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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

CHRIST THE KING In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Christ is crucified. The rulers who caused this crucifixion feel no compassion. They add to his misery by mocking his mission: he saved others; himself he cannot save. One of the two thieves crucified with him mocks him too: hey, Christ, save yourself and us!

Christ the King says nothing. He just hangs there, nailed to the wood of the cross.

What the *other* thief says is astonishing. He rebukes the first thief, the one mocking Jesus, in the strongest possible way. “Have you no fear of God?” he says.

If you leaned over the edge of your chair and saw a giant python inching its way across your floor, you would leap sky high, wouldn't you? You wouldn't be making any mocking jokes right then, would you? The good thief wants to get the same reaction out of the bad mocking thief. Only it isn't a python that is meant to give the bad thief a reality check. It's the awesome power of the living God.

But how about a reality check for the good thief? Look at where Christ the King is! What's to fear about the God who lets his King be killed this way?

The whole earth is soaked with the tears of the suffering; and broken humanity is like the flotsam and jetsam everywhere on the ocean of history. What's to fear about God? Where is he?

On the cross—that is the answer.

God is love and all the power of God is there in the love shown by Christ's painful death. To save us, and to bring us to himself in heaven, God will suffer even the torment of death on the cross. Love that is willing to suffer is greater than power that is able to coerce, and that powerful love is there on the cross.

Someone habituated to mockery *should* fear this power. Sooner or later, the consuming fire of God's love will burn away his mockery's pretense at insouciance.

But someone who fears God because God loves him will find Christ in the way the good thief did. Sooner or later, he will hear Christ say to him, “This day you will be with me in paradise.” Then he will know the victory of Christ the King, and he will be victorious with Christ.

Eleonore Stump

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Schedule of Masses

Sun	Nov 24	8:00 am	SFD	Zoeth Skaggs
		10:00 am	SP	Dan Cross
Tue	Nov 26	9am, 11am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses	
Wed	Nov 27	11:30-1pm	BOP	Marion mass
		6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Nov 28	8:30 am	SFD	General Intention
Fri	Nov 29	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Dec 1	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead

Birthdays
 Nov 26 Peter Garrett
 Nov 30 Craig Levesque

Sun, Nov 24, 10 am
Server: M Palmer, E Zmuda,
Lector: Arlene Dueker
Gifts: M McMahan, K Nagele
Usher: * P Widowski, S Pobst
 J Nelson, Jm Nelson
E. Minister: M Nelson
 S Widowski, P Kalicki
Greeter: H & X GRuszczczyk

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

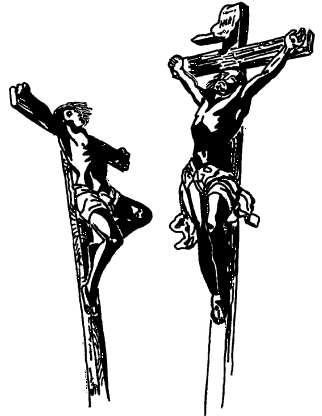
Sun, Dec 8 10 am
Server: C Bergmann,
Lector: Mitch Miller
Gifts: Marsha&Joe Nelson
Usher: *D Zumada D Bishop,
 M McMahan, R Stoerger
E Minister: A Dueker
 F Dueker, C Kruep
Greeter: C &M Querrey

Sun, Nov 24 ,10 am
Server: Christine Deaton
Lector: Mary Treat
Gifts: L Herbert, S Treat
Usher: Myron Cole
E. Minister: Cecilia Parks

Sun, Dec 1, 10 am
Server: Mary Treat
Lector: LaVonne Herbert
Gifts: M Cole, D Parks
Usher: Fred Deaton
E Minister: Christine Deaton

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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
Tue Nov 26	Shawnee & Vienna DOC.....	9 & 11:00 am
	December calendar info deadline	
Wed Nov 27	SP Thanksgiving Mass	6:30 pm
Thu Nov 28	SFD Thanksgiving Mass.....	8:30 am
Fri Nov 29	Weekday Mass at St Paul.....	12:00 pm
Sun Dec 1	1 st Sunday of Advent	
	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass & Children's Liturgy	10:00 am
	Angel Tree Ornaments available	
	PSR Classes.....	11:00 am
	Parish Social.....	11:00 am



Today you will be
 with me in paradise.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be hosted at St Paul tonite at 6 pm. 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.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION Deadline to submit nominations for new members of the parish council are today. Please place your nomination forms in the marked container in the church foyer.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be available today before and after next Mass.

125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING will be today following Mass .

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

SHRINE WAY OF LIGHTS Trip being organized for Sat, Dec 7, lv 2 pm. See sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

THANKSGIVING MASSES are available at St. Paul on Wednesday, Nov 27 at 6:30 p.m. and St. Francis DeSales on Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

FIRST CHOIR GATHERING for Christmas Eve Mass is scheduled for 11:00 beginning in the parish hall, Dec 1. Anyone interested in being part of that evening's music liturgy, please grab refreshments and drink at the parish social and meet at a table together. Or contact Pam Shallenberger at 217-714-4568

ANGEL TREE ORNAMENTS will be available in the church foyer, Dec. 1

ADVENT MATERIALS will be available next Sunday in the church foyer. Consider signing up for free daily Advent reflections at Dynamic Catholic Best Advent Ever , dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

UPCOMING EVENTS: -St Francis DeSales Advent Mass & party on Dec. 8 at 12 noon; and St. Paul Pageant and Christmas potluck on Dec 15 after Mass.

NO SNEERING, NO JEERING. Jesus is dying. He is sneered, jeered, and abused by those who gather round. A king on a cross. It may not be what we expect – but he is the one in whom we believe. And this cross is the one we kiss and venerate on Good Friday. This empty cross is sign for us that the One who was dead is risen now and with us today...and tomorrow...and for ever. As with Jesus, how will I trust that death is not the end for me? How will I treat no one with contempt? Let us sing of the **fullness of Christ** by rereading Colossians 1:12-20 each day this week.

Solemnity of Christ our King

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

Royalty has its privileges. Kings and queens, princes and princesses, are expected to live in castles where their wishes are the will of the court. But what about the court? Heads of state are subject, like anyone else, to the gospel mandate of justice and charity. All are called to serve!

David, king of the southern realm of Judah for over seven years, wished to reign over the northern kingdom of Israel as well. In today's account, the tribes gather in the south to affirm David as Yahweh's choice and to anoint him as king of all the Chosen People. The key phrase in the transaction is "bone and flesh." Bone means power; flesh means weakness. The partners will be loyal to one another through thick (bone) and thin (flesh). The royal David pledges care for the needs of all.

The passage from Colossians describes a dispute raging in the community. Some held that angelic intermediaries were the agents of creation and had control over human destiny. The author of this letter says that creation is ruled by God's power, a power now manifested in Christ. In order to bring unity out of chaos, this same Christ died on the cross. This high price of reconciliation is another example of a servant king.

Luke paints a poignant picture of a powerless king. The Messiah is stripped of his dignity as the soldiers roll dice for his clothes. Taunts are directed at Jesus, daring him to save himself from this agony. Then an ordinary Palestinian criminal recognizes the royal status of this man by requesting a share in the mercy that only a king can provide. For Luke, Jesus' role as Savior means meeting the needs of the penitent. Jesus grants forgiveness, dramatizing his royalty even more than does the sign over his head: "This is the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38).

Baptism makes us one with Christ and grants us a share in his kingship. How do we exercise this royalty? To be bone and flesh with the Lord is to be servant of all God's people.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION On the cross Jesus was publicly proclaimed King, in the three spoken languages of the area (Hebrew, Latin and Greek). Does this relate to God's plan to bring all nations together in Jesus?

"He is the image of the invisible God. All things in heaven and earth were created in him, through him and for him." How can we heal, in him, the wounds of the environment?

The good thief reached out to Jesus. How is he a model for us? Is anyone reaching out to you in any way, at work, at home, in your parish, in the local community, in the world community? How will you heal these wounds and/or warm these hearts?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44