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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  
Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst  
Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

Sundays – 8:00 am, 10:00 am  
Weekdays – Tue 11 am, Wed  
6:30 pm & Friday, 12 pm

**The image** In the Gospel Reading the Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus into saying something that can be construed as sedition against the Romans. “Shall we give tribute to the Romans,” they ask Jesus. Jesus’ answer calls attention to the fact that the common currency of the time was Roman and so had Caesar’s image stamped on it. The image of Caesar on the coin is an indication that the money is Caesar’s. Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, Jesus says, and give to God what is God’s.

Just as Caesar’s money belongs to Caesar, so we belong to God.

But the point of Jesus’ line is also that each one of us is God’s because each of us bears stamped in his soul the image of God.

It is an honor and a glory to us that each one of us without exception is in the image of God. But it is also an awesome responsibility. When the face of a body is disfigured by self-indulgence in food or drinking or smoking, when the face of a soul is twisted by envy or hatred or narcissistic possessiveness, the image of God in that person is warped. When others look at the face of that person they will see only a distortion of God’s image.

And so our sins ought to grieve us. Who wants to be a person whose soul shows a distorted image of God?

But the same line of Christ’s that leads to this worry and sorrow also gives the consolation for it. Just as Caesar’s money belongs to Caesar, so we belong to God. We are his own. The God who made us in his image will not leave us in our sins. Through the redemption of Christ, God will make his image lovely in each one of us.

That is why Scripture says (Romans.8:29, 1 John 3:2) that when Christ comes again, each one of the faithful will be found in the image of Christ. We wait in hope for that time.

Eleonore Stump

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**Schedule of Masses**

Sun	Oct 18	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Peter Warner
Tues	Oct 20	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Oct 21	6:30 pm	SP	Barrett-Waltz Family
Fri	Oct 23	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Oct 25	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Kenneth Speletich

**Birthdays**

Oct 18	Jon Slife
Oct 20	Rick Stoerger Mady Bergmann
Oct 22	Sandy Belske Zachary Garrett
Oct 25	Lavonne Herbert Billie Porter Kevin Retz

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector**

<b>St Paul.....</b>	<b>Oct 18 8 am</b>	Mitch Miller	<b>Oct 25, 8 am</b>	Volunteer
	<b>10 am</b>	Arlene Dueker	<b>10 am</b>	Joe Nelson

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Oct 11, 2020**

**SP:** Envelope \$ 1295.00.00 (25), Loose 120.00, Bld & Maint 280.00

**Total....\$1585.00**

Thank you to all who have faithfully continued your envelope contributions.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Sun	Oct18	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION
		Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
		Rosary 20 min before Sunday masses in October
		Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
		Parish School of Religion.....11:00 am
		Unused religious article collection for Missions
		(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel by 2 pm)
Tue	Oct 20	Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
Wed	Oct 21	Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal Bd Mt 1:00 pm
		Weekday Mass.....5:30 pm
		Parish Council Mt.....hall.....6:00 pm
Fri	Oct 23	Weekday Mass.....12 pm
		For reservations at Oct 25 masses, contact the rectory by phone or e-mail
Sat	Oct 24	Parish Halloween Party .....5:30 pm
Sun	Oct25	Parish Emergency Response Review
		Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
		Rosary 20 min before Sunday masses in October
		Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
		Parish School of Religion.....11:00 am

**Remember in Prayer:** All who are hospitalized and ill. Those asked to be remembered in prayer.



**COMMUNAL ROSARY** will be offered 20 minutes before Sunday masses during the month of October. Leaders are encouraged to sign up for a particular Sunday. Guide sheets with the mysteries are available in the church foyer. We remember Respect Life in October.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** This week we celebrated World Mission Sunday. Each year the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor.

**COLLECTION OF UNUSED RELIGIOUS ARTICLES** St. Mary Mission in Lancaster, PA would like to collect your old religious articles to pass on to needy parishes and missions. They will take just about any religious item even if they are broken because their staff can repair many of them. So bring your rosaries, statues, crucifixes, paintings, Holy Cards, rosary cases/boxes, medals, altar ware, etc. by Oct 18 to the hall prayer room. **IMPORTANT: Unless it is a prayer book, PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY BOOKS OR HYMNALS!** This is your best opportunity to get rid of religious clutter in your home while helping the needy faithful who will appreciate them very much.

**DRAW-DOWN GRAND PRIZE WINNER** this year was Jen Shelby of Champaign IL.

**ST PAUL PARISH COUNCIL** will meet on Wed, Oct 21, 6 pm in the parish hall. Council members are reminded to pick up agenda at weekend mass.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY** The social committee is planning an outdoor Hot Dog Roast, Costume Contest, coloring activity, and Trunk 'n Treat at St Paul on Sat, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning 5:30 pm. A sign-up sheet is on the church bulletin board to determine supplies.

**BOX OF JOY** It is to benefit the poorest of the poor in developing countries. In 2019, over 75,000 children in five countries received a Box of Joy. Your boxes may be returned to the container in the foyer or prayer room by Nov 1. Any questions, call Beth Palmer at 618-771-6711

**FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE** will be operated by St Paul parish Oct 29,30, 9am-3 pm and Oct 31, 9am-12 noon. Volunteers are needed. If you can assist, see schedule on Bulletin board in church foyer.

**COVID-19 CALL AHEAD HOTLINE** Heartland Regional Medical Center has established a call-ahead hotline number to limit potential exposure to COVID-19. Individuals may call if they are experiencing fever, cough, shortness of breath, or if they believe they have been exposed to the coronavirus. Individuals are urged to call 888-543-2786 between 8 am and 9 pm, seven days a week before seeking testing or covid19 care.

**THANK YOU....**Beth Palmer for conducting training for AED & CPR volunteers

...to Bailey Monument (Kaitlyn and Brian) for engraved Time Capsule marker

...to parish ladies (Madonna Slife, Arlene Dueker, Pam Shallenberger) who represented the parish in diocesan, vicariate and parish leadership positions at the BDCCW convention.

...to parishioners who took part in AED/CPR training to meet requirements for AED Grant

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

...Oct 27 – Parish Emergency Response Plan review at weekend masses

...Month of Nov –Book of Remembrance prayer for deceased– include your entries in book.

...Month of Nov – Food Collection for Vienna Food Pantry. Container in church foyer

...Veteran Recognition; check list on bulletin board for any additions- Nov 1 and 8th

...Nov 8 - Placing of Time Capsule and closing of 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration

## **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 45:1,4-6; Psalm 96; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

All of us owe allegiance to different groups: families, local churches, civic groups, governments, and so forth. These various involvements force us to define priorities and then give appropriate attention to each. Loyalties must be held in reasonable tension. The reality of loyalty is the focus of our passages this weekend.

Cyrus the Great, King of Persia, was about to conquer Babylonia and so claim the allegiance of Israel's exiles. Second Isaiah speaks of this pagan king as anointed one. He shows that by grasping Cyrus' hand, God recognized him as the legitimate ruler of God's people. But there is a balance in this loyalty: Yahweh is overlord and Cyrus is servant; Yahweh is the only God. "I am the LORD, and there is no other" (vs. 6).

The Pharisees and Herodians plan to foil Jesus, not to seek truth. They address Jesus as teacher (a title Matthew has nonbelievers in Jesus use), but they do not intend to become his disciples. Jesus does not enter into an analysis of the percentages of loyalty due to God and Caesar. Rather, he acknowledges loyalty to both. The embarrassed questioners are taught that loyalties must be balanced.

Today's liturgy suggests that the believer must assess the loyalty due to family and to career. If family concerns cease to be important and the job absorbs most of one's energy, then the moment has arrived to reprioritize values and loyalties. The same is true in one's spiritual relationship: If there is no time for prayer and worship, then loyalties are out of balance.

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

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## **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 October 2020**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6. Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b. Matthew 22:15-21.

**The Things of God.** We often encounter those who set traps for us. They speak in half-truths, only partial stories, code language, even downright lies. It is more than regrettable. It helps if we always look to the One who calls us by name, who chooses and protects us, who empowers us to think clearly and act justly. In the words of Saint Paul, be people of faith, love, and hope.

- What work will my faith in Jesus urge me to do?
- For whom will I do some labor of love?
- Even in stressful times, how can my hope in Jesus Christ endure?

## **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 October 2020**

Exodus 22:20-26. Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51. 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10. Matthew 22:34-40.