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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

REVOLUTIONARY LOVE As hard as it was for the people of Jesus' native place to accept, the fact is that he was a prophet, no less a prophet than Jeremiah.

Just as Jeremiah had been warned that “they will fight against you, but not prevail over you, so the people rose up and expelled Jesus from the town. But he went straight through their midst and walked away.”

The message of Jesus and the prophets before him was to love all men as God loves them. The reason why they ran into problems is that so many people do not want to hear about “love for one another even as God has loved us.”

The love that Jesus preached “is not snobbish,” so it includes the filthy poor and the stinking homeless.

It “does not brood over injuries,” so it asks not how we can get even with this criminal but how we can help restore this human being.

It “does not rejoice in what is wrong,” so it causes us to react strongly against all forms of injustice and oppression.

This is revolutionary love.

“Prophecies will cease.” One day the talk about love will end, and the kingdom of love will become a reality. Of that there is no doubt.

The only question, in the meantime, is about who will “be filled with indignation” at the prophet of love, and who will be walking with the prophet through the midst of the crowd.

The missionary is a person of charity. In order to proclaim to all his brothers and sisters that they are loved by God and are capable of loving, he must show love toward all, giving his life for his neighbor. The missionary is the ‘universal brother,’ bearing in himself the Church's spirit, her openness to and interest in all peoples and individuals, especially the least and poorest of his brethren. As such, he overcomes barriers and divisions of race, cast or ideology. He is a sign of God's love in the world—a love without exclusion or partiality. Pope John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio*, 1990:89.

Gerald Darring

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Feb 3	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Rosemarie Zawacki
Tue	Feb 5	9:00, 11:00 am	Shawnee-Vienna DOC	
Wed	Feb 6	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Feb 8	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Feb 10	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett

Birthdays	
Feb 3	Paul Widowski Deborah Retz
Feb 5	Ron Beanland
Feb 7	Ken Retz
Feb 9	Madonna Slife

St Paul, Vienna

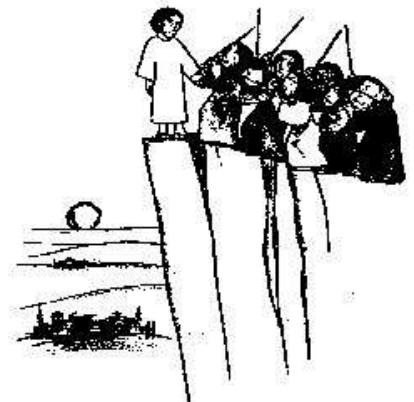
<p>Sun, Feb 3, 10 am Server: Riley Slife Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: Children Lit of Word Ushers*J Nelson, Lee Givens P Kalicki, D Bishop E. Minister S Belske L Stoerger, Z. Garrett Greeter Laurie Coleman</p>	<p>Sun, Feb 10, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Steve Widowski GiftsP Shallenberg,E Speletich Usher:*L Hinton, S Pobst J Slife, M McMahan E. Minister A Dueker B Palmer, P Widowski Greeter Geri Tesina</p>	<p>Sun, Feb 17, 10 am Server: Riley Slife Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Children Liturgy Usher:*D Zmuda Sr, G Tesina P Widowski, J Bergmann E. Minister M Nelson B Bishop, C Kruep Greeter H & X Gruszczuk</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Feb 3: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: M Moore/L Herbert Usher D Parks E. Min: Mary Treat</p>	<p>Sun, Feb 10: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: D Parks, S Treat Usher: Fred Deaton E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- 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 Word..10:00 am
 PSR Classes.....11:00 am
 First Sunday Social.....11:00 am
- Tues Feb 5 Shawnee & Vienna DOC Masses...9am, 11:00 am
- Wed Feb 6 Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr-Sat Feb 7-9 SP Faith Alive volunteers.Th-Fr 9-3,Sat-9-12
- Fri Feb 8 Weekday mass12:00 pm
- Sun Feb 10 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass10:00 am
 PSR Classes.....11:00 am
 Chili & Dessert Cook-off.....11:00 am.



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BLESSING OF THROATS through the intercession of St Blaise will be offered following mass this Sunday, February 3.

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL All are encouraged to share some time strengthening our community by joining the after mass social in the hall with light refreshments.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEER 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.

CHILI & DESSERT COOK-OFF 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be offered Feb 14, 4-7:30 pm. The sign-up sheet for periods of prayer is posted on the bulletin board.

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 29th, 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.)

Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love - DR. EDWARD SRI Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 "keys" to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the "dictatorship of relativism." He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments (Available in Kios in foyer)

Thrown under the bus. All he said was, God is for everybody, even the ones who you do not expect! The home town folks get so mad at Jesus, they want to throw him off the hill into the ravine. People get "thrown under the bus" all the time, it seems. People at whom we get mad. People with whom we do not agree. Saint Paul takes a different tack. Love, love, love, he says. Faith and hope are good. But love is the greatest. The list of how we can love is long [1 Corinthians 2:31—13:13]. Let us focus on three this week. Who needs me to be patient and kind? What will I do or not do? What truth will I seek and rejoice over? How can I love the interest of another over my own?

Liturgy "Go In Peace"

We leave church after Mass with this mandate: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." The dismissal reminds us that the only way to serve the Lord is in peace and love. The "Amen" is our commitment to that kind of discipleship.

Christianity is loving service to the will of God. How do we know this divine will? We often stand ready and waiting, like the disciples on Pentecost. More than likely we will not experience the roaring of winds. Jesus will not personally appear and speak the mandate, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Actually, we are already commissioned by our baptism.

The role we imagine may not be what God intends. Naturally we would like to be a modern Peter, speaking in foreign tongues and winning huge numbers of converts. God may use us in such grandiose ways, but he may also ask the even more difficult vocation of commitment without recognition. Life very often comes to us in bits and pieces, challenging us to transform the seemingly insignificant moment into an expression of love.

Each individual, world famous or hardly known, plays a critical role. When the Church fails to love, it is because one of us fails to love. William Thackeray, a nineteenth-century Victorian novelist, wrote of a man who kept a pocketful of acorns. Whenever he saw a vacant space on his estate he took one out and planted it. "An acorn costs nothing but it may sprout into a useful, valuable piece of timber." None of us should ever miss the chance to fill in the empty places with our love. We go out into our world, sent by the mandate to love and serve but also strengthened by the blessing.

The presider calls upon the Trinity as he makes the sign of the cross. Just as the Trinity was formally invoked during the Introductory Rites, so all are now blessed in the name of the same divine Persons. We are empowered to leave Mass making our life a continual Eucharist, a continual giving of thanks in the name of the triune God who is love.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

"For it is I this day who have made you a fortified city ... against Judah's kings and princes, against the priests and people." Do disagreements within your Church or within your parish sometimes take place? Is this a bad thing? Discuss the idea that growth involves some tension.

Why is this reading placed in the middle of two readings where prophets are trying to change people's attitudes or hearts? What changes people for the better? Discuss American author, Willa Cather's quote: "Where there is great love there are always miracles."

Both Jeremiah and Jesus provoked people in God's name. Who are some of the prophets in your lifetime? Do they accomplish their missions? Can you be a "lesser prophet" and get small things changed in your world? (e.g. start a recycling program, address discrimination in your city, suggest a plan to help the homeless, etc.)

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Fifth Sunday of Year Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11