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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

Honor In the Gospel Reading, Jesus puts the scribes down. He says they wear odd clothes and make long prayers in order to get noticed; and they want to be noticed because they love being honored. They also prey on widows.

Widows tend to have little money and less power. A person who preys on widows is really dishonorable. But the scribes are dishonorable even just in striving for honor, aren't they? If you saw your mother trying hard to get to be honored by others, you'd be ashamed for her, wouldn't you? There is something shameful about trying hard to get honor.

Poor as she is, she is giving from the little she has in order to help those who are needier than she is.

It follows that Christians should not care about honor. In fact, if a person who seeks honor is shameful, then it seems that a person who strives not to care about honor is honorable. And so it seems that it ought to be a point of honor with Christians that they disdain honor.

But here things can begin to slide out of control.

Suppose you seek the honor of disdaining honor. Does this seeking after honor make you like the scribes? If it is shameful to seek after honor, is it also shameful to seek after the honor of disdaining honor?

And if it is shameful to strive for honor and also shameful to strive to disdain honor, is there any road at all to honor?

It is worth noticing that in the Gospel Reading, Jesus singles out a widow for honor. Poor as she is, she is giving from the little she has in order to help those who are needier than she is. Jesus praises her and points her out as an exemplar of goodness. To be praised by Jesus is to be honored indeed!

So how did that widow get this singular honor?

The first thing to notice about her is that she wasn't striving for honor, as the scribes were. Although Jesus noticed her, she wasn't trying to get noticed.

And the second thing to notice about her is that she wasn't trying to disdain honor either. The only thing she was trying to do is to help those in need.

And so her behavior shows the solution to the puzzle about honor. The only true road to honor is to love the good and pay no attention at all to honor one way or another.

Eleonore Stump

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Nov 11	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Clyde Taylor
Tue	Nov 13	9am, 11am	DOC Mass	Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	Nov 14	11:30am, 1 pm	Marion Penitentiary	
		6:30 pm	SP	Fr Lou Koehr
Fri	Nov 16	12:00 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Sun	Nov 18	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Conners
		10:00 am	SP	Tim Reeder

Birthdays Nov 11 Jerry Cecchi Girard Cole Nov 13 Glenn Brown Nov 15 Pam Shallenberger
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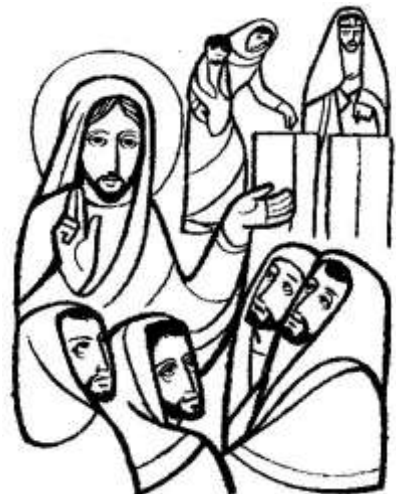
<p>Sun, Nov 11, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann, Lector: Madonna Slife Gifts: Joe, Marsha Nelson Usher: *P Kalicki, Mt Slife J Slife, G. Tesina E. Minister D Hopkins B Palmer, Greeter S & P Widowski</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 18, 10 am Server: R Slife, Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: Children Liturgy Usher: *SWidowski, D Zmuda J Bergmann, L Hinton, E. Minister M Nelson P Widowski, V Anderson Greeter Katie Pobst</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 25, 10 am Server: L Slife, C Bergmann Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: Marc, Beth Palmer Ushers: *M Palmer, R Beanland P Widowski, F Dueker E. Minister P Kalicki C Kruep, B Bishop Greeter Vickie Anderson</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Nov 4: 8:00 pm Server: Mary Treat Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: A Morse/ R Drone Usher Fred Deaton E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 11: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: Treat Family Usher: David Parks E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Nov11 St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
- St Paul Mass & Heavenly Babies10:00 am
- PSR Class.....11:00 am
- Council of Catholic Women .Col & Mt.....11:00 am
- Tues Nov13 Mass at Shawnee & Vienna..DOC.....9am, 11 am
- Adult Bible Study – Acts at SFD.....4 pm
- Wed Nov 14 USP Marion masses.....11:30pm, 1 pm
- Weekday Mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- SP Parish Council Meeting.....7:05 pm
- Fri Nov 16 Weekday Mass at SP.....12 pm
- Sun Nov18 Collection-Campaign for Human Development
- St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
- St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy.....10:00 am
- Blood Pressure Checks before and after mass
- PSR Class.....11:00 am
- Community Thanksgiving Service at 1st UMC....6pm



HEAVEN'S BABIES SERVICE The Wellness Committee is planning a service of remembrance for babies 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR Anyone interested in joining St. Paul Christmas choir gather around piano after Mass or call me at 217-714-4568. Pam Shallenberger

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 last week's bulletin. Return to canister in church foyer.

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.

FOOD COLLECTION during the month of November will assist the local Food Pantry. Container is in church foyer.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN will have meeting this Sunday, 11am following the Sunday mass. All women of the parish are encouraged to participate. An offering will be taken after mass for supporting their ministry.

OUTBOUND If you are interested in information or participating, resources are still available this weekend on the table in the foyer.

PARISH HISTORY A group of the 125th Anniversary committee is working on updating and expanding the history of the parish. Parishioners with any old photographs or accounts are asked to share them with Lonnie Hinton or the parish office. Photos will be scanned and promptly returned to owners.

CCHD Next weekend a special collection will be taken for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 3 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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).

BEWARE! Do not hanker after honors, Jesus tells us today. Do not be big shots, Jesus says. Do not devour the homes of widows, the belongings of the poor, Jesus says. Let our intentions and actions be rooted in God's own loving-kindness, God's mercy. What is showy in my life that I can tone down? What do I want that others have that I can stop wanting? How can I be generous to the poor?

Liturgy "This Is the Gospel of the Lord"

The gospel is like a rake in the grass. We're walking along, minding our own business, only to step on the hidden prongs. The handle flies up and hits us in the head, an unexpected surprise.

The gospel speaks of the trouble God went to on our behalf. Sounds like good news but surprisingly hard to believe! Are we worth such great expense? Why didn't God simply change the world by the wave of an arm or the utterance of a word?

Actually the utterance of a word tells the story. God's Word, spoken in unconditional love caused the Word to be made flesh: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (Luke 9:35).

Listening to truth can be disconcerting. The gospel tells the truth about us, a truth so remarkable that sometimes we become fearful. In spite of our struggles and sinfulness, God is in constant pursuit of our love and acceptance.

The gospel is such good news that the liturgy surrounds its proclamation with great pomp and ceremony. The priest or deacon bows in reverence before the Lectionary. The Sign of the Cross is traced over the first words of the sacred text; he signs himself on the forehead, lips, and breast. He kisses the gospel after the reading.

The kiss is our sign of trust, our symbolic surrender to the Lord's truth and life. Unlike other books, the gospel cannot be consumed or mastered; it is larger than life. At the time of Transfiguration the disciples were so overwhelmed in the dazzling presence of the transfigured Jesus that they wanted to remain forever with him on the mountaintop. The gospel invites us to be forever in the presence of the Word, surrendering to its power and celebrating its surprises and being transformed by its truth.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

The widow is asked to give away the last bits of flour reserved for her final meal. As a result, she receives a jar of flour that doesn't ever go empty. Was it a leap of faith for her? Can you relate to her situation? Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 November, 2018 - Please insert into your church bulletin. Please feel free to edit as needed.

Compare Christ's sacrifice with those of the two widows, the one in the First Reading and the other in the Gospel.

In the Gospel Jesus says about the scribes "They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers." If there is a split between what you do in your heart and what you say with your lips, is hypocrisy present?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32