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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

Embodied Love The Gospel reading for this feast is very rich. It invites us to reflect on the difference between true love and its false imitation, between real Christianity and its fake lookalike. It encourages us to exercise ourselves in the care of all God's children. It prompts us to reflect on all the different kinds of hunger there are in the world, and the very different kinds of feeding those various hungers require.

What wouldn't you yourself have given to lay your weary head on the breast of your Lord?

These are all good things to ponder, but there is still more to see. Here is one more thing.

Think about what it is for God himself to be incarnate. A human woman took the Lord to her breast and suckled him there. The apostle John reclined by the Lord and laid his head on the bosom of the Lord. A woman washed the Lord's feet with her tears, and a woman rubbed his feet with lotion. How did those people get so lucky? Of all the millions and millions of God's people, how can it be that so few touched God in the flesh, that only one woman anointed his feet? Wouldn't you have liked to be among these very lucky people? In desperately sad and stricken moments, what wouldn't you yourself have given to lay your weary head on the breast of your Lord?

It is good to have a God who enters human history, but anything in history is local, constrained in time and space, cut off from so many things that aren't right here, right now. How can it be that only those few people, who were there with Jesus, in that place and at that time, had contact with the Lord flesh to flesh?

The answer to this question and the consolation the question seeks is in the Gospel reading: whatever you did to one of the least of my own, the Lord says, you did it to me.

Eleonore Stump

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Schedule of Masses

Sun	Nov 22	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Anna O'Neil
Tues	Nov 24	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Nov 25	6:30 pm	SP	In Thanksgiving
Fri	Nov 27	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Nov 29	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	John O'Keefe

Birthdays
Nov 24 David Zmuda Jr
Nov 26 Peter Garrett

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector

St Paul.....	Nov 22 8 am	Joan Galey	Nov 29 8 am	Open
	10 am	Madonna Slife	10 am	Open

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Nov 15, 2020

SP: Envelope \$ 1215.00 (17), Loose 115.00, Mass Int 70.00, Bld & Maint 80.00

Total 1480.00

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 22 Campaign for Human Development Collection
- Advent Angel Ornaments on tree
- 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
- (Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)
- Tue Nov 24 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
- Wed Nov 25 Parish Thanksgiving Mass.....6:30 pm
- Fri Nov 27 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- For reservations at Nov 29 masses, contact the rectory by phone or e-mail
- Sun Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent – preparation aids available
- Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
- Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
- Conclusion of Food collection for Vienna Pantry



PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES from Nov 18th Mt are available in bulletin rack in foyer. Also additional forms for nominating a parishioner to serve on the parish council are by the mass liturgy sheet. Completed forms may be returned to the marked basket in the church foyer.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD). Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection on Nov 22, you support programs in our diocese and throughout the country that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who struggle. Envelopes are in boxed set. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection

ADVENT ANGEL GIFT TREE is available to take an ornament and return a gift for children and families in the area. Please return the gift with the ornament attached. Deadline for all gifts is December 13th.

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

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 conclude on November 29th. A container for donations is in the church foyer.

ADOPT A SEMINARIAN photo cards (new supply) are on brochure table. Suggested ways of offering support to seminarians are listed on back of card.

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

ADVENT SEASON begins Nov 29th. Booklets to prepare for the season will be available next Sunday. Dynamic Catholic is again offering Best Advent Ever, a daily e-mail video reflection. There is no charge. Available at DynamicCatholic.com.

PARISH ADDRESS & EMERGENCY CONTACT DIRECTORY is in process of being printed. Check the box in the church foyer for a copy with your household name on it.

OUR CONDOLENCE AND PRAYER to Amanda Widowski, whose mother, Teresa Rood of Vienna, passed away Nov 13; and to Mark Endrizzi, whose father, Ralph Endrizzi of Johnston City, died Nov 13.

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 all who participated in preparing Boxes of Joy. 701 from S. Vicariate.
....to Matt Slife and Jared Bergmann for skill and equipment to move SF statues to cemetery
....to Craig Levesque for donation and hauling mulch for the parish center rose beds.
....to Pat Kalicki for representing St Paul on the Eagle House Thanksgiving Dinner
....to Vicki Anderson for serving as parish vocation coordinator with information on seminarians

Solemnity of Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; Psalm 23; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46

Usually we reserve the title "pastor" for the leader of a religious community. The pastor is to shepherd, that is, provide for the religious needs of the flock. But perhaps we fail to recognize that every believer is also commissioned through baptism to look to the needs of others.

Ezekiel is a pastor. He is compassionate toward the despondent exilic community in the early sixth century B.C. To encourage them, he presents God as a shepherd. Kings of the ancient Near East often received the title of shepherd, implying their concern for the people -- in particular, the legally helpless. Yahweh focuses love on the lost, the strayed, the injured, and the sick. Yahweh is also judge, ruling against the rich who mistreat the poor and lowly.

Psalm 23 applies the shepherd image to Israel's prayer life and combines it with the image of host. Thus the one who guards the traveler also provides hospitality.

Matthew's scene today is the Final Judgment. Jesus is the king who will pass judgment on all the nations. This duty is exercised as shepherd separating sheep from goats, the blessed from the condemned. There is only one criterion in judging, "Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). The blessed are those who recognize Jesus in the needs of their brothers and sisters.

On this feast of Christ the King, we are reminded that the hurting are found in our homes, our places of work, our schools. We are called to be shepherd to the downtrodden, to pastor them with our own gifts and blessings. Our royalty in the kingdom is measured by the wealth and richness of our generosity and compassion.

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

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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.

Six Grows to Nine. We get the start of the Corporal Works of Mercy in Matthew 25. Two more are added over time. Pope Francis adds one more. These are the behaviors by which each will be judged – actions toward others are, in fact, done for and to God. What we **think** is important. What we may **say** is also important. But what we **do** is key, is more important. Here is the list:

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY ♦ Feed the hungry ♦ Give drink to the thirsty ♦ Shelter the homeless ♦ Clothe the naked ♦ Visit the sick ♦ Visit the prisoners ♦ Bury the dead ♦ Give alms to the poor ♦ Care of our Common Home.

- Who does not have enough that I will feed?
- Whom will I welcome?
- How will I be responsible for the earth?

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7. Psalm 80. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Mark 13:33-37.