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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 Real Thing In the Gospel Reading, the Sadducees come to show Jesus up. Here is their case: if there were a resurrection and a life with God in heaven, as Jesus teaches, then what a mess there would be for people who had married more than once!

The problem with the Sadducees is that they can't imagine anything bigger or better than the small world they know. In that world, a man needs a wife and gets a wife and certainly hopes not to share her with anybody. But, they think, if there were a resurrection of the dead, then any man whose wife outlived him and remarried would find that in heaven his wife had another husband in addition to him. Since that is plainly an intolerable thought, there can't be any such thing as heaven.

Is there no sex in heaven? Then how could it be heaven?

When you see their view this way, it seem so childish. They are like a child who reacts with dismay when he is told that he won't be sucking his thumb when he grows up.

But, of course, we have our own version of this sort of Sadducee position; and Jesus' answer to the Sadducees prompts it. People aren't married in heaven, Jesus tells them; they are like the angels of God, who also don't marry. What?!! some people say. Is there no sex in heaven? Then how could it be heaven? Obviously, our contemporary Sadducees think, there can't be any such thing as heaven since the best things in life couldn't happen there!

These contemporary Sadducees must pity the angels. The angels never had bodies. So, they were never able to have what these people think of as the best things in life—sex or even marriage.

When it is spelled out in this way, the childishness of this contemporary Sadducee-like position is clear. It supposes that the little goods of embodied creatures are as good as things ever get. But God created the angels much bigger than human beings. They unite with each other not in the limited way that bodies can unite but with their whole selves, in an intimate and joyful way, through their union with the mind of God.

By comparison with the power of that union, sex, even sex in happy marriage, is small. And that is why human beings don't marry, or have sex, in heaven. In heaven, they finally have the real thing.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 44 **Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year, November 10, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Nov 10	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	General Intention
Tue	Nov 12	9am, 11am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses	
Wed	Nov 13	11:30am, 1pm	Marion Penitentiary	
		6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Nov 15	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov 17	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett

Birthdays

Nov 11 Jerry Cecchi
Girard Cole
Nov 13 Glenn Brown
Nov 15 Pam Shallenberger

St Paul, Vienna

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.

Sun, Nov 17, 10 am

Server: M Bergmann, C Bergmann
Lector: Joan Galey
Gifts: C Kruep, L Lance
Usher: *S Widowski, J Bergmann,
J Slife, D Zmuda Sr.
E. Minister: Z Garrett,
V Anderson, Madonna Slife
Greeter: Sandy Belske

Sun, Nov 24 10 am

Server: E Zmuda, M Palmer
Lector: Arlene Dueker
Gifts: M Mahon, K Nagele
Usher: *P Widowski, S Pobst,
J Nelson, Jm Nelson
E Minister: M Nelson
P Kalicki S Widowski
Greeter: H & X Gruszczyk

St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, Nov 10 8:00 am

Server: Christine Deaton
Lector: Cecilia Parks
Gifts: F Deaton/ S Treat
Usher: David Parks
E Minister: Mary Treat

Sun, Nov 17, 10 am

Server: Cecilia Parks
Lector: Christine Deaton
Gifts: David Parks, Fred Deaton
Usher: Stan Treat
E Minister: Myron Cole

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Nov 10 Anointing of Sick all Masses

St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am

St Paul Mass10:00 am

PSR Classes.....11:00 am

CCW Ladies Mtg11:00 am

Tue Nov 12 Shawnee & Vienna DOC.....9 & 11:00 am

Wed Nov 13 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm

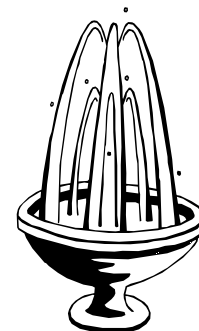
Thr Nov 14 Eucharistic Adorations.....4:00-7:30 pm

Fri Nov 15 Weekday Mass at St Paul.....12:00 pm

Sun Nov 17 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am

St Paul Mass & Children's Liturgy.....10:00 am

PSR Classes.....11:00 am



So that
the word
of the Lord
may spread
rapidly and
be glorified
everywhere.

2 Thes 3:1

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be offered at the Nov. 10 masses. Those who have difficulty standing are encouraged to sit in the front row of pews so the sacramental minister can approach you where you are.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION Forms are in today's Bulletin to nominate parishioners for new members of the parish council. Nominations are due November 24 by putting forms in marked container in church foyer.

CCW (Council of Catholic Women) are having a meeting after Mass today. All women of the parish are invited to attend. An offering for their ministries will also be taken up at the church door after mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is this Thursday from 4 pm to 7:30. Sign up sheet is available on the foyer bulletin board.

VETERANS DAY We show gratitude for all our veterans. We give special recognition to our parish Veterans: Dale Bishop, Jerry Cecchi, Myron Cole, Frank Dueker, Jim Goddard, Anthony Kolb, Mike McMahan, Mitch Miller, Bill Porter, Chuck Querrey, Al Stachowiak, Steve Widowski, Paul Widowski, and Carolyn Johnson.

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.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE VIENNA PANTRY runs through November. Donations can be placed in or by the tub in the foyer area. Consider donations that are healthy for meals.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be hosted at St Paul on Sun, Nov 24, 6 pm. Pam Shallenberger is seeking people who are willing to do a special song for the service (and who would also consider practicing for the Christmas Eve Mass) 217-714-4568.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER RECENT DECEASED **Dan Cross**, brother in law of Madonna Slife who died Oct 28 in Watseka IL; **Samuel McCabe**, former parishioner of St Francis DeSales whose funeral was celebrated Nov 4.

THANK YOU....to St Paul Council of Catholic Women who sponsored the Veteran Brunch at St Paul on Nov 3rd.

VOCATION CORNER - "Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God." – Thomas Merton

WHAT IS THIS RESURRECTION? The burning-bush-God of Moses is the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob and Rachel and Leah. Our God, too! And this God is faithful. This God assures us that death is only the end of our beginning. Resurrection that follows is entry to the life we hope and believe is heaven, is being with God face-to-face for ever. How am I preparing for death? How do I look forward to resurrected life? If I were to die tomorrow, what would I do or not do today?

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14; Psalm 17; 2 Thessalonians 2:16--3:5; Luke 20:27-38

The Hebrew Scriptures theology of martyrdom is vividly taught in the first reading's appalling account of the torture and murder of seven sons with their mother. The family spokesman says that even painful death is preferable to denial of their Jewish religious heritage. A second brother says that martyrdom can be endured because there is hope in a future physical resurrection. This is one of the few Hebrew Scriptures explicitly teaching belief in an afterlife.

Paul teaches that prayer's first concern should be for spreading the Good News worldwide rather than for personal or neighborhood problems. He admits that our evangelization will be frustrated occasionally by confused and evil persons, but the Lord will give the strength required. Like any good homilist, Paul encourages his audience to keep up the good work, exhorting them to be open to their leaders and ruled by God's love.

The Sadducees controlled the temple high priesthood and so comprised the party of power, wealth, and privilege. They accepted only written Scripture and rejected oral tradition that the Pharisees used to apply God's Word to everyday life. The Sadducees were rigidly orthodox but at the same time unscrupulous in doing whatever was necessary to maintain their wealth and religious influence. Luke describes their attempt to discredit Jesus by posing a trick question concerning afterlife.

Jesus presents two arguments. First, life in the age to come will be different from life as we now know it. Life in the kingdom will be a free gift from God, not something automatic for all in good standing. Second, the inmost nature of God is life, and that is proof for the reality of resurrected existence. All God's acts of salvation have one ultimate purpose -- selfless sharing of that life. Abraham and all faithful descendants must therefore live, or God is not God!

-- Francis X. Cleary, S.J.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION What are some burdensome earthly trials besides martyrdom that people might be able to endure because of the hope of the resurrection? What suffering could such hope allow you to endure?

Are you saving the world in your ministry? Are you part of God's plan to save the world? How might this happen?

"He is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live to him" In Jesus God gives us eternal life: he gives it to everyone, and everyone can, thanks to him, hope to live a life even more real than this one. The life that God has in store for us is not simply a better version of this one: it goes beyond our imagination.

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Thirty-Third Sunday of Year Malachi 3:10-20a; Psalm 98: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19