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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

Embodied Love The [Gospel](#) reading for this week is very rich. It invites us to reflect on the difference between true love and its false imitation, between real Christianity and its fake lookalike. It encourages us to exercise ourselves in the care of all God's children. It prompts us to reflect on all the different kinds of hunger there are in the world, and the very different kinds of feeding those various hungers require.

These are all good things to ponder, but there is still more to see. Here is one more thing.

What wouldn't you yourself have given to lay your weary head on the breast of your Lord? Think about what it is for God himself to be incarnate. A human woman took the Lord to her breast and suckled him there. The apostle John reclined by the Lord and laid his head on the bosom of the Lord. A woman washed the Lord's feet with her tears, and a woman rubbed his feet with lotion. How did those people get so lucky? Of all the millions and millions of God's people, how can it be that so few touched God in the flesh, that only one woman anointed his feet? Wouldn't you have liked to be among these very lucky people? In desperately sad and stricken moments, what wouldn't you yourself have given to lay your weary head on the breast of your Lord?

It is good to have a God who enters human history, but anything in history is local, constrained in time and space, cut off from so many things that aren't right here, right now. How can it be that only those few people, who were *there* with Jesus, in that place and at that time, had contact with the Lord flesh to flesh?

The answer to this question and the consolation the question seeks is in the Gospel reading: whatever you did to one of the least of my own, the Lord says, you did it to me.

Eleonore Stump

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Nov	26	8:00 am	SFD	Wm T Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Michael Joe Carmody
Tue	Nov	28	9, 11 am	DOC Masses, Shawnee, Vienna	
Wed	Nov	29	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Nov	30	11:30 am, 1 pm	Marion Penitentiary	
Fri	Dec	1	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Dec	2	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation of Sin
Sun	Nov	26	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead

Birthdays:
 Nov 26 Peter Garrett
 Nov 30 Craig Levesque
 Anna Haase
 Dec 2 Keith Felcyn

St Paul, Vienna

<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>	<p>Sun, Dec 3, 10 am Server: R Slife A Webb Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: Children Liturgy Ushers:P Widowski,J Slife, M Palmer, K Felcyn E. Minister P Kalicki C Webb, M Slife Greeter: Mike McMahan</p>	<p>Sun, Dec 10, 10 am Server: A Webb, B Bertran, Lector: Sarah Black Gifts: Jon, Madonna Slife Ushers:F Dueker, Mt Slife J Bergmann, D Bishop E. Minister D Hopkins, K Felcyn, P Shallenberger Greeter Sandy Belske</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Nov 26: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: M Cole, R Drone Usher David Parks E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>	<p>Sun, Dec 3: 8 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: Parks Family Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Mary Treat</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Nov26 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass Christ the King Commemoration..10 am
- Advent Angel Tree – gift tags for area youth
- Tue Nov 28 DOC Masses.....9 & 11 am
- Rite of Christian Initiation Session....7 pm
- Wed Nov29 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Nov 30 Marion Penitentiary Masses.....11:30 am, 1 pm
- Fri Dec 1 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Dec 2 First Saturday mass & devotions at SFD.....8:30 am
- Faith Alive Board Mt.....10:00 am
- Way of Lights Trip.....lv 12:30 pm
- Sun Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent- advent booklets distribution
- St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass & first Sunday social.....10 am
- PSR Class & Confirmation retreat.....11 am



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING A prayer sheet will be handed out this weekend deepening the recognition of Christ as our leader.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR MEETING Anyone willing to participate in the Christmas Eve Choir is asked to gather around the piano in church after this Sunday's mass with Pam Shallenberger.

FOOD COLLECTION Today is the closing day for the food donations to support the local food pantry.

ANGEL GIFTS TREE for youth of the area is available in the foyer. Please return a gift with the tag to the tree area by December 10th.

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 (extra copies on the bulletin rack) and return to the marked canister by November 26th.

SCRIPTURE STUDY OF LUKE will be offered at St Paul and St Francis beginning Dec 5th, 5 pm at SF and Dec 6th, 3 pm and Dec 7th, 7 pm at SP. Sign up sheet on bulletin board. Study will be led by Arlene Dueker.

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 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 to plan sharing transportation..

PERMANENT DIACONATE An informational workshop for anyone who might consider the becoming a permanent deacon will be offered Dec 9 at the Pastoral Center in Belleville. Info on bulletin boards or at pwarn@diobelle.org

ADVENT PREPARATION For a free e-mail daily advent meditation and video option, sign up at BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited. Booklets too support a prayerful Advent season will be made available Dec 3rd, the First Sunday of Advent.

HEALTH FOCUS November is lung cancer awareness month. Lung cancer is the cause of cancer death and the second most common cancer among both men and women in the U. S. the most important thing you can do to lower your lung cancer risk is to quit smoking and avoid second hand smoke. Get your home tested for radon. The second leading cause of lung cancer is radon, a naturally occurring gas that comes from rocks and dirt and can get trapped in houses and buildings. Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas.

THE GREAT DIVIDE. Right and left; goats and sheep; good and bad. Question: How does the King decide who and what? Answer: Evidence of doing works of mercy! The Church has held before us in special ways these past two liturgical years, these duties, these actions, these right behaviors. Works of Mercy. How has praying shaped my mercy works?.

NOON MASS AND ADVENT POTLUCK AT ST FRANCIS Our parish Advent Potluck with noon mass will be December 10th. Chicken and Ham will be provided. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board to sign up for salad, vegetable or dessert. A gift of approx \$2 value is also requested for the game at the party. Participants are also asked to plan to visit and sing songs at the Care Home in Carrier Mills following the party.

UPCOMING EVENTS St Francis DeSales Parish Council Meeting will be Dec 4th, 4 pm.

Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; Psalm 23; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46

Usually we reserve the title "pastor" for the leader of a religious community. The pastor is to shepherd, that is, provide for the religious needs of the flock. But perhaps we fail to recognize that every believer is also commissioned through baptism to look to the needs of others.

Ezekiel is a pastor. He is compassionate toward the despondent exilic community in the early sixth century B.C. To encourage them, he presents God as a shepherd. Kings of the ancient Near East often received the title of shepherd, implying their concern for the people -- in particular, the legally helpless. Yahweh focuses love on the lost, the strayed, the injured, and the sick. Yahweh is also judge, ruling against the rich who mistreat the poor and lowly.

Psalm 23 applies the shepherd image to Israel's prayer life and combines it with the image of host. Thus the one who guards the traveler also provides hospitality.

Matthew's scene today is the Final Judgment. Jesus is the king who will pass judgment on all the nations. This duty is exercised as shepherd separating sheep from goats, the blessed from the condemned. There is only one criterion in judging, "Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). The blessed are those who recognize Jesus in the needs of their brothers and sisters.

On this feast of Christ the King, we are reminded that the hurting are found in our homes, our places of work, our schools. We are called to be shepherd to the downtrodden, to pastor them with our own gifts and blessings. Our royalty in the kingdom is measured by the wealth and richness of our generosity and compassion.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

“As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep.” How does this statement of Pope Francis’ relate to you? "An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on the “smell of the sheep” and the sheep are willing to hear their voice. [Evangelii Gaudium](#), 24"

How can you help Christ challenge the many forms of violence in the world today?

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.” Christ uses our generosity as a standard for salvation. How is it also a standard for happiness? What happens to you when you give? If the “goats” had recognized Jesus, wouldn’t they have given too? How important is it to give without calculation?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 1st Sunday of Advent Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b- 64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37