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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

The Desires of the Heart When Lazarus died, Mary of Bethany must have been heartbroken. You can see why she would have been. She loved her brother Lazarus, and she trusted and loved Jesus. Like everybody else in her community she knew that Jesus could heal sick people. So when her brother got sick and she knew that Jesus was nearby, she turned to him for help. Then she waited three desperate and increasingly miserable days. During those days Jesus didn't come and Lazarus died.

And so she was devastated. Her beloved brother was dead, and her beloved Jesus seemed to have disregarded her entirely in her time of need. She must have felt sure that she had lost the desires of her heart and lost them irretrievably.

But what the story of the raising of Lazarus shows is that a person can feel sure about such things and still be altogether mistaken.

The story helps us see that the Lord can be trusted even with the deepest distress of the hearts of those who are his own. Mary wasn't entirely wrong. She had this much accurate insight into herself: she was right in thinking that it was her heart's desire to have her brother and to be loved by Jesus.

But she was mistaken about what the fulfillment of those desires would be. She thought that she could have the desires of her heart only in case Jesus came to her to heal her brother before he died. Consequently, when Lazarus did die, Mary thought that she had lost what she wanted most.

What the story makes clear, though, is that the Lord can know better than a human person does what she most wants. We are not surprised if the Lord knows better than we do what is good for us, and we generally expect that good to be something we don't want. But in this story the Lord knows better than Mary what she herself actually wants.

When Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, Mary has her brother and is loved by Jesus in a way more deeply fulfilling to her and more glorious than the mere healing of her brother in his sickness would have been.

And here is the thing to notice: Jesus was in the process of giving her what she wanted most even as she was firmly persuaded that she had lost it forever.

And so the story helps us see that the Lord can be trusted even with the deepest distress of the hearts of those who are his own. As the Psalmist promises ([Ps 37:4](#)), the Lord will give the desires of their hearts to those who put their trust in him. Eleonore Stump

Vol 18 # 14 **Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2, 2017**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Apr	2	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	Mary Everett
Tue	Apr	4	9 & 11 am		Shawnee & Vienna DOC
Wed	Apr	5	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Apr	6	11:30 am, 1 pm		Marion Penitentiary
Fri	Apr	7	12:00 pm	SP	Fr Vito Lepardo
Sun	Apr	9	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Mary Sherman

Birthdays	
Apr 3	Josh Starratt
Apr 8	Kenneth Speletich
Apr 9	Rhi Slife

St Paul, Vienna

Sun, Apr 2, 10 am
Server: J. Bayles, R. Slife
Lector: Madonna Slife
Gifts: Children Liturgy
Ushers C. Zmuda, D. Zmuda
 P Widowski, S Widowski,
E. Minister S. Belske
 D. Bishop, B. Bishop
Greeter: Cathy Kruep

Sun, Apr 9, 10 am
Server: B. Bertran, A. Webb
Lector:S.Widowski,K Felcyn
Gifts: Tom,Wendy Bowman
UshersM McMahan, J Nelson
 Mt. Slife, F. Dueker
E. Minister V. Anderson
 Z. Garrett, C. Webb
Greeter: Matt & Rhi Slife

Sun, Apr 16, 10 am
Server: J. Bayles, R. Slife
Lector: Rhi Slife
Gifts: Debby Brown Family
Ushers: M. Palmer, P Kalicki,
 J. Bergmann, D. Bishop
E. Minister A. Dueker
 D. Hopkins, V. Anderson
Greeter: Janet Hacker

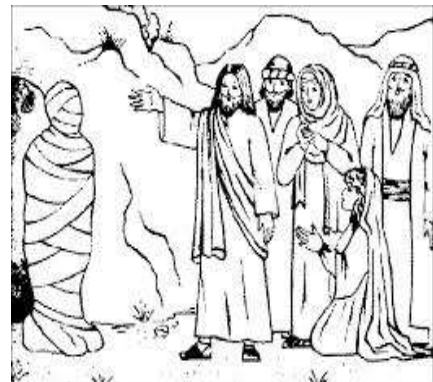
St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, April 2: 8:00 am
Server: Cecilia Parks
Lector: Marietta Moore
Gifts: L Herbert, R Drone
Usher Fred Deaton
E. Min: Myron Cole

Sun, April 9: 8 am
Server: Logan Shaw
Lector: Christine Deaton
Gifts: M Moore, L Herbert
Usher: Stan Treat
E. Min: Cecilia Parks

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Apr 2 Stations of the Cross..20 minutes before masses
 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.....10 am
 Parish School of Religion11 am
 First Sunday of Month Social ...in hall.....11 am
- Mon Apr 3 First Reconciliation Celebration at SP.....6:00 pm
- Tue Apr 4 Election Day
 Shawnee and Vienna DOC Masses.....9,11am
 Resisting Happiness Book Discussion SF....6:30 pm
- Wed Apr 5 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Apr 6 USP Marion Masses.....11:30am, 1 pm
- Fri Apr 7 Weekday Mass.....12 noon
- Sat Apr 8 Sacrament of Reconciliation at SP.....5 – 6:00 pm
- Sun Apr 9 Palm Sunday – Blessing of Palm & Procession
 Stations of the Cross.....20 minutes before masses
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at SFD.....7:15 am
 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass10 am
 Parish School of Religion11 am
 Seder Meal & Potluck...SP in hall.....11:30 am



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.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR DAYSTAR & KITCHEN TABLE in Cairo during Lent. Please consider sharing food items to support the Church's ministry to those seeking assistance. Suggested items include pasta/sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, mac and cheese, pancake mix/syrup, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, fruit, soups, crackers

FIRST RECONCILIATION will be celebrated at St Paul this Monday, 6 pm. Please remember in prayer our young members, Landon Bayles, Madaline Bergmann, and Curtner Bergmann.

WALK FOR LIFE to benefit Pregnancy Matters, Sat, Apr 8, 8 am, Grand Court at University Mall in Carbondale. Sponsor forms available in church foyer.

RICE BOWLS FOR CRS Collection of Rice Bowls will take place during Holy Week and Easter. A marked container will be in the church entrance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be offered next Saturday, April 8, 5-6 pm at St Paul, on Sunday, April 9, 7:15 – 7:50 am at St Francis. There will also be a Parish Reconciliation Service at St Joseph, Marion on April 10, 6 pm.

SEDER MEAL AND POTLUCK to appreciate the background to the Covenant and the Paschal meal from which the Eucharist originated, parishioners are invited to a Seder commemoration followed by potluck meal on Sunday, April 9, following the mass. To assist with preparations, you are encouraged to sign up on the church bulletin board.

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO RECEIVE OILS AT CHRISM MASS are invited to attend Tuesday, April 11, 11:30am at the Cathedral in Belleville. Call Fr Tom.

PARISH COUNCIL A seat is open on St Paul Parish Council. If interested, contact Fr Tom

THANK YOU..to men of the parish who completed the scheduled projects on the workday ...to workers, donors and participants who participated in the 2nd Fish Fry.

VOCATION CORNER "Leaving high school, I didn't know whether or not I was called to be a priest. But prayer and spiritual direction led me to a deeper discernment, and I entered seminary. I looked to stories of the saints and examples of my parents as reasons that led me to trust that God had a plan. I experienced falling in love with Christ and above all peace in my vocation. The most important lesson I've learned is to *trust*. The peace and direction I have in my life are a testament to that. Others trusted in me, which in turn allowed me to trust in Christ." *Josh Bathion, CSC, Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind. Columbia, March 2016.*

SO DEAD! Some people do everything possible, and then some more, to stay alive. Some fear death. If we think ritually, we can be dead because of sin. We should fear that. But grace is stronger than sin. God's life is stronger than death. In fact, Christians cherish death because it is entrance from this life to life anew; it is entrance from this home to our eternal home. This death we should not fear. · What life do I really need? · What behaviors need (must) I avoid? What mercy work can I do to comfort the dying, to pray for the dead?

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

In today's Word of God we deal with the very real problems of anxiety and hopelessness. When life's shocks paralyze us, when self-pity becomes the expression of our misery, then we must call upon the God who becomes involved in human tragedy. This is the God whose concern for the living is a manifestation of life itself.

Preaching in the aftermath of the destruction of Jerusalem, Ezekiel personally experienced the frustration of that of an exile. He even quotes their expression of despair: "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost" (Ezekiel 37:11). His response is a vision in which he is transported to a valley littered with dry human bones. At the prophet's word, the breath/spirit/wind brings the bodies to life. For God's despondent people this means that Yahweh will call them back to new life in their own land of Israel.

In Romans 7:19 Paul describes the plight of those who attempt to be totally self-reliant: "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." Now in Chapter 8 Paul develops a theme of new hope: God's power enables a genuine moral life, the threat of condemnation is lifted. When the Spirit determines our moral values, we are allied with Christ. Physical death is not removed, but the Spirit brings to human life God's justice leading to resurrection.

John recounts the raising of Lazarus as a sign that transforms the tragedy into hope. Lazarus' illness and death are the occasion for the manifestation of God's glory. Faith goes hand in hand with glory. To accept Jesus is to make oneself open to that whole process of transformation. The disciple glorifies God just as the Son did by his death and resurrection.

To experience the presence of God makes hope possible and life livable. Breathing life into the weary downtrodden is in the tradition of Ezekiel; caring for the elderly and the shut-ins is in the spirit of Paul; alleviating hunger for the world's starving poor follows the Gospel of John. All these deeds manifest the glory of God.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION Would your actions change if you really believed you had access to the Holy Spirit at all times? How?

Hans Urs von Balthazar said that if you are guided by the Spirit rather than by the flesh, "the germ of divine, eternal life already lives in you with this Spirit and you hold a 'down-payment,' as it were, a ticket to God's life." Discuss.

How do all the elements in the story of the raising of Lazarus point to Jesus' words, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live"? Compare Jesus' statement, "Untie him and let him go," with Moses' statement to the Pharaoh, "Let my people go."

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Palm Sunday Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66