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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 Tribalism It is part of Christian doctrine that only Christians can be saved. No one comes to the Father except by Christ ([John 14:6](#)).

This is a view that can encourage tribalism. In the [Gospel](#) Reading, the apostles see someone who is not among the group of Christ's disciples but who is casting out demons in the name of Christ anyway. When the apostles see the man doing a miracle in Christ's name, they tell him to stop it. As the apostles see it, unless a person is a member of their group, their tribe, he is an outsider; and, as an outsider, he is not among the saved. In the view of the apostles, that is why there is something wrong about that outsider's using God's power to do miracles.

Even Judas was a member of the official tribe of Christ's disciples; but in the end Judas was not one of Christ's own. In response, Christ defends the outsider and rebukes the tribalism of his apostles. "Whoever is not against us is for us," Christ tells the disciples. The outsider has not joined the disciples, and he doesn't know the doctrines or customs the disciples are learning from Christ. But, in Christ's view, he is still one of Christ's own.

So it is true that no one comes to the Father except by Christ. But this requirement makes Christ the one necessary and sufficient condition for salvation. It doesn't say anything about any of the other ways by which members of a group usually identify themselves. As Christ sees that outsider, he meets the one requisite condition for salvation: he is for Christ. And so, in Christ's view, that outsider counts as one of those who come to the Father by Christ, even if he is not an official member of Christ's disciples.

But then, you might say, who *doesn't* count as one of Christ's own? Who actually is *against* Christ?

In effect, Christ answers these questions by giving an example of a group destined for perdition. It is the group of those who draw children away from the Lord or who make the vulnerable and helpless worse than they otherwise would be. Those in that group would be better off being dropped into the sea with millstones around their necks, Christ says.

So here is what we need to remember. Even Judas was a member of the official tribe of Christ's disciples; but in the end Judas was not one of Christ's own. Real membership in the group of those who are Christ's own depends on being for Christ, and for those he loves.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 38 **Twenty-sixth Sunday of Year, September 30, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Sept 30	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Connors
		10:00 am	SP	Caryn Zmuda
Tue	Oct 2	9am, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	Oct 3	6:30 pm	SP	Wendy Bowman
Fri	Oct 5	12:00 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Sat	Oct 6	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation of Sin
Sun	Oct 7	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Connors
		10:00 am	SP	Charles & Mary Querrey

Birthdays
Oct 1 Sabra Moore
Oct 7 Marietta Moore Ruth Brown

St Paul, Vienna

<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>	<p>Sun, Oct 14, 10 am Server:L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: M, L McMahan Ushers:* M McMahan, J Slife Mt Slife, A Stachowiak E. Minister P Widowski M Nelson, C Kruep Greeter G Tesina</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<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>	<p>Sun, Oct 7: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: M Cole/M Moore Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- 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
- Mon Oct 1 Next Next Step Mt with Bishop Braxton.....7:00 pm
- Tues Oct 2 Masses at Shawnee and Vienna DOC.....9am,11 am
- Wed Oct 3 CS&MA Review Board Mt..Belleville.....1:00 pm
 - Weekday Mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Fri Oct 5 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Oct 6 /First Saturday Mass & Devotion at SFD.....8:30 am
- Sun Oct 7 Rosary 20 minutes before weekend masses
 - St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
 - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word...10:00 am
 - Presentation on Faith Alive (at end of mass)
 - PSR Class.....11:00 am
 - First Sunday Social in hall at SP.....11:00 am



PASTORAL PLAN, PARISH MERGING PRESENTATION will be given at mass this weekend. A letter sharing information as follow up is available for each registered household as you leave church today.

PARISH ADDRESS BOOK, EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATE. If you're new to the parish, and have not shared contact information, call the parish office to be included. .

WORDS OF GRACE Daily scripture reflection booklets for Oct-Dec are available this weekend in the church entrance.

DRAW-DOWN PARTY Food sign up list is on bulletin board. Gift Baskets or items for them will be needed by October 16. Tickets for Draw-Down still available.

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.

OCTOBER COUNT Ushers will note and record attendance at mass during month of October for submission to diocese.

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.

WELLNESS BULLETIN BOARD Watch for information on the bulletin board in the foyer.

BDCCW ANNUAL CONFERENCE Oct 10, 8:30 am -3:30pm at Columbia IL. Registration \$20 (includes conferences and noon meal). All women of diocese invited.

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY Six weeks with Acts of the Apostles will be offered on Tuesdays, 4 pm beginning Oct 16 at St Francis DeSales. Contact Arlene Dueker (559-7803) to reserve a copy of the study book.

RESERVE THE DATE October 27, 4 pm for Joint Parish Halloween Hayride and Party hosted at St Francis Church

CD KIOS FEATURE Building Your Life on Rock: Standing Firm in the Storm - **RALPH MARTIN** -Ralph Martin, an internationally known Catholic leader and teacher, discusses the challenges and the joys of being fully faithful to all the Church proclaims as true. Ralph provides practical advice on how to build our lives on rock and equip ourselves spiritually so that we can reach out to others with true charity. He shows how our fidelity to the Word of God will give us the strength to stand victorious in the difficult age in which we live.

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).

Not against us. Really! We may be surprised at who speaks and acts in God's name. We should never be jealous of righteous acts and good words, regardless of who does them. It really makes no difference **who** does good things. It matters that good things are done. Because of God's grace and mercy, we are all in this together. Good acts bring joy to us all. · What gives joy to my heart (Psalm 19)? · What gets in my way of good behavior, of rights acts? · Who can I support, affirm, and trust?

Liturgy - Who is My God?

We all have our own image of God. For some, God is the police officer keeping a watchful eye, for others a fix-it person solving problems, or even a theater director maneuvering players on creation's world stage. There is no capturing God in human terms; and thus God's love often sounds too good to be true.

God's love is at the heart of the Good News that Jesus came to reveal. The Incarnation allows us to touch God; Jesus became one of us. He showed that a life of total giving destroys all the chains that bind us on this earth. The Resurrection is victory over fear and suffering -- even death.

As Mass begins, we make the Sign of the Cross, reminding us of Jesus' ultimate victory. We pray in the spirit of Paul, "May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14). The presider says the words, "In the name of the Father," and the people respond, "Amen." The response is an affirmation essential to the liturgy. The prayer comes alive throughout as each one responds, listens, reflects, and sings with conviction and enthusiasm.

Our cross is joined to Christ's. In this most simple gesture of beginning, we are instantly joined to the saving actions of our Lord. The burdens carried into church are still real: the restless child, the searching adolescent, the husband and wife distant from each other, the single or separated or widowed lonely, the aging weary. All of these find hope, even peace, in the Sign of the Cross.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Joshua wanted Moses to stop Eldad and Medad's prophesying because they didn't follow the rules. Can you relate to this kind of problem? Is Moses' response in this reading related to Jesus' response in the Gospel? How?

Wages withheld from the harvesters cry aloud to the Lord of hosts, James says. How does his message apply today to arguments for federal minimum wage hike or for buying Fair Trade coffee? Or beefing up laws that would end human trafficking?

What was Jesus' response to the idea that no one outside the inner circle was to minister in his name? Can anyone lay exclusive claim to the reign of God as Jesus revealed it?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16