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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

**Caught and Shamed** In the Gospel Reading, the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They make her stand in the middle of the crowd, and they announce that she was caught in the very act of adultery.

The law of Moses prescribes stoning as the punishment for adultery. But it does not permit your doing anything you want to a person caught in adultery. It is clear, however, that the scribes and Pharisees are using this woman just as bait to catch Jesus, and they have no hesitation about shaming her terribly in the process.

Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors.

Maybe that is one of the reasons Jesus looks down at the ground to write in the dirt. If he is looking down and she is standing up, then he isn't looking at her. And so he is protecting her in her shame by helping her be hidden from him, alone of all those men staring at her. In caring for her in this way, Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors.

And here's another thing to see. If this woman was caught in the very act of adultery, as her captors say, then there had to have been a man with her when she was caught. Where is he? Why isn't he here with her? Did the scribes and Pharisees just let him go? The law of Moses prescribes stoning him too.

The scribes and Pharisees are hypocritical, then; and Jesus catches them in it. He makes clear that they don't care enough about the law of Moses to themselves keep it. They melt away when Jesus tells them to let the ones without sin be the first to cast stones.

By that move, Jesus diminishes the woman's shame considerably, doesn't he? Only when it is clear that her accusers have been caught in their hypocrisy and shamed by it, does Jesus lift up his eyes and look at her.

And so, by his justice for her and his mercy, Jesus catches her for the Lord. Of all those who came to Jesus because of her, she is the only one left standing by him at the end of the story. And she is the only one who calls him "Kyrie" ("Lord," "Sir").

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 14 **Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 7, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Apr 7	8:00 am	SFD	Marietta Moore
		10:00 am	SP	Evelyn Ross
Tue	Apr 9	9:00, 11 am		Shawnee , Vienna DOC
Wed	Apr 10	11:30 am, 1 pm	Marion	Penitentiary
		6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Apr 12	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Apr 14	8:00 am	SFD	Marietta Moore
		10:00 am	SP	Mary Ann, Jim Mudd

**St Paul, Vienna**

<p><b>Sun, Apr 7, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Riley Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Widowski  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Liturgy  <b>Ushers*</b>L Hinton, L Givens  P Kalicki, M McMahan  <b>E. Minister</b> L Stoerger  P Widowski, B Palmer  <b>Greeter</b> Geri Tesina</p>	<p><b>Sun, Apr 14, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> M Bergmann, L Slife  <b>Lector:</b> J Nelson, Z Garrett  <b>Gifts:</b> Rick, Lynn Stoerger  <b>Usher:*</b>L Hinton, D Bishop,  J. Slife, G Tesina  <b>E. Minister</b> M Nelson  B Bishop, D Hopkins  <b>Greeter</b> Katie Pobst</p>	<p><b>Sun, Apr 21, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Riley Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Joan Galey  <b>Gifts:</b> Chuck, Lynn Stone  <b>Usher:*</b>J Nelson S Pobst  P Widowski, J Bergmann  <b>E. Minister</b> V Anderson  P Kalicki, S Widowski  <b>Greeter</b> H &amp; X Gruszczyk</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Apr 7: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Lector:</b> Laverne Herbert  <b>Gifts:</b> S Treat, D Parks  <b>Usher:</b> Myron Cole  <b>E. Min:</b> Cecilia Parks</p>	<p><b>Sun, Apr 14: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Mary Treat  <b>Lector:</b> C Deaton, C Parks  <b>Gifts:</b> M Hustedde family  <b>Usher</b> Fred Deaton  <b>E. Min:</b> Myron Cole</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Apr 7 Stations of Cross.....20 minutes before Masses
  - St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
  - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word...10:00 am
  - PSR Classes.....11:00 am
  - First Sunday Social in hall.....11:00 am
  - Liturgy Committee Mt...in hall following social
- Tues Apr 9 Shawnee, Vienna DOC Mass.....9:00, 11:00 am
- Wed Apr10 Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Apr 11 Eucharistic Adoration.....4:00 – 7:30 pm
- Fri Apr 12 Weekday mass .....12:00 pm
- Sat Apr 13 Sacrament of Reconciliation at SP.....4:30-5:00 pm
- Sun Apr14 Procession with Palm before weekend masses
  - Stations of Cross.....20 minutes before Masses
  - St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
  - St Paul Mass .....10:00 am
  - Seder Meal & Potluck.....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.

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

**FISH FRY THANK YOU** Thanks to the generous help and donations, 127 meals were served at the second Fish Fry (167 at the first Fish Fry). A full report of the profit and distribution of the profits will follow.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES AND MINISTRY APPEAL** Thank you to the 22 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 \$3176.00 has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Additional pledge envelopes are in the church entrance.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** will be offered Thursday of this week from 4 pm through 7:30 pm. Lent is a special time for prayer and openness to God. Any who can participate is encouraged to sign up on the bulletin board to assure presence at all times.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** will be offered on Saturdays of Lent 4:30-5 pm at St Paul Church and on Sun, April 14, 7:15 am at St Francis DeSales

**PALM SUNDAY MASS** will begin with blessing and procession of palm before Mass.

**SEDER MEAL** The traditional Passover meal as an understanding of the background of the Eucharistic Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday following the 10 am Mass. PSR will be involved and all parishioners are encouraged to participate. A potluck meal will follow the ritual with meat being provided by the parish.

**THANK YOU.....**to Loren Thomas for donation of a piano for use in church and parishioners who moved it to church. The previous one was needing some major repair.

**GOD'S WORD** Writing on the ground. It is amazing how, first silence, then well-chosen words can defuse the riled-up crowd. Jesus does it today. A woman is spared shameful treatment by the mercy and compassion and forgiveness of the One. Perhaps we can spend the rest of Lent by not picking on others and looking more within. For the face of mercy is consolation, silence, and compassion. What stones, intended for another, will I lay down? Who needs my compassion? I will do these mercy works, comforting the sorrowful and forgiving injuries, by \_\_\_\_\_?

**VOCATION CORNER** “Leaving high school, I didn’t know whether or not I was called to be a priest. But prayer and spiritual direction led me to a deeper discernment, and I entered seminary. I looked to stories of the saints and examples of my parents as reasons that led me to trust that God had a plan. I experienced falling in love with Christ and above all peace in my vocation. The most important lesson I’ve learned is to trust. The peace and direction I have in my life are a testament to that. Others trusted in me, which in turn allowed me to trust in Christ.” Josh Bathon, CSC, Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind. Columbia, March 2016.

## **Fifth Sunday of Lent -**

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Knowing the right answers sometimes is not as important as knowing the right questions. The Scripture readings for this weekend urge us to reassess our questions. We must think the thoughts of God.

Isaiah, in the first reading, challenges the people to let go of old questions: Could God forgive us? Isaiah poses daring new questions: How much greater will be our destiny? A new exodus is envisioned, the miracles of the desert wanderings will reappear.

The gospel story of the adulterous woman is the perfect example of asking the right question. The story demonstrates both Jesus' wisdom and his forgiveness.

He rejects the legalistic question and asks: What is the extent of mercy?

Today we learn that our lives are richer as we expand our horizons. One method is leaving the one way path of right answers and pursuing also the path of right questions. Don't review past failures, ask about future possibilities; don't measure how little but rather how much; focus not on what others might do for you but what you might do for others and hence for God.

Correct answers matter, but they are born of right questions.

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

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### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

God says in this reading, "Remember not the things of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" What was the "something new" God was talking about? What is the "something new" God gives to us in our day?

Comparatively speaking, what are all your possessions worth, compared to Christ? How far are you willing to "accept the loss of all things" in order to gain Christ? Does this happen all at once or would baby steps be required for you to accept the loss of these "all things"?

What was the woman's reaction when Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin any more?" From his actions, what do you think Jesus thought about the law that dictated stoning? What would he think of torturing prisoners? Capital punishment?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Palm Sunday of Lent** Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56.