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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

Sundays – 8:00 am, 10:00 am
Weekdays – Tue 11 am, Wed

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

6:30 pm & Friday, 12 pm

God's Breaking Point Every parent, no matter how patient, has a breaking point. Even a parent who can tolerate endless noise and outrageous disobedience from his children will finally blow up when his breaking point is reached. In the First Reading, God tells us what his breaking point is. It has to do with those people who are aliens and orphans.

Let us join with God in losing all patience with those who afflict God's hopeless or homeless children.

Some people live as strangers in a strange land; they are aliens in their own communities. And some people lack love and care. They are like orphans, alone, without a home.

You might suppose that these aliens and orphans are easy to recognize. They are the ones without money, or the ones without a family, you might think. But there you would be mistaken. People rarely are so transparent. There can be aliens and orphans among the rich and powerful, just as there can be much loved and cared for people who live among the poor. You just don't know.

But here is what we do know, from the First Reading. If something you do makes someone, who lives as an orphan or an alien, cry to God in their suffering, God will lose all patience with you. He will blow up at you, and sooner or later you will know what it is to have made God angry at you.

This ought to be a very alarming prospect to us.

But what is the point of this thought? Is it to make us always anxious and scared of God? No, of course not! What good would we be to anyone in that condition?

The point is rather to make us watchful of the way in which we treat any one of God's children. Let us look at each person who crosses our path, each one, rich or poor, obnoxious or likeable, as under the protection of the God who is Father in Heaven to us all. Let us make sure that we do not cause any person to cry to God by what we say or do to him. And let us join with God in losing all patience with those who afflict God's hopeless or homeless children.

Then what we will know is not the wrath of the Lord, but the joy that comes from being with God in his love.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 21 #42 **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Oct 25, 2020

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Oct 25	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Kenneth Speletich
Tues	Oct 27	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Oct 28	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Oct 30	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov 1	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Kenneth Dennison

Birthdays	
Oct 25	Lavonne Herbert Billie Porter Kevin Retz
Oct 28	Marc Palmer
Oct 30	Brenda Morse
Nov 1	Robert Skaggs Beverly McCabe

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector

St Paul.....	Oct 25, 8 am	Volunteer	Nov 1 8 am	Open
	10 am	Joe Nelson	10 am	Open

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Oct 18, 2020

SP: Envelope \$ 775.00 (18), Loose 10.00, Bld & Maint 20.00, Mission Sunday 155.00

Total....\$960.00

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Oct 25 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
- (Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel by 2 pm)
- Tue Oct 27 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
- Wed Oct 28 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr-Fri 29-30 St Paul Volunteers to staff Faith Alive...9am-3 pm
- Fri Oct 23 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Oct 31 St Paul Volunteers to staff Faith Alive.9am-12 pm
 - St Paul atTrunk'nTreat.drive-through-City Park.6-8 pm
 - For reservations at Nov 1 masses, contact the rectory by phone or e-mail
- Sun Nov 1 Begin Food Drive for Vienna Food Pantry –Nov
 - Box of Joy Collection (container in church foyer)
 - First Sunday Social.....following Sunday masses
 - Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
 - 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.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REVIEW will be presented at this weekend masses by Mike McMahan.

ST PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES from the Oct 21 meeting are available in the church foyer this weekend.

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 or contact Arlene (559-7803) or Madonna (967-5164)..

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE During the month of November, commemorating all souls, a book to list deceased family and friends will be in the church foyer, then carried to the altar to remember in prayer those listed. The book will be available this week for recording names.

TRUNK 'N TREAT DRIVE THROUGH IN CITY PARK The Krueps and Pobsts will represent St Paul at the Trunk'n Treat drive through at Vienna City Park on Saturday, Oct 31, 6-8 pm.

ST ANDREW DINNER An opportunity for high school and college age young men to meet with Bishop McGovern and priests in the diocese to enjoy a meal, pray, discuss priestly vocations and whatever else is on your mind. Nov 14, 4 pm at Newman Student Center, Carbondale. For information or to RSVP, contact Rev Nicholas Junker 618-722-5035 or njunker08@hotmail.com

ANNUAL ADULT CHILD PROTECTION REFRESHER COURSE for 2020-21 is now available at <https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org> Anyone with regular contact with children in ministry who seeks to be certified may now participate in the initial Child Protection training online. Please contact Fr Tom for details.

SECRETARY/OFFICE MANAGER POSITION is available at St Paul Church for 12-18 hours a week. Entails use of e-mail, word processing, spreadsheets and database skills. Compensation beginning at \$12 hr. For job description or questions, contact Fr Tom.

THANK YOU....to Cathy Kruep for organizing the Parish Halloween Party on Sat

UPCOMING EVENTS

...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

...Election Voting – November 3 at your polling place

...Nov 8 - Placing of Time Capsule and closing of 125th Anniversary commemoration

...Nov 11 – Fall Diocesan Harvest Blessing, 2 pm at Kabat Farm, Sheller, IL (info on BB)

OPPORTUNITY FOR HOLY COMMUNION If anyone has been unable to attend mass and desires to receive communion, please contact Fr Tom for an arrangement.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Christian life is a triangle: God, others, and myself. We tend to focus on loving God, leading a good life, and resolving personal needs. The faith community, all of our sisters and brothers who share creation with us, can be lost in the shuffle. Today's readings make sure we keep all three dimensions vibrant. Our neighbor is an indispensable partner in the common enterprise of loving God and self.

The first reading is a selection from the Covenant Code (Exodus 20:22--23:19). It is part of God's communication to Israel on Mount Sinai emphasizing the legal obligations of the covenant people regarding community duties.

First Thessalonians is the oldest writing of the New Testament. Paul describes the interaction of the Christian missionaries and the former Greek pagans. The missionaries acted on behalf of the Thessalonians when they shared the gospel message with them. In turn, this community imitated Paul and his companions when they left their idols and embraced the living God.

The question asked of Jesus meant that out of 248 positive commandments and 365 negative commandments in the Torah, Jesus selected two: (1) love the LORD your God (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) and (2) love your neighbor (Leviticus 19:18). Jesus acknowledged that these commandments, sometimes called the Great Commandment, offer the proper spirit that should regulate all the other laws.

Our God speaks to us through the needs of others. The oppressed and the despairing call out to us today just as they did to believers in the Old Covenant. It is not pity that we offer as Christians but an invitation to the fullness of life.

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

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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.

Love God, Neighbor, Self. There are 613 Old Testament laws guiding faithful behavior. The Exodus writer tells us some: do not molest or oppress aliens, do not wrong widows and orphans, do not extort money from the poor, do not, do not, do not. Jesus gives us a summary in two laws (rooted in Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18): (1) Love God with everything you have and are and (2) Love the neighbor as your very self.

- What will I do to love a foreigner, an alien, someone not like me?
- What will I do for someone who is poor, hungry, out of work?
- What will I do?

All Saints, Solemnity – Sunday, 01 November 2020

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14. Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6. 1 John 3:1-3. Matthew 5:1-12a.