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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 Image In the [Gospel reading](#), the Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus into saying something that can be construed as sedition against the Romans. Jesus' answer calls attention to the fact that the common currency of the time was Roman and so had Caesar's image stamped on it. Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, Jesus says, and give to God what is God's.

The image of Caesar on the coin is an indication that the money is Caesar's. But the point of Jesus' line is also that each one of us is God's because each of us bears stamped in his soul the image of God.

Who wants to be a person whose soul shows a distorted image of God? It is an honor and a glory to us, each one of us without exception, that we are in the image of God. But it is also an awesome responsibility. When the face of a body is disfigured by self-indulgence in food or drinking or smoking, when the face of a soul is twisted by envy or hatred or narcissistic possessiveness, the image of God in that person is warped. When others look at the face of that person, they will see distortion of God's image.

And so our sins ought to grieve us. Who wants to be a person whose soul shows a distorted image of God?

But the same line of Christ's that leads to this worry and sorrow also gives the consolation for it. Just as Caesar's money belongs to Caesar, so we belong to God. We are his own. The God who made us in his image will not leave us in our sins. Through the redemption of Christ, God will make his image lovely in each one of us.

That is why Scripture says ([Romans.8:29](#), [I John 3:2](#)) that when Christ comes again, each one of the faithful will be found in the image of Christ.

We wait in hope for that time.

Eleonore Stump

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Oct	22	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Family
			10:00 am	SP	Nancy Truedson
Tue	Oct	24	9, 11 am	DOC Masses, Shawnee, Vienna	
Wed	Oct	25	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Oct	26	11:30am, 1 pm	Marion Penitentiary	
Fri	Oct	27	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Oct	29	8:00 am	SFD	Preston Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Leola Barrett

St Paul, Vienna

<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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Birthdays:	
Oct 22	Sandy Belske Zachary Garrett
Oct 25	Kevin Retz LaVonne Herbert Billie Porter
Oct 28	Marc Palmer

St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<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>	<p>Sun, Oct 29: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: Morse Family Usher Stan Treat E. Min: Mary Treat</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- 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
- Tue Oct 24 DOC Masses.....9 & 11 am
 - November calendar info deadline
 - RCIA7 pm
- Wed Oct 25 Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Oct 26 Mass at Marion Penitentiary.....11:30 am, 1 pm
 - Grab Your Catechist – Adult Ed at SFD.....6:30 pm
- Fri Oct 20 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Oct 28 Joint Parish Halloween hayride party at SF.4:00 pm
- Sun Oct 29 Rosary 20 minutes before weekend mass
 - 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 encouraged to participate in the rosary on Sundays of October.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith - leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. This year we can even "chat" with our chief missionary, Pope Francis, and learn more about his missions and missionaries. Learn more at ChatWithThePope.org. Chat - Pray - Give this World Mission Sunday.

SP PARISH COUNCIL MT MINUTES from Wednesday meeting are available on the bulletin rack.

1st QUARTER FINANCE REPORT for St Paul is included in today's bulletin. The deficit spending during the 1st Quarter is normal because of the major annual expenses of diocesan tax and insurance are all paid in this period. Direct any questions to Matt Slife, Jared Bergmann or Fr Tom.

NEW PARISH ADDRESS DIRECTORY for each household are labeled by name and available on the table in the church entrance..

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.

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.

JOINT PARISH HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE AND HOT DOG ROAST SAT, OCT 28 – St Francis DeSales will host the Joint Parish Halloween Hay Ride and Hot Dog Roast beginning 4 pm at the church in Stonefort. Participants are asked to bring chips or cookies and a lawn chair.

WAY OF LIGHTS AT SHRINE A parish trip to the Way of Lights and other attractions at Our Lady of Snows Shrine, Belleville, is planned for Saturday, December 2. Plan to leave from parish 12:30-1 pm, or meet at Shrine 3 pm. Enjoy a meal, visit displays and conclude with drive through the Way of Lights. A sign-up list is on bulletin board.

VOCATION CORNER "Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it." – St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

175th INVITATION Vienna First United Methodist Church, North 4th St, is excited to celebrate our 175th anniversary on October 29th, 3 pm.. Join us for our celebration on October 29th.

29th Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 45:1,4-6; Psalm 96; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

All of us owe allegiance to different groups: families, local churches, civic groups, governments, and so forth. These various involvements force us to define priorities and then give appropriate attention to each. Loyalties must be held in reasonable tension. The reality of loyalty is the focus of our passages this weekend.

Cyrus the Great, King of Persia, was about to conquer Babylonia and so claim the allegiance of Israel's exiles. Second Isaiah speaks of this pagan king as anointed one. He shows that by grasping Cyrus' hand, God recognized him as the legitimate ruler of God's people. But there is a balance in this loyalty: Yahweh is overlord and Cyrus is servant; Yahweh is the only God. "I am the LORD, and there is no other" (vs. 6).

The Pharisees and Herodians plan to foil Jesus, not to seek truth. They address Jesus as teacher (a title Matthew has nonbelievers in Jesus use), but they do not intend to become his disciples. Jesus does not enter into an analysis of the percentages of loyalty due to God and Caesar. Rather, he acknowledges loyalty to both. The embarrassed questioners are taught that loyalties must be balanced.

Today's liturgy suggests that the believer must assess the loyalty due to family and to career. If family concerns cease to be important and the job absorbs most of one's energy, then the moment has arrived to reprioritize values and loyalties. The same is true in one's spiritual relationship: If there is no time for prayer and worship, then loyalties are out of balance.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Cyrus, a Gentile, permitted the Israelites to return from captivity in Babylon to their homeland. Who are the people in the last hundred and fifty years who have broken down the walls of prejudice and freed oppressed peoples? Were they all Christian? Do you think God chose them? Has God ever used you? If so, were you aware of it?

St. Paul says, "For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." Does the Holy Spirit allow us to enter more into the sense of Christ's words? Does the Spirit give us fraternal dialogue (brotherly conversation which helps us speak with friendship and tenderness) to solve a problem?

In this Gospel, are the Pharisees interested more in taxes or in undermining Jesus' influence? Do God's and Caesar's worlds have to be separated? What would the world look like if they were (somewhat) joined together?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 30th SUNDAY OF YEAR Exodus 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22: 34-40