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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

Entering the Kingdom of Heaven The parable in the [Gospel Reading](#), Jesus says, is about entering the kingdom of heaven. In the parable, a father says to one of his sons, "Go to work in my vineyard, Son!"; and that son says, "NO!" Then the father says to his other son, "Go to work in my vineyard, Son!" And that son says, "YES!"

Which of these sons is the good son? Which one enters the kingdom of heaven?

You might sensibly enough think that it is the son who says "YES" to his father.

What the NO-saying son says is contrary to God's will. But what he does is in accordance with it. After all, what could be worse than saying "NO!" to God the father? Who would think that rebellious *NO*-sayers could be pleasing to God? Who would suppose that they could enter the kingdom of heaven?

And so it seems clear that the *YES*-sayers are the ones who will enter the kingdom of heaven and those wretched *NO*-sayers will wind up in the other place.

But this is not what Jesus says. He says that the *NO*-saying son is the one who did the will of his father. He is the one who entered the kingdom of heaven, and not the *YES*-saying son.

Why would Jesus say this?

Well, the son who says "YES" to his father doesn't actually do what his father wants him to do. It is the *NO*-saying son who actually goes to work in his father's vineyard.

And so here is the thing for us to notice. What the *NO*-saying son *says* is contrary to God's will. But what he *does* is in accordance with it.

It is just the other way around with the *YES*-saying son. The words of the *YES*-saying son are obedient to God's will, but his life is lived in opposition to it.

The words of the *YES*-saying son are empty. His life, not his words, tell the real truth about his relationship to his father. The truth is that the *YES*-saying son rejects God's will, however much acceptance there is in his words.

And so the [Psalm](#) gives us the right prayer to go with this parable: "Lord, teach us your ways!" Our ways need to be God's ways. It is good if our words say YES to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say YES to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 18 # 40 **26th Sunday of the Year, October 1, 2017**
CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Oct	1	8:00 am	SFD	Rev Vito Lopardo
			10:00 am	SP	Charles & Mary Querrey
Tue	Oct	3	9, 11 am	DOC Masses, Shawnee, Vienna	
Wed	Oct	4	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Oct	6	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Oct	7	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation for Sin
Sun	Oct	8	8:00 am	SFD	Bill Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Leola Barrett

St Paul, Vienna

Birthdays:
 Oct 1 Sabra Moore
 Oct 7 Marietta Moore
 Ruth Brown

<p>Sun, Oct 1, 10 am Server: R Slife, A Webb Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: Children Liturgy Ushers: F Dueker, Mt Slife M Palmer, S Widowski E. Minister K Felcyn S Belske, S. Black Greeter:Jon & Madonna Slife</p>	<p>Sun, Oct 8, 10 am Server: J Bayles, B Bertran Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: K Retz, C Levesque Ushers:J Slife, J Bergmann K Felcyn, D Bishop E. Minister A Dueker S. Moore, C. Webb Greeter: Janet Hacker</p>	<p>Sun, Oct 15, 10 am Server: A Webb, B Bertran Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts:Children Lit of Word Ushers:G Tesina, P Widowski R Stoerger, L. Stoerger E. Minister P Kalicki M Slife, D Bishop Greeter: Carolyn Johnson</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Oct 1: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: Morse Family Usher Stan Treat E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, Oct 8: 8 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: M Moore, L Herbert Usher: Arnold Morse E. Min: Myron Cole</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Oct 1 Rosary prayed before weekend masses in October
 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word..10:00 am
 PSR Classes.....11:00 am
 After mass Social in hall, Liturgy Committee Mt11am
- Mon Oct 2 SF Parish Council Mt.....4 pm
- Tue Oct 3 DOC Masses.....9 & 11 am
 RCIA7 pm
- Wed Oct 4 Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Oct 5 Grab Your Catechist – Adult Ed at SFD.....6:30 pm
- Fri Oct 6 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Oct 7 First Saturday Mass & Devotion at SF.....8:30 am
- Sun Oct 8 Rosary prayed before weekend masses in October
 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass10:00 am
 PSR Classes.....11:00 am



ROSARY PRAYED BEFORE WEEKEND MASS IN OCTOBER Parishioners are urged to sign up to lead the rosary one of the Sundays on the bulletin board list. Guide sheets with the prayers and mysteries are available in the bulletin rack.

CHILDREN LITURGY OF WORD for youth age 3 through 4th grade will be offered following the opening prayer at this Sunday's Eucharist at St Paul.

WORDS OF GRACE Daily scripture reflection booklets are available for Oct-Dec.

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL AND LITURGY COMMITTEE MT will be offered today following the 10 am mass.

RAFFLE TICKETS There will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets after Mass this Sunday and next. One raffle is to support the Newman Center at SIU. The other raffle is to support the Council of Catholic Women throughout the diocese.

DRAW-DOWN Baskets are due at the hall on Sunday, Oct 8. Help is needed to set up tables after next Sunday mass. Baskets will be finished, hall decorated on Tuesday, Oct 10 at 4:00 pm. Volunteers needed.

Food and worker sign-up sheet is on bulletin board. Day of Draw-Down (Oct 14) Food needs to be at hall by 5:00 pm

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY The first Sunday in October is a day devoted to prayer, information and action on behalf of the dignity all human life.

GRAB YOUR CATECHIST, a video/discussion series based on the Catholic Catechism will be offered at St Francis DeSales parish on six Thursday's beginning Oct 5, 6:30 pm. All welcome! If you still have your copy of the Catechism, you might bring it.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION A session for new ministers or review for others will be offered Thursday, Oct 12, 7:30 pm at St Paul Church.

BELLEVILLE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN will have annual convention Wed, Oct 11, 8:30 am – 3:15 pm at Columbian Hall, Pinckneyville. Program includes presentations by Fr Nick Junker and Phyllis Hostmeyer, exhibits, raffles, noon meal and closing liturgy. Registration \$20. Ride available. Contact the parish office.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION is being hosted by St. Joseph, Benton, on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 to 3:00. Kathleen Gerry Davis will present a program on women of the Bible. Lunch will be provided. Cost for individuals is anticipated to be covered by our CCW/ Altar Sodality. There is a sign up sheet on bulletin board. Registration deadline is Oct 15. Please indicate if you would like to carpool.

VOCATIONS CORNER In the Second Reading today, Paul gives us a blueprint of what humility looks like, based on Jesus' vocation of the Cross. In the same way, our service and love cannot be for our own advancement but should be rooted in the sacrificial love that Jesus revealed. In the 'emptying' of our self, we allow God to fill our hearts and shine through. This way, people won't merely see our works and prayer, but they will see God. exalted through us.

26th Sunday of the Year

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Good intentions don't always translate into promises fulfilled. Determination to do our best on the job and actual job performance may be two different measures. Vows taken to love and cherish spouse and family will sound hollow if selfishness is a daily pattern. How can discrimination be practiced by one claiming to be free of all prejudice? Today's readings illustrate the strain between intention and performance.

Ezekiel faced a despondent exiled community in the aftermath of the destruction of Jerusalem, around 585 B.C. The people argued that they were not responsible for the catastrophe. Why should they incur the guilt of their forefathers? "The way of the Lord is unfair" (vs. 25) was their lament. The prophet reminded his listeners that they too had been unfaithful.

Paul reminds the Philippian community that Christ is the model of service and love. Jesus is authentic humanity, an example to us all by his self-emptying. We imitate this model by replacing rivalry and deceit with unity in spirit and ideals.

The tension between saying and doing is a favorite theme in Matthew. The tax collectors and prostitutes had reacted positively to the message of John the Baptist while the Jewish leadership did not. The talkers but non-doers were the Jewish community, while the nontalkers but doers were the Gentiles.

Modern believers are called upon to discover those areas where they promise a specific course of action: marriage vows, business contracts, oaths of office. We know when we are keeping to our word in these obvious matters.

But other external actions should also be considered -- the sign of peace at Mass is an example. How does our sign of peace motivate us upon leaving the church? Our everyday handshake expresses a regard and concern for others. How do we respond to gossip or slander about these persons? Do we focus on the good in those people because we have already extended the sign of friendship? Doing is the name of the game.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

If we turn away from "wickedness" we are turning ourselves toward God. Spiritual writers call this turning toward God by the name, "conversion." Are we converted just once or do we experience conversion many times in our lifetime? If so, why?

This reading says, "... humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." Is this easy to practice? Who are the people in your life who act like this? Name some holy people and saints who do.

Using the idea of "conversion," discuss the two sons from this reading. Which one needed to change and turn toward his father? Are you presently in need of conversion in any area of your life? What counts more in building community, saying some good words, or actually doing some good deeds? At which one are you better, words or deeds?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 27th SUNDAY OF YEAR Isaiah 5:1-7; Ps 80; Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21: 33-43