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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 Greatest Service**

Today's liturgy is about service. In the opening prayer we ask for "strength and joy in serving God as followers of Christ." The First Reading is from the fourth servant song of Second Isaiah: the prophet sings of one who "gives his life as an offering" (First Reading). The Gospel is about disciples who want to be important. Jesus teaches them this lesson: "whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all" (Gospel). In the prayer over the gifts, we ask for the "freedom to serve you with

Our Lord and Master calls us to be a community of service. Our strength comes from following in the footsteps of this Master, who "has not come to be served but to serve."

What is our service to the world? If all we do is affirm the world's wisdom, what kind of service is that? After all, it is the wisdom of the world that has led us into the dark alleys of hatred, alienation, and killing. "It cannot be like that with you." We must provide an alternative to the wisdom of the world: that is the greatest service we can offer.

The fundamental moral criterion for all economic decisions, policies, and institutions is this: They must be at the service of all people, especially the poor.

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986: 24

The process of development and liberation takes concrete shape in the exercise of solidarity, that is to say in the love and service of neighbor, especially of the poorest.

Pope John Paul II, Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 1987: 46

Gerald Darring

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**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Oct 21	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Peter Warner
Tue	Oct 23	9am, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	Oct 24	6:30 pm	SP	Bill Fry
Fri	Oct 26	12:00 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Sun	Oct 28	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Tim Reeder

**Birthdays**

Oct 21	Rosemarie Zawacki
Oct 22	Sandy Belske Zachary Garrett
Oct 25	Lavonne Herbert Billie Porter Kevin Retz
Oct 28	Marc Palmer

**St Paul, Vienna**

<p><b>Sun, Oct 21, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> B Bertran, C Bergmann,  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Widowski  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Liturgy  <b>Usher:</b> *F Dueker, P Kalicki,                  L Hinton, R Stoerger  <b>E. Minister</b> D Bishop                  B Bishop, Md Slife  <b>Greeter</b> Janet Hacker</p>	<p><b>Sun, Oct 28, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> M Bergmann R Slife,  <b>Lector:</b> Joan Galey  <b>Gifts:</b> Mitch, Leslie Miller  <b>Usher:</b> *PWidowski, J Nelson                  M Palmer, D Zmuda  <b>E. Minister</b> P Kalicki                  L Stoerger, A Dueker  <b>Greeter</b> Laurie Coleman</p>	<p><b>Sun, Nov 4, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> C Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Rhi Slife  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Liturgy  <b>Ushers</b>*A Stachowiak, S Pobst                  R Stoerger, L. Stoerger  <b>E. Minister</b> F Dueker                  Z Garrett, S Widowski  <b>Greeter</b> Marc &amp; Beth Palmer</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Oct 21: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Lector:</b> Mary Treat  <b>Gifts:</b> Deaton Family  <b>Usher:</b> Arnold Morse  <b>E. Min:</b> Brenda Morse</p>	<p><b>Sun, Oct 28: 8:00 pm</b>  <b>Server:</b> Brenda Morse  <b>Lector:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Gifts:</b> L Herbert, M Moore  <b>Usher</b> David Parks  <b>E. Min:</b> Mary Treat</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- 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  
 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-History Archive Mt....11:00 am
- Tues Oct23 Masses at Shawnee and Vienna DOC.9am,11 am  
 Adult Bible Study – Acts at SFD.....4 pm  
 November calendar info deadline
- Wed Oct24 Weekday Mass at SP.....6:30 pm  
 Wellness Committee Mt at Vienna Diner.6:00 pm
- Fri Oct 26 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Oct 27 Joint Parish Halloween Hayride/party at SF.4:00pm
- Sun Oct 28 Rosary 20 minutes before weekend masses  
 St Francis DeSales Mass ..... 8:00am  
 St Paul Mass .....10:00 am  
 Blessing of Bibles and sacramentals...end of mass  
 PSR Class.....11:00 am



**PROPAGATION OF FAITH** This weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor.

**CHILDREN LITURGY OF WORD** will be offered at the 10 am mass this weekend for all youth age three through 4<sup>th</sup> grade following the opening prayer of mass..

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be offered this weekend at SP before and after the 10 am mass.

**ST PAUL FINANCE REPORT** for the first quarter is in today's bulletin. If you have questions, contact Jared Bergmann, Matt Slife or Fr Tom.

**SP PARISH COUNCIL** minutes for the Oct 17 meeting are available in bulletin rack.

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

**ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY** Six weeks with Acts of the Apostles will be offered on Tuesdays, 4 pm beginning Oct 16 at St Francis DeSales.

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

**ALL SAINTS FEASTDAY IS COMING!** Blessing of Bibles and/or saint related sacramentals will be offered on Sun, Oct 28 at the closing of mass. If you would like to participate, please bring your items with you to mass. Bishop Braxton has expressed he would like to see more people bring their bible to mass and read from it during the Gospel.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** You are encouraged to remember in prayer deceased family or friends during the month of November. A book to record names of people will be available in the foyer and then brought to the altar during masses in November.

**HEAVEN'S BABIES SERVICE** The Wellness Committee is planning a service of remembrance for children lost through miscarriage on Sunday, November 11 during mass. All who have lost a child, grandchild or sibling through miscarriage are invited to participate. After Communion prayer, participants will gather in the back of church and receive a white flower. All will then process to the altar for a prayer of remembrance. Each will then place the flower in a vase at the statue of Mary. A sign-up list will be posted in the back of church for all who want to participate

**"YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE AND RETREAT..."** The Society of St. Vincent De Paul is hosting its first-ever nationwide young adult pilgrimage and retreat in St. Louis, from the evening of November 2 to the afternoon of November 4. The weekend will include: Tours Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, Reflections and talks at St. Vincent De Paul Parish on the history of the Vincentian saints and the work of the Society, Mass at the Old Cathedral, Holy hour and confessions, Socials on Friday and Saturday night. The event is open to young adults from ages 18 - 40. Except for Sunday brunch, the event is FREE to participants To find out more or receive a registration, please write Bryan Kirchoff at [bryankirchoff@att.net](mailto:bryankirchoff@att.net)."

## Liturgy "Let Us Pray ... " Power in Silence

Why do most of us find silence difficult? Silence would seem to be the easiest thing in the world, no energy is required. Yet there is a fear about the soundless void, the absence of noise or activity around us. Often, almost unthinkingly, we switch on the radio or pick up the phone rather than bear the silence.

Evidence suggests that the greatest strength is often found in silent power. Think about the rays of the sun or the pull of gravity. The closest friends can be happily silent in one another's company. Love eclipses the need for words.

After the priest says, "Let us pray," he pauses for a moment's silent prayer. Several other moments of silence are found in the liturgy. These provide the necessary space for the deeper experience of God's presence within our hearts.

Christ knew the power of silence. He often remained quiet in the face of abuse and loneliness. His silence provided a life-giving pause in his ministry of healing and preaching. The power of silence is one of God's greatest gifts, one we can use to great effect as Christians.

The opening prayer at Mass offers us a silent moment in which to recollect ourselves. We stop to make our own prayer and to become conscious of the presence of God. Only after this brief silence does the priest gather or collect our prayers and present them to God. The presider extends his hands as Christ did on the cross, a gesture embracing the needs of all the Church.

The Trinity is at the heart of this prayer that unites us with God's love and strength. The silence invites us to let go of all the distractions that preoccupied us before Mass. We gather now in a confident peacefulness with our brothers and sisters, joining our needs and prayers with theirs. We are confident of God's listening love as we say, "Let us pray."

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### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

"Do this in memory of me." Could this now common saying be also an invitation to join Jesus' suffering, and to participate in his redemption of the world? Can God use your actions or your suffering to accomplish God's work in the world today?

Christ is able to "sympathize with our weaknesses." Does he completely understand your situation no matter how dense it is? Are you able to understand other people's weaknesses? Jesus "was tested in every way." Do you ever remember this when you are being tested and in need of grace?

Jesus told the disciples that the way to rank first is by serving others. What does unselfish service look like in your parish, work, or home? Could it change the world? How?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** Thirtieth Sunday of the Year Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52