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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

**Fruitfulness** Both the First Reading and the Gospel tell a story about a vineyard. In each story, the Lord of the vineyard gives good soil, choice vines, and ample protection for the vineyard. But then he does not receive the good fruit that the vineyard should have given him, either because it doesn't produce good fruit or because the tenants won't give the good fruit to him.

If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.

There are penalties for this failure to give fruit to the Lord. The unfruitful vineyard is left to go to ruin. The tenants who won't give the fruit to the Lord lose their lives and their vineyard, which is given to others.

These penalties are fearful. Failure to be fruitful is punished by the loss of the gifts that might have yielded fruit and by the death of the unfruitful recipients of those gifts.

But what is the fruitfulness which it is so fearful not to have?

Do we have to do the most possible good for the poor? Do we have to be highly effective at ministry? Are we supposed to work around the clock so that we can use our gifts to the fullest? What about our jobs? Are we unfruitful if we are unemployed? How hard do we have to work in order not to count as unfruitful? How successful do we have to be at that work?

The thing to notice here is that all these questions rest on a false presupposition. The fruitfulness at issue doesn't come from our work. In both the stories, the owner of the vineyard, who is God, plants the vines, spades the soil, removes the stones, and protects the vineyard. If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.

So our fruitfulness comes not from our own work, but from the work of God's Spirit in us. Our part of the process is to not resist the Spirit.

And what about the fruit God is looking for in us? It will not be success, brought about by our own efforts. It will be the fruits that God's Spirit works in us. And these are love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering.

God has planted himself deep within us in the indwelling Holy Spirit. No lack of success in work, no lack of work itself, can keep us from responding to him with love and joy and the rest. And these are what make us fruitful for the Lord.

Eleonore Stump

**Schedule of Masses**

Sun	Oct 4	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Delmar Schwartz
Tues	Oct 6	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Oct 7	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Oct 9	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Oct 11	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	John O'Keefe

**Birthdays**  
Oct 7 Ruth Brown

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector**

<b>St Paul..... Oct 4 8 am</b>	Joe Nelson	<b>Oct 11, 8 am</b>	Leslie Miller
<b>10 am</b>	Steve Widowski	<b>10 am</b>	Madonna Slife

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Sept 27, 2020**

**SP:** Envelope \$ 698.00.00 (16), Loose 97.00, Dio Priest Retirement 15.00 Bld & Maint 75.00  
Funeral & Mass stipends \$105.00 **Total....\$990.00**

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

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Oct 4 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
- First Sunday Social.....after masses
- Rosary 20 min before Sunday mass in October
- Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
- Concluding day for Stonefort Pantry Food Collection
- Parish School of Religion.....11:00 am

(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel by 5 pm)

- Tue Oct 6 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
- Wed Oct 7 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- Fri Oct 9 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Finance Council Mt.....5:30 pm
- Sat Oct 10 Draw-Down (virtual).....6 pm
- For reservations at Oct 11 masses, contact  
the rectory by phone or e-mail
- Sun Oct11 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.

**FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL** will be offered outside this weekend after both the 8 am and 10 am masses.

**DRAWDOWN TICKETS** The Drawdown fund raiser will be held virtually this Saturday, Oct 10, 6 pm. Tickets for \$100 are still available after mass, or from Dolly Hopkins, Steve & Peggy Widowski, and Joe & Marsha Nelson. Gift cards for prizes should be given to Peggy Widowski. Ticket proceeds can be turned in to Steve Widowski. Check the parish facebook page or web page for a link to the virtual drawing.

**WORDS OF GRACE**, Daily Scripture Reflection booklets for Oct-Dec are available in the church entrance.

**BOX OF JOY** season is fast approaching and is inviting our church family to participate in the Box of Joy Ministry. 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. There is information in the foyer and if you have any questions you can call Beth Palmer at 618-771-6711

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**. Additional helpers with liturgical ministries and Covid-19 procedures (hand sanitizing, seating, disinfecting church after each service) are needed. You are encouraged to volunteer on sheet by liturgical aids.

**BDCCW VIRTUAL CONVENTION** Due to restrictions of large group gatherings, the Annual BDCCW Conference will be virtual on the internet. Presentations including prayer service, educational presentation on BDCCW/NCCW, message from Spiritual Moderator, presentation on Catholic meditation, a commercial for Box of Joy service project, and a live streamed mass with Bishop McGovern. All presentations will be recorded and made available for access beginning Oct 14 at <https://dps.diobelle.org/2020-convention-info>

**CPR AND AED TRAINING** Thursday, October 15 from 5-7 PM has been set for the CPR/AED training class for the Parish. There is no fee for the class unless you want a certification card from the American Heart Association (AHA). The certification card requires a fee of \$20 to the AHA. Those who want the card will have to remain approx. 20 minutes after the class to complete a check list for the card. To ask questions on the class or register, please contact Peggy Widowski (618-771-2077).

**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 19 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.

**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.

**THANK YOU!...**to Rural King and parishioners who turned in receipts for Church Week purchases in August. A check for \$100.00 was received this week from Rural King's Church Week distribution.

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

"Noblesse oblige" (nobility obliges) is an expression that we usually associate with royalty and crowned heads of state. People of rank have not only privilege but also responsibility. Exalted position requires royal comportment -- "doing the right thing." Today's readings consider the moral implications of being God's people.

The vineyard is a traditional symbol of God's people. The people are the vineyard, the chosen house of Israel. They are special objects of God's attention, yet this noble call has fallen on deaf ears. The royal people have condemned themselves.

Paul regards faith in Christ as a radical change in living. Baptism implies a share in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and freedom from slavery to sin. Paul says, "Keep on doing the things that you have ... heard and seen in me" (Philippians 4:9).

Matthew shapes the parable of the property owner into a judgment on the people of Israel, not just its leaders (contrast Mark 12:1-10). The tenant farmers kill the son outside the vineyard, an obvious reference to the crucifixion. Verse 43 says the kingdom will be given to others, namely, the Gentiles. Jews and Gentiles together will live out their high calling, both will produce grapes at harvest time (vs. 41).

Baptism is a call to royalty. This sharing in the kingship of Jesus has little to do with external trappings of nobility; it has everything to do with daily living of the gospel. Baptism is the inauguration of the Christian journey to benefit others by example and involvement.

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

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## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 04 October 2020

Isaiah 5:1-7. Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20. Philippians 4:6-9. Matthew 21:33-43.

**Belonging in the Kingdom of God.** Although the parable today is about who properly oversees the work of the Kingdom of God, we can easily shift the focus to who belongs within it and how must those who belong behave. This includes every one of us. Saint Paul provides this helpful list of suitable actions. Do what is truthful, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and gracious. He ends with, "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard."

- What truth that needs telling will I speak this week?
- What just thing will I think and then do?
- How will I be gracious to those I meet, with those I work, with those with whom I live?

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 October 2020

Isaiah 25:6-10a. Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20. Matthew 22:1-14.