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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

Inheriting Eternal Life In the Gospel Reading, a rich young man asks Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” In response, Jesus says to him, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor.”

Selling what you own is a pretty radical thing to do. Just think what you own: a house, a car, a bed. And that’s just the beginning, isn’t it? There’s also the computer, the cell phone, the TV—and on and on.

Whatever a person’s gifts are, they are meant to be given back in service to the Lord.

Early in Christian history, people who sold everything they owned set up religious orders, so that they could live together and share what they needed. And so Jesus’ exhortation to sell what you have and give to the poor is usually taken as a call to religious life. Understood in that way, Jesus’ advice to the rich young man is one of the counsels of perfection. It explains what you have to do to be perfect in this life.

But here’s a puzzle worth noticing. You don’t have to be perfect to go to heaven. You don’t have to be a member of a religious order to go to heaven. Going to heaven is what the rich young man was asking Jesus about: “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” And so the answer Jesus gave the rich young man should have explained to him what you have to do to get to heaven. A counsel of perfection is by its nature not an answer to the rich young man’s question.

Or put it this way. If selling all he has and giving it to the poor is what the rich young man needs to do to inherit eternal life, what about everybody else? Does everybody have to sell what he has in order to attain heaven? If you don’t sell everything you have, are you going to hell?

The solution to the puzzle is to think about the description of the man asking Jesus the question: he is the rich young man. In other words, his gifts lie in his wealth.

Now gifts are highly various. There are lots of gifts, gifts of learning, of music, of many other things. But whatever a person’s gifts are, they are meant to be given back in service to the Lord. You cannot bury your talent—your gifts—in the ground and hope to please the Lord.

So here is what you need to do to inherit eternal life: You need to follow Jesus and use your gifts to the full when you do.

Eleonore Stump

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Oct 14	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Delmar Schwartz
Tue	Oct 16	9am, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	Oct 17	6:30 pm	SP	Fr Federico Higuera
Fri	Oct 19	12:00 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Sun	Oct 21	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Peter Warner

Birthdays	
Oct 14	Jamie Starratt
Oct 16	Vickie Anderson Aiden Nelson
Oct 18	Jon Slife
Oct 20	Rick Stoerger Mady Bergmann
Oct 21	Rosemarie Zawacki

St Paul, Vienna

<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>	<p>Sun, Oct 21, 10 am Server:B Bertran,C Bergmann, Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Children Liturgy Usher:*F Dueker, P Kalicki, L Hinton, R Stoerger E. Minister D Bishop B Bishop, Md Slife Greeter Janet Hacker</p>	<p>Sun, Oct 28, 10 am Server: M Bergmann R Slife, Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: Mitch, Leslie Miller Usher:*PWidowski, J Nelson M Palmer, D Zmuda E. Minister P Kalicki L Stoerger, A Dueker Greeter Laurie Coleman</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Oct 14: 8:00 pm Server: Mary Treat Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts:R Drone, D Parks Usher Fred Deaton E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, Oct 21: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: Deaton Family Usher: Arnold Morse E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Oct 14 Rosary 20 minutes before weekend masses
 - St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
 - St Paul10:00 am
 - Presentation on Disaster Plan update (at end of mass)
 - PSR Class.....11:00 am
 - SP Liturgy Committee Mt.....11:00 am
- Tues Oct16 Masses at Shawnee and Vienna DOC.....9am,11 am
 - Adult Bible Study – Acts at SFD.....4 pm
 - Draw-Down Basket Preparation..hall.....4 pm
- Wed Oct17 Weekday Mass at SP.....6:30 pm
 - SP Parish Council Mt.....7:05 pm
- Fri Oct 19 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Oct 20 SP Draw-Down Party....meal 6 pm...Drawing.... 7 pm
- Sun Oct 21 Rosary 20 minutes before weekend masses
 - World Mission Sunday Collection
 - St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
 - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy.....10:00 am
 - Blood Pressure Checks before/after mass
 - PSR Class.....11:00 am
 - 125th Anniversary–History Archive Mt.....11:00 am



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.

DRAW-DOWN PARTY.A few hands to set up hall for draw-down after mass are needed. Gift Baskets or items for them will be needed by October 16 with helpers to assemble basket at 4 pm. Tickets for Draw-Down still available. Meal for Draw-Down on Oct 20 begins 6 pm, with Ticket drawing beginning 7 pm.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MT St Paul Liturgy Committee will meet this Sunday, 11am after mass. Meeting is open to interested parishioners.

WELLNESS BULLETIN BOARD has new information. Check it out in the church foyer at SP.

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.

SP PARISH COUNCIL will meet this Wednesday, Oct 17, 7:05 pm. Parish Council members are asked to pick up agenda at weekend mass.

INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING will be offered on Wed, Oct 17, 6-8 pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel School, 316 W Monroe, Herrin. Registration required by calling Faye Myatt, 618-942-4484 or email at fmyatt@olmcschool.net

125TH ANNIVERSARY AND ARCIVAL HISTORY COMMITTEE will meet Sun, Oct 21 at 11 am in St Paul Hall.

JOINT PARISH HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE, HOT DOG ROAST will be hosted at St Francis DeSales Church, Sat, Oct 27th beginning 4 pm. Bring chips or cookies and a lawn chair.

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).

BDCCW RAFFLE WINNER Bonita Garrett was winner of \$50 prize.

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THE REAL PROSPERITY GOSPEL. Don't we like to think that wealth solves our problems? Don't we wish, at least from time to time, to win the lottery, to have wealth, to have "more than enough"? Yet Jesus says to the man of many possessions: give it to the poor so you can thread the needle into the Kingdom of God. Whew! Not what we want to hear. Not what some of us believe. The real prosperity Gospel is having "just enough". The real prosperity Gospel is seeing that no one goes without. What mercy work will I do today? How can I care for those poorer than me? What will I share, divest, give away this week?

Liturgy "Glory to God"

Why do we sometimes have so much trouble accepting our great dignity as humans? Christ raised us up, we put ourselves down. We fail to rejoice in our personal goodness, and neither do we affirm the gifts in those around us. Praise is at a premium.

Attitude is critical. There are so many everyday sights and sounds worth praising -- the first light of day, a child's smile, a friend's trust, forgiveness exchanged. The opportunities for praise are frequent. Too many chances are lost.

In the Gloria of the Mass we sing praises for God's goodness. This one moment early in our week sets the stage for all the days to follow. If someone praises me when I'm feeling down, I can remember Sunday's "Glory to God" and accept that praise, thanking God who is the author of all my gifts. If I have the opportunity to raise up another by my praise, I can embrace that moment and let it be a continuing prayer of glory to God.

We must believe that we are worth praising! God could not have made it more clear; God's Son became one of us. Our refusal to give praise keeps us in our own small world. The Gloria takes us into a bigger world where the sound of pure praise is heard. "Glory to God in the highest We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory."

This prayer, frequently said and easily taken for granted, nudges us into the habit of saying how wonderful is our God. This doesn't add anything to God, but it does change us. Just the effort makes all the difference. Our hearts and minds are enlarged. We are taken into a greater world, a world that is full of praise.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

"Yet all good things together came to me in [Wisdom's] company, and countless riches at her hands." What are the riches that will come if we employ God's Wisdom?

This reading says that "the word of God ... is able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." How do you feel about the Word knowing you better than you know yourself? Do you trust God with such personal things? And would you like to know yourself better?

Are possessions themselves the difficulty, or is it clinging to them? Or is it the inner drive to own and accumulate that is the problem? Can the unbridled desire to possess be a stumbling block to world peace or ecological sustainability? How?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45