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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 Wedding Banquet “The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines ... he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples ... he will destroy death forever.”

The kingdom has been prepared, and it is coming. Jesus likened it to a wedding banquet to which the invited guests are summoned.

Of course, there are some who refuse to come. They prefer to remain mired in their oppressive attitudes, their discriminatory relationships with others, their violent approach to solving social problems. They prefer revenge to forgiveness. They prefer the superiority of some to the equality of all. They see victimization and blame the victims. They are the invited guests who are *unfit* to come.

There are those others, however, whose love for God expresses itself in eagerness to do good for others. They are the ones who “live in the house of the Lord,” preferring love, forgiveness and equality. They will welcome the coming of the kingdom with the cry: “let us rejoice and be glad that God has saved us!”

Christians cannot yearn for anything more ardently than to serve the men of the modern world ever more generously and effectively.

Therefore, holding faithfully to the gospel and benefiting from its resources, and united with every man who loves and practices justice, Christians have shouldered a gigantic task demanding fulfillment in this world.

Concerning this task they must give a reckoning to him who will judge every [person] on the last day.

Vatican II, [*Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*](#), 1965:93

Gerald Darring

Vol 18 # 42 **28th Sunday of the Year, October 15, 2017**
CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Oct	15	8:00 am	SFD	Leola Barrett
			10:00 am	SP	Peter Warner
Tue	Oct	17	9, 11 am		DOC Masses, Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	Oct	18	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Oct	20	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Oct	22	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Family
			10:00 am	SP	Nancy Truedson

Birthdays:
Oct 16 Vickie Anderson Aiden Nelson
Oct 18 Jon Slife
Oct 20 Mady Bergmann Rick Stoerger
Oct 21 Rosemarie Zawacki

St Paul, Vienna

<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>	<p>Sun, Oct 22, 10 am Server: R Slife, J Bayles Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: Lonnie, Cathy Hinton Ushers: P Kalicki, D Zmuda C Zmuda, M McMahan E. Minister L Stoerger M Nelson, A Dueker Greeter: Joan Galey</p>	<p>Sun, Oct 29, 10 am Server: B Bertran, A Webb Lector: Madonna Slife Gifts: Tom, Tokiko Moore Ushers:J Nelson,S Widowski Mt Slife, J Bergmann E. Minister B Palmer P Widowski, V Anderson Greeter: Sabra Moore</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Oct 15: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: R Drone, M Cole Usher Fred Deaton E. Min: Mary Treat</p>	<p>Sun, Oct 22: 8 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: L Herbert, M Moore, Usher: David Parks E. Min: Myron Cole</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Oct 15 Collection for Hurricane Irma Relief
 - St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word...10:00 am
 - PSR Classes.....11:00 am
 - Emergency Response Committee Mt.....11:00 am
- Tue Oct 17 DOC Masses.....9 & 11 am
 - November calendar info deadline
 - RCIA7 pm
- Wed Oct 18 Ministerial Alliance Mt.....12 pm
 - Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
 - SP Parish Council Mt.....7:05 pm
- Thr Oct 19 Grab Your Catechist – Adult Ed at SFD.....6:30 pm
- Fri Oct 20 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
 - SP Finance Council Mt.....5:30 pm
- Sun Oct 22 Collection for World Mission Sunday
 - Rosary 20 minutes before weekend mass
 - St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word...10:00 am
 - PSR Classes.....11:00 am



ROSARY PRAYED BEFORE WEEKEND MASS IN OCTOBER Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the rosary on Sundays of October.

COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF will be taken up this Sunday. Funds will be distributed through Catholic Charities. Envelopes for collection are on table.

SP PARISH COUNCIL MT will be held in the hall on Wednesday, 7:05 pm. Members are asked to pick up agenda in church this weekend.

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

LESSONS ABOUT GOD FROM THE LAND OF THE BIBLE by Dr James W Fleming will be offered at St Kateri Church Hall, Ridgway on Fri, Oct 20, 7-9 pm and Sat, Oct 21, 8:30 am-2 pm. Registration required. Suggested donation \$20. See bulletin board.

PROPAGATION OF FAITH Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to "Chat With the Pope" to learn more about his missions. Learn more at ChatWithThePope.org.

WE LIVE BY LISTS. They help us organize our lives and reach our goals. The same is often true in our faith lives. On **Sunday, October 22 from 1-3 pm** *Dr. Eleonore Stump*, a professor at St. Louis University and a woman of remarkable insight, is coming to the *Newman Catholic Student Center*, 715 S. Washington, Carbondale to share with us her expertise on the lists bequeathed to us by the great Patristic and Medieval thinkers. The Seven Cardinal Virtues, The Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Works of Mercy shape our morality and help us to live our best lives today as individuals and in community. For information or directions call the Newman Center 529-3311.

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.

SAVE THE DATE SAT, OCT 28 – St Francis DeSales will host the Joint Parish Halloween Hay Ride and Hot Dog Roast beginning 4 pm at the church. Participants are asked to bring chips or cookies and a lawn chair.

THANK YOU....to Tom and Cathy Kruep for installation of new oven in parish center
....to the Altar Sodality for purchase of the new oven and two new communion cups.
....to Arlene Dueker for hosting the October First Sunday Social
....to catechists, parents and students for float in Fall Festival Parade (tie for 1st Prize church
....to Draw-Down chairperson, Madonna Slife, and all who provided prizes, food, set up and participation in the Draw-Down party.

28th Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:12-14,19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

At those times when we most need others, we are often tempted to shut ourselves away in isolation. Pain causes us to erect barriers. We imagine distance to be safety. We may even portray God like this -- as aloof and apathetic as we are. The Scriptures we review here speak of a God who refuses to be left alone. This God nourishes and seats people at the table so that union becomes communion. Banquets and parties express this God's love.

The Isaiah passage, written perhaps in the fourth century B.C., reflects a period of confusion. Yahweh is shown to be a participant in the chaotic world of Israel. Paradoxically, God enters into the community's grief by giving a banquet! Yahweh defeats death and mourning, tears are wiped away in singing.

In the gospel, Jesus portrays God as a king who gives a wedding banquet for his son. Matthew develops the parable to create a view of God's involvement with people. The servants who urged the invited to come to the celebration are the prophets, the second group are Christian missionaries to the Jews. The Gentiles, brought in from outside the city, are worthy of the kingdom. The God of the Jews is the God of the Gentiles as well. The wedding feast symbolizes God's union and communion with all.

Parties force us to think of relationships and so are an apt image for Christian involvement. The atmosphere of festivity recalls the essential nature of community. Whom do we invite to the party? Today's readings suggest we are called to invite those who are in tears, those who are afflicted, those outside the walls.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

In this reading, "veil" means anything that separates people from the divine presence of God. It says that God will destroy that veil and will also destroy death, and will wipe away all tears from every face. Do these images speak to you? Explain.

The readings show God bestowing gifts without measure. Maybe we "measure" when we give. How could we be a little freer?

Besides answering God's invitation to the feast, what is our job? Are we the guests or are we also the ones doing the inviting? How does this banquet not only sustain life but also transfigure it?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 29th SUNDAY OF YEAR Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22: 15-21