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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

True Humility and Talents Some people think that humility is a matter of taking yourself to be small, unworthy, not up for much. But, in the Gospel parable, the servant who thinks he is too little to do much with his talent is dismissed as wicked and useless, and his talent is taken away from him. The Lord doesn't praise him for humility.

So what is humility? It is the opposite of pride—but what is pride? Pride isn't denying that there is some excellence, some talent, in yourself when there really is. Rather, pride is a failure to recognize that that talent is given you by the Lord.

Of course, we are small and unworthy. What else would we be? Our talents are not a function of what we are and can do. Every excellence in us is a gift of the Lord's. We can acknowledge the excellence that is truly in us without danger of pride, provided we remember that such excellence comes from the Lord. Not only that, but in the Gospel Reading our Lord announces a funny distribution principle: to him who has, more will be given. So here is the idea. A person who does not refuse a gift of the Lord's receives it and consequently has more. Then, because he has more, the Lord will offer him another gift. If he does not refuse that new gift, it will be given—and so he will have more. And then more will be given to him. And so on and on, till a person blazes in glory for the Lord.

Unlike the useless servant in the parable, then, we can aim as high as we like, with true humility, provided we recognize as gift every excellence we have. Everything is gift, and everything is meant to be given back in service of love for the Lord.

Eleonore Stump

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Nov 15	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Kenneth Speletich
Tues	Nov 17	11:00 am	SP	Barrett-Waltz Fam
Wed	Nov 18	5:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Nov 20	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov 22	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Anna O'Neil

Birthdays

Nov 15 Pam Shallenberger

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector

St Paul.....	Nov 15	8 am	Mary Treat	Nov 22	8 am	Open
		10 am	Arlene Dueker		10 am	Open

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Nov 8, 2020

SP: Envelope \$ 865.00 (19), Loose 75.00, Mission 10.00, Thanksgiving 20.00, Hall 50.00
 Bld & Maint 245.00 **Total 1265.00**

Note: No offering basket is passed around at masses due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Instead a canister marked 'Envelopes' is on the gifts table for the collection or envelopes may be delivered through the mail. Thank you to all who have faithfully continued your envelope contributions.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Nov 15 Campaign for Human Development Collection
 - Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
 - Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
 - Parish School of Religion.....11:00 am
 - Council of Catholic Women Mt.hall.....11:00 am
 - Community Thanksgiving Service - Cancelled
 (Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)
- Mon Nov 16 Blood Drive at Fellowship Baptist Hall..12-6:00pm
- Tue Nov 17 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
- Wed Nov 18 Weekday Mass.....5:30 pm
 - Parish Council Mt.....6:00 pm
- Fri Nov 13 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
 - For reservations at Nov 22 masses, contact the rectory by phone or e-mail
- Sun Nov 22 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
 - Liturgy Committee Mt...in hall.....9:00 am
 - Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
 - Parish School of Religion.....11:00 am



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN COLLECTION, MEETING The November meeting of CCW ladies (Altar Sodality) will be held in the hall following the 10 am mass this weekend. All ladies of the parish encouraged to attend. A collection for the work of the ladies will be taken in the foyer following the Sunday mass.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE During the month of November, commemorating all souls, a book to list deceased family and friends is in the church foyer, then carried to the altar to remember in prayer those listed.

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

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE ---has been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions and safety of participants..

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE will be held at Fellowship Baptist Hall this Monday, Nov 16, 12 – 6 pm. Call 1800 733 2767 for appointment.

ST PAUL PARISH COUNCIL will meet this Wednesday, Nov 18, 6 pm in the parish hall. Council members are reminded to pick up agenda at this weekend masses.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD). Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection on Nov 22, supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities in our diocese and throughout the country. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection Envelopes are in boxed set.

LITURGY COMMITTEE will meet at 9 am after the first mass next Sunday to make preparations for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Any parishioner is welcome to participate.

ST PAUL PARISH THANKSGIVING MASS will be offered on Wednesday, Nov 25th, 6:30 pm.

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.

VOCATION CORNER – “I was stationed overseas in the Navy when a chaplain asked me ““Have you ever considered becoming a priest?”” My first response was, ““Father, did you not just hear my confessions? I’m not cut out to be a priest.”” Later, I realized that God does not call those who are worthy; he makes worthy those who are called. I was able to respond to the call with help from a Knights of Columbus seminarian scholarship for prospective military chaplains. When sailor and Marines see a Navy chaplain, with the cross on his uniform, they become aware of the presence of Christ. Fewer than 200 priests now serve the 1.8 million Catholics in the U.S. armed services. God is calling men to the priesthood and military chaplaincy. Like my confessor, we can all help plant the seed simply by asking the question.”

Fr. Mark Bristol, USN; Archdiocese for the Military Services; *Columbia Magazine*, May 2020.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Psalm 128; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and gospel address the tension between self and community. They show an understanding of individuals only within the context of the common good. To live a full human life is to make the lives of others more human. Hence, talents and graces, by definition, embrace the needs of others. In the liturgy, personal gifts are common property. The first reading is a classical passage from Proverbs. Written from a decidedly male perspective, the author shows how the abilities of a beautiful woman increase the good of her husband, her family, and her community.

Psalm 28 is a wisdom psalm. As such, it reflects the correct manner of living. It sees fear of God as that all-encompassing value that has an impact on the whole of life. Thus, to fear God is to walk in God's ways, which is to be blessed. One should note, however, that the psalm does not portray prosperity and success as purely personal attainments. Rather, the psalm sees them as directly related to the community.

Matthew provides an insightful parable on the use of abilities and gifts. He recognizes that abilities and gifts presuppose action and even involve some risk. He teaches that, paradoxically, to use the gift for others is to improve the gift.

We all have gifts. Our ability to console must be shared with those who are distraught. Our ability to encourage should touch the despairing. Our leadership may give direction to the aimless. Our positive actions reaffirm that personal gifts are common property.

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

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15 November 2020 and World Day of the Poor

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6. Matthew 25:14-30.

Talents Given, Talents Returned. One more Kingdom of Heaven parable today. God gives in the great hope that these treasures, these talents, these baptismal charisms will bear fruit. God's gifts are not for burying or hiding in safety. They are to be risked, to be used for the benefit of both self and others. When that happens, God says: "Well done. Come share my joy."

- What gifts of God must I unbury and put to use?
- How will I serve God this week by serving another?
- What action will I do that prompts God to say: "Well done"?

Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22 November 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17. Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6.
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28. Matthew 25:31-46.