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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

**Winning That was Then; This is Now** In the Gospel Reading, Christ is being held by Pilate, who has him in his power. In the next part of the story, as we know, Christ is on the cross: poor, dishonored, in pain, and dying.

Christ's willingness to accept these afflictions sets the standard for all Christians, and it turns all worldly standards upside down. What most people reject as the worst things in life turns out in Christ's crucifixion to be the prize-winning goods. On the cross Christ makes manifest that real winning is what looks to the world like losing. And vice versa too, of course. There is something small and unworthy about a life lived totally at ease.

Which of these two pictures—of Christ, of Christ's people—should set the standard for us, the goal at which we aim?

That is why Paul says that all things work together for good for those who love God—all things (Rom. 8:28). Our sins are included in that “all things,” not just our suffering. When Paul pleaded with God to take away right then a sin of Paul's that Paul was impatient with, God told him, “My grace is sufficient for you.” (2 Cor.12:9)

But now notice in the Second Reading the very different picture of Christ and of the standard of excellence for Christ's people.

The Second Reading shows us Christ not as poor, dishonored, and suffering but as the king of kings, the most powerful and honored of all rulers. And it shows us, Christ's people, in the same way: not as afflicted with Christ-like suffering, but glorious in Christ's kingdom. In that picture, all Christ's people are honored priests for God, and they are also freed from their sin— not some of their sins, but all of them.

So which of these two pictures—of Christ, of Christ's people—should set the standard for us, the goal at which we aim?

The answer, of course, is “Both of them!”

There is a time for suffering, when all worldly values and all earthly desires are turned upside down, a time when we struggle with sin and suffering. But there is also a time when things turn right-side up again and then all struggle ends.

At that time, each one of Christ's people will say of every affliction, “That was then; this is now!” Only that now, when all sin and suffering falls away, is an everlasting now. And the cross is the way to it.

Eleonore Stump

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**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Nov 25	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Wendy Bowman
Tue	Nov 27	9am, 11am	DOC Mass	Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	Nov 28	11:30am, 1 pm	Marion Penitentiary	
		6:30 pm	SP	Bill Fry
Fri	Nov 30	12:00 pm	SP	Fr Lou Koehr
Sat	Dec 1	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation for Sin
Sun	Dec 2	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Rosemarie Zawacki

**Birthdays**  
 Nov 26 Zander Garrett  
 Nov 30 Anna Haase  
 Craig Levesque

**St Paul, Vienna**

<p><b>Sun, Nov 25, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b>L Slife, C Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Arlene Dueker  <b>Gifts:</b> Marc, Beth Palmer  <b>Ushers*</b>M Palmer, R Beanland                  P Widowski, F Dueker  <b>E. Minister</b> P Kalicki                  C Kruep, B Bishop  <b>Greeter</b> Vickie Anderson</p>	<p><b>Sun, Dec 2, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> M Bergmann, L Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Pobst  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Liturgy  <b>Usher:*</b>D Zmuda,R Stoerger                  P Kalicki, D Bishop  <b>E. Minister</b> S Belske                  L Stoerger, Md Slife  <b>Greeter</b> H &amp; X Gruszczzyk</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Nov 25: 8:00 pm</b>  <b>Server:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Lector:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Gifts:</b> R Drone, D Parks  <b>Usher</b> Stan Treat  <b>E. Min:</b> Mary Treat</p>	<p><b>Sun, Dec 2: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Lector:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Gifts:</b> M Moore, L Herbert  <b>Usher:</b> David Parks  <b>E. Min:</b> Mary Treat</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Nov25 St Francis DeSales Mass ..... 8:00am
- St Paul Mass .....10:00 am
- Closing of food Collection, Beginning Angel Tree
- Tues Nov27 Mass at Shawnee & Vienna..DOC.....9am, 11 am
- Wed Nov28 Marion Penitentiary Masses.....11:30am,1 pm
- Weekday Mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Thr Nov 29 Faith Alive volunteer Appreciation at Gilead5:00 pm
- Fri Nov 30 Weekday Mass at SP.....12 pm
- Sat Dec 1 First Saturday Mass & Devotion..SFD.....8:30 am
- Faith Alive Bd Mt.....10:00 am
- Sun Dec 2 First Sunday of Advent
- St Francis DeSales Mass ..... 8:00am
- St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.....10:00 am
- First Sunday Social..SP.....11:00 am
- PSR Class.....11:00 am
- Parish Reconciliation Service at SP.....6:00 pm



**ANGEL TREE GIFT ORNAMENTS** will be available for parishioners this Sunday on the tree in the foyer. Help provide Christmas gifts for children who won't otherwise receive gifts. Gifts wrapped with ornament attached need to be returned by December 9.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR** will practice following Sunday masses. Questions, contact Pam Shallenberger at 217-714-4568.

**FOOD COLLECTION** from the month of November will be delivered to the local Food Pantry following Sunday mass. Container is in church foyer.

**PARISH HISTORY** A survey of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee is included in today's bulletin. Consider helping with an updating and expanding the history of the parish. and other preparations for the anniversary. 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.

**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.

**FAITH ALIVE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER** will be held at Gilead Cumberland Church Thursday, Nov 29, beginning 5 pm. It is located on Gilead Church Rd, about a mile north from turnoff on Rte 147. Reservations not necessary.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** Next weekend, candidates for Confirmation in April will express their commitment to preparation and seek the support of the faith community.

**PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE** is being planned by the Liturgy Committee for Sunday, December 2, 6 pm at St Paul. Begin Advent with awareness of Jesus presence.

**FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS** St Paul Church is scheduled to operate the Thrift Store Thursday-Saturday, Dec 6-8<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board inviting your participation.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLYDAY** will be celebrated December 8. It is always a holyday of obligation. Mass at St Paul will be 6:30 pm Saturday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** for prayer, food and ministries to all who assisted with Rosemarie Zawacki Memorial Mass and lunch.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER**- Solidarity – Because We Are Yours “Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.” St. John Paul II Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: How does this challenge you? How can you join with others to take concrete steps-big or small-to help build a society of solidarity? Visit Catholic Relief Services (CRS) [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to learn how college students are living out the call to solidarity. Loving God, Father of all people, help sensitize us to the suffering of others so that we can overcome indifference and build up a civilization of love and solidarity.

## Liturgy - "We Believe" ... God's Promises Kept

The storm began after Beth had gone to bed. Awakened by a clap of thunder, the frightened child called for her mother. Mom advised that everything would be fine, God was in the room watching over her. Beth replied, "I know, but I want someone with skin on!"

God does watch over us. Because God doesn't exactly "have skin on," we don't always recognize the divine presence. In spite of all God's promises both made and kept, we still do not always believe. Maybe it's too good to be true. Rather than take God's word for it, we dare to wonder if there's a catch.

Every week at Mass we say the Creed. This prayer focuses our attention on the loving Creator, the redeeming Son, the energizing Spirit, and God's embracing family -- the Church. Every word and every sentence is both reminder and proof that our God in heaven is the faithful Author of all life and love.

On Easter, the paschal candle is one of the predominant symbols on that greatest of all feasts. This new fire recalls the day of our baptism, the day on which we received a personal candle as a keepsake and reminder that now Christ's light illumines our minds and hearts. Each of us shares the light of Christ and must carry that light into our world.

The Creed is an ancient prayer of the Church, dating to the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325 and completed at the Council of Constantinople in 381. This prayer speaks only of God and not at all of ourselves. Thus we are drawn out of ourselves, impelled to give thanks and praise. Eucharist means "to give thanks."

Mass ends and we return to daily living, still the people "with skin on." Yet our life in faith, spoken in the Creed, has divine promise because "we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

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### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Compare and contrast Jesus' kingdom with countries that have powerful political organizations. List objectives of each. How would each define "service," "ransom," and "bloodshed"?

Does the universe that Christ consecrates to God include areas of your life or world that previously you might have considered outside the realm of "holy"? Discuss.

Can we understand truth differently at different times? Was there a time when we accepted slavery, and do we now question the death penalty? Should the Church mature in judgment as we grow in understanding the truth?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: First Sunday of Advent** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25;  
1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36