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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

Our First Priority We can be critical of the old family structure reflected in the command for wives to be submissive to their husbands, but we must admit that the old structure worked in many ways. Families were stable social units, contributing much to the right ordering of society.

We no longer feel comfortable with wives being submissive to husbands, and just the reading of this passage in today's liturgy offends some people. Perhaps we ought to accept this reading as a challenge to find a new family structure that works.

The alternative to the old family structure should not be an absence of structure resulting in the breakdown of the family; rather, it should be a new family structure built around mutual love and equal partnership.

The celebration of the Holy Family should serve as a reminder to us that the family is holy; that there is a reflection of our Trinitarian God in the father, mother and child of the family; and that there will be no order in society if there is not stability in family life.

As a nation, we need to make children and families our first priority, to invest in their future; to combat the forces—cultural, economic and moral—which hurt children and destroy families; to manage our economy, shape our government, and direct our institutions to support and not undermine our families.

U.S. Bishops, Putting Children and Families First:
A Challenge for Our Church, Nation and World (1991) IV

Gerald Darring

Vol 20 #51 Holy Family Sunday, December 29, 2019

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Dec 29	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Robert Jones
Tue	Dec 31	9am, 11am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses	
		7:00 pm	SFD	For Parishioners
Wed	Jan 1	6:30 pm	SP	For Parishioners
Thr	Jan 2	1:00 pm	Marion BOP mass	
Fri	Jan 3	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Jan 4	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation of Sin
Sun	Jan 5	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett

St Paul, Vienna

Birthdays

Dec 29 Cecilia Parks
Dec 31 Carter Bergmann
Lori Lance

<p>Sun, Dec 29, 10 am Server: M Bergmann Lector: Madonna Slife Gifts: Monica, Chuck Querrey Usher: *S Pobst, P Widowski L Hinton, L Givens E Minister: M Nelson, S Widowski, P Kalicki Greeter: Laurie Coleman</p>	<p>Sun, Jan 5, 10 am Server: E Zmuda, M Palmer Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Children Liturgy Usher: *M McMahan, P Kalicki R Beanland, Geri Tesina E Minister: B Bishop, F Dueker, L Miller</p>	<p>Sun, Jan 12, 10 am Server: C & M Bergmann Lector: Mitch Miller Gifts: K Retz, C Ross Usher: *F Dueker, P Widowski M Palmer, D Bishop E Minister: A Dueker, S Belske, Beth Palmer Greeter: Bill & Billie Porter</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, Dec 29, 8 am
Server: Cecilia Parks
Lector: Christine Deaton
Gifts: S Treat-D Parks
Usher: Fred Deaton
E Minister: Mary Treat

Sun, Jan 5, 8 am
Server: Christine Deaton
Lector: Myron Cole
Gifts: Treat Family
Usher: David Parks
E. Minister: Cecilia Parks

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Dec 29	Holy Family Sunday
	St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
	St Paul Mass10:00 am
Tue Dec 31	Shawnee & Vienna DOC.....9 & 11:00 am
	Mary, Mother of God Holyday..SFD.....7:00 pm
Wed Jan 1	Mary, Mother of God Holyday ..SP.....6:30 pm
Thu Jan 2	Marion BOP mass.....1:00 pm
Fri Jan 3	Weekday Mass at St Paul.....12:00 pm
Sat Jan 4	First Saturday Mass & Devotion at SFD.....8:30 am
	Faith Alive Board Mt.....10:00 am
Sun Jan 5	Feast of Epiphany of the Lord – Home Blessing Kit
	St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
	St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word...10:00 am
	First Sunday Social at SP.....11:00 am
	PSR Classes.....11:00 am
	Parish Council Member Discernment Session 11:30am



WORDS OF GRACE daily scripture reflection booklets for Jan-Mar. are available in church entrance.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES for January and February are available in foyer and **Parish Council Minutes** from Dec 18th are also available.

FAMILY BLESSING Celebrate the blessings of core and extended family on this occasion of commemorating the Holy Family by calling to mind nurturing relationships, support in times of crisis or confusion, guidance when uncertain, and renew the bond of mutual support by acts of respect and love.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLYDAY occurs this Wednesday. Celebrations of mass will be Tuesday, Dec 31, 7 pm at St Francis DeSales and Wednesday, Jan 1, 6:30 pm at St Paul. Liturgical ministries will be on volunteer basis.

2020 CALENDARS Additional calendars are available for those who want them. If you have an opportunity, thank Bailey Funeral Home for sponsoring our church calendars.

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING KIT will be offered to parishioners next Sunday, encouraging families to mark the home entrance with symbol, dedicating home to the work of the Good News of God.

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available Sunday, Jan 12. Any offering to be included on the statement must be made by January 5th.

PARISH SOCIAL On the first Sunday of the new year, all are invited to an after mass social in the parish hall. Time to know one another leads to more ready cooperation and understanding opportunities and needs of the parish community.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES resume Sunday, Jan 5th, 11 am. A suggested New Year's Resolution – make regular participation a high priority. Catechists role is made difficult when students miss out on prepared sessions that build on earlier material. Parents can also assist with review and discussion of class topics with children.

PARISH COUNCIL DISCERNMENT A session for those considering serving on the Parish Council will be held at St Paul beginning 11:30 am on January 5. It will conclude no later than 1 pm.

THANK YOU.....

....to Pam Shallenberger, Zach Garrett, cantors and all choir members for leading music for Christmas masses.

...to volunteers who decorated the church for the Christmas Celebration

...to Craig Levesque who made donation to cover the cost of repainting Marian statue.

...to all parishioners who presented Christmas gift to pastor

EVERY FAMILY IS HOLY. Pope Francis was not the first to urge us to see and be holy people. Saint Paul, in Colossians 3:12-17, calls us holy and beloved – and lists holy behaviors. It recalls the Old Testament covenants and the very peak of creation told in Genesis – human life. How will I, in phone call or letter, speak words of love to my siblings and parents? How will I be ever more holy this day? How will I help families who grieve or hunger or want?

Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Today's readings take up the tension between rights and obligations. The passages maintain that obligations have primacy over rights. Hence the truly human, genuinely Christian priority is not so much what others can do for me but rather what I can do for others. Preoccupation with self must be set aside as we cast ourselves in the role of servant rather than served.

Ben Sira, early second-century B.C. author of today's first reading, offers a brief but invaluable commentary on the fourth commandment: Honor your father and your mother. He describes the earthly rewards that belong to those who revere their parents. On the other hand, he sees this reverence as atonement for sin, so it is a question of obligation to elders rather than rights of the young.

The second reading deals with the Christian life as it is to be lived in the Christian home. The characteristics of the believing family are mutual forgiveness, love, peace, and gratitude modeled on the self-giving of Christ.

Matthew shows the family of Jesus to be clearly rooted in fidelity to God's Word. Joseph accepts the command to leave Israel and then return again at a later date. Joseph places the accent on obligations first.

Jesus must be the cohesive center of family life. Jesus is self-giving, a model for family members who have obligations first and then rights. The symbol of the cross must function as the domestic code, because in that symbol we die to self in order to live for Christ in others.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION Why do you think Sirach says that good things happen to you when you honor your parents (prayers heard, sins atoned, long life—made happy by children)?

In his letter to the Colossians St. Paul gives some ideas about how we can love each other and live in harmony. Have compassion, kindness, humility, patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving each other—is this easy? How are you doing with Paul's assignment as Church? How are you doing with it in your life?

Does Joseph have second thoughts about leaving his job, dwelling, or possessions when the angel tells him to take Mary and flee to Egypt? What was the only thing that was important to the holy family? How far will you step out of your comfort zone for other people? Name some ways you can insure the safety or well being of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Epiphany of our Lord Isaiah 60:1-6;. Psalm 72 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;. Matthew 2:1-12