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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

**Our People** In the Gospel Reading, Jesus cleanses ten lepers, but only one of them turns back to thank Jesus. That one is a Samaritan. Samaritans aren't really part of God's people. They were separated from God's people earlier in their history.

By loving the Samaritan leper and the Greek woman, the Lord found his own people everywhere.

In a different gospel reading (Matt. 15:24; see also Mark 7:27), Jesus tells a Greek woman in Sidon, who persists in her requests for him to heal her daughter, that he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. Greeks are not part of God's people either; they are even more outsiders than Samaritans are.

But here is an odd thing to notice: Jesus does after all heal the daughter of the Greek woman. He cured the Samaritan leper too.

So was Jesus confused when he said he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel? Or, if his job really is to minister only to his own people, then why did he give such powerful gifts of healing, such tender care, to the Samaritan leper and to the Greek woman? After all, they aren't part of his people. And he said he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.

The solution to this puzzle lies in the First Reading. Namaan, the leper who comes to Elisha, the Israelite prophet, to be healed, is a Syrian. Not only are Syrians not part of God's people; they are in fact among the enemies of God's people. They worship an alien God. But Elisha heals Namaan anyway.

And then look what happens. Namaan the leper asks if Elisha will give him some dirt to build an altar to Elisha's God. When Elisha healed him, Namaan became committed to the true God. He wants dirt from Israel for an altar so that he can worship the God of Israel when he goes home to Syria. So Namaan comes to Elisha as a Syrian, but he leaves Elisha as a worshiper of the Lord.

A similar point holds of the Samaritan leper, and even of the woman in Sidon. They each become one of Jesus' own, because of Jesus' care for them. Your faith has saved you, Jesus says to the Samaritan when he returns to Jesus. To the Greek woman in Sidon who won't leave him, Jesus says, "Great is your faith!" (Mt 15:28)

In doing a miracle for the Greek woman in Sidon, then, Jesus was in fact caring only for the lost sheep of Israel. By loving the Samaritan leper and the Greek woman, the Lord found his own people everywhere. The lesson for us is clear, isn't it? Treat him with gentleness and care, and the person in front of you, hostile to all you hold dear, may in the end turn out to be one of the Lord's own people.

Eleonore Stump

# Vol 20 # 40 **Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year, October 13, 2019**

## Schedule of Masses

Sun	Oct 13	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Caryn Zmuda
Tue	Oct 15	9am, 11am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses	
Wed	Oct 16	5:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Oct 18	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Oct 20	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Peter Warner

### St Paul, Vienna

### Birthdays

Oct 16	Vickie Anderson Aiden Nelson
Oct 18	Jon Slife
Oct 19	Matt Fulkerson
Oct 20	Rick Stoerger Mady Bergmann

<p><b>Sun, Oct 13, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> C Bergmann, M Palmer  <b>Lector:</b> Mitch Miller  <b>Gifts:</b> D Hopkins, T Johnson  <b>Usher:</b>* S Pobst, D Bishop                  M McMahan, R Stoerger  <b>E. Minister</b> S Widowski,                  S Belske, V Anderson  <b>Greeter</b> Katie Pobst</p>	<p><b>Sun, Oct 20, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> E Zmuda, M Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Madonna Slife  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Liturgy  <b>Usher:</b>* J Slife, D Zmuda                  S Widowski, Mt Slife  <b>E. Minister</b> L Miller                  M Nelson, P Kalicki  <b>Greeter</b> Vickie Anderson</p>	<p><b>Sun, Oct 27, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Mady Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Leslie Miller  <b>Gifts:</b> Steve, Kathy Hupe  <b>Usher:</b>* Joe Nelson, Jm Nelson                  J Bergmann, P Widowski  <b>E. Minister</b> B Bishop                  D Bishop, F Dueker  <b>Greeter</b> H &amp; X Gruszczyk</p>
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### St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p><b>Sun, Oct 13: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Brenda Morse  <b>Lector:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Gifts:</b> Deaton Family  <b>Usher</b> Fred Deaton  <b>E. Min:</b> Brenda Morse</p>	<p><b>Sun, Oct 20 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Lector:</b> LaVonne Herbert  <b>Gifts:</b> R Drone, M Cole  <b>Usher:</b> David Parks  <b>E. Min:</b> Cecilia Parks</p>
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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun	Oct 12	Rosary 20 minutes before Sunday Masses
		St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
		St Paul Mass .....10:00 am
		PSR Classes.....11:00 am
Tue	Oct 15	Mass at Shawnee & Vienna DOC.....9 & 11:00 am
		Draw-Down Basket Preparations.....4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 16	Ministerial Alliance Mt.....12 pm
		Weekday Mass.....5:30 pm
		Merged Parish Council Mt.....6:00 pm
Fri	Oct 18	Weekday Mass at...SP.....12:00 pm
Sat	Oct 19	Draw-Down Party at St Paul Hall.....6-9:00 pm
Sun	Oct 20	Rosary 20 minutes before Sunday Masses
		World Mission Sunday Collection
		St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
		St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy.....10:00 am
		PSR Classes.....11:00 am

*Your faith  
has made  
you well.*



**LEADERS OF ROSARY** Rosary will be prayed 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.

**DRAW-DOWN PARTY** Food sign-up sheet is on bulletin board. Helpers are needed to put baskets together and decorate on Tuesday the 15th at 4:00pm in the parish hall. Draw-Down party begins 6 pm with food on Saturday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at St Paul Parish Hall.

**MERGED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held 6 pm this Wed, Oct 16. Council members are asked to pick up agenda at the weekend mass.

**FIRST QUARTER FINANCE BUDGET/REPORT** is included in this week' bulletin. Questions may be directed to trustees Jared Bergmann, Matt Slife or Fr Tom.

**CARE ITEMS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL** DAR Project Patriot-The local Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution(DAR) is inviting the local communities to participate in providing personal care items (identified on lists in the Church lobby) for active duty military personnel who are overseas. Boxes of items will be packed and shipped by the DAR. There is a container in the lobby to collect the donated items. The container will be picked up on 10/21/19. Your help for our service men and women would be greatly appreciated.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY** This ministry provides meals during time of family illness and assists with transportation to doctor appointments. Contact Frank Dueker (618-559-1405) or Pat Kalicki (618-658-1500).

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS....**

**Joint Parish Halloween Hayride & Hot Dog Roast** hosted by St Francis DeSales begins 4 pm, Saturday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at the church pavilion. Participants are asked to bring chips or cookies and lawn chair.

**Faith Alive Thrift Store** will be staffed by St Paul volunteers Oct 31-Nov 2

**THANK YOU....**To Tom & Cathy Kruep for homemade donuts and hosting the First Sunday social Oct 6

...to PSR students and adults whose Heritage Festival Float placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the church group.

**JESUS IS AT WORK.** Four things stand out in this story of ten lepers that Saint Luke alone tells. (1) Jesus is indeed powerful. (2) God, in Jesus, is full of mercy. (3) God is due all thanks and praise. (4) Even foreigners are loved, respected, and saved. Thus, Jesus is at work. So, must we be at work. This will be a busy week for us. To whom and in what way will I extend mercy? For whom and for what will I give thanks and praise to God? How will I embrace the alone, the sick, the outcast, the foreigner?

## **Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year**

2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Giving thanks should be a way of life. Even in those times when we feel forgotten and neglected, the gift of life itself demands gratitude. The readings today insist that we put aside concentration on self, open our eyes to the goodness within and around us, and give praise for giftedness.

The episode from the Second Book of Kings recounts the cure of the Aramean general Naaman through the intercession of the prophet Elisha. Naaman is healed of his leprosy and thus confesses his faith in the God of Israel and offers a gift as a sign of his gratitude.

Psalm 98 is an enthronement psalm honoring Yahweh as king of the universe. The poem also emphasizes Yahweh's interventions on behalf of Israel and Israel's recognition of this generosity. Yahweh is loyal to the covenant: "He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel" (Psalm 98:3).

Luke portrays a merciful Jesus responding to the oppressed of his society, namely, ten lepers. In verses 17-18, Jesus asks three questions that bring out the contrast between gratitude and ingratitude. Only the Samaritan returns; he has experienced more than just a physical cure. This man links the healing with the healer; the other nine fail to make the connection. Awareness of divine intervention must flow over into praise. Fittingly the Samaritan's appreciation leads to his conversion through Jesus.

Gratitude, like charity, should begin at home. These biblical passages make us humble as we remember all the kindness shown through the years. The love of parents and other family members is the first and greatest recollection. Frequently our gratitude can take the form of imitation. Where we have received sympathy, support, and concern, we can give the same to others. In this way the generosity of the giver is not lost but perpetuated. The spirit of the Scriptures inspires praise and thanks for each and every gift we have received.

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

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**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION** Naaman was expecting special and involved treatment, though his directions from Elisha were simply to wash in the river. How could this be sufficient to cure his illness? Which do you think God uses more often to communicate with you, extraordinary signs or ordinary ones? Explain.

What saints would you say have suffered for the gospel? Who suffers for the gospel today? Do you? in what ways? This Sunday we see foreigners who were grateful: the Syrian blind man, and in the First Reading the foreigner, Naaman. Does God offer generous love regardless of a person's origins or accomplishments? Do you give of yourself or your goods when there is ingratitude? Do you take note when God pours grace into your life? Are you grateful?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year** Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8