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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

Back to the Life of Jesus The forty days of Lent are offered to God in imitation of Jesus, who “was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, where he was tempted by the devil.”

Jesus chose to rely on the care of his Father, to surrender himself as servant to the will and plan of his Father, and to follow God's will in Jerusalem, even if that meant terrible suffering and shameful death on the cross.

The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to participate in the liberation brought by Jesus to all those who are oppressed by the demons of self-reliance, power, and self-interest.

During this season we seek to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection with the ultimate goal of changing our lives.

“We are a people in trouble.” We dominate, discriminate, and oppress on the way to achieving personal success. We watch disinterestedly as our brothers and sisters suffer the pain of poverty, hunger, disease, homelessness, and death.

We rid ourselves of “the enemy” through war, abortion, and the death penalty. But we are also a people whose God is “rich in mercy,” a God who “has heard our cry and seen our affliction.”

Lent is our prayer that this merciful God bring us back to the life Jesus has won for us.

The Christian lives under the interior law of liberty, which is a permanent call to [us] to turn away from self-sufficiency to confidence in God and from concern for self to sincere love of neighbor. Thus takes place his genuine liberation and the gift of himself for the freedom of others.

Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 1971: 33.

Gerald Darring

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Mar 10	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Tom Large
Tue	Mar 12	9:00, 11 am		Shawnee , Vienna DOC
Wed	Mar 13	11:30am, 1 pm	Marion BOP	
		6:30 pm	SP	Fr James Blazine
Fri	Mar 15	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Mar 17	8:00 am	SFD	Marietta Moore
		10:00 am	SP	Helen Kubian

Birthdays

Mar 10	Nathan Zmuda
	Beverly Bishop
Mar 13	Matt Slife
	Anna Mae Street
Mar 15	Christine Ross
	M.G. Jones
Mar 17	Bill Anderson

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Mar 10, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: Matt & Rhi Slife Usher:*F Dueker, D Bishop L Stoerger, R Stoerger E. Minister L Stoerger P Widowski, B Palmer Greeter Matt & Rhi Slife</p>	<p>Sun, Mar 17, 10 am Server: Riley Slife Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: Children Liturgy Ushers*S Pobst, D Zmuda Sr M. Palmer, J. Nelson E. Minister M Nelson P Kalicki, B Bishop Greeter Janet Hacker</p>	<p>Sun, Mar 24, 10 am Server: C Bergmann, L Slife Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: Alan, Ann Stachowiak Usher:*S Widowski, G Tesina J Bergmann, Mt Slife E. Minister C Kruep V Anderson, Z Garrett Greeter Katie Pobst</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Mar 10: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: L Herbert/ F Deaton Usher: David Parks E. Min: Myron Cole</p>	<p>Sun, Mar 3: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: M Hustedde, D Parks Usher Stan Treat E. Min: Myron Cole</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Mar 10 Time Springs forward 1 hr
- Black and Indian Mission Appeal
- St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass10:00 am
- Ushers meeting in churchafter mass
- PSR Classes.....11:00 am
- Council of Catholic Women Mt in hall.....11:00 am
- Tues Mar12 Shawnee, Vienna DOC Mass.....9:00, 11:00 am
- Wed Mar13 USP Masses, Marion.....11:30 am, 1 pm
- Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Mar 14 South Vicariate Clergy Mt...SP.....12:00 pm
- Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4:00 – 7:30 pm
- Fri Mar 15 Weekday mass12:00 pm
- Sat Mar 16 South Vicariate CCW Mt at SP.....9am – 1:00 pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation at SP.....4:30-5:00 pm
- Sun Mar 17 Stations of Cross.....20 minutes before Masses
- St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass10:00 am
- PSR Classes.....11:00 am
- 125th/History Committee Mt in hall.....11:00 am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed 20 minutes before Sunday mass during Lent. Leaders are needed and welcomed to sign up on the bulletin board schedule.

LENTEN PREPARATION AIDS Printed materials to assist your Lenten Journey are available on the table in the foyer. Also the CD Kios provides a variety of topics for listening and reflection. Bulletin Lent insert from last Sunday with more options is on table.

BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION This weekend our parish will take up the annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CATHOLIC SERVICES AND MINISTRY APPEAL Thank you to the 12 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$2120.00 has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Additional pledge envelopes are in the church entrance.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN will have March Mt after this Sunday's Mass. A collection for their work will be taken after the mass. Pam asks ladies of the parish to turn in ministry kind and time sheets. They can be deposited in an envelope posted on the bulletin board. On Saturday, March 16 St Paul hosts South Vicariate CCW Spring mt with guest speaker, meeting and lunch, 9am to 1 pm. All ladies are encouraged to participate.

USHERS are asked to meet after mass this Sunday to review on Emergency Preparedness procedures. All current ushers and anyone interested in becoming an usher are encouraged to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be offered this Thursday at St Paul, 4 – 7:30 pm. Participants are encouraged to put your name on the bulletin board schedule to assure someone's presence during the time of exposition.

FISH FRY The first of two SP parish fish fries will be March 22, 5-7 pm. A worker sign-up is posted on the bulletin board. Some Fish Fry flyers are available on the table in the foyer if you would be willing to post them in the community.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE will be staffed by St Paul Church, Thr-Sat, Mar 21-23. Helpers to check out, sort and restock clothes are needed. See list on bulletin board.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be offered on Saturdays of Lent 4:30-5 pm at St Paul Church.

125th/History Committee Mt will be held in the hall 11 am, following next Sunday mass.

PARISH WORKDAY to trim trees, and do Spring clean-up is scheduled for Sat, Mar 23.

MARIETTA MOORE BURIAL SERVICE will be 11 am, March 30 at Providence Cemetery, 4 miles West of Carrier Mills. Map will be provided. Lunch will follow.

First Sunday of Lent - Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Ps 91; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

In a time of crisis, will I remain true to my principles, no matter the cost? The first and third readings on this Lenten Sunday pose this challenging question.

The selection from Deuteronomy is a presentation prayer. Recalled are the experiences of slavery in Egypt and of victory in the Promised Land where the Israelites settled down to farming. The prayer was recited as the first fruits of the harvest were offered. The reading urges the Israelites to preserve their values and principles against the false gods of the Canaanites who also inhabited the land.

Luke shows how Jesus succeeds in his desert experience, in contrast to Israel. Jesus would not be bought off by Satan's offer of political power in the second temptation. Jesus' ultimate victory against evil will come in the passion (see Luke 22:53).

Temptation is real in our human experience. Our free will means a choice between selling out or remaining true. We also have a choice of roles, to be the tempter or the spirit-giver!

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

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“Life is about saying “yes” to the things that help you to grow in holiness and no to the things that don’t. Life is about searching for the best version of yourself. Today’s culture doesn’t have a vision for the human person. The goal of today’s culture is consumption as we no longer are the consumers---we are being consumed. It is time for us to start thinking about where our lives are leading and to where God is calling us. The ways of the world lead to confusion. God’s way leads to clarity, order and to a meaningful living with joy. Life is a choice we all have to make. So, fulfill God’s vision for you and answer his call with a “yes”.”

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic. Pg. 79-81.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What good things came out of the Israelites’ desert sojourn? Metaphorically speaking, is the desert a place you should fear or do you find its mysteries attractive?

Are your actions for someone colored by the love you have for that person? The word who is “near you, in your mouth and in your heart” is Christ. How often do you remember this?

Always? Sometimes? Not often? Would it impact the way you treat everyone if you remembered often?

When an athlete starts to get saggy or lethargic, he/she exercises to get back in shape. Is there an analogy here for your spiritual life? How do you exercise to get into shape spiritually? What would a “flabby” spiritual life look like?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:

Second Sunday of Lent Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36.