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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 Tree is Known by its Fruit In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that every tree is known by its fruit. You can tell the difference between the good and the rotten trees by their fruits, he says. But he is really talking about us.

But what are the good fruits that you have to bring forth to count as a good tree? They are the "fruits of the Holy Spirit."

Every person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells has the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Scripture lists nine fruits (see Galatians 5:22-23), but traditionally the Church has listed twelve. Here is that list: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Long-suffering, Goodness, Benevolence, Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continence, Chastity

With the indwelling Holy Spirit, you are your beloved Lord's, and he is yours in love and joy and peace.

You'll see that I have divided the twelve into three unequal parts. The first part has five fruits that have to do with your relation to the Lord. When you are a good tree, you have the Holy Spirit indwelling in you. With the indwelling Holy Spirit, you are your beloved Lord's, and he is yours in love and joy and peace. In that loving relationship, you can also bear better the troubles of this life, and so patience and long-suffering are on the list too.

The next four fruits have to do with your attitude towards your neighbor. When you are inclined to wish the good for your neighbor, you have goodness; and when you are inclined actually to help your neighbor in good ways, you have benevolence. You have mildness when you put up with a neighbor who is troublesome, and you have fidelity when you are inclined to forego getting revenge on him when he has been unjust to you.

Finally, the last three fruits have to do with your attitudes about yourself. You have modesty when you are inclined to be content even if you are not the center of everyone's attention. You have continence if you are inclined to discipline yourself with regard to morally acceptable things. You manage to get your exercise in because you got yourself to turn the TV off, for example. And you have chastity if you are inclined to discipline yourself about those things that tempt you but that are not morally acceptable.

If you have all these good fruits of the Spirit, it will be easy to recognize you as the good tree that you are!

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 9 Eighth Sunday of Year, March 3, 2019

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Mar 3	8:00 am 10:00 am	SFD SP	For the Parishioners Mary & Charles Querrey
Tue	Mar 5	9:00, 11 am		Shawnee , Vienna DOC
Wed	Mar 6	5:00 pm	SFD	For the Parish
		7:00 pm	SP	For the Parish
Fri	Mar 8	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Mar 10	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Tom Large

Birthdays

Mar 3 Marsha Nelson
Jeremy Nelson
Mar 6 Beth Palmer
Mae Birminghan
Mar 8 Taylor Givens
Pat Kinkead
Ella Bergmann
Joan Stanfill
Mar 9 Bill Porter

St Paul, Vienna

Sun, Mar 3, 10 am
Server: Riley Slife
Lector: Joe Nelson
Gifts: Children Lit of Word
Usher:*M McMahan,L Givens
L Hinton, P Kalicki
E. Minister D Bishop

S Widowski, D Hopkins

Greeter Bill & Billie Porter

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

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

St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, Mar 3: 8:00 am
Server: Mary Treat
Lector: LaVonne Herbert
Gifts: M Moore, C Parks Usher

Fred Deaton

E. Min: Myron Cole

Sun, Mar 10: 8:00 am
Server: Christine Deaton
Lector: Mary Treat
Gifts: L Herbert/ F Deaton

Usher: David Parks **E. Min**: Myron Cole

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Mar 3 Catholic Services & Ministry Appeal Pledge Sunday				
St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am				
St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.10:00 am				
Burn palm for Ash Wednesdayafter mass				
PSR Classes11:00 am				
First Sunday Social at SP11:00 am.				
Tues Mar 5 Shawnee, Vienna DOC Mass9:00, 11:00				
Wed Mar 6 Ash Wednesday MassesSFD5 pmSP7 pm				
Fri Mar 8 Weekday mass12:00 pm				
Sat Mar 9 Sacrament of Reconciliation at SP4:30-5:00 pm				
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 Classes11:00 am				
Council of Catholic Women Mt in hall11:00 am				



<u>CATHOLIC SERVICES AND MINISTRY APPEAL</u> This weekend, along with all other parishes in the diocese will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CS&MA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, totake an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. Our parish participation goal for the appeal is every family taking part as able and the financial target is \$2900.00. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the in-pew envelopes that are available.. If you write a check, please make it to St Paul and include CS&MA in the note line. Please be as generous as you are able.

PALM will be burned after today's mass to be used for the ashes to be distributed this week on Ash Wednesday.

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL All are welcome to the SP hall to share in the social following today's mass. Call it a parish Mardi Gras event.

<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> is a day of fast and abstinence. The mass schedule is 5 pm at St Francis DeSales, and 7 pm at St Paul. Lenten Regulations are listed on the bulletin insert.

<u>FISH FRY</u> 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.

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

TIME SPRINGS FORWARD 1 HR next Sunday, March 10.

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

<u>BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION</u> Next 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.

<u>COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN</u> will have March Mt after next Sunday's 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. Circle the date of March 16 when St Paul hosts South Vicariate CCW Spring mt 9am to 1 pm

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER Marietta Moore, parishioner of St Francis DeSales who passed away on Wednesday night. Funeral arrangements are pending.

The verses from Sirach illustrate dramatically the waste shaken out of the threshed grain. Our words and actions are shaken out from an inner spirit and clearly reveal our intention. What we say and do are windows for others to our soul.

Paul concludes his discussion of resurrection in the second reading. When the bodies of the chosen become immortal, then the last enemy -- death -- is defeated. Scripture is fulfilled when sin is conquered by Christ's Resurrection. The serpent has no more sting; those who live a life in Christ can no longer be harmed. The commitment required of believers is worth every effort because the Christian is forever in the Lord and assured of triumph.

The passage from Luke teaches the dangers involved in judging others. There is an exaggeration contained in the "speck and log" illustration. Nevertheless, this powerful image remains with all who read the verses and reminds us again that self-improvement is a higher priority than observing and criticizing the weaknesses and failings of our neighbors.

Sirach and Luke both remind us of the great power, either for good or for harm, contained in our words and actions. What we say in response to personal experiences or in judgment about the behavior of others, may reflect more on us than on the object of our attention. Let our words and actions be signs of Christ's redeeming presence in the world.

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

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Scripture: Tough words just before Lent. "Projection" is the habit of assigning faults and behavior to others that are our own – perhaps even more than theirs. Jesus puts it this way today: seeing the splinter in another's eye while not noticing the lumber in my own is hypocritical. Words and acts matter. Read on. Sirach says: One's speech discloses the bent of the heart. Jesus says: From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. Paul says: Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord. Let me start a short list of what I want to attend to this Lent. The 40 Days will help me refine it. Let me party a little on Mardi Gras...so that I can be an ambassador for Christ all Lent.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Sirach says that just as a tree is known by its fruits people are known by their conduct. Would your vote for politicians be determined by what they say or what they do? Or both?

Just as grace changes the corruptible and the mortal, will it also change death? How? Why does St. Paul say death will lose its sting?

What will help us bear wrongs patiently, according to Pope Francis, when we are surrounded with people who annoy us? And what does he say we should do before counseling others?"The need for counseling, admonition and teaching must not make us feel superior to others, but obligates us first and foremost to return to ourselves to verify whether we are coherent with what we ask of others"

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:

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