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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

That Kind of Faith The apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. He answers with the metaphor of the mustard seed: “If you had the faith the size of a mustard seed, you could do whatever it is you want.”

The problem is that we do not have that kind of faith. We do not really believe that we can accomplish the things we desire. We cry out to God about the violence, ruin, and misery in our world: “Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. We bow down in worship and kneel before the Lord who made us, but with hardened hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert.”

We do not seem to believe that God’s “love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires.” Moreover, we do not have faith in our own ability to do wonders such as moving sycamores.

And so the world continues being overwhelmed with violence, ruin, misery, destruction, strife and discord. Poverty, hunger, oppression, and war exist not because they have to but because we do not have faith in God or in ourselves.

Lord, increase our faith!

My dear friends: hard work and a strong sense of family and community have sustained you in the past in your upright Christian lives. Above all, your faith in Jesus Christ and the hope that it generates in you are at the basis of all your aspirations for a better future. ... May God our Father grant success to the work of your hands.

Pope John Paul II,
[Address at Newfoundland, Canada](#), 1984: 6
Gerald Darring

Vol 20 # 39 **Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year, October 6, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Oct 6	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett
Tue	Oct 8	9am, 11am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses	
Wed	Oct 9	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Oct 11	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Oct 12	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Karen Zmuda

Birthdays	
Oct 7	Ruth Brown
Oct 12	Doc Maier

St Paul, Vienna

<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>	<p>Sun, Oct 20, 10 am Server: E Zmuda, M Bergmann Lector: Madonna Slife Gifts: Children Liturgy Usher:* J Slife, D Zmuda S Widowski, Mt Slife E. Minister L Miller M Nelson, P Kalicki Greeter Vickie Anderson</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<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>	<p>Sun, Oct 13: 8:00 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: Deaton Family Usher Fred Deaton E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun	Oct 6	Rosary 20 minutes before Sunday Masses
		St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
		St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word....10:00 am
		PSR Classes.....11:00 am
		First Sunday Social at SP.....11:00 am
Tue	Oct 8	Mass at Shawnee & Vienna DOC.....9 & 11:00 am
Wed	Oct 9	BDCCW Conference..Beckemeyer.....8:30 am
		Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
Thr	Oct 10	Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4 - 7:30 pm
Fri	Oct 11	Weekday Mass at...SP.....12:00 pm
		Finance Council Mt.....5:30 pm
Sun	Oct 12	Rosary 20 minutes before Sunday Masses
		St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
		St Paul Mass10:00 am
		PSR Classes.....11:00 am



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.

OCTOBER COUNT During the month of October a count of attendance at Sunday mass is recorded and submitted to the diocese for statistical records. Ushers are reminded to do count and record on sheet in foyer.

DRAW-DOWN PARTY. Tickets still available: sign up for food items on the bulletin board, still need basket and gift items. Baskets to be at the church next Sunday, October 13, no later than Tuesday, October 15. We will put baskets together and decorate on Tuesday the 15th at 4:00.

BDCCW RAFFLE Raffle tickets from the diocesan Councils of Catholic Women are available before and after Mass this weekend. Prizes include a hundred dollars cash. Also, if anyone would like to attend CCW convention on Wednesday they can contact Pam for information and/or ride. 227-714-4568

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH Domestic Violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses to control an intimate partner through fear and intimidation. It includes physical, sexual, psychological, verbal and economic abuse. Examples include battering, name calling and insults, threats to kill or harm one's partner or children, marital rape, or forced abortion. Help is available. Contact parish office for resources.

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL All parishioners are encouraged to extend a shared time after mass in the hall with light refreshments. Working together is complemented by sharing our interests and challenges.

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be hosted at St Paul Church this Thursday, Oct 10, 4 pm – 7:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to spend a short or long time in prayer. It's helpful for people to sign the schedule on the BB to assure someone is present.

ALL SOULS TRIBUTE It's not too late to Honor your Loved Ones on All Souls Day 2019 with your personalized All Souls Tribute in *The Messenger*. Tributes will appear in the October 31st publication of *The Messenger*. Please send clearly printed names of your deceased loved ones with a \$10 donation for each name to *The Messenger*, 2620 Lebanon Ave., Belleville, IL 62221. Deadline is Oct 17th. For questions call 722-5047.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL PARADE FLOAT Thank you to Joe & Marsha Nelson, Matt Slife, Marc Palmer, Arlene Dueker, Altar Sodality and all who worked on the float and to the youth who conveyed that 'It's A Small World'

VOCATION CORNER - "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27.) What a challenge Jesus has issued to us to follow our call. Our discipleship is based on our acting in accord with His will for our lives. Do we ever take a moment and reflect on our "call" in life and how we are fulfilling that call? Our crosses come in varied shapes and sizes. Some of us are to fulfill our selves in Marriage; some in the single life; some in the religious life. Encourage and support each other in succeeding in carrying our individual crosses.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 95; 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14;
Luke 17:5-10

Today's readings take up the demands of faith. They present a God who takes us seriously and wishes to be taken seriously. The verses offer no foolproof formula for relating to this God in all times and circumstances. Rather, they are glimpses of people who demonstrated that belief entails developing a dynamic relationship with God.

The opening verses of Habakkuk are a dialogue between God and the prophet about the perennial problem of evil. The people had suffered ruthless domination under one government; now a new power, neo-Babylonia, was emerging after the battle of Carchemish in 605 B.C. King Nebuchadnezzar was to be no improvement. The frustration is clear, "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?" (Habakkuk 1:2). God's answer is this: Vindication and relief will come to those who wait patiently in faith.

In today's second reading, Timothy and his community are called to live out the Good News ("the good treasure") in their own day and hand it on for future generations.

Luke 17:1-10 gathers sayings of Jesus describing the faith required of disciples. The disciple must not be an occasion of sin (17:1-2) but must be willing to forgive those who have sinned (17:3-4). The apostles plead for the strength required to do these things; Jesus replies that faith (17:6) even as tiny as a mustard seed will make incredible accomplishments possible.

Service to the community characterizes the true believer. Reward must not be demanded or even expected, "When you have done all you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'" (Luke 17:10).

Dialogue with God is required, even when the reply is in the form of a vision as yet unfulfilled. Courage is needed to apply the Christian message to our time without benefit of a vision. The God of the Bible is present yet hidden, compassionate yet demanding, just yet merciful, powerful yet gentle.
-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Habakkuk speaks of misery and violence. What helps you survive misery in your life? In a tough situation can faith sustain you? Do you need to exercise your faith in lesser matters in order to be ready?

What did Paul say God gave us instead of the "spirit of cowardice?" How can we "stir into flames" the power of love and self-control? Can love overcome cowardice and be a weapon for Christians? Is quantity an issue when it comes to faith? Would an infinitely small amount of faith (a mustard seed's worth) fulfill what Jesus promised to the apostles?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Year 2 Kings 5:14-17;
Psalm 98; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17: 11-19