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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

**Bread and Stones** In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus is hungry, and Satan tempts him. “Turn these stones into bread,” he says to Jesus. And Jesus rebuffs the temptation by saying to Satan, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from God.”

Imagine a host asking one of his guests, “Would you like some ham?” How perplexed the host would be if his guest answered, “Man does not live by ham alone!” The question was not whether the guest would like to eat ham and nothing but ham. The question was just whether he would like some ham now. Why not say, “Sure! Thanks!”?

Anyone who has the word of God does not lack what human beings need to live. So why doesn't Jesus do the miracle? And why does he reject Satan's urging by pointing out that man does not live by bread alone? Of course, we don't live just on bread! But bread is one of the things by which human beings live. In another place Jesus himself explains that no good father will give his son a stone if his son asks for bread. Here is Jesus hungry and having only stones. Why shouldn't he have bread instead?

When a guest says to the host who is offering him ham, “Man does not live by ham alone!” he might be using these words to communicate to his host the thought, completely perplexing in the circumstances, that human beings live on other stuff besides ham.

But, of course, there is another interpretation. The guest might also be telling his host, graciously, that he is full. There are other things to eat besides ham, and a person who has no ham doesn't need to be hungry, because he has eaten an abundance of those other things.

And that is what Jesus is telling Satan, isn't it? Anyone who has the word of God does not lack what human beings need to live. “No thanks,” Jesus is telling Satan: “I'm full.”

This is the message to Satan, and also to us.

Jesus, who is the Word of God, gives to every person who will receive him what she needs to live, even if she has no bread.

And, for good measure, Jesus gives them bread, too. He, the living cornerstone, gives himself to his own as the bread of life.

Eleonore Stump

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**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Mar	5	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe
			10:00 am	SP	Gary Johnson
Tue	Mar	7	9 & 11 am	Shawnee & Vienna DOC	
Wed	Mar	8	5:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Mar	9	11:30am, 1 pm	Marion Penitentiary	
Fri	Mar	10	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Mar	12	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Mary Everett

**Birthdays**

- Mar 6 Beth Palmer  
Mae Birmingham
- Mar 8 Pat Kinkead  
Joan Stanfill
- Mar 9 Bill Porter
- Mar 10 Beverly Bishop  
Nathan Zmuda

**St Paul, Vienna**

**Sun, Mar 5, 10 am**  
**Server:** R Slife, L. Slife  
**Lector:** Rhi Slife  
**Gifts:** Childen Lit of Word  
**Ushers:** J. Nelson, Mt Mlife  
 C. Zmuda, D Zmuda Sr  
**E. Minister** M. Nelson  
 Dolly Hopkins, Md. Slife  
**Greeter:** Bill & Billie Porter

**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

**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

**Sun, Mar 5: 8:00 am**  
**Server:** Logan Shaw  
**Lector:** Marietta Moore  
**Gifts:** Chris & Shay Deaton  
**Usher** David Parks  
**E. Min:** Myron Cole

**Sun, Mar 12: 8 am**  
**Server:** Cecilia Parks  
**Lector:** Christine Deaton  
**Gifts:** L Herbert, M Moore  
**Usher:** Fred Deaton  
**E. Min:** Myron Cole

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Mar 5 Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal Pledge Sunday  
 Stations of the Cross.....20 minutes before masses  
 St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am  
 Resisting Happiness Book Discussion SP....8:30 am  
 St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.....10 am  
 Parish School of Religion .....11 am  
 First Sunday Social + Liturgy Committee Mt..11 am
- Tue Mar 7 Shawnee and Vienna DOC Masses.....9,11am  
 Resisting Happiness Book Discussion SF.....6:30 pm
- Wed Mar 8 Weekday Mass.....5:00 pm  
 Area Lenten Soup Meal & Presentation at SP 6, 7 pm
- Thr Mar 9 Masses at Marion Penitentiary.....11:30 am, 1 pm  
 Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4 -7:30 pm
- Fri Mar 10 Weekday Mass.....12 noon
- 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  
 Resisting Happiness Book Discussion SP.....8:30 am  
 St Paul Mass .....10 am  
 Parish School of Religion .....11 am  
 Altar Sodality (CCW) collection and Mt.....11 am



**CHILDREN LITURGY OF WORD** Youth age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in the Children Liturgy of Word today that offers age appropriate scripture and reflection. Youth are led by an adult beginning after the opening prayer of the mass.

**CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL** This weekend our parish along with all other parishes in the diocese will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the in-pew envelopes that are available. Checks should be made payable to St Paul with notation for CS&MA. Please be as generous as you are able. 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. .

**VOCATION PRAYER** To compliment our monthly prayer for vocations, an insert in today's bulletin introduces one of the seminarians for the diocese. Support and encouragement for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood assists meeting the needs of the Church. Consider sending a note of support or encouragement.

**FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL** will follow the Sunday Mass at St Paul in the parish center. Members of the Liturgy Committee will follow the social with their meeting.

**RESISTING HAPPINESS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will be offered at St Paul hall on Sunday mornings 8:30-9:45 am (with coffee and snack) beginning Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND PRESENTATION** St Paul will host an Area Wide Soup Supper beginning 6 pm, this Wed, March 8, followed by a presentation 'Making Good Choices in Daily Activities' given by Rev Steve Beatty, pastor at St Kateri in Gallatin County. There is no registration or fee. Anyone is welcomed to bring a pot of soup.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** will be held at St Paul Church on Thursday, March 9, 4 – 7:30 pm. We welcome anyone who can participate to sign up on the bulletin board schedule to assure that someone will be present at all times during the exposition.

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION** Next Sunday, 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.

**THANK YOU....** To Liturgy Committee and helpers for Church Lenten decorations.  
....to all Faith Alive volunteers who worked at the Thrift Store this past week.  
....to Craig Levesque for picking up rest of Stained glass windows from New Baden.

# First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Advertisers would have us believe that life is to be lived without limitations or restraint. After all, we only go around once! Today's readings discuss life and death, the reality of coping with limitations. They powerfully urge that a life without limits is not a genuine life.

The author of the Garden of Eden account shows us that limitation is a fact of life, indeed the condition for living. To live to the fullest means to exercise freedom by accepting restraints. To be fully alive means to opt for good in the face of evil. The dilemma of the couple in the garden (and of every human) is to accept full life by acknowledging the limits necessary to our authentic existence.

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul comments on the garden story against the background of the life and death of Jesus. Paul understands sin as the tremendous power unleashed upon the world from the time of the first sin. Death for Paul is deprivation of community with God, making authentic living impossible. Life is intimacy with God and the fullness of existence. Jesus accepted the limitations of death on a cross and so humankind has the opportunity to be fully alive.

The gospel presents Satan's three temptations of Jesus. The Messiah will not accept the popular notion that he should be a temporal, political ruler. He realizes full well that God's plan for the kingdom involves limitations. The kingdom will be realized through a different form of power.

Temptations abound in our living. We are urged to reject limitations in the matter of our neighbor's spouse or reputation or money. We are tempted to exceed the limits of justice in accepting racism and prejudice. The authors of today's Scriptures tell us to make resisting temptation the raw material for genuine existence. They tell us: Promote life, accept limits.

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

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**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION** After their sin Adam and Eve wanted to cover their bodies. They did not want to be seen as they really were. Is it easy to be honest about faults? If you do become honest about your failings, what is the next step?

Pope Francis said "Sometimes we are saddened by the weight of our sins. May we not be discouraged. Christ has come to lift this burden and give us peace." Does the fact that Christ represents all of us before God and that his obedience outweighs our sins or disobedience explain Pope Francis's statement? What does all this mean to you?

What desert images hold Lenten meanings for you? Do you ever hear the Spirit calling you to pray when you feel you are in the wilderness? What part did the Spirit play in this Gospel story? What part will you let the Spirit play in your Lent this year?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent** Genesis 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9