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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

The Law of Love Today's liturgy begins with the theme of the law: "guide us according to your law of love because all mankind is in need of your law; the just one ... reproaches us for transgressions of the law."

Notice that this is a law of love, and therefore it concerns the rightness of human relationships, in other words, justice: "the perfection of justice is found in your love ... help us to find this love in each other that justice may be attained."

The result of following the law of love and establishing justice is harmony within the human family: "the harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace" ([Second Reading](#)).

There is a direct line, therefore, from love through justice to peace. The recognition of this line constitutes the essence of wisdom, which is "peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruit" ([Second Reading](#)).

It is in this context that we encounter the [Gospel](#), a passage that includes the images of the cross and the child. One way to interpret this would be to say that we approach the triple challenge of love, justice and peace with childlike humility, and we anticipate that our response to that challenge will bring us the cross.

Love for others, and in the first place love for the poor, in whom the church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice.

John Paul II, [Centessimus Annus](#) 1991: 58

True peace is never simply the result of military victory, but rather implies both the removal of the causes of war and genuine reconciliation between peoples.

John Paul II, [Centessimus Annus](#) 1991: 18

Gerald Darring

Vol 19 # 37 **Twenty-fifth Sunday of Year, September 23, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Sept 23	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Loretta Petges
Tue	Sept 25	9am, 11 am		DOC Masses Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	Sept 26	5:30 pm	SP	Bill Fry
Fri	Sept 28	12:00 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Sun	Sept 30	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Charles & Mary Querrey

Birthdays
 Sept 28 Midge Bigler
 Sept 29 Tracey Johnson

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Sept 23, 10 am Server:L Slife, C Bergmann Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: C Johnson, C Kruep Ushers:* J Nelson, M Palmer P Widowski, F Dueker E. Minister S Widowski D Bishop, B Bishop Greeter Matt & Rhi Slife</p>	<p>Sun, Sept 30, 10 am Server:M Bergmann, B Bertran Lector: Madonna Slife Gifts: C Kruep, L Lance Usher:*Mt Slife, R Stoerger L Stoerger, M McMahan E. Minister D Hopkins P Kalicki, A Dueker Greeter Cathy Kruep</p>	<p>Sun, Oct 7, 10 am Server: R Slife, C Bergmann Lector: Sarah Black Gifts: Children Liturgy Usher:*J Bergmann, D Bishop S Widowski, R Beanland E. Minister S Belske V Anderson, B Palmer Greeter A & P Widowski</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Sept 23: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: Treat Family Usher: Arnold Morse E. Min: Myron Cole</p>	<p>Sun, Sept 30: 8:00 pm Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Myron Cole Gifts:R Drone, L Herbert Usher David Parks E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Sept 23 St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
- St Paul Mass10:00 am
- PSR Class.....11:00 am
- Joint 125th Anniversary & Parish Histories Mt..11am
- Tues Sept 25 Masses at Shawnee and Vienna DOC..9am,11 am
- October calendar info deadline
- Wed Sept 26 Weekday Mass at SP.....5:30 pm
- Joint Parish Council Meeting....hall.....6:00 pm
- Fri Sept 28 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Sept 29 Float in Festival Parade.....10:00 am
- Sun Sept 30 Presentation on parish merger at weekend masses
- St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
- St Paul Mass10:00 am
- PSR Class.....11:00 am



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE for October and November are available in bulletin rack.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR BDCCW (Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) will be sold after today's mass in the foyer.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS are reminded to pick up agenda for Joint St Francis DeSales and St Paul Parish Council meeting on Wed, Sept 26th. 6:00 pm.

Parish Council Minutes of Sept 19th meeting are available in bulletin rack.

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & ST FRANCIS DESALES HISTORY ORGANIZATIONAL MT,
Sept 23, 11am will be held in parish hall for coordinating a history book on the occasion of St Paul 125th anniversary and merging of St Francis DeSales with St Paul, along with commemorative events during 2020.

PARISH ADDRESS BOOK, EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATE All parishioners are asked to take a moment to review your listing in the Address booklet in the church entrance. Put checkmark if all is still correct, or update any incorrect information. If you're new to the parish, please add your name and information to be included.

DRAW-DOWN PARTY Food sign up list is on bulletin board. Winner of Early Bird Drawing for \$100 was Chris Beasley..

PARADE FLOAT St Paul is planning to enter a float in the Heritage Festival Parade in Vienna on Sept 29th beginning 10 am. All youth and adults welcome to participate.

LEADERS OF ROSARY BEFORE MASS St Paul is seeking people to lead the prayer of the Rosary before Sunday mass during the month of October. A schedule is on the bulletin board. Guide sheets for the rosary and mysteries are also available in the rack.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The next opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration will be Thursday, October 11th. If you can take part, please put your name on the schedule to assure that someone is present at all times of adoration.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PEGGY WIDOWSKI who completed the Foundations of Faith Community/Parish Nurse Course focusing on the promotion of health, healing and wholeness within a faith community. Watch for the bulletin board offering information and guidance related to wellness.

ASHAMED AND SILENT. Jesus takes the disciples aside for some teaching. They just don't get it – yet. He catches them arguing about who is the big shot, the best, the first in line. They grew silent, and, no doubt, ashamed. He embraces a child, as any grandparent would do, and says: receive them, be like them, be last! Be full of mercy! Saint James adds on: cultivate peace. · How can I push my ego to the back and attend to the other? · Who will I let be first, go first this week? · Since Baptism calls me to service, how will mercy fill what I do and say?

OUR PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY This ministry provides meals during time of family illness and assists with transportation to doctor appointments. Contact Frank Dueker (618-559-1405) or Pat Kalicki (618-658-1500).

Biblical Inspirations Interpreting the Bible

God inspired people to write the Bible. Proper understanding of the Scriptures requires an appreciation of the people who became God's instruments. We must study not only who wrote the various books but also when and why they were written and what the authors intended to convey. This approach to the Bible is called "contextual" -- the context of any given passage leads us to a proper understanding of its meaning.

Another common approach to Scripture study is the "fundamentalist" approach, which holds that the words of the Bible must be taken only at face value. For example, if the words say that Jonah was swallowed by a fish and lived in its belly for three days, then that is exactly what happened. The contextual approach, on the other hand, would invite us to study when, where, why, and by whom the book of Jonah was written. The contextualist would conclude that Jonah is a parable designed to teach a certain religious truth.

Some people fear that the contextual approach might lead us to treat the entire Bible as nothing more than fable. This is certainly not the case. There is real history in the Bible, but there are also parables, laws, poetry, songs, and many other forms (or genres) of writing. Each genre teaches genuine religious truth in its own uniquely powerful way.

We use the contextual approach every day. The newspaper has front page news, editorials, sports, comics, ads, and classifieds. We understand each in its own way. On the front page we read, "An armed guard gunned down a robber as he tried to steal the company payroll." On the sports page we read, "The Chicago catcher gunned down the St. Louis runner as he tried to steal second base." The same words are used, but they have very different meanings. We distinguish the two because we know the context in which each is written. The fundamentalist approach to the sports page would communicate baseball as a very violent sport indeed!

Learning to read Scripture intelligently is something like reading the newspaper. Because the Bible was written long ago, in a different culture, we must become acquainted with the context of its books. The New American Bible has introductions to each book that present the information we need and help make Bible reading easy, enjoyable, and beneficial.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

“Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us, he sets himself against our doings.” If you were to speak against unjust “doings,” might you be considered obnoxious? Does that stop you?

Ambition for power and greatness: where does it lead? What does it do to a country? To a business? To a Church? Is there a way to cultivate peace?

. Jesus tells the disciples that they should be servants of all, in order to rank first. To whom would you be a servant if you could? Anyone close to you? How do you rate your parish in taking care of people in need? Where do you rank yourself?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 19; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48