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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

Fruitfulness Both the [First Reading](#) and the [Gospel](#) tell a story about a vineyard. In each story, the Lord of the vineyard gives good soil, choice vines, and ample protection for the vineyard. But then he does not receive the good fruit that the vineyard should have given him, either because the vineyard doesn't produce good fruit or because the tenants won't give the good fruit to him.

There are penalties for this failure to give fruit to the Lord. The unfruitful vineyard is left to go to ruin. The tenants who won't give the fruit to the Lord lose their lives and their vineyard, which is given to others.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering. These fearful penalties are not so hard to understand. Failure to be fruitful is punished by the loss of the gifts that might have yielded fruit and by the death of the unfruitful recipients of those gifts.

But what is the fruitfulness which it is so fearful not to have?

Do we have to do the most possible good for the poor? Do we have to be highly effective at ministry? Are we supposed to work around the clock, so that we can use our gifts to the fullest? What about our jobs? Are we unfruitful if we are unemployed? How hard do we have to work in order not to count as unfruitful? How successful do we have to be at that work?

The thing to notice here is that all these questions rest on a false presupposition. The fruitfulness at issue doesn't come from our work. In both the stories, the owner of the vineyard, who is God, plants the vines, spades the soil, removes the stones, and protects the vineyard. If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.

So also our fruitfulness comes not from our own work, but from the work of God's Spirit in us. We cannot work our way into heaven!

And what about the fruit God is looking for in us? This fruit is not our awards and achievements. It is the fruit that God's Spirit works in us. And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering.

God has planted himself deep within us in the indwelling Holy Spirit. No lack of success in work, no lack of work itself, can keep us from responding to him with love and joy and the rest. And these are what make us fruitful for the Lord.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 18 # 41 **27th Sunday of the Year, October 8, 2017**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Oct	8	8:00 am	SFD	Bill Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Leola Barrett
Tue	Oct	10	9, 11 am	DOC Masses, Shawnee, Vienna	
Wed	Oct	11	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Oct	12	11:30 am, 1 pm	Marion BOP P & L Barrett	
Fri	Oct	13	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Oct	15	8:00 am	SFD	Leola Barrett
			10:00 am	SP	Peter Warner

Birthdays:
Oct 11 Elizabeth Moore
Oct 12 Doc Maier
Oct 14 Jamie Starratt

St Paul, Vienna

<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>	<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>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<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>	<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>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Oct 8 Rosary prayed before weekend masses in October
 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass10:00 am
- Tue Oct 10 DOC Masses.....9 & 11 am
 Draw-Down Basket preparations/decorations.4:00 pm
 RCIA7 pm
- Wed Oct 11 BDCCW Women Conference..Pinckneyville.8:30 am
 Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Oct 12 Marion Penitentiary Masses.....11:30am, 1 pm
 Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4 – 7:30 pm
 Grab Your Catechist – Adult Ed at SFD.....6:30 pm
 Special Minister of Communion Training ..SP.7:30pm
- Fri Oct 13 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Oct 14 Draw-Down Party at SP.....6-9:00 pm
- 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



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

RAFFLE TICKETS There will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets after Mass this Sunday. 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 this 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

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be offered this Thursday at St Paul, 4 – 7:30 pm. Suggested half hour time is on schedule, but any time is available.

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.

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

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.

SIU CARBONDALE NEWMAN CENTER invites all to a presentation on The Lists that Formed Our Lives by Eleonore Stump on Sat, Oct 21, 1-3 pm. At 715 W Washington,

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.

VOCATIONS CORNER - Jesus calls us today to produce fruit in his vineyard. Therefore our vocation can never be inward looking for our own fulfillment, but we should always be focused on the service to others for the Body of Christ. The vine of our vocation is Jesus, and so all that we do must have Him at the center to produce any fruit for the greater good of the vineyard. We are not merely branches in isolation, but parts of the Body at service to other parts and to Christ the Head..

27th Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

"Noblesse oblige" (nobility obliges) is an expression that we usually associate with royalty and crowned heads of state. People of rank have not only privilege but also responsibility. Exalted position requires royal comportment -- "doing the right thing." Today's readings consider the moral implications of being God's people.

The vineyard is a traditional symbol of God's people. The people are the vineyard, the chosen house of Israel. They are special objects of God's attention, yet this noble call has fallen on deaf ears. The royal people have condemned themselves.

Paul regards faith in Christ as a radical change in living. Baptism implies a share in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and freedom from slavery to sin. Paul says, "Keep on doing the things that you have ... heard and seen in me" (Philippians 4:9).

Matthew shapes the parable of the property owner into a judgment on the people of Israel, not just its leaders (contrast Mark 12:1-10). The tenant farmers kill the son outside the vineyard, an obvious reference to the crucifixion. Verse 43 says the kingdom will be given to others, namely, the Gentiles. Jews and Gentiles together will live out their high calling, both will produce grapes at harvest time (vs. 41).

Baptism is a call to royalty. This sharing in the kingship of Jesus has little to do with external trappings of nobility; it has everything to do with daily living of the gospel. Baptism is the inauguration of the Christian journey to benefit others by example and involvement.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Isaiah sings about his friend's vineyard: "Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?" What kind of "grapes" will God find in your vineyard?

How do you feel about the God of peace standing guard over your mind and heart? What does St. Paul say takes the place of the anxiety and the worries? Is this true for you?

Who are God's messengers right now? What changes in society do they advocate? How can you somehow be God's envoy in your community, work, Church or the world? Can you move toward changes in society?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 28th SUNDAY OF YEAR Isaiah 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Matthew 22: 1-14