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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

True Greatness In the Gospel Reading, Jesus comes to Zacchaeus’s house for dinner, and it is an enormous honor for Zacchaeus that he does.

Great honors come to great people. If you are a great scientist, you might win the Nobel prize. If you are a great athlete, you might win an Olympic gold medal. The people who get these honors seem amazing to us. And yet these are not the big honors. They pale in comparison to having God incarnate come to dinner.

How are they made worthy? By living in such a way that the name of Jesus is glorified in their lives. So what is it about Zacchaeus that makes him win an honor bigger than the Nobel prize or the Olympic gold medal? What are the standards of greatness on God’s standards of value?

The Second Reading explains it. As Paul tells them, he prays for the Thessalonians that they might be made worthy of the calling of God. And how are they made worthy? By living in such a way that the name of Jesus is glorified in their lives.

How does a life glorify the name of Jesus? Well, people looking at you will not think the God you worship is great if you humiliate your wife in public, neglect your children, spend most of your free time on TV, gossip maliciously about others, and try hard to get as much attention for yourself as you can, will they? Who would want to be like you? Who would want to worship the God you say you worship?

So to be great by God’s standards of value is to live in such a way that others looking at you can see and admire the greatness of the Lord.

Now look at Zacchaeus. He didn’t attract anyone’s admiration. He was a tax collector, and he got rich from the oppression of his own people. He didn’t care much for his own dignity either. Short as he was, he climbed a tree to see Jesus.

But this is the point of the story and the answer to the question about greatness, isn’t it?

A person’s winning human prizes (and being tall) isn’t what glorifies the Lord. What glorifies the Lord is a person’s seeking the Lord first, above all other prizes.

Zacchaeus doesn’t care what happens to him as long as he can get to the Lord. That is what makes Zacchaeus great. And that is why Jesus came to dinner at his house.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 43 **Thirty-First Sunday of the Year, November 3, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Nov 3	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett
Tue	Nov 5	9am, 11am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses	
Wed	Nov 6	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Nov 8	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov 10	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	General Intention

Birthdays

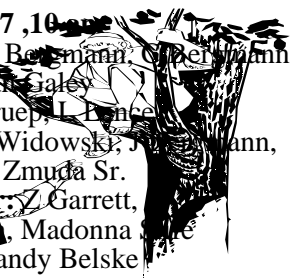
Nov 4 Janet Hacker
 Nov 5 Mitch Garrett
 Nov 7 Nolan Zmuda

St Paul, Vienna

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

Sun, Nov 10, 10 am
Server: M Bergmann, E Zmuda
Lector: Steve Pobst
Gifts: P Kalicki, P Kinkead
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 Zerkowann
Lector: Joan Galey
Gifts: C Kruep, L Dence
Usher: *S Widowski, J Stiffe, D Zmuda Sr.
E. Minister: V Garrett, V Anders, Madonna
Greeter: Sandy Belske



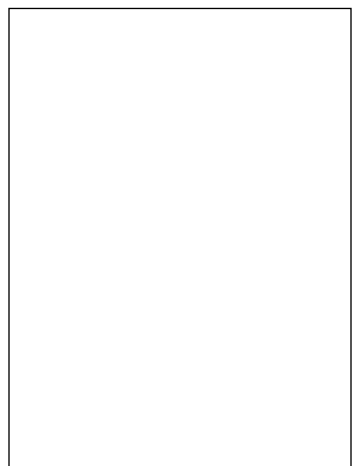
St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, Nov 3, 10 am
Server: Mary Treat
Lector: Lavonne Herbert
Gifts: David Parks, Stan Treat
Usher: Fred Deaton
E Minister: Cecilia Parks

Sun, Nov 10 8:00 am
Server: Christine Deaton
Lector: Cecilia Parks
Gifts: F Deaton/ S Treat
Usher: David Parks
E Minister: Mary Treat

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Nov 3	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 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.....	12-1:00pm
Tue Nov 5	Shawnee & Vienna DOC.....	9 & 11:00 am
Wed Nov 6	Weekday Mass.....	6:30 pm
Fri Nov 8	Weekday Mass at St Paul.....	12:00 pm
Sun Nov 10	Anointing of Sick all Masses	
	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass	10:00 am
	PSR Classes.....	11:00 am
	CCW Ladies Mtg	11:00 am



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.

PARISH SOCIAL today after Mass in the hall will honor our veterans. The CCW has prepared a brunch to celebrate. All parishioners please join us in celebrating our veterans.

LITURGY COMMITTEE is meeting after Mass

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK starts Sun, Nov 3rd. St. Paul will host a Holy Hour today at 12:00 noon in the church to launch this week. All are encouraged to pray for vocations and to support candidates for the priesthood

FIRST QUARTER FINANCE/BUDGET REPORT is included in this week's bulletin. Any questions should be directed to trustees Jared Bergmann, Matt Slife or to Fr Tom

CCW (Council of Catholic Women) are having a meeting after Mass on Nov. 10 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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is available Nov. 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE Zachary Garrett of Vienna, IL and Erin Medvecz of Goreville announce their intention of Marriage on Saturday, Nov 19, 2019. (Wedding will be celebrated in St Joseph Church, Marion IL).

THANK YOU...to volunteers who staffed the Faith Alive Thrift Store this past week
...to the Building and Grounds members who surveyed the property for repair/maintenance needs.

...to Pat Kalicki who keeps the mass purificators and finger towels laundered

...to Laurie Coleman, Sandy Belske and Dolly Hopkins who prepare collection for deposit.

...to Mike McMahan and Frank Dueker for keeping us up on Emergency Preparedness

...to Zach Garrett who represents our parish as local Catholic Relief Services contact

Up a tree. In the reading from Wisdom, we hear that God loves everything and everyone. And on them, God shows mercy. In the parable, we hear a story filled with details. Zacchaeus is wealthy, hated, undignified, and short. But Jesus turns his life around by saying, come down from your tree and take me to dinner at your house. Do it "today". And Zacchaeus changes his behavior by becoming generous beyond belief.

How will I treat this earth and the people on this earth today? Where will I go today and what will I climb to see Jesus in action? What will I do today to be generous?

Thirty-First Sunday of the Year

Wisdom 11:22--12:1; Psalm 145; 2 Thessalonians 1:11--2:2; Luke 19:1-10

The reading from Wisdom says that the finite universe is a mere grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew when compared to the infinite Creator. These metaphors establish not only God's vastness but also God's delicate sense of fairness. Unlimited power, in a loving God, means authority can overlook sins so that the sinner has an opportunity for change of heart. Divine punishment is remedial and not vindictive. As God's creatures, we are "chips off the old block"; the Creator can only love us.

Paul prays for the community that he founded: May they allow God to complete the good work begun in them. Christian living is a lifetime pilgrimage that demands the enabling power of grace. All is grace: call, response, fidelity, and salvation. Yet grace does not eliminate human responsibility; we must actively cooperate in hearing the call and making the response.

Paul goes on to say that we should look forward eagerly to the Second Coming of the Lord. At the same time, he cautions against excessive agitation over the "when" of Christ's coming; don't be stirred by irresponsible teaching!

Zacchaeus is described by Luke as a wealthy man. His money came from collecting tolls in Jericho, the major customs collection center for goods entering Palestine from the East. Not always honest in his business practices, Zacchaeus (whose name ironically means "righteous one") commanded little respect with the people. Consequently, those observing protested when Jesus announced his intention to spend the night at "a sinner's house."

The point of the gospel is that Jesus' secret weapon in converting sinners is not scolding or put-downs but love and friendship. Zacchaeus obviously responds; there is an immediate change of heart. Rabbinic law recommended giving restitution plus twenty percent for money illegally acquired. Zacchaeus says that he will give four hundred percent restitution! Jesus says, "Today salvation has come to this house"

-- Francis X. Cleary, S.J.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION "For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made." What things do we think of when we hear this? If God's attitude toward every created thing is love, what is your attitude? Do you show reverence for creation? For your neighbor? Paul wanted the Thessalonians to know that he was constantly praying for them. Does it help you to know people are praying for you? Explain. Does it help you to pray for other people? How?

A man climbs a tree in order to see. A holy man goes to a "sinner's" house for dinner. A repenting person gives half of all his possessions to the poor. How do you explain these events? Does knowing Jesus Christ elicit extraordinary behavior from you? What?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Thirty-Second Sunday of Year 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14. Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5. Luke 20:27-38.