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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

Open to New Life The story of Noah is the story of a society gone wrong. The flood was a collective event, a response to the collective evil of the time. Collective also was the covenant made by God with the survivors of the flood, and collective was the redemption by Christ, a just man for the sake of the unjust.

The challenge to reform our lives and change our lives expresses a call to change ourselves individually and to change ourselves as a society. The good news spoken of in the Gospel is the announcement of the kingdom, a world where God rules.

Jesus' victory over Satan represents a victory over the powers of evil, those forces that cause us to sin. The evil we struggle against in Lent is personal as well as social.

Profound and rapid changes make it particularly urgent that no one, ignoring the trend of events or drugged by laziness, content himself with a merely individualistic morality.

It grows increasingly true that the obligations of justice and love are fulfilled only if each person, contributing to the common good, according to his own abilities and the needs of others, also promotes and assists the public and private institutions dedicated to bettering the conditions of human life.

Vatican II, *[Constitution on the Church in the Modern World](#)*, 1965:30

Gerald Darring

Vol 19 # 7 **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Feb	18	8:00 am	SFD	Britney Deaton
			10:00 am	SP	Wendy Bowman
Tue	Feb	20	9, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee & Vienna
Wed	Feb	21	6:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Fri	Feb	23	12:00pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Feb	25	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
			10:00 am	SP	Leola Barrett

Birthdays: Feb 18 Jared Bergmann Lynne Stoerger Feb 20 Jayda Bayles Feb 24 Debby Brown Feb 25 Diana Pruemmer Vanessa Hopkins

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Feb 18, 10 am Server: B Bertram, A Webb Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: Children Liturgy Ushers: P Kalicki, M Palmer M McMahan, J Bergmann, E. Minister P Shallenberger F Dueker, M Nelson Greeter: Marc & Beth Palmer</p>	<p>Sun, Feb 25, 10 am Server: R Slife, B Bertran Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: L Lance, G Tesina Ushers: R Stoerger, Mt Slife D Zmuda Sr, F Dueker E. Minister B Palmer P Widowski, P Kalicki Greeters Carolyn Johnson</p>	<p>Sun, Mar 4, 10 am Server: A Webb, Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Children Liturgy Ushers L Hinton, D Bishop P Widowski, F Dueker E. Minister S Moore D Bishop, A Dueker Greeter: Cathy Kruep</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Feb 18: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: L Herbert/ R Drone Usher Myron Cole E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>	<p>Sun, Feb 25: 8 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: R Drone, M Cole Usher: David Parks E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Feb 18 Black & Indian Mission Collection
 - Stations of the Cross 20 minutes before masses
 - St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass and Children Liturgy of Word....10 am
 - PSR Classes.....11am
 - Rite of Election at Cathedral in Belleville.....2 pm
- Tues Feb 20 DOC Masses Shawnee and Vienna.....9, 11 am
 - Scripture Study at SFD church.....4:30 pm
 - RCIA Session.....7 pm
- Wed Feb 21 Scripture Study at SP hall.....4:00 pm
 - Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
 - SP Parish Council Mt.....7:05 pm
- Thr Feb 22 March calendar info deadline
 - Liturgical Spanish Workshop (Fr Tom) Belleville
- Fri Feb 23 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
- Sun Feb 25 Stations of the Cross 20 minutes before masses
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CHILDREN LITURGY OF WORD will be offered this Sunday during the 10 am Mass.

LEADERS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS Devotion following the Stations of the Cross will be offered on the Sundays of Lent 20 minutes before mass. A leader sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION Today our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution.

LENTEN RESOURCES A guide to Lenten Regulations and opportunities during the season of lent with booklets for personal reflections are available on the table in the foyer.

RITE OF ELECTION Two of those who have participated in the Christian Initiation sessions since last September, Carlos Baker and Katie Pobst, will participate in the Rite of Election this Sunday as Bishop Braxton welcomes and enrolls those who seek full initiation into the Catholic Church. They welcome our prayer support today and during the season of Lent.

ST PAUL PARISH COUNCIL will meet this Wednesday, 7:05 pm. Members are reminded to pick up the mt agenda at church this weekend.

CHILI AND DESSERT COOK-OFF Thank you to all entries in the Chili and Dessert cook-off. By poll of the participants, prizes for chili went to Matt Slife who took 1st Place, Zennia Gruszczyk was 2nd, and Cathy Kruep was 3rd. In the Dessert category, Tokiko Moore took 1st, Madonna Slife was 2nd, and Christine Deaton was 3rd.

SCRIPTURE STUDY A group study/reflection on the Gospel of Luke will be held at St Francis DeSales Church this Tuesday, 4:30 pm and also at St Paul Parish Hall on Wednesday, 4 pm. Participants are asked to bring a bible. The sessions will be led by Arlene Dueker.

FISH FRY The first of two fish fries sponsored by St Paul Church will be Friday, March 2, 5-7 pm. You can support the fish fry by posting flyers (available on table in foyer) in public places, and signing up on the bulletin board to assist with various tasks at the fish fry.

CD HIGHLIGHT Right Here, Right Now: Always Be Ready to Share Our Faith. It's profound to consider what hangs in the balance when we share our faith with others. Patrick Madrid, in his highly engaging manner, speaks from a lifetime of experience to help Catholics effectively share the truth about Christ and his Church whenever the opportunity arises.

IT IS ALL ABOUT BAPTISM. The story of Noah and the flood is all about being saved in the water. Saint Peter is absolutely clear in saying that it points to Baptism. In these Christian waters, we repented and believed. In these Forty Days, we cherish the elect awaiting Baptism. Throughout this Lent, we recall our own being made new in the font and urgent desire to be new again. · What will I do this Lent to repent and believe in Good News? How will I keep in thought and prayer the elect who will plunge into the font this Easter Vigil and enter the fullness of our sacramental life with the Dead and Risen Christ?

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

A new age began when Jesus introduced the kingdom some nineteen hundred years ago. We believe this, but somehow the newness has worn off; the present lifestyle has become "good enough." Today's readings recall sweeping changes in the history of Israel and the Church and the radical shifts in living that resulted.

The Genesis passage offers a message of hope to the despairing exiled community. The flood brought chaos (see Genesis 7:11), but God's covenant with Noah ushers in a new age. When the Israelites beheld the rainbow in the sky, they remembered God's promise that the waters of chaos would never return (Genesis 9:11,15).

Writing from Rome some eighty years after Christ's death and resurrection, Peter's first letter seeks to strengthen the faith of believers in the northern part of present-day Turkey. Peter emphasizes that the new age inaugurated by Christ brings baptism, which is not a mere removal of physical stain but an initiation that requires personal transformation.

Mark links the temptation of Jesus with the baptism of John. In his baptism, Jesus accepts the messianic mission from God. In his temptation, Jesus begins to grapple with the way of achieving that mission. Death and resurrection will be required. Jesus challenges his followers to reform their lives in imitation of his own life and death experience.

The beginning of Lent is the traditional time for making Lenten resolutions. Based on today's readings you might examine those areas in your life most in need of change before determining this season's commitments. Changes will result in a new you and a better reflection of the new kingdom of Jesus.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

God made a covenant with us, and included every living thing. Does that reconfigure your attitude toward all creation—"our common home," including the environment—How?

Compare Noah bringing people out of the flood into a new creation with Christ bringing us to a new life or a transformative experience through the waters of baptism.

"The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert and he remained in the desert for forty days."

Pope Francis calls the forty days of Lent an invitation to conversion. Do you need some kind of conversion? Is there something new within or around you waiting to be created?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Second Sunday of Lent: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10