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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: Lee Givens

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

Salt and Light In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus says that Christians are supposed to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. And he has harsh things to say about Christians who are dark and insipid. They're fit for nothing except being trampled underfoot, he says. And you know what he means. When the dark wintry streets are dangerous with ice and snow, the city puts salt on the roads; and all the traffic crunches over it.

Given that sort of threat, who wouldn't want to know what we are talking about here? Well, here's something to notice.

Salt and light share a funny characteristic. Each of them is discernible by sense perception—we taste salt, and we see light—but neither of them is usually meant to be a direct or main object of perception. Nobody makes salt for dinner. We put salt on the chicken, but the chicken is the dinner. The chicken tastes better if we salt it, and enjoying the chicken, not the salt, is what we are after.

Light is like this, too. We turn on a light not in order to look at the light, but in order to look at other things by means of the light.

So if a Christian is the light of the world, he is enabling the world to see something other than himself. And what Jesus goes on to say makes it clear that this something else is in fact the Lord. A Christian is to let his light shine in such a way that the world glorifies God. The worldly people couldn't glorify God if God were in darkness for them. So a Christian's life is to shine in such a way that what people see is the Lord.

The image of salt is similar. If a Christian is the salt of the earth, he makes something else appeal to the taste of earthly people. And that will be God too. The earthly will savor the goodness of *God* when *Christians* are the salt of the earth.

So to be light and salt is to live our lives in such a way that the earthly and the worldly are drawn to "*Taste and see that the Lord is good*" ([Psalm 34:9](#)). Something to think about, isn't it?

Eleonore Stump

Vol 21 #6 Fifth Sunday of Year, February 9, 2019

Schedule of Masses

Sun Feb 9 8:00 am SFD For Parishioners
 10:00 am SP General Intention
 Tue Feb 11 9am, 11am Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses
 Wed Feb 12 11:30 am, 1 pm BOP Marion
 5:00 pm SP General Intention
 Feb 14 12:00 pm SP General Intention
 Sun Feb 16 8:00 am SFD For Parishioners
 10:00 am SP For Parishioners

<p>Birthdays Feb 9 Madonna Slife Feb 11 Leslie Miller Patrick Whittington Feb 13 Edlein Dillow</p>

Fri

<p>Sun, Feb 9, 10 am Server: C & M Bergmann Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: E Speletich, J Starratt Usher: *M Palmer, D Bishop M McMahan, R Stoerger E Minister: A Dueker L Stoerger, Z Garrett Greeter: S & P Widowski</p>	<p>Sun, Feb 16, 10 am Server: M Bergmann E Zmuda Lector: Leslie Miller Gifts: Children liturgy Usher: *D Zmuda Sr, S Pobst S Widowski, G Tesina E Minister: A Dueker L Stoerger, Z Garrett Greeter: Geri Tesina</p>	<p>Sun, Feb 23, 10 am Server: C Bergmann M Palmer Lector: Zach Garrett Gifts: Rick, Lynn Stoerger Usher: *Joe Nelson, J Nelson J Bergmann F Dueker E Minister: V Anderson D Hopkins L Givens Greeter: Joan Galey</p>
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Sun Feb 9, 8 am
Server: Cecilia Parks
Lector: La Vonne Hebert
Gifts: M Cole, M Treat
Usher: Stan Treat
E Minister: C Deaton

Sun, Feb 16, 8 am
Server: Mary Treat
Lector: Cecilia Parks
Gifts: Myron Cole, L Herbert
Usher: Fred Deaton
E. Minister: Christine Deaton

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Feb 9 St Francis DeSales Mass & Baptism Felix Cain. 8 am
 St Paul Mass 10:00 am
 Chili & Dessert Cook-Off..... 11:00 am
 PSR Classes..... 11:00 am
 Tue Feb 11 Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses..... 9:00 am, 11 am
 R.C.I.A session..... 5:00 pm
 Wed Feb 12 BOP Masses Marion..... 11:30 am, 1 pm
 Weekday mass at SP..... 5:00pm
 Thr Feb 12 Eucharistic Adoration..... 4:00-7:30 pm
 Fri Feb 14 Weekday mass at SP..... 12:00 pm
 Sun Feb 16 St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00 am
 St Paul Mass and Children Liturgy of Word 10:00 am
 Liturgy Committee Mtg 11:00 am
 PSR Classes..... 11:00 am



THIS SUNDAY Chili and Dessert Cook-off will held at St Paul Hall on Sun, Feb 9th following the 10 a mass. Cash Prizes and medals for winning submissions. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for entries. Bingo and door prizes are part of this fun event. You can be a cook or a taster or both. Your assistance is also encouraged to prepare valentine greetings to residents of Hillview Care Home. Everyone welcome.

SURVEY ON PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY A suggestion has been made to have a Parish Pictorial Directory during the 125th anniversary. To assess support, Cathy Kruep will be conducting a survey before and after mass this weekend.

LADIES RETREAT for women is scheduled at Kings House in Belleville April 17-19. Reservations being confirmed later this week. For information or registration contact Vickie Anderson, 579-3748

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held on February 13 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION SPONSORS are needed to accompany participants Jeff and Nikki McGill and Chris and Megan Cain participating in current sessions. If interested or want more information, contact Fr Tom.

RETURN YOUR OLD PALMS. We encourage you to bring your old palms and place them in the container in the church entrance. These will be burned for Ash Wednesday.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN DINNER MEETING SIGN-UP is now available on the church foyer bulleting board. Meeting and dinner is March 17, 2020 at 4:30. Jamie Starratt will be catering at her restaurant The Kitchen on Lafayette, Anna II. Dinner cost is \$15. Carpooling is available.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Felix Cain, son of Chris and Megan Cain who is welcome into God's family through baptism at St. Francis DeSales church Feb. 9,2020.

LITURGY COMMITTEE will be meeting Sunday Feb 16 after Mass

HISTORICAL QUIZZ TIME!!! Who was the first priest to serve at St. Paul and St. Francis DeSales?

- a. Fr. Altoff
- b. Fr. Duffy
- c. Fr. Brown

VOCATION CORNER On this 2nd Sunday in February, we celebrate the Vocation of Marriage with the observance of World Marriage Day. World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. Today provides an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Fifth Sunday of the Year

Specially trained individuals are often asked to shed light on areas of confusion and uncertainty. Light eliminates our darkness and eases our tension. The metaphor of light goes all the way back to the first chapter of Genesis when the creation of light means the end of chaos. This same imagery is found in today's Scriptures.

Around 500 B.C. the author of Isaiah 56-66 confronted the post-exilic community in Judah. They complained that their fasting did not have any positive results. In response the prophet points out that a genuine fast means someone has benefited. For example, if bread is shared with the hungry "then your light shall break forth like the dawn" (Isaiah 58:8).

Psalms 112 is constructed around this proverb: The righteousness of the just lasts forever but the desire of the wicked is frustrated. The psalmist sees great blessing for the righteous, "They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright" (Psalm 112:4). The image of light clarifies the thrust of graciousness, mercy, and justice.

Matthew sees the persecuted as the world's benefactors. Harassed Christians are commissioned to enlighten humanity, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). Matthew develops this dimension of Christian discipleship by comparing Christ's followers to a city perched on a hill, clear and visible. Disciples shed light on darkness; to renege on this task would be to hide a lamp under a bushel basket.

The narrow constraints of ego often focus the spotlight on one's self. Society encourages this kind of individualism. Light is made into a personal commodity. The sacred writers today urge us to reassess our gifts and talents -- our lights -- as property of the community. Our sisters and brothers are truly human subjects within range of our generosity and compassion. To enlighten the path of these fellow humans is to magnify God's presence. Darkness cedes to light, and chaos gives way to order.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION. "Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed." Binding the wounds of others: what does it have to do with your own wounds? Who benefits when people share their bread or shelter the homeless?

Can you understand, using human wisdom alone, how crucifixion can triumph over sin and death? If not, then what allows you to see beyond human appearances? Did Paul want our faith to rest on the power of God instead of complicated arguments?

Jesus asked us to be like light and salt. What determines your degree of saltiness or brightness?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16 February 2020 Sirach 15:15-20. Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. 1 Corinthians 2:6-10. Matthew 5:17-37