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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

What Do You Want? In the Gospel Reading, blind Bartimaeus will not stop yelling for Jesus to have pity on him, until Jesus finally calls for him.

And at this point the funny parts of the story start. Why doesn't Jesus go over to Bartimaeus? Why wait for the blind man to find his way to Jesus? And when Bartimaeus does find his way to him, Jesus asks him what seems like the dumbest question: "What do you want me to do for you?" What on earth would anybody suppose Bartimaeus wants? He's blind!

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And when Jesus heals him and Bartimaeus can see, Jesus says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. But why? What does Bartimaeus's receiving his sight have to do his being saved?

Here we need to notice what Bartimaeus actually says to Jesus in answer to Jesus' question to him. Bartimaeus does not say to Jesus, "I want my sight." He says, "I want to see." To want sight is to want a capacity which can be used for all kinds of purposes—raising sheep, making money. But to want to see is to want the connection with reality that the exercise of sight makes possible. Wanting to see is wanting to know the true nature of reality, hidden in one way from a person when he is blind.

Once we see what Bartimaeus asks for, the funny parts of the story make more sense. When Jesus calls Bartimaeus to himself, he gives Bartimaeus a small period of time to consider what he really wants, before Jesus asks him. And then the presence of the Lord and that question serve as a call to Bartimaeus to commit himself to just one heart's-desire. And Bartimaeus finds it: I want to see.

Seeing isn't limited to seeing the blue of the sky or the road to home. It is also a matter of seeing the truth about things, or even of seeing The Truth himself.

And so Jesus gives Bartimaeus all that he asks for. Bartimaeus sees not only the world around him but also his Lord. And in seeing Jesus, Bartimaeus accepts the Giver together with the gift of sight. Although Jesus gives Bartimaeus the option of going off, Bartimaeus stays by Jesus and follows him.

Bartimaeus came to Jesus and he saw the Lord, because seeing was what he really wanted. And that's why Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him.

Eleonore Stump

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Oct 28	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Tim Reeder
Tue	Oct 30	9am, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	Oct 31	7:00 pm	SFD	For the Parishioners
Thr	Nov 1	6:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Fri	Nov 2	12:00 pm	SP	Faithful Departed
Sat	Nov 3	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation for Sin
Sun	Nov 4	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Kayla Elliott

St Paul, Vienna

Birthdays

Oct 30	Brenda Morse
Nov 1	Robert Skaggs
	Beverly McCabe
Nov 3	Harry Gruszczuk
Nov 4	Janet Hacker

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

Sun, Nov 4, 10 am
Server: C Bergmann
Lector: Rhi Slife
Gifts: Children Liturgy
Ushers*A Stachowiak, S Pobst
 R Stoerger, L. Stoerger
E. Minister F Dueker
 Z Garrett, S Widowski
Greeter Marc & Beth Palmer

Sun, Nov 11, 10 am
Server:L Slife,M Bergmann,
Lector: Madonna Slife
Gifts: Joe, Marsha Nelson
Usher:*P Kalicki,Mt Slife
 J Slife, G. Tesina
E. Minister D Hopkins
 B Palmer,
Greeter S & P Widowski

St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, Oct 28: 8:00 pm
Server: Brenda Morse
Lector: Cecilia Parks
Gifts:L Herbert, M Moore
Usher David Parks
E. Min: Mary Treat

Sun, Nov 4: 8:00 am
Server: Christine Deaton
Lector: LaVonne Herbert
Gifts: R Drone, D Parks
Usher: Stan Treat
E. Min: Myron Cole

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Oct 28 Rosary 20 minutes before weekend masses
 - St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
 - St Paul Mass10:00 am
 - Blessing of Bibles and sacramentals.....end of mass
 - PSR Class.....11:00 am
- Mon Oct 29 Parish Merger Steering Committee Mt..SP...6:00 pm
- Tues Oct30 Masses at Shawnee and Vienna DOC.....9am,11 am
 - Adult Bible Study – Acts at SFD.....4 pm
- Wed Oct 31 Trunk or Treat at Vienna City Park.....6-8:00pm
 - All Saints Holyday Mass at SFD.....7:00 pm
- Thur Nov 1 All Saints Holyday Mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Fri Nov 2 All Souls Day Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Nov 3 First Saturday Mass and Devotions.....8:30 am
- Sun Nov 4 Time Falls back 1 hr
 - St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
 - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy.....10:00 am
 - Outbound Presentation at end of mass.SP
 - PSR Class.....11:00 am
 - First Sunday Social at SP.....11:00 am



BLESSING OF BIBLES AND SACRAMENTALS will be held at conclusion of Sunday mass this week.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORMS The terms of two positions on the Parish Council will be up for renewal this December. You are encouraged to submit another or your own name on the form enclosed in today's bulletin. Return to canister in church foyer.

PARISH ADDRESS DIRECTORY for each household available in church foyer.

PARISH MERGER STEERING COMMITTEE MT will be held this Monday, 6 pm at St Paul.

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

ALL SAINTS HOLYDAY mass schedule is this Wed, 7 pm at St Francis DeSales, and Thurs, 6:30 pm at St Paul

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.

DRAW-DOWN The four last ticket holders all chose to 'SPLIT' so the \$4,000 was divided among Wayne & Sherry Hogue with Tonya Rose, Jen Shelby, James Maier and Sheila Maier. Thank you to all participants, basket and prize donors, food donors, set up, workers and coordinating (Madonna Slife).

FOOD COLLECTION during the month of November will assist the local Food Pantry.

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

REAL SIGHT. Bartimaeus was blind and poor – but relentless. Even when shushed, he kept calling out to Jesus. He shed his cloak. He jumped up. He moved from blindness to sight, then, from sight to insight into Kingdom behavior. All because of Jesus' graceful mercy. When told to go on his own way, the former blind one followed Jesus the Illumined One on the way. For what do I cry out to Jesus? What will I shed, throw off in order to follow? What blinds me to walking the Christian life?

VOCATION CORNER– “There can be no promotion of vocations or Christian mission apart from constant contemplative prayer. The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God's word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged “place” for our encounter with God...Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Savior, had the courage to embrace this ideal, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God's hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, “Here I am”, to the Lord's call, and that same joy in setting out (cf. Lk 1:39), like her, to proclaim Him to the whole world.” – *Pope Francis, November 26, 2016.*

Liturgy - "Word of the Lord ... ": Timeless God of Love

Janet was found dead a few weeks ago. She had killed herself. People who knew her were amazed. She was always so capable and so sensible. What went wrong?

Various facts came to light after her death. She never got over the loss of her child several years ago; her husband's drinking problem was worse than anyone knew; far from the confidence she projected, her experience was insecurity and loneliness. Janet tried to carry alone the burden of a broken heart. She did not want to appear weak or vulnerable.

In the readings at Mass we learn of God's love, the only source of eternal strength. This everlasting love is originally revealed in God's creation and in the Hebrew Scriptures history of the Chosen People. The Hebrew Scriptures are the story of God's steadfast love in covenant with God's people. God's love calls us to be weak and vulnerable, to find our strength in the divine.

The Hebrew Scripture reading, the first reading we hear, sets the stage for the gospel passage proclaimed by the deacon or priest. Christ came to complete the law and the prophets. Our Redeemer simplified the Old Covenant law by focusing on loving and being loved as the heart of God's purpose. Actually, it's not as simple as it sounds; loving can be a painful experience. Generous Christian love means being vulnerable and open to hurt.

Christ was vulnerable in love to the point of death. Death became life in the Resurrection; the eternal triumph of love was revealed. Whatever else may die, love lives forever.

Every time we keep on loving we are bringing eternal life to ourselves and those around us. Left to ourselves we cannot love like this. Through the power of Christ's love, revealed in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist, we gain strength enough to transform crucifixion into resurrection, death into life.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Is there anyone in your life who needs the road "leveled out" just a little. Is there anyone you can ask, "What do you want me to do for you," as Jesus did in the today's Gospel? If you help, how is this good for both of you?

"He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness." How would experiencing weakness help someone in ministering to others? Do you think Jesus' human experience and suffering draws people to him?

"Master, I want to see." What is it that you want to "see" that will change your life as radically as Jesus changed that of Bartimaeus? What is the central miracle here, the blind trust or faith of Bartimaeus or the healing of physical blindness?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Thirty-first Sunday of the Year Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 18; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34