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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

Bread and Stones. In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus is hungry and Satan tempts him. “Turn these stones into bread,” he says to Jesus, who rebuffs the temptation by saying to Satan, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from God.”

Imagine a host asking one of his guests, “Would you like some ham?” How perplexed the host would be if his guest answered, “Man does not live by ham alone”! The question was not whether the guest would like to eat ham and nothing but ham. It was just whether he would like some ham now. Why not say, “Sure! Thanks!”?

So why doesn't Jesus do the miracle? And why does he reject Satan's urging by pointing out that man does not live by bread alone? *Of course*, we don't live just on bread! But bread is one of the things by which human beings live. In another place Jesus himself explains that no good father will give his son a stone if his son asks for bread. Here is Jesus hungry and having only stones. Why shouldn't he have bread instead?

When a guest says to the host who is offering him ham, “Man does not live by ham alone,” it is possible that he is using these words to communicate to his host the thought, completely perplexing in the circumstances, that human beings live on other stuff besides ham.

But, of course, there is another possibility. The guest might also be telling his host, graciously, that he is full. There are other things to eat besides ham, and a person who has no ham can still fail to be hungry because he has eaten an abundance of those other things.

And that is what Jesus is telling Satan, isn't it? Anyone who has the word of God does not lack what human beings need to live. “No thanks,” Jesus is telling Satan, “I'm full. The word that proceeds from the mouth of God fills me!”

This is the message to Satan, and also to us.

Jesus, who is the Word of God, gives to every person who will receive him what she needs to live, even if she has no bread. And, then, for good measure, in the Eucharist Jesus gives bread, too. He, the rock and living cornerstone, gives himself to his own people as the bread of life.

Eleonore Stump

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Schedule of Masses

Sun	Mar 1	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	For Parishioners
Tue	Mar 3	9am, 11am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses	
Wed	Mar 4	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Mar 6	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Mar 7	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation for Sin
Sun	Mar 8	8:00 am	SFD	Britney Deaton
		10:00 am	SP	For Parishioners

Birthdays

Mar 2 Geri Tesina
 Mar 3 Marsha Nelson
 Jeremy Nelson
 Mar 6 Beth Palmer
 Mae Birmingham
 Mar 8 Pat Kinkead
 Taylor Ames
 Ella Bergmann

<p>Sun, Mar 1, 10 am Server: E Zmuda, M Palmer Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Children liturgy Usher: *M McMahn, L Given R Beanland, P Kalicki E Minister: B Bishop S Belske, L Miller Greeter: Katie Pobst</p>	<p>Sun, Mar 8, 10 am Server: C & M Bergmann Lector: Mitch Miller Gifts: Chuck, Lynn Stone Usher: *F Dueker, D Bishop R Stoerger, P Widowski E Minister: M Nelson P Widowski, P Kalicki Greeter: Cathy Kruep</p>	<p>Sun, Mar 15, 10 am Server: E Zmuda, M Bergmann Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: Children Liturgy Usher: *L Hinton, J Bergmann M Palmer, D Zmuda, Sr E Minister: F Dueker D Bishop, L Stoerger Greeter: Laurie Coleman</p>
<p>Sun, Mar 1 8 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: Myron Cole, F Deaton Usher: Stan Treat E. Minister: Mary Treat</p>	<p>Sun, Mar 8, 8am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: L Herbert, C Parks Usher: Fred Deaton E. Minister: Christine Deaton</p>	

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Mar 1	Black & Indian Mission Collection Lay presenter CS&MA St Francis DeSales Mass..... 8:00 am St Paul Mass..... 10:00 am 1 st Sunday Parish Social..... 11:00 am PSR Classes.....11:00 am Lenten Food Drive for Daystar Cairo begins
Tue Mar 3	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses.....9:00 am, 11 am R.C.I.A session..... 5:00 pm
Wed Mar 4	Weekday Mass SP.....6:30 pm
Thr-Sat	St Paul operates Faith Alive Thrift Store 9-3, 9-12
Fri Mar 6	Lenten Abstinence Weekday mass at SP.....12:00 pm
Sat Mar 7	First Saturday Mass SF.....8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation SP..... 5:00-5:30pm
Sun Mar 8	Time Springs Forward 1 hr CS &MA Pledge Sunday Stations of the Cross20 minutes before mass St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am St Paul Mass..... 10:00 am PSR Classes.....11:00 am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Sunday of Lent 20 minutes prior to Mass. If you would be willing to lead the Stations there is a sign up sheet for leaders posted on the Bulletin board.

Today, our parish will take up the 136th annual **National Black and Indian Mission Collection**. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it's an opportunity for us as a parish/PSR to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need. CRS Rice Bowl offers an app to accompany your Lenten journey? You can download it

FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS FOR CAIRO DAYSTAR will run through Lent. Your donations are very much appreciated.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED MARCH 5,6 &7

Hours are 9am-3 pm on Thurs and Fri; 9am – 12 noon on Sat. Please commit to a morning or afternoon to volunteer. The store will be offering \$1 bag sales Friday and Saturday and lots of customers are expected

CATHOLIC SERVICES AND MINISTRY APPEAL pledge Sunday will be held throughout the diocese on March 8th. This annual collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. You will have an opportunity to make your pledge or gift at mass. No gift is too great or too small. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the envelopes by the church entrance. Please be as generous as you can. Our parish goal is that each person takes part to assist as you are able.

LENTEN MATERIALS including Rice Bowls and are available on a table in the back of the foyer.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be offered every Saturday during Lent from 5-5:30 pm at St. Paul. Father has printed some Examination of Conscience reflection material and placed this on the table with other Lenten materials.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13...First Fish Fry at St Paul Hall, 5-7 pm (worker schedule on BB)

March 14...St Paul Parish Workday begins 8:30 am...repair, clean, organize

VOCATION CORNER As we begin our Lenten season, we witness in the Gospel reading Satan tempting our Lord. Jesus final response to Satan's challenges is "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve". Those powerful words remind each of us of our individual call to "serve". Encourage each other to live our vocation, especially those considering a choice of religious life.

First Sunday of Lent

Advertisers would have us believe that life is to be lived without limitations or restraint. After all, we only go around once! Today's readings discuss life and death, the reality of coping with limitations. They powerfully urge that a life without limits is not a genuine life.

The author of the Garden of Eden account shows us that limitation is a fact of life, indeed the condition for living. To live to the fullest means to exercise freedom by accepting restraints. To be fully alive means to opt for good in the face of evil. The dilemma of the couple in the garden (and of every human) is to accept full life by acknowledging the limits necessary to our authentic existence. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul comments on the garden story against the background of the life and death of Jesus. Paul understands sin as the tremendous power unleashed upon the world from the time of the first sin. Death for Paul is deprivation of community with God, making authentic living impossible. Life is intimacy with God and the fullness of existence. Jesus accepted the limitations of death on a cross and so humankind has the opportunity to be fully alive.

The gospel presents Satan's three temptations of Jesus. The Messiah will not accept the popular notion that he should be a temporal, political ruler. He realizes full well that God's plan for the kingdom involves limitations. The kingdom will be realized through a different form of power. Temptations abound in our living. We are urged to reject limitations in the matter of our neighbor's spouse or reputation or money. We are tempted to exceed the limits of justice in accepting racism and prejudice. The authors of today's Scriptures tell us to make resisting temptation the raw material for genuine existence. They tell us: Promote life, accept limits.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION Keep Grace Upfront. Transgression and sin play a big part in the garden of Eden story. So does grace – which is the first part of that story. In the Roman's reading, Saint Paul counterpoints Adam and Eve with the saving death of Jesus Christ. He is the very grace of God. It is only when standing within this grace can we name what is non-grace, what is wrong with life, what is sin. Thus, Jesus can face the tempter without faltering – and help us do the same.

- ◆ How will the Bread of Life (Communion) fill me more than daily bread?
- ◆ How will I trust and not test God this Lent?
- ◆ What things and/or people will I stop “worshipping” so that I will worship God alone?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Second Sunday of Lent– March 8, 2020

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9