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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

**THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD** In the [First Reading](#), the writer of the Apocalypse says that in heaven he saw a great multitude of people, all wearing white robes. The text explains that these are the people who have washed their clothes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

This is an odd idea, isn't it? Anybody who does laundry can tell you that one of the hardest stains to get out is blood. Why would anybody think you could *clean* things with blood?

The answer is that it depends on what you are trying to clean. The Epistle to the Hebrews ([Heb 9:14](#)) says that the blood of Christ can cleanse a conscience from dead works.

Now a thing that is dead just lies there, without moving. Dead works are works that don't go anywhere. But where would works be going except where the person who does the works wants them to go?

So a dead work is a work that doesn't do what the person who does the work wanted to do. In Romans ([Rm 7:15](#)), Paul says, "I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate." Is there anyone who doesn't understand this problem? Examples of it are easy to come by. Here's one: You set out bravely to give up smoking, and day after day you smoke.

It's not hard to see why dead works stain a conscience. Whose conscience would not feel stained by endless daily failure to do what he himself wants to do?

*This* is what the blood of Christ cleanses us from.

The blood is the life of a thing, Scripture says ([Dt 12:23](#)). When we participate in the Eucharist, the blood of Christ comes into us; and so Christ's life comes into us too. What we could not do on our own, because our works are dead and our consciences are stained, the blood, the life, the Spirit of Christ can do in us.

When we are united with Christ through his body and blood in the Eucharist, our works live too through him. And if our works live, then our consciences are cleansed. And that is how the saints in heaven have made the dirty laundry of their lives white.

There is power in the precious blood of the Lamb!

Eleonore Stump

Vol 21 #43 **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Nov 1, 2020

**Schedule of Masses**

Sun	Nov 1	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Kenneth Dennison
Tues	Nov 3	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Nov 4	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Nov 6	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Nov 7	8:30 am	SP	For Remission of Sin
Sun	Nov 8	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	John O'Keefe

**Birthdays**

Nov 1	Robert Skaggs Beverly McCabe
Nov 3	Harry Gruszczyk
Nov 4	Janet Hacker
Nov 5	Mitch Garrett
Nov 7	Nolan Zmuda

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector**

<b>St Paul.....</b>	<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Joan Galey	<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Leslie Miller
		<b>10 am</b>	Madonna Slife		<b>10 am</b>	Open

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Oct 25, 2020**

SP: Envelope \$ 590.00 (14), Loose 41.00, Mission Sunday 120.00 History Bk 10.00

**Total....\$761.00**

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

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

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 (Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)
Tue	Nov 3	Election Day Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
Wed	Nov 4	Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
Fri	Nov 6	Weekday Mass.....12 pm
Sat	Nov 7	First Saturday Mass and Devotions..SP...8:30 am For reservations at Nov 8 masses, contact the rectory by phone or e-mail
Sun	Nov 8	Recognition of Veterans Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am Placement of Time Capsule-Closing 125 <sup>th</sup> Year Parish School of Religion.....11:00 am

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



**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK** Besides taking time to cherish God's call in our lives, we are encouraged to invite, encourage, and support those being called to church ministry, especially the priesthood. The Diocesan Vocation Office has supplied photo cards of seminarians, inviting individuals or families to adopt one, pray for him, remember his birthday, send a note of encouragement, learn more about formation for priesthood. Seminarian photo cards are on table in church foyer.

**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.

**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.

**FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL** invites parishioners to greet one another, share a drink and snack, assure one another of our concern. Social will follow the 8 am and 10 am Masses with patriotic cupcakes to recognize contribution of veterans for our country's freedom..

**ALL SOULS DAY** is commemorated on November 2. Prayers for the deceased with visit to a cemetery is one way to commemorate this feastday.

**FOOD COLLECTION FOR VIENNA FOOD PANTRY.** Will be conducted during the month of November. A container for donations is in the church foyer.

**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

**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 Steve & Katie Pobst, Madonna Slife, Cathy Kruep for representing St

Paul at the Drive Through Trunk 'n Treat on Halloween evening.

...to all volunteers who staffed the Faith Alive Thrift Store Oct 29-31.

...to those who lead the rosary before weekend masses during October.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

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

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

...Nov 12- Eucharistic Adoration at St Paul, 4-7:30 pm

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

## **All Saints**

THE SAINT IN YOU! (Excerpts from Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover the Saints")

We are capable of so much more than we think. God is constantly trying to open our eyes to the amazing possibilities that He has envisioned for us since the moment He conceived us.

You are capable of incredible things. Begin to seek out the unseen opportunities you have overlooked in your life. How do you begin? Set self interest aside, what you want to do or feel like doing, and for one moment or one hour, do exactly what you sense God is calling you to do.

On the first day of November each year we celebrate All Saints' day. Besides the named saints, we celebrate the saints we have known in our lives, those we believe lived an exemplary life and reflected God's love to us. It is also designed to remind us that we are called to be saints in our own way, in our own place and time. Let this day inspire you to open your self to a new and special period in your life, to surrender your self to God's plan for your life.

People don't do anything until they are inspired, but once they are inspired there is almost nothing they can't do. So allow God to inspire you, to bring the best out of you.

Where do you start? With holy moments. These are moments when you make yourself completely available to God. Let Him show you who, when, where, and how you should act at this moment of time in your day. Just let God guide you each day in one area of your life. What does your marriage or your family need? What do your children or grandchildren need? What do your friends, your neighbors, your colleagues at work need? What does your church need? What does your world need?

Dear God, I give myself to you at this moment in time, so that I can hear Your voice and respond to Your call to me. Give me the courage to make myself completely available to You, so that together we can collaborate in whatever ways You envision. Show me how and who to love at this moment in time. May Your will be done in me this day. Amen.

## **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.

**Saints Next Door.** It can be easy to view the beatitudes as impossible goals for Kingdom of Heaven living. But they are not just dreams and hopes; they are norms, achievable standards of right behaviors for baptized disciples. The second reading helps us grasp this. We are children of God not by blood or birth or desire. We are God's children by baptismal rebirth, by God's good choice. We constantly look, at Pope Francis' urging, for the saint next door. We constantly try to be one, too.

- I will reread 1 John 3:1-3 each day this week to cherish how I am a child of God.
- Let me name the "saintly" behavior of neighbors, co-workers, family.
- What will I do each day this week to be a saint next door?

## **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 08 November 2020**

Wisdom 6:12-16. Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Matthew 25:1-13.