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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

Trustees: Myron Cole, Stan Treat

A Right To Justice Jesus stood up in his home town and announced his program: to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners. It may not sound particularly religious to some, but it was a program established by one who had returned to Galilee "in the power of the Spirit."

Sunday's liturgy juxtaposes the story of Jesus reading in the synagogue with the story of Ezra reading the law to people upon their return from exile. The suggestion is that Jesus' program is a kind of law, a rule that should govern our lives. Bringing good news to the poor, liberating people from all their oppressions, this is not some optional activity that one can engage in only if one is inclined. It is "the law of the Lord," it is the program for which we have all been anointed.

The unity and peace we pray for at the beginning of Mass will only come if Jesus' followers accept his program as their own.

In his plan of salvation. God gave Israel its law. ... Of this collection of laws, love of God above all things and of neighbor as oneself already constitute the center. But the justice which must govern relations between people, and the law which is its juridical expression, also belong to the sum and substance of the biblical law. ... It is in this context that one should appreciate the biblical law's care for the poor, the needy, the widow and the orphan: They have a right to justice according to the juridical ordinances of the people of God.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction on Christian Freedom and Liberation, 1986: 45

Gerald Darring

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Jan 27	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett
Tue	Jan 29	9:00, 11:00 am	Shawnee	-Vienna DOC
Wed	Jan 30	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Feb 1	12:00 pm	SP	Bill Fry
Sat	Feb 2	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation of Sin
Sun	Feb 3	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP F	Rosemarie Zawacki

Birthdays

Jan 29 Anthony Kolb Arnold Morse Feb 2 Susan Ward Cathy Hinton Feb 3 Paul Widowski

Deborah Retz

St Paul, Vienna

Sun, Jan 27, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Arlene Dueker

Gifts: Michael Schaefer Fam **Usher:***S Widowski, J Nelson P Widowski, F Dueker

E. Minister P Kalicki

V Anderson, D Hopkins **Greeter** A & P Widowski Sun, Feb 3, 10 am

Server: Riley Slife Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: Children Lit of Word Ushers*J Nelson, Lee Givens

P Kalicki, D Bishop **E. Minister** S Belske

L Stoerger, Z. Garrett **Greeter** Laurie Coleman Sun, Feb

Server: M Bergmann Lector St. Widowski Gifts Shalk berg E Speletich

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Minister A Ducker B Parmer P Widowski

Greeter Geri Tesina

St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, Jan 27: 8:00 am
Server: Christine Deaton
Lector: LaVonne Herbert
Gifts: F Deaton, M Cole
Usher: Stan Treat
Lector: Christine Deaton
Gifts: M Moore/L Herbert
Usher D Parks
Lector: Christine Deaton
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

St Paul Mass & Blessing-Expectant Parents.10:00 am				
PSR Classes11:00 am				
Tues Jan 29 Shawnee & Vienna DOC Masses9am, 11:00 am				
Wed Jan 30 Weekday mass6:30 pi				
Fri Feb 1 Weekday mass12:00 pm				
Sat Feb 2 First Saturday Mass and Devotions8:30 am				
Sun Feb 3 Messenger Subscription Renewal				
Blessing of throats through intercession-St Blaise				
St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am				
St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word10:00 am				
PSR Classes11:00 am				
First Sunday Social11:00 am				

Sun Jan 27 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am

<u>ROSE OF LIFE – BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS</u> will be celebrated with Jared and Jenny Bergmann at the closing of this Sunday's liturgy. The rose will remain in the vase at the Blessed Virgin statue until the baptism of the child to remind us to join our prayer for healthy pregnancy and safe delivery.

<u>LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES</u> for February and March are available in the bulletin rack. Please take copy and find sub if you are unable to attend your scheduled time.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available in foyer. Please pick up envelope with your name on it.

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<u>BLESSING OF THROATS</u> through the intercession of St Blaise will be offered following mass next Sunday, February 3.

<u>FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEER</u> sign up list for February 7-9th is posted on the bulletin board. If you can offer a morning or afternoon, it would be greatly appreciated.

<u>CHILI & DESSERT COOK-OFF</u> will be hosted at St Paul Parish, Sunday, Feb 10 following the 10 am mass. Enter your favorite recipe of Chili or Dessert. Contest will be judged by those who partake of the meal. Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be offered. Plan to take part and support the building of community in our parishes.

THE JOINED ST FRANCIS DESALES AND ST PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES of Jan 16 meeting are available in the bulletin rack.

125TH **ANNIVERSARY/HISTORY MEETING** The meeting of the 125th Anniversary Committee has been rescheduled to Feb 24, 11am following the Sunday mass.

<u>PARISH HISTORY</u>. 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.

THANK YOU.... To Arlene Dueker, Cathy Kruep and Madonna Slife for installing ribbons in the Mass worship books

<u>FIRST WORDS</u>. Jesus begins his ministry, according to Saint Luke, by reading aloud in the assembly from the Prophet Isaiah about the privileged poor, the blind, and the oppressed. He concludes by declaring: This is fulfilled in your hearing. Words do matter. Good words lead to good works. What words can I speak today to someone who needs Good News? How can my voicing love to the poor spill into action this week? How can I promote the freeing of captives and aliens?

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTION will be offered next Saturday, 830 am at St Francis DeSales.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION to assist people who depend on Stonefort Food Pantry is provided in the entrance of St Francis Church.

Liturgy Let Us Pray

The disciples at the first Pentecost looked for a sign. The Spirit became that sign in the form of driving wind and tongues of fire. The door to the disciples' future was opened as the Church was born. We all look for signs; we all want to know the future.

Our confidence would be unbounded if the future were known to us, presuming our ability to deal effectively with everything we saw coming. We would have no need to practice trust in God, we would never learn to walk by faith.

In silence following Communion, strengthened by the sacrament and our unity with one another, we pause for a moment of reflection. This moment is sealed by the prayer after Communion, which is our assurance that God will be with us in every situation we face -- regardless of our zodiac sign! We thank God that we do not have to know the future. We walk with trust because Christ lights our way.

Our future is shrouded in mystery, a fact that actually opens us to life's most valuable lessons. Recall how we learned from great efforts that ended in failure, efforts that never would have been made had we known the outcome. From these difficult experiences we added gifts such as patience, courage, and hope to our treasury of personal wealth. Our work may have failed but we succeeded in terms of character, understanding, and strength.

Relationships provide another example. If we'd known the other would let us down, we would have avoided that person. We may have been hurt, but we learned more clearly the vulnerability of trust and we understood more keenly Christ's experience of betrayal. The loss of a loved one makes us wonder at times if we should have loved so totally, but in that love is the greatest fulfillment of our existence.

At Mass we come to worship and thank God for divine love and care. We also renew our faith and increase our strength for all we must face in the future. We have no need to worry for we have experienced Jesus' presence within us -- physically and spiritually in our celebration of the Eucharist.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Each of the readings today is similar in that someone is proclaiming God's word to an asssembly (Paul was writing to the Corinthians who were fighting over rank and status). Do you think everything we would ever know was stated during Jesus' time or does the Holy Spirit give us new insights as we need them?

Some people's gift is to defuse tension in a meeting. Is this kind of gift more or less important than administering the parish community or diocese? What is your gift to the community? Jesus went to Nazareth, his hometown. People there thought of him as Mary and Joseph's son. Suddenly he claims to be the Messiah. What would your reaction have been to such a declaration?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Fourth Sunday of Year Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19; Psalm 71; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

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