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

ST. PAUL 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

The Worst Kind of Pride In the Gospel Reading, Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee and a tax collector in order to teach a lesson about pride. As Jesus tells the parable, the Pharisee is not pleasing to God; the tax collector is.

In the parable, what the Pharisee says in his prayer is this: “I thank you, God, that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.” The tax collector just prays for God to have mercy on him, a sinful man.

Now what exactly is wrong with the Pharisee’s prayer?

He likes looking down on that tax collector! And that is the worst kind of pride.

Notice that the parable doesn’t doubt the Pharisee’s truthfulness: he does have real moral excellence. And notice too that the Pharisee doesn’t congratulate himself on this moral excellence in himself. He thanks God for it; he gives God all the credit for it.

So what exactly is wrong with this Pharisee?

Think about it this way. Aquinas says that there are four kinds of pride.

- (1) There’s foolish pride. You think you have an excellence which you don’t have, like a child who thinks he’s the best basketball player in the world.
- (2) There’s the pride of the self-made man. You think you have an excellence you do have, but you think you got that excellence for yourself, without anybody’s help.
- (3) There’s the sneakily self-congratulatory pride. You think you have an excellence you do have, and you recognize that God gave it to you; but you assume God gave it to you because he knew that you would make such good use of it.
- (4) And then there’s the most self-deceptive kind of pride. You think you have an excellence you do have, and you recognize that you have it because God gave it, and you acknowledge that God gave it because he is so good, not because you are so nice—but you are glad others don’t have it and you hope they don’t get it.

Now we see what is wrong with the Pharisee, don’t we? He accepts that his excellence is a gift from the Lord. He just doesn’t want anybody else to have what he has. He likes looking down on that tax collector! And that is the worst kind of pride.

True humility is seeing that every excellence you have is a gift from your loving Lord and is given to you so that you can share it with others in love and rejoice with them when they have it too.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 42 **Thirtieth Sunday of the Year, October 27, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Oct 27	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Sandy Biver
Tue	Oct 29	9am, 11am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses	
Wed	Oct 30	11:30, 1 pm	Marion BOP Masses	
		6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Oct 31	7:00 pm	SFD	General Intention
Fri	Nov 1	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Nov 2	8:30 am	SFD	General Intention
Sun	Nov 3	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett

Birthdays

Oct 28 Marc Palmer
 Oct 30 Brenda Morse
 Nov 1 Robert Skaggs
 Beverly McCabe
 Nov 2 Harry Gruszczzyk

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Oct 27, 10 am Server: Mady Bergmann Lector: Leslie Miller Gifts: Steve, Kathy Hupe Usher:* J Nelson, Jm Nelson, J Bergmann, P Widowski E. Minister B Bishop D Bishop, F Dueker Greeter H & X Gruszczzyk</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 3, 10 am Server: C Bergmann, M Palmer Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: N Jarrett, C Johnson Usher:*F Dueker, R Beanland, Pat Kalicki, Geri Tesina E Minister: L Givens, D Hopkins, P Widowski Greeter: Janet Hacker</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 10, 10 am Server: M Bergmann, E Zmuda Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: P Kalicki, P Kinhead Usher: *L Hinton, M McMahan, M Palmer, D Bishop E. Minister: C Kruep, L Stoerger, B Palmer Greeter: Bill & Billie Porter.</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Oct 27 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: D Parks, R Drone Usher: Stan Treat E Minister Christine Deaton</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 3, 10 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Lavonne Herbert Gifts: David Parks, Stan Treat Usher: Fred Deaton E Minister: Cecilia Parks</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun	Oct 27	Rosary 20 minutes before Sunday Masses
		St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
		St Paul Mass & Emergency Plan review.....10:00 am
		Blood Pressure Checks before and after mass SP
		125 th Anniversary Committee Mt. hall.....11:00 am
Tue	Oct 28	Mass at Shawnee & Vienna DOC.....9 & 11:00 am
Wed	Oct 29	USP Marion Masses..... 11:30am & 1 pm
		Weekday Mass..... 6:30 pm
Thr – Sat		Faith Alive Volunteers by St Paul.....9am-3 pm
Thr	Oct 31	St Paul Trunk ‘n Treat at Vienna Park.....6-9 pm
		All Saints Holyday mass at SFD.....7:00 pm
Fri	Nov 1	All Saints Holyday mass at SP.....6:30 pm
Sat	Nov 2	First Saturday Mass and Devotions at SFD...8:30 am
Sun	Nov 3	St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
		St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy.....10:00 am
		PSR Classes.....11:00 am
		Parish Social honoring Veterans.....11:00 am
		Liturgy Committee Mt...after social.....11:00 am
		Holy Hour for Vocations at SP.....12- 1:00 pm



All who humble themselves will be exalted.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be offered this Sunday before and after the mass by the Wellness committee.

K OF C RAFFLE TICKETS for Vocations are available from Lee Givens after mass this weekend or you may contact him 618-313-3019

PARISH ADDRESS DIRECTORY New copy for each household is available. Please pick copy from table in church foyer.

125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will have a meeting in the hall following mass this Sunday. Any parishioner is welcome to join the planning.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE During the month of November parishioners are encouraged to remember deceased members in prayer. A Book of Remembrance will be available to include names, which will be brought to the altar during Sundays of November.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE will be staffed by St Paul volunteers Oct 31-Nov 2. Volunteers are urgently needed as this week starts the Christmas toy sale and larger than usual amounts of customers will be expected. A sign-up list for volunteers is on the foyer bulletin board.

TRUNK ‘n TREAT St Paul Parish will host a booth at the Vienna City Park on Thursday, Oct 31, 6-9 pm. Thanks to Steve Pobst and Cathy Kruep for coordinating this project.

REMINDER: All Saints Obligatory Holyday Masses are Thr, Oct 31, 7 pm at St Francis DeSales, and Fri, Nov 1, 6:30 pm at St Paul

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL will be Sun, Nov 3rd after Mass. St. Paul CCW members are providing a special brunch to honor our Veterans. Please join us in honoring our Veterans.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK starts Sun, Nov 3rd. St. Paul will host a Holy Hour Nov 3rd at 12:00 noon in the church to launch this week.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE VIENNA PANTRY runs through November. Donations can be placed in or by the tub in the foyer area.

DRAW-DOWN Winner of the \$4,000 grand prize was Craig Levesque. If you have not already received a prize for your ticket, please check in church foyer this weekend.

NOTE The Marian Statue in front of the hall has been removed for repainting

UPCOMING EVENTS

--Communal Anointing of Sick at masses on Nov 10th.

--CCW ladies meeting, Nov.10 at 11 a.m.

--Eucharistic Adoration Nov 14 from 4 p.m. to 7:30p.m

--Lay Prayer Leader Workshop in Belleville Nov. 15

--Catholic Relief Service Workshop Nov. 16, 9:00 a.m-2:30 pm. in Benton

GOD HEARS. God hears everyone – proud and humble, pushy and contrite. But God wants us to be as the latter in both sets – humble and contrite. Shooting off my mouth and lauding my own good deeds can get in the way of righteous action. We still want to be generous, honest, and fair. We should just let God do the noticing! How will I be less pushy and humble? How can my prayer be filled with “I love you, God, for _____?” How must my prayer say, “I am sorry for _____?”

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

Sirach 35:12-14,16-18; Psalm 34:2-3,17-18,19,23; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-4

Television idealizes the rich and famous. Their success and affluent lifestyles become the fascination and envy of millions. This luxurious glitter is far distant from the mandate of today's readings, which is concern for the distressed. Wealth is not evil, and we should not forget those who are well off; but the poor hold a special place in the Christian community.

The Sirach passage was written at the beginning of the second century B.C. God is depicted as a just judge who considers each case on its own merits and never stoops to bribery. At the same time, the judge has a special concern for the down-and-out. The author (Ben Sira) insists that the Jewish nation must imitate this divine compassion for those without a special advocate.

Psalm 34 is a hymn of praise grounded in God's actions on behalf of the unfortunate. Israel is urged to emulate this God who confronts the comfortable and relieves those broken in spirit. The faithful of every generation must redeem a broken world where life becomes only existence and not celebration.

Luke's parable employs a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee represents faithful Jewish observers of the Mosaic law. The tax collector, because of abuses in the manner of gathering taxes, represents sinners. The Pharisee stands in front, proclaiming his righteousness and demeaning all others. The tax collector acknowledges his sin and hence leaves the Temple at peace with God. Luke concludes with Jesus' statement of role reversal: The exalted will be humbled and the humble exalted.

Human nature finds identity with the rich and famous more appealing than identity with the down-and-out. Who doesn't want to stand in front as a model of virtue? Yet if we choose to occupy this sacred space and call ourselves Christian, then we must draw the outcasts into our circle of concern. Hence we embrace our compassionate God's preferential option for the poor.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION “The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.” How are the orphan, widow and oppressed lowly or humble? Name some people you know who fit their description. What does humility look like on them? How is your humility? Are you honest with God?

Do you sometimes feel as if you are being “poured out like a libation,” or that everyone has deserted you? What do you think Paul did to combat these feelings in himself? What do you think would help you?

The Pharisee says a prayer in this Gospel. Is it to God or to himself? If you were in God's place, what kind of prayers of the two would you answer first? Which one has a sincere heart?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Thirty-first Sunday of Year Wisdom 11:22-12; 2 Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13,14; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10