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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

Who Cares? Everything is vanity, the reading from Ecclesiastes says. The writer of Ecclesiastes means that everything is in vain. You toil in the day; you're anxious in the night. And it's all for nothing, the writer thinks. Who cares about it?

No wonder many people think Ecclesiastes is a depressing book!

Work done for love of the Lord lasts.

But notice that Jesus says something similar in the Gospel reading. The rich man was thinking about building bigger barns. But in the parable God says to him, "You fool! This night your soul will be required of you, and somebody else will get all your stuff." How will the rich man care about his barns then?

And that's the problem with many of the things we care about in this life, barns or material goods of any kind: you lose them when you die.

The same thing is true of a lot of what we spend our lives on. Those things don't amount to anything in the long run; and, like the rich man, we waste the part of our lives that we use up on them. There is time spent struggling for the next honor or the next accomplishment. There is time consumed on sorrowing over not having gotten the next honor or accomplishment. For that matter, there is time frittered away watching TV or surfing the internet, or just puttering around doing nothing. Picture yourself as you come before God at your death, returning to God the talents he entrusted to you. Will you care about any of those things then?

That's why Ecclesiastes says they are vanity. Whatever good is in them is transient; they die when you do.

In the long run, then, who cares about them? You can't take any of them with you when you die, any more than the rich man could take his barns with him. When you come before the face of God you won't care about them then either.

Ecclesiastes is a consoling book, not a depressing one. The transience of earthly goods should be comforting to us. Barns may be good, but, in the long run, getting them—or losing them—is not of overwhelming importance. We can do our work in quiet, and we can suffer our reverses in quiet too, because none of these things last.

Love lasts. Work done for love of the Lord lasts. And guess what—the Lord himself is everlasting. If what you want is God, what you want will last.

What is worth caring about is what lasts.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 30 Eighteenth Sunday of the Year, August 4, 2019

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Aug 4	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Joe, Hazel Waltz
Tue	Aug 6	9, 11 am	Shawnee DOC Mass	
Wed	Aug 7	11:30 am, 1 pm	Marion Penitentiary Mass	
		6 :30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Aug 9	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Aug 10	5:30 pm	SP	For Parishioners
Sun	Aug 11	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Fry

<p>Birthdays Aug 7 Emma Hustedde Aug 8 Patsy Bishop Aug 10 Joan Galey</p>

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Aug 4, 10 am Server: Riley Slife Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Frank, Arlene Dueker Usher:* J Slife, M Palmer P Widowski, L Hinton E. Minister C Kruep D Hopkins, L Miller Greeter Bill, Billie Porter</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 11, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Madonna Slife Gifts:Zach Garrett,Erin Medvecz Usher:* F Dueker, R Stoerger L Givens, M McMahan E. Minister Z Garrett Md Slife, D Bishop Greeter P & A Widowski</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 18, 10 am Server: Frank Dueker Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: Lee, Taylor Givens Usher:*S Widowski, D Zmuda Mt Slife, S Pobst E. Minister B Bishop, B Palmer, L.Givens</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Aug 4: 8:00 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: Hustedde Family Usher David Parks E. Min: Mary Treat</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 11: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: L Herbert, M Cole Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Aug 4	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass	10:00 am
	Blood Pressure Checks before and after mass at SP	
	First Sunday Social at SP	11:00 am
Tue Aug 6	Mass at Shawnee & Vienna DOC	9.& 11 am
Wed Aug 7	Marion BOP Masses	11:30 am, 1 pm
	Weekday mass at ...SP	6:30 pm
Thr Aug 8	Eucharistic Adoration at SP	4 pm – 7:30 pm
Fri Aug 9	Weekday Mass at...SP	12:00 pm
Sat Aug 10	Saturday mass at St Paul	5:30 pm
Sun Aug 4	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass	10:00 am
	Liturgy Committee Mt at SP	11:00 am



**Guard
 against
 all kinds
 of greed.**

Lk 12:15

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be offered this Sunday before and after mass at St Paul foyer area by a representative of the wellness committee.

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL will be offered in the parish center following the Sunday mass. Enjoy light refreshments and opportunity to meet and share with other parishioners.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held this Thursday, Aug 8, 4 pm through 7:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Signing up on the bulletin board schedule will help assure that someone is present at all times during adoration..

LITURGY COMMITTEE will meet in the parish hall on Sunday, Aug 11 at 11 am. Meeting open to any parishioners willing to enrich our communal liturgies.

LADIES TOUR AND LUNCH St. Paul CCW invites all ladies of the parish to join a tour of the Paducah counseling restoration home of Victory Through Grace Ministries on Tuesday, August 20. Afterward, we'll enjoy lunch at Artisan Kitchen. We will leave from the St. Paul parking lot at 9:15 a.m. There is more information and a sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

DRAW-DOWN PARTY October 19th Tickets are available for \$100.00 that may be shared by up to ten people. Early Bird Drawing for \$100 will be Sept 15th. Tickets available from Dolly Hopkins, Madonna Slife, Matt Slife, Marsha Nelson or after mass. Consolation prizes are needed. Parishioners are encouraged to solicit Gift cards and certificates for services of various businesses. Ideas and donations for Theme baskets are welcome.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION TEACHERS NEEDED St Paul Religious Education program is seeking adults to be a part of preparing today's youth to be tomorrow's active adult participants. The PSR classes will begin in 1 ½ months. If you would like to find out more about opportunities, please contact Fr Tom at rectory.

WELCOME TO NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS Matthew & Nichole Fulkerson and children Katelynne, Olivia, Jacob, Hunter, Tyler and Knox living in Golconda; Kenneth Nagele living in Golconda; Erin Medvecz living in Goreville.

ABOUT BEING GREEDY. Every day, it seems, we are faced with two dilemmas: what we want and what we need. Our grasping for wants, our desire to amass more things, more money, more prestige, etc. can eat us up. Ecclesiastes declares the hunger for property is a mere wisp, a puff of wind, a vanity. Jesus is more direct: guard against all greed. What we need, really, are the things of God. And in grasping the things of God, we grasp onto God – and thereby are rich. What do I want? Make a list. In checking that list, what do I need? Really need? Check the Corporal Works of Mercy. How can I give up some of my wants to give to someone in need?

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 95; Colossians 3:1-5,9-11;
Luke 12:13-21

Jerry was not as proud of his 25-foot powerboat as usual because a luxurious yacht had docked next to him. Jerry wished the yacht were his. Then he saw a man in a little bass boat admiring Jerry's craft. Jerry then noticed the yacht's owners gazing with envy at children playing on the beach!

Jerry thought, "If we keep looking for what is bigger and better, we'll never be happy with what we have. And we'll eventually end up wishing for what we could have had all along!"

"Vanity of vanities," says today's first reading, "All is vanity!" If we think that material possessions will make us happy, we will spend half our time trying to acquire them and the other half trying to protect them. And in the end they must all be left behind!

The gospel shows even more forcefully the foolishness of making material things our top priority. Jesus refuses to arbitrate a family quarrel over a will. He points out in a dramatic parable the folly of counting on wealth for security.

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth," admonishes Paul (Colossians 3:2). Material things are good, but they are not God!

-- Father Oscar Lukefahr, C.M.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

This First Reading is about priorities. Do yours occasionally need to be checked and rearranged? Do you take time to pray? to work? to be with family and friends? to read? laugh? play? Do you neglect any of these areas? Why?

The reading says, "here there is no Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, etc. ..." Could St. Paul give the same speech today? How would acting as if "Christ is all and in all" solve such problems?

Many would determine a person's worth by the greatness of their house or their portfolio or the make of their car. How do you determine a person's worth? Is it possible for a person to have much and still give much?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Nineteenth Sunday of Year Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm 33; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48