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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

**A Worthless Woman** The [Gospel](#) Reading tells the story of a woman who is worthless by the standards of Jewish society at that time. Jesus has sent his disciples off for food, and he is sitting at a well when she comes to draw water. There is every reason why he shouldn't talk to her at all. First, she is a woman. It is only the disciples' awe of Jesus that keeps them from asking him what he thought he was doing when they return and find him talking to her without even a chaperone by her. Secondly, she is a Samaritan. As she herself points out to him, Jews don't talk to Samaritans. Samaritans are self-made outcasts from the Jewish point of view, and self-respecting Jews stay away from them.

And, thirdly, this Samaritan has the sort of history that makes women pariahs even in their home communities. Jesus knows her status, and he lets her know he does. She has had five husbands—*five* husbands!—and she is currently living with a man to whom she is not married. Even by the lax standards of our own day, this sort of history would make people look askance at her. In her village she is undoubtedly a shamed person.

So, take it all and all, she's a worthless person, isn't she? What Jew or Samaritan would want to invite her to lunch? But, you might be thinking, the savior of the world could certainly spare a crumb even for a shamed Samaritan woman. He could preach to her that her sins are forgiven, you might be supposing, or he could offer her some other kind of pastoral help.

But he doesn't, does he? No, he asks *her* to help *him*. He opens the conversation with her by asking her to give him a drink. And then look at how this story ends: she brings belief in Jesus to her village, and the villagers come to Jesus because of her. She isn't worthless then, is she? No, then she takes her rightful place among the apostles. The evangelization of her village is *her* accomplishment. And so when Jesus asks her to care for him, he starts a process that brings her from being worthless to being the apostle to her village. The remedy of love for human worthlessness is modeled for us here, isn't it?

-- Eleonore Stump

# Vol 21 #11 Third Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2020

## Schedule of Masses

Sun	Mar 15	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	For Parishioners
Tue	Mar 17	9am, 11am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses	
Wed	Mar 18	5:30 pm	SP	Rev Gerald Heckenberger
Fri	Mar 20	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Mar 22	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	For Parishioners

### Birthdays

Mar 15 Christine Ross  
M.G. Jones  
Mar 16 Bill Anderson  
Evelyn Bergmann  
Mar 18 Ethan Givens

<p><b>Sun, Mar 15, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> E Zmuda, M Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Pobst  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Liturgy  <b>Usher:</b> *L Hinton, J Bergmann  M Palmer, D Zmuda, Sr  <b>E Minister:</b> F Dueker  D Bishop, L Stoerger  <b>Greeter:</b> Laurie Coleman</p>	<p><b>Sun, Mar 22, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> M Palmer, C Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Arlene Dueker  <b>Gifts:</b> G Tesina, P Kalicki  <b>Usher:</b> *S Widowski, G Tesina  J Nelson, Jr Nelson  <b>E Minister:</b> C Kruep  S Widowski, V Anderson  <b>Greeter:</b> Sandv Belske</p>	<p><b>Sun, Mar 29, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> M Palmer, E Zmuda  <b>Lector:</b> Joe Nelson  <b>Gifts:</b> Paul, Amanda Widowski  <b>Usher:</b> *S Pobst, P Kalicki  R Stoerger, L Stoerger  <b>E Minister:</b> Zach Garrett  B Palmer, L Givens  <b>Greeter:</b> Janet Hacker</p>
<p><b>Sun, Mar 15, 8 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Lector:</b> LaVonne Herbert  <b>Gifts:</b> F Deaton, S Treat  <b>Usher:</b> Myron Cole  <b>E. Minister:</b> Mary Treat</p>	<p><b>Sun, Mar 22, 8am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Lector:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Gifts:</b> L Herbert, M Treat  <b>Usher:</b> Stan Treat  <b>E. Minister:</b> Myron Cole</p>	

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Mar 15	Stations of the Cross .....20 minutes before mass
	St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
	St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word..10:00 am
	PSR Classes.....11:00 am
Mon Mar 16	Blood Drive Fellowship Hall.....12:00 to 6 pm
Tue Mar 17	Shawnee, Vienna DOC masses.....9:00 am, 11 am
	CCW Ladies Dinner Mtg in Anna.....4:30 pm
	R.C.I.A session.....5:00 pm
Wed Mar 18	Ministerial Alliance Mtg.....12:00 pm
	Weekday Mass SP.....5:30 pm
	Merged Parish Council Mtg.....6:00 pm
Fri Mar 20	Lenten Abstinence
	Weekday mass at SP.....12:00 pm
Sat Mar 21	South Vicariate CCW Mtg Carterville ...9 am to 1 pm
	Sacrament of Reconciliation SP.....5:00-5:30pm
Sun Mar 22	Catholic Relief Services Collection
	Stations of the Cross .....20 minutes before mass
	St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
	St Paul Mass & Blood Pressure Cks.....10:00 am
	PSR Classes.....11:00 am



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be Sundays 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.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES AND MINISTRY APPEAL** Thank you to the 11 households who have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$1999.00 has been pledged of our goal of \$4430.00. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Additional pledge envelopes are in church entrance.

**PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SURVEY** If you haven't indicated your willing to participate in a parish pictorial directory this year, please let Cathy Kruep know this Sunday

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** is this Monday at Fellowship Baptist Church Hall from 12 noon thru 6 p.m. Your donations of blood are greatly appreciated.

**CCW LADIES DINNER MEETING** is this Tuesday, March 17, 4:30 pm at The Kitchen at Lafayette in Anna catered by our Jamie Starratt. If you need a ride please contact Arlene Dueker at 618 559-7803.

**MERGED PARISH COUNCIL MT** will be held in SP hall, Wed, March 18, beginning 6 pm. Council members are asked to pick up agenda at weekend mass. Committee budget requests for 2020-21 are due at this meeting.

**SPRING VICARIATE CCW MT** will be hosted at Holy Spirit Church, Carterville on Sat, March 21, 9am – 1 pm. Share with other women to support personal and church goals.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** Next Sunday our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**THANK YOU TO** those who donated desserts and gave their time to prepare and serve at our Parish Fish Fry March 13

**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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** will be offered every Saturday during Lent from 5-5:30 pm at St. Paul.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 27...St Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Fish Fry serving 5-7 pm**

**March 29...St Paul Parish Reconciliation Service at 4 pm at church.**

**April 7.....Chrism Mass at Belleville Cathedral.reception of Blessed Oils for parish**

## Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

We live in a world of progress reports, work evaluations, and periodic reassessments. We hope to get a higher wage or a better position because of our improved output or more efficient management. Today's readings tell of a God whose graciousness does not depend on our work ethic or our desire to succeed. God's desire to promote our cause is based solely on God's love for the sake of loving. For our God, love is its own reward.

The Exodus passage speaks of a place called Massah and Meribah. Yahweh tends to the needs of Yahweh's people in the desert. Nevertheless the people attack the very purpose of the Exodus: "Why did you bring us out of Egypt?" (Exodus 17:3). Israel seems to reject God's plan of salvation, yet the Lord will continue meeting their needs because it is the nature of God to do so.

Paul writes today about the peace that comes from being right with God. Through the ups and downs of life, the Christian knows God in Jesus. Paul insists that Christ freely chose to die for godless humans. The self-giving of Christ seems so incomprehensible; his death is the great proof of God's love.

John writes that the sending of the Son is grounded in God's love for the world (see John 3:16). Jesus brings the living water, God's revelation, to the Samaritans -- who were considered renegade or second-class by the Jews. Jesus talks not only with a Samaritan but with a Samaritan woman, a reversal of acceptable practice in first-century Judaism in Palestine. The woman brings the message of Jesus to her people who then accept Jesus as the Savior of the world. For John this is the fulfillment of Jesus' mission: "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17).

Love is to be given unconditionally in the manner of our God whose very essence is to look to the welfare of others. In a pragmatic world the gospel's message is: Love is its own reward.

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

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### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION Third Sunday of Lent –March 15, 2020**

Exodus 17:3-7. Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8. John 4:5-42.

**Drinking in Christ.** Let us not grumble like the people in the desert. For we stand in the grace of God who pours divine love into our hearts and being. Let us stay in conversation with Jesus just as the Samaritan woman did at the well through our prayer and lenten reading.

- ◆ What grumbling, what complaining will I stop doing?
- ◆ How will I make time each day to pray and converse with God?
- ◆ How will I be a sign of healing and support to the elect thirsting for Easter Baptism?

### **NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Fourth Sunday of Lent –March 22, 2020**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a. Psalm 23. Ephesians 5:8-14. John 9:1-41.