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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

Tempted but without Sin In the Gospel Reading, when Mary finally finds her almost-adolescent son, she says to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” It is not hard to recognize her lines to him as a rebuke. She has been looking for him for three days!

The Scriptural line says that Jesus is like us in every respect except sin, and to err is human.

But here the story has to bump up against doctrine. Scripture tells us that Jesus was like us in every way, except that he had no sin (Heb. 4:15). Anyone in doubt about the moral seriousness with which Scripture takes honoring one’s parents should look again at the First Reading. How is the doctrine that Jesus is without sin compatible with this story in the Gospel about his mother’s having to search for him for three days?

The answer lies in the explanation Jesus gives his mother. He says to her, “Why were you looking for me? Didn’t you know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

So, Jesus thought that his mother understood his relation to God and his need to be in God’s temple learning at this time. He was wrong, on this score, of course. But it’s a kind of wrongness that shows something sweet in him, isn’t it? He is attributing to his mother more knowledge, more understanding, than she has.

Therefore he is not dishonoring her when he takes off for three days without a word to her. On the contrary, he is in fact honoring her by thinking of her as if she had Christ’s own knowledge of his relation to his father.

It is true that I am showing a way in which Jesus in this story is guilty of no sin—but only by virtue of pointing out that he is guilty of a mistake. But the Scriptural line says that Jesus is like us in every respect except sin, and to err is human. Thinking more highly of your mother than is warranted is a sinless mistake if anything is.

Jesus is human enough to learn from his mistake, though. The story goes on to say that Jesus went home with his parents and was obedient to them. And so, the story finishes, Jesus advanced in wisdom as well as age.

And that is a good way to age, isn’t it?

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 50 Holy Family Sunday, December 30, 2018

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Dec 30	8:00 am	SFD	Daniel Drone
		10:00 am	SP	Wendy Bowman
Mon	Dec 31	7:00 pm	SFD	For the parishioners
Tue	Jan 1	9:00 am	Shawnee	DOC
		6:30 pm	SP	For the parishioners
Wed	Jan 2	6:30 pm	SP	Deacon Rich Bagby
Fri	Jan 4	12:00 pm	SP	Bill Fry
Sat	Jan 5	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation for Sin
Sun	Jan 6	8:00 am	SFD	Daniel Drone
		10:00 am	SP	Rosemarie Zawacki

Birthdays
Dec 31 Carter Bergmann Lori Lance
Jan 1 Verna Green
Jan 5 Morgan Bishop
Jan 6 Ruby Widowski

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Dec 30, 10 am Server: Mady, Curtner Bergmann Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Chuck, Monica Querrey Ushers: *M McMahan, D Zmuda R Stoerger, R Beanland E. Minister B Bishop S Belske, L Stoerger Greeter Joan Galey</p>	<p>Sun, Jan 6, 10 am Server: R Slife, L Slife Lector: Zach Garrett Gifts: Children Liturgy Usher: *J Bergmann, D Bishop J. Slife, Mt Slife E. Minister A Dueker F Dueker, B Palmer Greeter Janet Hacker</p>	<p>Sun, Jan 13, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: Christine, Gabe Ross Usher: *P Widowski, G Tesina R. Stoerger, L Stoerger E. Minister S Widowski P Widowski, Md Slife Greeter Katie Pobst</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Dec 30: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: M Moore/L Herbert Usher: David Parks E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, Dec 23: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: D Parks, M Hustedde Usher Fred Deaton E. Min: Myron Cole</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Dec 30 Holy Family Sunday
 - St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass10:00 am
- Mon Dec 31 Mary Mother of God Holyday mass at SFD .7:00 pm
- Tues Jan 1 Shawnee DOC mass.....9:00 am
 - Mary Mother of God Holyday mass at SP6:30 pm
- Wed Jan 2 USP Marion masses.....11:30am, 1 pm
 - Weekday Mass at SP.....6:30 pm
- Fri Jan 4 Weekday mass at SP.....12:00 pm
- Sat Jan 5 First Saturday mass and devotions at SFD.....8:30 am
- Sun Jan 6 Epiphany – home blessing kit
 - St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.....10:00 am
 - SP First Sunday Social11:00am
 - PSR Classes.....11:00 am



HOLY FAMILY PRAYER CARD Sunday within octave of Christmas is commemorated as Holy Family Sunday. Family is recognized as domestic church in our Catholic tradition. To encourage your fidelity to making Jesus visible in family relations, a prayer card is presented to all at this weekend mass..

CHRISTMAS GIFT BOOK If you were out of town for Christmas, you're encourage to pick up your copy of SIGNS OF LIFE: 20 Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots, a parish Christmas gift to each family available in the foyer. For those who have received a copy, please initiate it by reading the first chapter.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLYDAY masses are scheduled Mon, Dec 31, 7 pm at St Francis DeSales, and Tuesday, Jan 1, 6:30 pm at St Paul. Liturgical ministries will be by voluntary fill in.

LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER IN ABSENCE OF PRIEST Bishop Braxton has requested that at least three Lay Leaders of Prayer be prepared to provide Sunday services in anticipation of priest shortage. Only one person is currently trained for this role. The diocese will offer a training program Feb 1 & 2, 2019 in Herrin. Potential people are encouraged to register by Jan 18th. See Fr Tom for form.

THANK YOU.... To Christmas choir and musicians.

....for parish and personal support and gifts during this Christmas season.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be distributed January 20th. Any missed contributions for 2018 must be in by January 13th.

PARISH HISTORY. 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.

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).

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH –Holy persons, holy family. It is, perhaps, easy to see the holiness in the Holy Family and not in our own. But holy we are, too. We are holy because of God's loving-kindness and God living among us. Pope Francis says this clearly in Gaudete et Exsultate on the call to holiness in today's world. Let us look to the saint next door. Let us also be the saint next door. God, in creation, makes us holy. We are called to remain in holiness. Though we need help from God and from others, it is possible for each one of us. Who can I name as a saint next door? What do they do and say, not do and say, to make this so? What one holy and mercy work will I do in this Christmas season? What will I do and say to bring holiness to this sometimes-messy world?

VOCATION CORNER Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Each of them was called to in a unique way to love and serve their family, but the power of their love within also *went out* to the world. The Gospel story tells of Jesus remaining behind in Jerusalem. He needed to "be in my Father's house". Can we, as family, support one of our family who might be discerning a call to the religious life? Joseph and Mary made that ultimate sacrifice.

Liturgy "Peace Be With You"

"Please don't squeeze me until I'm yours" reads the handwritten sign on the produce. Too many squeezing fingers could crush the product.

Humans have the same experience. A hug or a kiss too early in a relationship is perceived as pressure, forcing more closeness than we desire at the moment. This very human need to safeguard personal boundaries may explain our occasional resistance to the sign of peace in the Mass.

The Second Vatican Council's reform of the liturgy in the mid-sixties restored the ancient practice of the sign of peace. This was done because our faith must challenge boundaries if we are to achieve unity with God. As far back as A.D. 150, Saint Justin wrote, "After finishing the prayers of the faithful, we greet each other with a holy kiss." Two hundred years later, Saint Augustine explained that "after the Our Father the Christians say 'peace be with you' and kiss one another with a holy kiss."

Reaching out to one another is not easy. We are forced to admit our interdependence. A good example is loneliness, an inevitable human pain that can strike even if we're surrounded by family and friends. When this pain is shared, however, we are able to deepen our understanding and make our hearts warmer and softer. Sharing gives us human support and allows God to dwell in that emptiness that only God can fill.

Imagine Jesus! Rejected by those he came to save, he found solace in the love of chosen friends. When that love was insufficient, Jesus would climb the mountain and spend the night in communion with God. This refreshment brought strength for another dawn. Loneliness is written into our bodies and hearts as God's invitation to the adventure of loving. The adventure is symbolized and realized at Mass -- horizontally in our embrace of peace and vertically in our Eucharistic communion with the Lord.

Jesus' first words after the Resurrection were "Peace be with you." We exchange the same words at the sign of peace as our final preparation for Communion. This prayerful gesture allows us to put aside artificial boundaries and paralyzing fears so we can share unity with one another and with God. Copyright 1997, Liguori Publications / Liguori, MO 63057-9999

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Sunday's feast celebrates not only the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph—but also the Christmas family of God that we all become. Explain.

What does the term "children of God" imply about God? St. John says we can have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask. What kinds of things do you ask for?

As Christians, you too are called, like Joseph, to make a home for Jesus. You make a home for him in your hearts, your families, your parishes and your communities. If we do not pray, we will not know the most important thing of all: God's will for us. And for all our activity, our busy-ness, without prayer we will accomplish very little.

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Epiphany Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12