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ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020 State Rte 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

Sat – 5:30 pm; 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

Grieving God In the [Second Reading](#), Paul warns people not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God. It is a sad thing to grieve your mother or your best friend. It is really dreadful to grieve God himself. How does a person manage to do such a lamentable thing?

You grieve God when you engage in malice, Paul says. Now malice is the opposite of love. To love someone is to want the good for him and to want to be united with him, too. So you can be malicious by refusing either of these desires of love. If you want what is bad for another person, or if you utterly reject another person, you are malicious with regard to him.

If you are bitter, you are malicious; and when you are malicious, you are opposed to love. So you don't have to engage in murder or theft or adultery to grieve God. As the Second Reading implies, you can grieve God just by reviling another person. You revile a person when you say bad things about him, to his face or behind his back, just for the sake of putting him down. When you do this, you take a kind of perverse pleasure in his badness. That is why reviling is malicious. It is the opposite of love's desire for the good of the other.

Bitterness is on Paul's list of ways to grieve God, too. A bitter drink is one that has no sweetness in it; it just sets the drinker's teeth on edge. Your heart and mind are bitter if you are focused largely on the bad in things, and that bad-tempered focus of yours sets everybody else on edge as they try to tiptoe around you. You can't want the good for others if all you can see is the bad in them. And you can't want to be united with them either if your bitterness blocks joy in you.

If you revile others, if you are bitter, you are malicious; and when you are malicious, you are opposed to love. But God is love, and it isn't possible for there to be union between God and what is opposed to God.

Your malice grieves God, then, because he has lost you when you are malicious; and, for God, your loss is worth grieving.

It's a sobering thought to be so loved, isn't it?

Eleonore Stump

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Aug 12	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Connor
		10:00 am	SP	Glen Grisham
Tue	Aug 14	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC	
		7:00 pm	SFD	For the Parish
Wed	Aug 15	6:30 pm	SP	For the Parish
Fri	Aug 17	12:00 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Sat	Aug 18	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Aug 19	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Connor
		10:00 am	SP	Janet Schaefer

<p>Birthdays Aug 12 Emily Taylor Aug 14 Teresa Carr Aug 17 Roger Webb</p>

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Aug 12, 10 am Server: L Slife, R Slife Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: Frank, Arlene Dueker Ushers:* D. Zmuda Sr, J Slife Mt Slife, F Dueker E. Minister P Widowski S. Widowski, S Belske Greeter Joan Galey</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 19, 10 am Server: L Slife, C Bergmann Lector: Zach Garrett Gifts: D Hopkins, N Janett Ushers:* S Widowski, L Hinton J Bergmann, R Stoerger E. Minister D Bishop B. Bishop, P Shallenberger Greeter: Katie Pobst</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 26, 10 am Server:M Bergmann, B Bertram Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Steve, Kathy Hupe Usher:*M Palmer, Joe Nelson P Widowski, M McMahan E. Minister F Dueker D Hopkins, A Dueker GreeterChuck, Monica Querrey</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

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

Sat Aug 11	Saturday mass	5:30 pm
Sun Aug 12	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00am
	St Paul Mass	10:00 am
	Liturgy Committee Mt at St Paul.....	11:00am
Tues Aug14	DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna...9am & 11am	
	Assumption Holyday Mass at SFD.....	7:00 pm
Wed Aug15	Assumption Holyday Mass at SP.....	6:30 pm
	Parish Council Mt at SP...hall.....	7:30 pm
Thr-Sat	SP Faith Alive Volunteers.Th&Fri.9am-3 pm	Sat-12pm
Fri Aug17	Weekday Mass.....	12 pm
Sat Aug 18	Saturday mass	5:30 pm
Sun Aug 19	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00am
	St Paul Mass	10:00 am



BLOOD PRESSURE CKS BEFORE/AFTER MASS will be offered by the Wellness Committee this Sunday morning. Take advantage of feedback to maintain health.

INTO FUTURE MINISTRY SURVEY The parish council is reviewing the parishioner response given on the ministry survey. You are being welcomed to offer comments and suggestions for addressing those areas identified as needing improvement. A comments table is set up by the entrance to church this Sunday.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MT will meet in the parish hall following the 10 am Sunday mass this weekend.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS are reminded of the meeting this Wednesday, 7:30 pm in the parish hall. Please pick up agenda from the foyer this weekend.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Holyday Masses this week are Tuesday, Aug 14, 7 pm at St Francis DeSales, and Wednesday, Aug 15, 6:30 pm at St Paul.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS St Paul will operate the Faith Alive Store August 16-17, 9am-3 pm and August 18th, 9-12.. A sign up list is on the bulletin board inviting people to offer assistance on the various times and days. Please consider offering your assistance.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) is in need of catechists to provide weekly sessions on Sunday mornings for pre-school through Jr high students at St Paul for this class year beginning in September. Teacher manuals that provide information for sessions enable laypersons without degrees to lead classes. Please contact Fr Tom or Steve Widowski if willing to assist or for more information.

DRAW-DOWN PARTY October 20th Tickets are available for \$100.00 that may be shared by up to ten people. Tickets available from Dolly Hopkins, Madonna Slife, Matt Slife, Marsha Nelson or after mass. Consolation prizes are needed. Parishioners are encouraged to solicit Gift cards and certificates for services of various businesses. Ideas and donations for Theme baskets are welcome.

NEW CDs IN KIOS IN CHURCH FOYER Check out new titles of CDs in the stand in the church foyer. Title highlight... Remembering Our Story: Evangelization in America During the 19th Century - **EMILY STIMPSON CHAPMAN** - Emily Stimpson Chapman tells of the triumphs and obstacles that Catholics faced in the 1800s when evangelizing. Her telling of the immense struggles that bishops, religious, and lay people endured to spread the Gospel in the nineteenth century offers us relatable role models and inspiration as we face challenges in our own day.

STRENGTHENED BY THIS FOOD. Vatican Council II sums it up in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, no. 7. We believe without a doubt that Christ is present and living among us. We know of many ways when celebrating liturgy and, most especially, in doing Eucharist. This way – Eucharist and Communion – we love the most because it is so tangible. It seems personal at first. But ultimately it is always communal. We eat and drink one-by-one within the great crowd of believers coming in procession toward the altar, toward the meal, toward Christ. · What do I believe about Eucharist and Communion? · Why is it critical that I do this with other believers? · How does this community of believers strengthen my faith and keep me faithful?

Praying the Magnificat of Mary

Read the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) and follow these suggestions for meditation.

"And Mary said: 'My soul magnifies the Lord ...'"

Look at yourself through God's eyes. What wonderful qualities has God created in your soul that show how great God is: your kindness, your openness, and so forth.

"The Mighty One has done great things for me ..."

What great things has God done for you in the past week? Thank God for those things.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts ..."

Where do you make judgments? Who do you think is not as good as you? Ask God to disperse those arrogant thoughts by showing you in what ways those people are better than you.

"He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly."

In what situations do you have power -- at work, at home, in parish organizations? Whom do you have power over? Switch places with those people in your mind. Resolve to do something about that situation that will "lift up the lowly."

"He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty ..."

What are you rich in that others do without? Give some of those "good things" you treasure (not castoffs or something you don't want anymore) to someone who is hungry or poor.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

God sent help to Elijah in the form of an angel. What kind of help do you think God would send today? Name some ways you can be the "hearth cake" for a person in a desperate condition.

Do you think you could get better at "being an imitator of God?" How? Is it more likely to happen all at once because you want it to, or a little at a time because you work at letting God into you? If you were going to work at this, where would you start?

The crowd murmured when Jesus said he was the bread that came down from heaven.

How did knowing his mother and father impact the crowd's willingness to believe him? Is it easy to accept a "prophet (one who speaks for God) in your own circle of acquaintances? Explain.

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Twent-first Sunday of the Year Proverbs; Ps 34; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58