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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

**The End of the Story** In the Second Reading, Paul says that if Christ is not raised, your faith is in vain. This is a hard saying. Faith is meant to make a person fruitful, like a tree planted by running water, as the Psalm says. Why would a person not be fruitful if he thought there was no resurrection?

Well, the fruits of a life are the fruits of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Here are the first four: love, joy, peace, and patience. If God is indwelling within you, then he is present in love to you; and love, joy, and peace come from the presence of your Lord. It is easier to wait in patience through the afflictions of this life if God is with you, too.

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The First Reading says that you will be like a dried up plant if you put your trust in the things of this world. You can lose your job or your health or your spouse, for example. And then if you trusted in the things of this world, you would become bitter because your career or your life or your relationships would have failed to be what you trusted they would be. You wouldn't be fruitful in love, joy, and peace in that condition.

But you can go wrong another way too. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that those who are hungry and weeping and hated are blessed. If you think there is no resurrection, you will think that being in so miserable a condition is the best you will ever have. And then you will certainly lack love, joy, peace, and patience. Then you will be both bitter and self-congratulatory in the mistaken view that you are spiritually advanced because you take denying yourself as a good in itself.

So for your faith to be fruitful, you do need to believe that there is a life after this one where there is no more hunger, weeping, or hatred. If you grasp that after the crucifixion of this life, there is the life of the resurrection when God himself will wipe all tears away, then and only then will you be fruitful in love, joy, peace, and patience.

Eleonore Stump

**Vol 20 # 7 Sixth Sunday of Year, February 17, 2019**

**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Feb 17	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Rosemarie Zawacki
Tue	Feb 19	9:00, 11 am		Shawnee DOC
Wed	Feb 20	5:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Feb 22	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Feb 24	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett

<p><b>Birthdays</b>                  Feb 18 Jared Bergmann                  Lynne Stoerger</p>
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**St Paul, Vienna**

<p><b>Sun, Feb 17, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Riley Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Rhi Slife  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Liturgy  <b>Usher:</b>*D Zmuda Sr, G Tesina                  P Widowski, J Bergmann  <b>E. Minister</b> M Nelson                  B Bishop, C Kruep  <b>Greeter</b> H &amp; X Gruszczzyk</p>	<p><b>Sun, Feb 24, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> M &amp; C Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Zach Garrett  <b>Gifts:</b> Jon, Madonna Slife  <b>Ushers</b>*Mt Slife, R Beanland                  S Widowski, M Palmer  <b>E. Minister</b> P Kalicki                  V Anderson, F Dueker  <b>Greeter</b> Chuck, Monica Querrey</p>	<p><b>Sun, Mar 3, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Riley Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Joe Nelson  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Lit of Word  <b>Usher:</b>*M McMahan, L Givens                  L Hinton, P Kalicki  <b>E. Minister</b> D Bishop                  S Widowski, D Hopkins  <b>Greeter</b> Bill &amp; Billie Porter</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Feb 17: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Lector:</b> Mary Treat  <b>Gifts:</b> M Hustedde, D Parks  <b>Usher</b> Stan Treat  <b>E. Min:</b> Myron Cole</p>	<p><b>Sun, Feb 24: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Lector:</b> Marietta Moore  <b>Gifts:</b> L Herbert/ M Cole  <b>Usher:</b> David Parks  <b>E. Min:</b> Christine Deaon</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Feb 17 St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
- St Paul Mass & Children Lit urgy of Word.10:00 am
- PSR Classes.....11:00 am
- Liturgy Committee Mt.....11:00 am.
- Tues Feb19 Shawnee DOC Mass.....9:00 am
- March Calendar info deadline
- Wed Feb20 Ministerial Alliance Mt.....12:00 pm
- Weekday mass.....5:30 pm
- Joined SFD & SP Parish Council Mt.....6:00 pm
- Fri Feb 22 Weekday mass .....12:00 pm
- Sun Feb 23 St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
- St Paul Mass.....10:00 am
- PSR Classes.....11:00 am
- 125<sup>th</sup>/History Committee Mt.....11:00 am.



**FUNERAL DINNER LIST** An updated list of those willing to assist with food or serving for parish funeral lunches is being undertaken. If you are willing to help, please put your name on the list on the bulletin board.

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** ask ladies of the parish to turn in ministry kind and time sheets. They can be deposited in an envelope posted on the bulletin board.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the hall following mass this weekend.

**JOINED PARISH COUNCIL MT** will be held at St Paul hall on Wednesday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm. Council members are asked to pick up agenda at mass this weekend.

**CHILI & DESSERT COOK-OFF** Thank you to coordinators Arlene Dueker, Cathy Kruep and Madonna Slife, all who submitted recipes and all who participated. Cash prizes for Chili went 1<sup>st</sup> to Cathy Kruep, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Jared & Carter Bergmann, and tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> to Steve Pobst and Steve Widowski. For Dessert, 1<sup>st</sup> to Katie Pobst, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Madaline Bergmann, and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Curtner Bergmann.

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**REGIONAL YOUTH DAY OF REFLECTION, COMMUNITY, FUN** will be hosted for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth on Feb 23, 9:30 am – 5 pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Herrin. Reservations needed by Feb 18. Contact Marsha Nelson or Fr Tom.

**HEADS UP** Begin to gather up your palm from last year and return to church. A container is provided to deposit them for burning before Ash Wednesday (March 6<sup>th</sup>)

**LADIES RETREAT** It is time register for the Ladies retreat at King's House in Belleville..the same beautiful place that Fr Barrett goes each year. The program this year is Christ Be Our Light (Out of darkness into God's Marvelous Light). This is truly a wonderful experience. Participants leave Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, and return on Sunday, March 31. Any questions, please call Vickie Anderson 658-1576. (Don't let the cost hold you back. If you are unable to pay the full requested amount, you can just give what you can afford.)

**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).

**NEWMAN AUXILIARY QUILT & CASH BINGO** will be Feb 24, 1 pm at St John the Baptist Parish, Red Bud. Lunch begins 11 am. Win quilts, cash, gift baskets, and door prizes. All proceeds support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale.

**CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMING** is available on 88.1 FM (Harrisburg) and transmits programs offered by Eternal Word Television Network.

## **Sixth Sunday of Year**

Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6:17,20-26

Today's readings teach us the real heart of true religion: God is our sole refuge. The prophet Jeremiah says that the just person is like a green tree because strength is found in the Lord.

The passage from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians states very clearly that if Christ is not risen from the dead then the apostolic preaching is meaningless and the Christian faith is fruitless. The Resurrection is the culmination of all salvation history and the ultimate victory over sin and death. The faithful will rise on the last day, joining in the eternal life that has been won by Christ.

Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount (which he calls the Sermon on the Plain) has many similarities to Matthew's version (Matthew 5-7), but also many differences. Matthew has nine beatitudes and no woes, Luke has four of each. Luke compares the blessedness of the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the persecuted to the sadness of the popular, the smug, the full, and the rich. "Woe" is Luke's way of describing what befalls those who fail to recognize God as sole source of true meaning and lasting joy.

Our growth in faith, from the moment of baptism to the moment of dying, is a discovery of the Lord at the center of all genuine meaning. How centered are we in the Lord?

John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

Compare and contrast the tree planted beside the water with a barren bush. Do you identify completely with the tree or do you have some of the barren bush in you? Where does choice come into this picture?

Do you think every truth was present at the foundation of the Church or do you think some truths evolve with time and circumstances? How does the idea of resurrection impact your life now? What would your life be like now if you had no hope of resurrection?

Although it is inevitable that disciples suffer, such directives don't require you to be constantly poor or hungry. Simply realize your need for God, whatever your situation. These demand a choice. Is it a choice you can make once or do you have to make it repeatedly?

### **NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:**

**Seventh Sunday of Year** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38