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Mission: Live Catholic teachings,
Participate in Sacramental and Liturgical Celebrations, Serve our Community

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

True Humility In the Gospel Reading, Jesus censures people who take the seats of honor at a feast. Take the least honorable places, he tells them, and then the host can invite you to a more honorable place.

The Pharisee knew that every good in him was a gift from God. But he was glad that he had God's gifts and that the publican didn't.

Jesus is rebuking the pride of those people who go for the honorable seats. But what is the solution to the problem of pride? If you race your friends to the least honorable seat because the reward for doing so is that you get one of the best seats, isn't this pride too?

So what is true humility?

Well, think about pride.

There is a childish kind of pride, of course, where you brag about your accomplishments while everybody else tries to be polite enough not to roll their eyes while you are talking.

And then there is also the grown-up version of that childish pride, the pride of the self-made man. A multi-millionaire who explains that he has gotten where he is all by himself has this kind of pride. He has failed to notice all the gifts he has been given that have helped him get where he is. He thinks he himself is responsible for the good he has.

A more complicated kind of pride can be found in a person who knows that all his good comes from the grace of God. But he is sure that God has given such grace to him and not to his neighbors, because God knew that he, unlike his stupid worldly neighbors, would make good use of God's gifts. This is the pride of a prig.

Finally, the worst and most sophisticated kind of pride is found in the Pharisee who thanked God that he was not like other men, especially not like that sinner, the publican, praying next to him in the Temple. The Pharisee knew that every good in him was a gift from God. But he was glad that he had God's gifts and that the publican didn't. The Pharisee liked looking down on the publican.

Here is what humility is, then. It is recognizing that every good in yourself is a gift from God and is meant to be given back to the Lord by being shared with others.

So you can't get true humility by racing for the least honorable seat. If the least honorable seat is, in the Lord's view, the best place to be seated, then true humility requires your sharing it with others in gratitude to the Lord who gave it.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 34 **Twenty-second Sunday of the Year, September 1, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Sept 1	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Caryn Zmuda
Tue	Sept 3	9, 11 am		Shawnee DOC Mass
Wed	Sept 4	11:30 am, 1 pm		Marion Penitentiary
		6:30 pm	SP	Fr Eugene Kreher
Fri	Sept 6	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Sept 7	8:30 am	SPD	Reparation for sin
Sun	Sept 8	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Jim & Mary Mudd

Birthdays

Sept 4 Peggy Widowski
Lynn Stone
Tyler Fulkerson
Sept 5 Mary Treat
Thomas Pruemmer
Sept 6 Mason Bishop
Sept 7 Irene Kojder

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Sept 1, 10 am Server: L Slife Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: Fulkerson Family Usher:* P Widowski, P Kalicki R Beanland, L Hinton E. Minister A Dueker, S Widowski, V Anderson Greeter Sandy Belske</p>	<p>Sun, Sept 8, 10 am Server: Mady Bergmann Lector: Zach Garrett Gifts: H & X Gruszczyk Usher:* D Zmuda Sr, L Givens R Stoerger, J Slife E. Minister P Widowski, F Dueker, Md Slife Greeter Cathy Kruep</p>	<p>Sun, Sept 15, 10 am Server: C & M Bergmann Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: Lonnie, Cathy Hinton Usher:* M McMahan, M Palmer, D Bishop, S Widowski E. Minister M Nelson, P Kalicki, L Miller Greeter Dolly Hopkins</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Sept 1: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: Hustedde Family Usher Arnold Morse E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, Sept 8: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: Morse Family Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Myron Cole</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun	Sept 1	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
		St Paul Mass & Fulkerson Baptisms	10:00 am
		First Sunday Social in hall	11:00 am
Tue	Sept 3	Mass at Shawnee & Vienna DOC	9.& 11 am
Wed	Sept 4	Masses at Marion Penitentiary	11:30am, 1 pm
		Weekday mass at SP	6:30 pm
Thr-Sat		Faith Alive Store Volunteers	Th-Fr 9-3, Sat 9-12
Fri	Sept 6	Weekday Mass at...SP	12:00 pm
Sat	Sept 7	First Saturday Mass & Devotion at SFD	8:30 am
		Faith Alive Board Mt	10:00 am
Sun	Sept 8	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
		St Paul Mass	10:00 am
		Blood Pressure checks before and after mass	
		Joint Parish Annual Picnic at SP	11:00 am



WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM of Tyler Fulkerson and Knox Fulkerson during this Sunday mass. They are the children of Matthew and Nichole. All are invited to share in the social and reception in the parish hall following mass.

PARISH ADDRESS DIRECTORY/EMERGENCY CONTACT Each parish household is ask to review your household information on the parish directory sheets in the entrance of church. If correct, just initial; otherwise make changes. Also please indicate how you wish to be contacted with emergency information ie phone, e-mail or text message.

PARISH PICNIC The annual joint parish picnic is set for Sunday, Sept 8, following the 10 am mass at St Paul. Grilled Pork Steaks will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. A check list is on the bulletin board.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS are needed for this week on Thr and Fri, 9am-3pm, and on Sat, 9-12. Help with check-out, sorting clothes and restocking racks needed for all or part of days. A sign-up sheet is on the church bulletin board.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION FORMS have been distributed to families whose children participated last year. Extra forms are available or call the rectory.

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 Sept 15th. If you would like to find out more about opportunities, please contact Fr Tom at rectory.

SOUTH VICARIATE CCW FALL MT Save date of Sept 22, 1 pm. St Kateri, Ridgway will host meeting. Contact Pam Shallenberger or details or ride sharing 217-714-4568

LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER TRAINING will be offered by the diocesan Office of Worship on November 15-16 at St Luke Church, Belleville. Anyone who is interested should contact Fr Tom for registration forms.

Part-Time Assistance needed for a Senior Man in Eddyville - Family looking for an individual who can provide minimal care assistance to an 80 year old man. The assistance would be approximately 2-3 days week/3-4 hours each visit. Care responsibilities would include, filling med dispenser for week, possibly help shower, house cleaning, stripping bed, cleaning sheets and making bed, wash/dry/fold clothes, some meal preparation and taking weekly garbage to street. Compensation based on experience \$12-\$15/hr

Contact: Theresa (920) 819-3824 or tschneider85@hotmail.com More detail on B.B.

VOCATION CORNER As our country honors Labor this weekend, we can rejoice in our Labor for the Lord. We reflect on how we are spreading the Word and how we are promoting our Catholic Church. This is the vocation of ALL of us. We have our role in praising our God, in sharing our Faith and in educating our families in the ways of the Lord. We need to encourage our family members to be attentive to their call – maybe even to the priesthood or religious life.

Twenty-second Sunday of the Year

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29; Psalm 68; Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

"Quid pro quo" is a Latin expression that means, according to Webster, something given or received for something else. Charity sometimes takes on a mistaken quid pro quo mentality: If I help you out then "you owe me one." Charity becomes a rain check; the recipient is in a sort of debtor's prison. Today's readings remind us that charity is a free gift, a gift asked more often of those who have more. Reimbursement may be deferred, even to the next world!

The first reading comes from Sirach, a collection of Israel's wisdom sayings written around 190 B.C. Sirach 3:29 begins a message on almsgiving, addressed more than likely to an audience made up of wealthy families. The image is striking: Just as water extinguishes fire, so almsgiving atones for sin.

Psalm 68 speaks of Yahweh as one who cares for the orphan and the widow and meets the needs of the forsaken and prisoners. These are the truly needy in society, and Yahweh is the model of charitable concern for the Israelite community.

Chapter 14 of Luke is a collection of Jesus' sayings from other occasions set against the background of a sabbath meal. The question is: Who can eat bread in God's kingdom? Jesus answers by observing that to enter the kingdom one must perceive the value of others and embrace them wholeheartedly. One does not merit a heavenly reward by scrambling for a place at the head table, as status-seekers do. Those who are humble and serve others will gain a place at the eternal banquet.

The powerful and wealthy should invite the poor and the needy, motivated not by earthly reimbursement but rather by heavenly reward.

The poor and the needy are not able to say "I owe you one." We must assist those with less, not only for earthly rewards such as tax deductions but for the compelling reason that we are all sisters and brothers in Jesus.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Name someone you think is a truly a great person. Is that person humble? What does humility look like in him/her? The Gospel mentions the lame, poor, crippled and blind. From your experience with these people would you say most of them are humble?

What is a covenant? What does it mean to say that Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant? Why does the sprinkled blood of the new covenant speak more eloquently than that of Abel, as this reading asserts?

Does anything cripple you, or sometimes make you blind? Discuss the fact that Jesus experienced our human pain along with us in order to help us get to the banquet. Do you feel any responsibility as a member of the body of Christ to help other people get to the banquet?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Twenty-third Sunday of Year Wisdom 9:13-18b; Psalm 90; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33