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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

A Truly Human Life There are three images in this liturgy.

The first is the image of the rich, “stretched comfortably on their couches and dressed in purple and linen and feasting splendidly every day.”

The second is the image of the “beggar named Lazarus who was covered with sores” which the dogs came and licked. “Lazarus longed to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table.”

The third is the image of God, who supports, lifts up, heals, protects and feeds the oppressed, the hungry, captives, the blind, strangers, the fatherless and the widow.

The rich man ended up in eternal misery, separated from God. In ignoring the needs of the beggar, he had made himself un-Godlike. He had made a statement about the poor, and in so doing he had cut himself off from the God who protects the poor.

There is only one God to spend eternity with, the God who “secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.” The rich man attached himself to another god, and in the process he lost eternity.

Meanwhile, the poor man gained eternal life. He had suffered enough, God said.

It is not simply a question of eliminating hunger and reducing poverty. It is not enough to combat destitution, urgent and necessary as this is. The point at issue is the establishment of a human society in which everyone, regardless of race, religion, or nationality, can live a truly human life free from bondage imposed by men and the forces of nature not sufficiently mastered, a society in which freedom is not an empty word, and where Lazarus the poor man can sit at the same table as the rich man.

Pope Paul VI, *Populorum Progressio*, 1967:47

Gerald Darring

Vol 20 # 38 **Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year, September 29, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

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| Sun | Sept 29 | 8:00 am | SFD | For Parishioners |
| | | 10:00 am | SP | Sandy Biver |
| Tue | Oct 1 | 9am, 11am | Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses | |
| Wed | Oct 2 | 6:30 pm | SP | General Intention |
| Fri | Oct 4 | 12:00 pm | SP | General Intention |
| Sat | Oct 5 | 8:30 am | SFD | Preparation for Sin |
| Sun | Oct 6 | 8:00 am | SFD | For Parishioners |
| | | 10:00 am | SP | Philip & Leola Barrett |

Birthdays

Sept 29 Tracey Johnson
 Sept 30 Frank Tesina
 Oct 1 Sabra Moore

St Paul, Vienna

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| <p>Sun, Sept 29, 10 am Server: C & M Bergmann Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Children Liturgy Usher:* F Dueker, Joe Nelson Jmy Nelson, L Hinton E. Minister L Givens Z Garrett, L Stoerger Greeter Chuck, Monica Querrey</p> | <p>Sun, Oct 6, 10 am Server: M Bergmann, E Zmuda Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: Children Liturgy Usher:* M Palmer, P Kalicki R Beanland, L Givens E. Minister A Dueker P Widowski, B Palmer Greeter Geri Tesina</p> | <p>Sun, Oct 13, 10 am Server: C Bergmann, M Palmer Lector: Mitch Miller Gifts: D Hopkins, T Johnson Usher:* S Pobst, D Bishop M McMahan, R Stoerger E. Minister S Widowski, S Belske, V Anderson Greeter Katie Pobst</p> |
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

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| <p>Sun, Sept 29: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: Hustedde Family Usher Arnold Morse E. Min: Christine Deaton</p> | <p>Sun, Oct 6 8:00 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: R Drone, D Parks Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Myron Cole</p> |
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Sept 29 2nd Collection for Hurricane Relief – Bahama Is

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| | Priesthood Sunday | |
| | St Francis DeSales Mass | 8:00 am |
| | St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.... | 10:00 am |
| | PSR Classes..... | 11:00 am |
| | 125 th Anniversary/History Committee Mt. | 11:00 am |
| Tue Oct 1 | Mass at Shawnee & Vienna DOC..... | 9 & 11:00 am |
| Wed Oct 2 | CS&MA Bd Mt...Belleville..... | 1:00 pm |
| | Weekday Mass..... | 6:30 pm |
| Thr Oct 3 | South Vicariate Pastors Mt...Cave In Rock... | 12:00 pm |
| Fri Oct 4 | Weekday Mass at...SP..... | 12:00 pm |
| Sat Oct 5 | First Saturday Mass and Devotion at SF..... | 8:30 am |
| | Heritage Festival Parade (St Paul Float)..... | 10:00 am |
| Sun Oct 6 | Rosary 20 minutes before Sunday 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 at SP..... | 11:00 am |



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ISLANDS OF GRAND BAHAMA AND ABACO Hurricane Dorian, a catastrophic Category 5 storm, destroyed churches, schools, homes, and other buildings on the Islands of Grand Bahama and Abaco Sept 1. By estimate, at least 15,000 modest homes have been destroyed as well as numerous churches, schools, convents, and rectories. Even though many Americans think of the Bahamas as a vacation paradise, the majority of the Bahamians live in near poverty in extremely modest homes that were easily destroyed by the fury of the worst hurricane ever to make landfall. We asked to offer whatever assistance we can to help our sisters and brothers in the Catholic Church in the Bahamas to rebuild their community and their lives. A special second collection is to be taken on the weekend of September 28-29, 2019, which will be sent directly to the archdiocese of Nassau for hurricane assistance.

125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the parish hall following the mass this Sunday. Committee members and interested parishioners welcome.

LEADERS OF ROSARY As a parish we will continue custom of communally praying the rosary before the Sunday mass in October. Leaders are encouraged to sign the schedule on the bulletin board. Guides for leading the rosary are also available in the bulletin rack.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION continues following the mass in the education wing of the parish hall.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL FLOAT St Paul parish plans to have a float in the parade that begins 10 am on October 5, float location # 35. All parish youth are encouraged to participate. For information or to assist with the float, contact Matt Slife or Marsha Nelson.

DRAW-DOWN PARTY. Tickets available from Steve Widowski, 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.

PRAYER AND GOD'S BLESSING on Evelyn Louise Bergmann, daughter of Jared and Jenny who was welcomed into God's family through baptism Sept 28th..

CLEANING Carpet and chairs in the hall were professionally cleaned this past week. Our thanks to Craig Levesque for underwriting the expense of the cleaning.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP Lee Givens, member of the Ridgway K of C Council, is welcoming anyone interested in the Knights of Columbus to see him after mass or contact him for more information 618-313-3019

LISTENING TO SOMEONE FROM THE DEAD. In graphic detail, Jesus tells the pious – and us – about the relationship of the poor and the rich. The take-away of the Rich Man and Lazarus parable is this: If we do not see the poor and do not hear the prophets, we will not see and hear the resurrected Jesus Christ living among us. How can I trust the works of the dead and risen Christ? What is the Church and Jesus saying to me about poverty? Who is poor like Lazarus and how will I feed him?

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

Be all that you can be. The armed forces have used this motivational refrain in their advertising for youthful recruits. These ads seek to involve the young in the future of our country and the security of our population.

Today's readings also seek to develop potential, the potential of believers. The focus here is not on national security but on the well-being of the poor and downtrodden.

In the first reading, the prophet Amos describes the shocking contrast between rich and poor. The rich enjoy comfortable couches, eat lambs and calves, drink fine wine, and anoint themselves with the best oils. The excesses of the wealthy mean suffering for the oppressed. Yet, ironically, the rich are the ones forced into exile because they were wasteful of their talents and blind to the suffering poor.

The response to the Amos passage is Psalm 146. Yahweh is steadfast in concern for the down-and-out. This God releases the captives, restores sight to the blind, raises the downtrodden, and loves the just. This psalm praises the caring God for the fatherless and widowed and challenges believers to do the same. The exaltation of the poor and the humbling of the rich is a favorite theme for Luke (Luke 1:51-53; 6:20-26). In this passage, Luke cautions against seeing wealth as a sign of divine approval for the righteous life. Lazarus (the name means "God helps") is the hero who subsists on scraps from the overlaid table of the unnamed rich man. Death turns the tables; the man indifferent to suffering on earth now begs Abraham to send Lazarus with even a drop of water to quench his thirst.

These readings suggest that almsgiving is good but involvement is better. Ministering to the financially poor and the spiritually bankrupt develops our potential to enrich others as we are enriched in the process.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Do self-indulgence and wealth necessarily go together? Are indulgences and related complacency related to your ability to hear the cry of the poor?

How do patience, gentleness, and love relate to your bearing witness to the truth? How is your gentleness? Your patience? Your love?

Where would you find the poor person today? What would he or she look like? Do you recognize and care for him or her as God's beloved child, or do you want to roll up your window or shut your door when you see him/her coming? Are you somewhere in between these alternatives?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Year Habakkuk 1:2-3,;2:2-4; Psalm 95; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17: 5-10