grade year. He credits his parents as having the biggest influence on his priestly vocation. They encouraged their children to be open to God's call as a priest or religious in the Church. The seed of his vocation took root in his family and grew from there. He would ask his parishioners, "Pray for the priests of our diocese. Support your parish priests. Pray fervently to the Lord for more religious vocations." Fr. Pat also encourages parents to set an example for their children in practicing their faith, "do not treat it as a burden or obligation, but as a gift that is enriching." (The Tower Topics, by Fr. Paul Sheller, O.S.B. )

## Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Pain + service = blessing. We prefer to isolate ourselves from others' needs. We count it a blessing if we can be left alone, left out of suffering. How difficult it is to see the union of our pain and our call to service as the way to real blessing. Yet this is the view taken in today's readings!

Abram is asked in today's passage to endure the pain of leaving his father's house in order to travel to the land of Canaan. The author carefully links Abram's movements with a message of blessing for others "I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2).

The author of Second Timothy presents Paul as a model of apostolic devotion in the preaching of the gospel. He exhorts the recipients of the letter to "join with me in suffering for the gospel" (1:8). He adds that God's call is a free gift that should benefit others. There is pain associated with preaching the Good News. Paul suffers as a criminal in chains "but the word of God is not chained" (2:9).

The Transfiguration of Jesus captured a moment of very intense prayer. Matthew, by describing Jesus' face and clothes, makes him a part of the heavenly realm. Jesus is acknowledged as the Son of God, and so Peter addresses him not as rabbi but as Lord. The descent from the mountain links the glorified Son of God with the suffering Son of Man. The transfigured One of the heavenly realm is also the humiliated One of the earthly sphere.

Each day we seek our identity by interacting with others and by becoming partners with them, especially with their pain and frustration. By accepting baptism we accept the cross of others. We are not isolated; rather we are involved, and so the words spoken to Abram are also applicable to us. "In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). Pain + service = blessing.

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

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**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION** What was Abraham's response to God's request? Does this incident relate to your Lenten experience in any way? How? God called Abraham out of his homeland to start something new. Does God sometimes call you out of your comfort zone or your favorite chair to start something new?

Are we all baptized as missionary disciples to become a living Gospel in the world? Will that involve some hardship? What does Paul's letter to Timothy say about this? Will it involve some joy?

In his Transfiguration, Jesus invited three of his disciples (and us) to gaze at him. Do you ask yourself every night when you saw Jesus during the day?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent** Exodus 17:3-7; Ps 95; Romans 5:1-2,, 5-8; John 4:5-42