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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

Marriage In the Gospel Reading Christ has a stern thing to say about all marriage: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she remarries.

Given that stern saying, why would anyone want to marry? Why would God want anyone to marry?

The First Reading describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and that's the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her.

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But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in himself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form him.

As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone.

Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about this rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too.

And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. In the First Reading, God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a man will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the Gospel Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-Fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men.

When God made human beings embodied and gendered, he gave them the great gift, lacking for the angels, that they could be joined together for life in marriage, with children. For us, who live in the post-Fall world Adam bequeathed us, this gift comes with beset with risks for heart-breaking suffering. The challenge for us is to preserve the promise and beauty of God's gift. The perils of marriage for women—and also for men—is hedged in by Christ's stern prohibition against divorce.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 39 **Twenty-seventh Sunday of Year, October 7, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Oct 7	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Charles & Mary Querrey
Tue	Oct 9	9am, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	Oct 10	6:30 pm	SP	Shawn Bowman
Thr	Oct 11	11:30 am		Marion Penitentiary
Fri	Oct 12	12:00 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Sun	Oct 14	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Delmar Schwartz

Birthdays	
Oct 7	Marietta Moore Ruth Brown
Oct 12	Doc Maier
Oct 14	Jamie Starratt

St Paul, Vienna

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

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

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

St Francis DeSales

Sun, Oct 7: 8:00 am
Server: Christine Deaton
Lector: Cecilia Parks
Gifts: M Cole/M Moore
Usher: Stan Treat
E. Min: Brenda Morse

Sun, Oct 14: 8:00 pm
Server: Mary Treat
Lector: Christine Deaton
Gifts:R Drone, D Parks
Usher Fred Deaton
E. Min: Cecilia Parks

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- 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
- Tues Oct 9 Masses at Shawnee and Vienna DOC....9am,11 am
- Wed Oct10 BDCCW Conference...Columbia8:30am
 Weekday Mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Th-Fr 11-12 SP Volunteers at Faith Alive Store.Th-Fi 9am-3pm
 Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4pm – 7:30 pm
- Fri Oct 12 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
 Finance Council Mt.....5:30 pm
- Sat Oct 13 SP Volunteers at Faith Alive Store.....9am-12pm
- Sun Oct 7 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



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

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.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL will offered in the hall following this Sunday's mass at SP.

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

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.

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

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.

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

CATHOLIC GIFT ANNUITY A Charitable Gift Annuity is a contract in which someone makes a gift to Catholic Gift Annuity, and in return, you receive fixed payments for life. At your death, the remaining balance of the gift annuity is distributed to the Catholic organization(s) you designate. Person also receives an income tax deduction for a portion of your gift as allowable by IRS rules. See brochures on bulletin board for more info.

VOCATION CORNER – “As a young adult, I practiced mixed martial arts and worked in the film industry. I was a non-practicing Catholic, and after finding a rosary that I had carried around for a number of years, I began contemplating why I had always considered myself Catholic yet neglected my faith. When I decided, by the grace of God, to pray that rosary, I realized that my love of material comforts was rooted in y desire for the infinite and that I would never be fully satisfied without God. I began attending daily Massentered seminary..and now a happily ordained priest. To those discerning, I simply say, “Live every day as though you are being called for greatness.”” Father Christopher Floersh; *Columbia Magazine March 2018*

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

Liturgy - God for Us Who Fail

The Penitential Rite reveals a new power. Confessing our weakness enables us to rise above sin. The prayers "I confess" and "Lord, have mercy" call to mind God's strength. We discover a God for those of us who fail.

We gather for the Mass as a people in need of the Lord's mercy. There is no limit to God's merciful forgiveness. The Bible reveals encouragement for the downtrodden, comfort for the sorrowing, healing for the penitent. From the Hebrew Scriptures through the New Testament we read of countless fractures in the covenant. Each time, God forgives and renews the divine promise: "I will be your God and you shall be my people."

The Penitential Rite confronts us with the steadfast love of our Creator. Yet how easy it is to let the words slip out without actually reflecting on our weaknesses and failures. We become accustomed to falling short of the mark and we simply go through the motions of sorrow. Our fears of failing again prevent us from picking ourselves up and making the required changes in our lives.

And it stands to reason! As long as we rely on ourselves we will fail again. Our pride blocks God's forgiveness. Once again, Paul is a great witness to self-surrender in the Lord. In his Second Letter to the Corinthians, he writes: "Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Do you think the culture from which this story comes values women the same as men? Why or why not? What would you say to a person who thinks the superiority of men over women is divinely revealed in this text? What would you do if the women and men in your work place were not treated as equals?

Jesus consecrated himself to his Father and us along with him. He called us sisters and brothers. How does this create reverence toward our brothers and sisters? Do you treat the bag lady with the same respect that you treat the CEO?

All deep bonds with others have a profound effect on our lives. What kinds of things bring people together in the first place? What can you do to hold those bonds intact? Where would you rank communication as a help to hold the bonds intact?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30