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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 Prime Sin Moses encountered on Mount Sinai the one God, the God of his ancestors, the God whose name is I am. A covenant was to be made with the people of Israel, one based on their recognition of Yhwh as the one God. The Israelites would stray from that covenant from time to time, turning away from the one God and worshipping false gods.

Their prophets would repeatedly call them back to the covenant worship of the one God.

We, too, turn away from the one God to worship false gods. We make an idol of money, worshipping at the altar of the almighty dollar. We make an idol of power, worshipping at the altar of political domination and economic oppression. We make an idol of pleasure, worshipping at the altar of sex and luxurious comfort.

Our prophets call us back to the one God, but we ignore or kill them.

Lent is a season to turn away from our false idols and call on the merciful and gracious Lord, who is “slow to anger and abounding in kindness.” We are called in Lent “to prayer, fasting and works of mercy” because, as Jesus tells us in the Gospel, “you will all come to the same end unless you begin to reform.”

We are called to abandon our false gods of money, power and pleasure and return to the one God, “who secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.”

The prime sin in so much of the biblical tradition is idolatry: service of the creature rather than of the creator, and the attempt to overturn creation by making God in human likeness. The Bible castigates not only the worship of idols, but also manifestations of idolatry, such as the quest for unrestrained power and the desire for great wealth.

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986: 33

Gerald Darring

Vol 20 # 12 **Third Sunday of Lent, March 24, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

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| Sun | Mar 24 | 8:00 am | SFD | Marietta Moore |
| | | 10:00 am | SP | Clement Kubian |
| Tue | Mar 26 | 9:00, 11 am | | Shawnee , Vienna DOC |
| Wed | Mar 27 | 11:30, 1 pm | BOP | Marion masses |
| | | 6:30 pm | SP | General Intention |
| Fri | Mar 29 | 12:00 pm | SP | General Intention |
| Sun | Mar 31 | 8:00 am | SFD | Marietta Moore |
| | | 10:00 am | SP | Bill Kinkead |

St Paul, Vienna

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| <p>Birthdays Mar 27 Lee Givens Mar 28 Lynn McMahan Chris Deaton Mar 31 Curtner Bergmann</p> |
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| <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> | <p>Sun, Mar 31, 10 am Server: M, C Bergmann Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Matt & Rhi Slife Usher:*P Widowski, S Pobst R Beanland, L Hinton E. Minister S Belske A Dueker, D. Bishop Greeter S & P Widowski</p> | <p>Sun, Apr 7, 10 am Server: Riley Slife Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Children Liturgy Ushers*L Hinton, L Givens P Kalicki, M McMahan E. Minister D Bishop P Widowski, B Palmer Greeter Laurie Coleman</p> |
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

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| <p>Sun, Mar 24: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: M Hustedde family Usher: Fred Deaton E. Min: Christine Deaton</p> | <p>Sun, Mar 17: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: M Hustedde family Usher David Parks E. Min: Mary Treat</p> |
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Mar 24 Stations of Cross.....20 minutes before Masses
 - St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass & CRS Update.....10:00 am
 - PSR Classes.....11:00 am
 - 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Family Mt..12 pm
- Tues Mar26 Shawnee, Vienna DOC Mass.....9:00, 11:00 am
 - April Calendar info deadline
- Wed Mar27 Marion BOP Masses.....11:30 am, 1 pm
 - Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Fri Mar 29 Weekday mass12:00 pm
 - King's House Retreat – ladies participation
- Sat Mar 30 Burial Service & Lunch-Marietta Moore11am
 - Sacrament of Reconciliation at SP.....4:30-5:00 pm
- Sun Mar 31 Catholic Relief Services Collection
 - Stations of Cross.....20 minutes before Masses
 - St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass10:00 am
 - PSR Classes.....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 FOOD COLLECTION is being taken up for DayStar in Cairo in Lent.

FAMILIES OF FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION MEETING will be held at 12 noon after PSR Class on Sunday, March 24. First Reconciliation will be celebrated with the Parish Reconciliation Service on Mon, April 1, 6 pm. First Communion will be celebrated at the 10am mass on May 12.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICEBOWLS invite our support of those in need by contributing from our Lenten fasts. Rice bowls are available in church entrance.

CATHOLIC SERVICES AND MINISTRY APPEAL Thank you to the 18 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 \$2901.00 has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Additional pledge envelopes are in the church entrance.

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES Next weekend, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection. Funds from this collection provide food so the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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).

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE with members of First Reconciliation Class will be celebrated Monday, April 1, 6 pm at St Paul Parish. All parishioners encouraged to use opportunity of Lenten renewal.

FISH FRY Thank you to all who participated, worked and donated to the Fish Fry. The second Fish Fry will be sponsored on Friday, April 5, 5-7 pm. Profits of the Fish Fry will be committed to Blessings in A Back-pack, Vienna Baptist Food Pantry and Heather Treat Memorial Cancer Fund.

VOCATION CORNER Easter is our greatest feast of the Liturgical year. Our redemption has been accomplished and Jesus has overcome death and sin. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. We must pray, encourage and work to promote more priestly vocations so that we can continue to have the opportunity of receiving Holy Communion. Look this week to encourage a young man to consider entering the seminary to discern a priestly vocation.

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.

. **Third Sunday of Lent** - Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12;

Luke 13:1-9

The Christian life requires constant vigilance and effort. No coasting is allowed, and little should be taken for granted.

The burning bush, in the first reading from Exodus, is a reminder of the covenant. God appeared on Sinai (see Exodus 19:18), and now again, in the form of fire. Moses removes his sandals as an act of purification. Israel would require constant purification; allegiance to God requires continuing conversion.

Paul, in today's second reading, writes to a Corinthian community experiencing division. Paul challenges the Christians of Corinth to learn from the experiences of Israel, which are recorded as a warning to us. Israel failed in the wilderness wanderings that followed the Exodus. The same thing will happen to the Corinthians unless they stay awake and alert. "So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall!" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Some Jewish authorities taught that God rewards and punishes in this life. Thus they saw the absence of suffering as meaning the presence of righteousness. Jesus, in the gospel parable, rejects that view. Only God's mercy prevents the fig tree from being chopped down. Hearing and keeping God's Word is a daily task.

Moses leads us to Sinai and Jesus leads us to Calvary. Both places call for our daily allegiance. The Christian life is not a layaway plan permitting a down payment with hope of making the final installment sometime in the future. Vigilance is the price of victory.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

For whom did God call Moses? Was it for Moses' sake or for the sake of the Israelite people? Does "I Am Who Am" intervene in our history as he did in the Israelites? Name some incidents that you think are/were God's interventions. Is God calling all of us all the time, either to conversion or to action?

Do you have to work at keeping a friendship alive and healthy? Does the same hold true for your relationship with God?

Do you give people another chance after they make a mistake? Does God use people as "gardeners" to help cultivate and fertilize with grace? Does God use you? Has God used others to help you bear fruit?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Fourth Sunday of Lent Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Psalm 34; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32