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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

Be Watchful, Be Ready - The theme of the Gospel is: “Be watchful and ready.” We are in a condition of awaiting something or someone important, and we don’t know when the arrival will take place. Hence the advice: “keep your eyes open, for you know not the day or the hour.”

The liturgy combines this reading with a passage from Wisdom, suggesting that what we are awaiting is the arrival of wisdom: “he who watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed.”

When will we finally understand what we need to know in order to live together as brothers and sisters?

When will we get the wisdom to place the one true God ahead of our petty gods of power, possessions, and pleasure? When will we be inspired with the wisdom to overcome our social ills? We do not know when, and so we must be watchful and ready, otherwise the moment will pass us by.

One thing we do know: wisdom “makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her.” Those will not be found worthy who do not listen to the Scriptures, or to their own experiences, or to the sufferings of those around them. The message to them will be tragic: “I tell you, I do not know you.”

We do not know the time for the consummation of the earth and of humanity, nor do we know how all things will be transformed. As deformed by sin, the shape of this world will pass away; but we are taught that God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth where justice will abide, and whose blessedness will answer and surpass all the longings for peace which spring up in the human heart.

Vatican II, [Constitution on the Church in the Modern World](#), 1965:39

Gerald Darring

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Nov	12	8:00 am	SFD	Sarah Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Leola Barrett
Tue	Nov	14	9, 11 am	DOC Masses, Shawnee, Vienna	
Wed	Nov	15	6:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Fri	Nov	17	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov	19	8:00 am	SFD	Leola Barrett
			10:00 am	SP	Raymond Nelson

Birthdays: Nov 13 Glenn Brown Nov 15 Pam Shallenberger Nov 17 Landon Bayles

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Nov 12, 10 am Server: A Webb, R Slife Lector: Sabra Moore Gifts: Christine, Gabe Ross Ushers: J Slife, J Bergmann M McMahan, G. Tesina E. Minister B Bishop D. Bishop, S. Belske Greeter: S & P Widowski</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 19, 10 am Server: B Bertran, A Webb Lector: Keith Felcyn Gifts: Children Liturgy Ushers: S Hupe, J Nelson P Kalicki, R Stoerger E. Minister M Nelson S Black, L Stoerger Greeter Monica Querrey</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 26, 10 am Server: R Slife , B Bertran Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: E Speletich, P Shallenberger Ushers: S Widowski, D Zmuda Sr C Zmuda, Mt Slife E. Minister S Moore B Palmer, P Widowski Greeter: Geri Tesina</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Nov 12: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: Deaton Family Usher Arnold Morse E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 19: 8 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: L Herbert, M Moore, Usher: Myron Cole E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Nov12 Anointing of the Sick at weekend masses
 - St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass10:00 am
 - Blood Pressure Checks before & after mass at SP
 - PSR Classes.....11:00 am
 - Council of Catholic Women/Altar Sodality Mt.11:am
- Tue Nov14 DOC Masses.....9 & 11 am
- South Vicariate Pastoral Meeting..Ozark.....12 pm
- Rite of Christian Initiation Session....7 pm
- Wed Nov15 Weekday Mass.....5:30 pm
- SP Parish Council Mt..at SP.....7:05 pm
- Thr-Sat St Paul volunteers at Faith Alive Thrift Store.9am-3pm
- Fri Nov 17 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sun Nov19 Collection for Campaign for Human Development
 - St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.....10:00 am
 - PSR Classes.....11:00 am
 - Community Thanksgiving Service.Gilead Church.6 pm



SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be offered to parishioners during the mass this Sunday. Those who have difficulty standing are encouraged to sit in the front pew, and the celebrant will come to you.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is available during the month of November to include names of deceased. It will be placed by the altar as a means of remembering in prayer those who have died.

JOINT PARISH COUNCILS MEETING MINUTES from Nov 8th meeting are available on bulletin rack.

FOOD COLLECTION A container is available in the foyer during the month of November for food donations to support the local food pantry.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM There are three positions on the Parish Council that will be open January 2018. Parishioners are asked to submit names (another or your own) of eligible people whom you consider good candidates to serve the parish. Please use the form enclosed in the bulletin (extra copies on the bulletin rack) and return to the marked canister by November 26th.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS St Paul parish is scheduled to operate the Ministerial Alliance sponsored Thrift Store on the Vienna Square this Thr-Fri, 9 am – 3 pm, and Sat, 9am-12 noon. Volunteers are needed and can indicate your availability by signing the schedule on the bulletin board, or contact Madonna Slife or Arlene Dueker.

CCHD Next weekend, a special collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Additionally, 25 percent of funds collected automatically remain in our diocese to fund programs here that reduce poverty. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be hosted by the ministerial alliance on Sunday, Nov 19, 6 pm at Gilead Cumberland Church (mile N of SR 147 on Gilead Church Rd). Light refreshments will follow prayer service.

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.

THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL will be hosted by Eagle House Ministries on Nov 23. Volunteers are needed to make desserts ahead of time, prepare food and deliver meals. To place an order for a meal or to volunteer, please contact 658-8116 or 658-1700.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER Michael “Joe” Carmody, father of Carolyn Johnson of St Paul Parish, who was buried on Friday in Carrollton IL.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-Thanksgiving Day Mass at SF....8:30 am, November 23; SP Mass Nov 22, 6:30 pm
- Angel Tree with tags for Christmas gifts for youth available by Nov 26
- SF Parish Council Mt, December 4th, 4 pm
- SF Noon mass and Advent Party with caroling at Care Home..Dec 10th..

32nd Sunday of the Year

Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Patience is a challenge in our world today. We expect instant replays. What used to cook slowly in the oven now takes seconds in the microwave. We may transfer our impatience to our neighbor, even to God. Everyone should respond to our demands. The message of today's readings is the opposite: watching and waiting. Vigilance is needed in seeking God and one another.

In the middle of the first century B.C., the author of the Book of Wisdom exhorted his Jewish audience in Alexandria to seek wisdom. In this passage, he describes their quest by speaking of God's creature, Lady Wisdom. The believer is to watch for her at dawn, to think about her, and to keep vigil for her (vs. 14-15). Wisdom is a gift that people must seek.

The Matthew passage concerns the Parousia, the Second Coming of Jesus. Prudence and perpetual readiness are urged. According to the marriage customs of the time, the bridegroom returned with his bride from the home of his in-laws. The bridesmaids were an escort of honor who awaited the arrival of the couple. Since they never knew the time of their arrival, they had to be prudent in their allotment of oil for the lamps. None wanted to miss the joyous procession when the time came.

Since the Christian community does not know the exact time that Jesus will return, it must be prepared to wait and keep watch. Vigilance, therefore, is the price of victory.

Watching and waiting is easier when it is to our advantage. A watchfulness on behalf of others is more challenging. The author of Wisdom suggests we seek wisdom so that we can share our insights with others. The psalm implies that we seek the Lord patiently in those around us so that we might bind up their wounds and hurts. Matthew urges us to uncover the vision of the Bridegroom in the faces of his hurting sisters and brothers.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

How is wisdom different from knowledge? Does knowledge enable you to see beyond the surface of things into their depths? Does wisdom? Who sees like that? Do you want to see things the way God sees them?

Would you live differently if you thought "the end time" was right around the corner—as the Thessalonians seemed to? If so, what would you change?

In one of his General Audiences, Pope Francis discusses the parable of the ten virgins. He mentions keeping our hearts open to "goodness, beauty and truth." How would that help us see signs of Christ's presence in the world?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 33rd SUNDAY OF YEAR Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; 1Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25: 14-30