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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 GOOD NEWS In the [Gospel](#) Reading for this Sunday, Jesus talks about things that will happen to his followers at some end time. The Greek word translated “gospel” means “good news.” And what good things is Jesus predicting? Well, earthquakes, famines, plagues, wars, persecutions, betrayals, imprisonment, and executions.

A person could be forgiven for wondering what happened to the good news.

But what makes a life good for Christians? Isn't it being Christ-like?

What was Christ like?

In his infancy, he lived through the war that King Herod waged against the children of Bethlehem. In his childhood, he lived in a country that was conquered by the Romans. In his adulthood, he was betrayed by his intimate friend Judas. And at the end of his life he was persecuted and put to death by the rulers of his society. All the things—well, virtually all the things—that Jesus predicted for his people in the end time were part of his own life, too.

So if you were hoping for a life of ease, leisure, and video games, you weren't hoping to be Christ-like, were you?

But what is *good* about Christ-likeness, you might think to yourself, if this is what it turns out to be? Why isn't Jesus' prediction just depressing?

Well, look at the [First Reading](#). It seems to be depicting an end time, too, doesn't it? Only this end time must come *after* the time Jesus is describing. In the time Jesus is talking about, the bad guys win. In the end time that the First Reading portrays, the bad guys lose; and they lose big. They don't manage to hang on to either their past—their roots, or their future—their branches.

Everything that goes to make them up is lost by fire.

Who would want to be them?

In the final end time that the First Reading predicts, everyone will be able to understand what is good about being Christ-like. At that time, Christ will come as the Sun of Justice. All those who are like him will live forever with him; and, like him, they will shine like the sun.

So, if we are like Christ in his first coming, in his suffering, we will be found like him at his second coming, too.

That *is* good news, isn't it?

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 45 **Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year, November 17, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Nov 17	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	
Tue	Nov 19	9am, 11am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses	
Wed	Nov 20	5:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Nov 22	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov 24	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Dan Cross

Birthdays Nov 23 Dave Zmuda Jr
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St Paul, Vienna

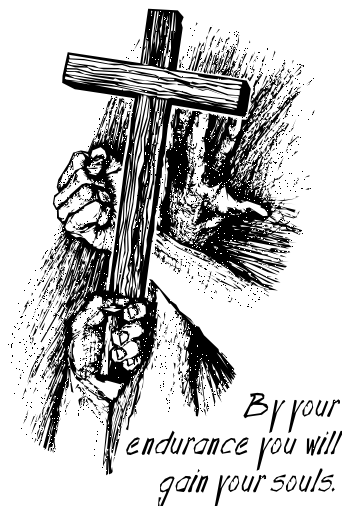
<p>Sun, Nov 17, 10 am Server: C Bergmann, M Bergmann Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: C Kruep, L Lance Usher: * S Widowski, J Bergmann J Slife, D Zmuda Sr. E. Minister: Z Garrett, V Anderson, Madonna Slife Greeter: Sandy Belske</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 24 ,10 am Server: M Palmer, E Zmuda Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: M McMahon, K Nagele Usher: *P Widowski, S Pobst J Nelson, Jm Nelson E. Minister: M Nelson, P Kalicki, S Widowskiyk Greeter: H & Z Gruszczyk</p>	<p>Sun, Dec 1 10 am Server: M Bergmann, M Palmer Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: Steve Pobst, K Pobst Usher:*M Palmer, P Kalicki R Beanland, L Givens E Minister: B Bishop, D Bishop L Miller Greeter: Geri Tesina</p>
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Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Nov 17, 10 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: David Parks, Fred Deaton Usher: Stan Treat E Minister: Mvron Cole</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 24 ,10 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: L Herbert, S Treat Usher: Myron Cole E. Minister: Cecilia Parks</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Nov 17	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass & Children's Liturgy.....	10:00 am
	PSR Classes.....	11:00 am
Mon Nov 18	Community Blood Drive..Fellowship Baptist.	12-6 pm
Tue Nov 19	Shawnee & Vienna DOC.....	9 & 11:00 am
Wed Nov 20	Weekday Mass.....	5:30 pm
	Merged Parish Council Mtg.....	6:00 pm
Fri Nov 22	Weekday Mass at St Paul.....	12:00 pm
Sun Nov 24	Human Development Campaign	
	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass & Blood Pressure cks.....	10:00 am
	PSR Classes.....	11:00 am
	125 th Celebration Committee Mt.....	11:00 am
	Community Thanksgiving Service at SP.....	6:00 pm



*By your
endurance you will
gain your souls.*

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION Forms were in Nov 10 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. Extra forms are available in Church foyer

CHILDREN LITURGY OF WORD for fall begins this Sunday. Children age 3 through fourth grade are invited to accompany an adult leader after the opening prayer of mass to listen and reflect on the scripture as a group, then rejoin the Eucharistic celebration at the preparation of the gifts.

BLOOD DRIVE is Nov 18 from 12 noon-6:00 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church Hall

MERGED PARISH COUNCIL will meet at 6:00 in St. Paul Parish Hall. Members are asked to pick up the agenda in the church entrance.

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 24. Donations can be placed in or by the tub in the foyer area. Consider donations that are healthy for meals.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Next week, our special collection will support more than 46 million people in the United States who live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be hosted at St Paul on Sun, Nov 24, 6 pm. CCW is requesting volunteers to provide light snacks following the service. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer. We will be serving light refreshments and finger foods for a social following the Prayer Service. All parish members are encouraged to attend the service and be welcoming hosts to the community.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be available next week before and after Sunday's Mass.

125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING will be Nov 24 following Mass

CONGRATULATIONS to Zachary Garrett and Erin Medvecz who exchanged vows of marriage on Saturday, Nov. 16

STANDING WITH THE POOR. At the end of the Jubilee of Mercy in 2017, Pope Francis established this second-last Sunday of the liturgical year as the World Day of the Poor. How fitting it is that as we look to the end our lives, to the end of the world, and to the final coming of Christ, we look to the poor. Let us sing the Psalm each day this week: "The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice." How will I equally treat each person with justice? How will I be generous? How will I care for the poor?

Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

Fidelity, steadfast faithfulness, is an ongoing challenge to Christians and all people of goodwill. This virtue is essential to marriage and family, church and religion, business and politics. Today's readings urge believers to practice fidelity.

In the first half of the fifth century B.C., an anonymous prophet (Malachi simply means "my messenger") addressed the concerns of the Jewish people. Today's verses, for example, speak to the age-old question of good and evil. On the Day of the Lord, fire will rain down upon the evildoers, and the just will enjoy the healing rays of the sun. The prophet's advice is that all prepare for this day by remaining faithful to the Lord's ways.

The second reading deals with those Thessalonian Christians who believed that Jesus' Second Coming (the Parousia) was imminent (2 Thessalonians 2:2). Paul attacks this false teaching that causes people to be so anxious about the Lord's arrival that they stop working. Paul insists that all be active workers for the Lord's cause and so earn their daily bread. There is no need to worry about the Second Coming; people have already been taught the signs of that time (2 Thessalonians 2:1-15). Be faithful!

Luke wrote his gospel after the destruction of Jerusalem (A.D. 70) was an accomplished fact. In today's section, however, he presents Jesus as a prophetic figure who exhorts his followers to fidelity and who announces the destruction of the Temple. Luke divides this section into three parts: (1) the fate of the Temple (verses. 5-7); (2) signs before the end (verses. 8-11); and (3) advice for coping with persecution (verses. 12-19). Victory is promised to those who remain faithful: "But not a hair of your head will perish" (Luke 21:18).

In a different time, our challenge remains the same -- to see our trials against the background of Jesus. In the crucible of everyday life we must embrace the cross, history's classic example of faithful love and triumphant victory.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION When you read this do you interpret "you who fear my name" as cowering in terror? Or being filled with wonder and awe when you think of God's name? "But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."

What does St. Paul name that drove him to "work in toil and drudgery, night and day"? What would he have toiled at today? Do you work to bring about the kingdom? How?

Jesus says, "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking." How does this statement and "Not a hair of your head will perish" impact your trust in God?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Samuel 5:1-3, Psalm 122; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43