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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

The Instruction Manual

In the First Reading, God gives Moses and the Israelites the ten commandments. These are God's basic instruction manual for life. In Christ's Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7), that basic instruction manual is supplied with more details. The ten commandments forbid murder. The Sermon on the Mount commands you actually to love your enemy, turn the other cheek to him, and so on.

The rules of God's instruction manual for us are helpful; but, as we all have learned, it is hard to know in what circumstances they apply. Suppose you take the commandment about turning the other cheek to apply to someone who is beating his wife. If you apply it to mean that you should not try to stop him, you will simply be cooperating with his evil.

The trick is to see that the commandment about turning the other cheek has to be applied in the context of the broader rule: love your enemy. If you enable your enemy to become more evil, how have you loved him?

Elsewhere in the Gospel ([John 2:15](#)), Christ uses a whip to chase the moneychangers out of the Temple. In doing this he helps us understand how to apply the rules. In cases where turning the other cheek would make your enemy worse instead of better, loving your enemy requires helping him to stop his evil in some other way. And that is why the same Christ who gave the Sermon on the Mount drives out the moneychangers. If he had turned the other cheek to them, he would have been an enabler of their evil. Instead, it is good for them, as well as for others, that they stop the evil they were doing. And so Christ uses force to get them to stop.

Here is the thing to notice, then. God's instruction manual for life is not limited just to the sets of rules in the ten commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. There is a medieval saying: every act of Christ is a teaching for us (*Omnis Christi actio nostra est instructio*).^{*} Christ's life and actions, as they are set out in the Gospels, are our best help for seeing how to live our lives well.

Our best instruction manual is Christ himself.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 22 #10 **Third Sunday of Lent** March 7, 2021

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Mar 7	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Joan Klenk
Tues	Mar 9	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Mar 10	6:30 pm	SP	Barrett-Waltz Fam
Fri	Mar 12	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Mar 14	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Billie Anderson

Birthdays

Mar 8	Ella Bergmann
	Pat Kinkead
	Joan Stanfil
Mar 9	Bill Porter
Mar 10	Nathan Zmuda
	Beverly Bishop
Mar 13	Matt Slife
	Anna Mae Street

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector

St Paul.....	Mar 7, 8 am	Joe Nelson	Mar 14 , 8 am
	10 am		10 am

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING February 28, 2021

Envelope \$ 1125.00 (20), Loose 120.00, Bl & Native Am 25.00, Bld & Maint 650.00 Mass
Int 40.00 **Total 1960.00**

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 Mar 7 Catholic Services & Ministry Pledge Weekend
Stations of the Cross 20 min. before Mass
Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
PSR Class.....11:00 am
(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)
Tue Mar 9 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
Wed Mar 10 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
Thr-Sat St Paul staffs Faith Alive Store.Th-Fri 9-3, Sat 9-12
Thu Mar 11 Eucharistic Adoration.....4:00-7:30 pm
Fri Mar 12 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
Day of Abstinence
Sun Mar 14 Time Springs forward 1 hr
Catholic Relief Service Collection
Stations of the Cross 20 min. before Mass
Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
PSR Class.....11:00 am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will begin 20 minutes before Sunday masses beginning this Sunday. Volunteers are asked to sign up on the schedule on bulletin board to lead the stations. Booklets will be available at the bulletin table. Please return them to 'Quarantine Box' after mass.

WELCOME As positivity rates continue to decline and Covid vaccinations are more prevalent, St Paul continues the safe practices of hand sanitizing, wearing masks, social distancing and disinfecting after each mass for everyone's safety. We invite those who haven't been able to attend mass in person to consider joining in the full experience of Eucharist at either the 8 am or 10 am Sunday mass. There is room, though participants are asked to make reservations (phone call or e-mail) to assure maximum limit is practiced.

CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL Today, every parish in the diocese will be participating in the CS & MA. This annual collection provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. Our parish goal for the appeal is \$5403.00 with needed participation of each family of the parish helping as able (no contribution is too small). You are asked to bring the pledge card received in the mail or use an envelope available at church to make your pledge as mass this Sunday. Please be as generous as you can.

EUCCHARISTICADORATION will be offered this Thursday, March 11, 4-7:30 pm. If you're able to attend, please sign the schedule on bulletin board.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS St Paul is scheduled to operate the Thrift Store this Thursday through Saturday, Mar 11-13, 9am-3 pm on Th-Fri; 9-12 on Sat.. The Ministerial Alliance store makes inexpensive clothing and household items available for community families who often can't afford full prices. Help is needed to check out, sort clothes and stock the racks. A schedule is on the bulletin board. ?? contact Arlene 559-7803

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION Next Sunday our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously to the CRS and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

CHURCH WEEK, Supporting Christian Organizations. Rural King will donate 10% of purchases made there between March 14 and March 27th to the Christian Organization of your choice (consider St Paul). Receipts must be uploaded to www.ruralking.com/churchweek by April 1, 2021. St Paul received \$110 last year.

THANK YOU....to all volunteers who supported the first Fish Fry—set up, fryers, kitchen staff, meal assembly, curb hops, dessert makers, scalloped potato baker, all who advertized and bought meals. A short breather before the next Fish Fry on March 19th.

VOCATION CORNER "Father Pat York is the Dean of Students and Vice-Rector at Conception Seminary College. Father Pat recalls he considered the priesthood during his eighth-grade year. He credits his parents as having the biggest influence on his priestly vocation. They encouraged their children to be open to God's call as a priest or religious in the Church. The seed of his vocation took root in his family and grew from there. He would ask his parishioners, "Pray for the priests of our diocese. Support your parish priests. Pray fervently to the Lord for more religious vocations." Fr. Pat also encourages parents to set an example for their children in practicing their faith, "do not treat it as a burden or obligation, but as a gift that is enriching." (The Tower Topics, by Fr. Paul Sheller, O.S.B.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 19 2nd Parish Fish Fry 4:30- 6:30 pm; Mar 20 Parish Work Day; Mar 21 CCW meeting 11am

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17. Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11. 1 Corinthians 1:22-25. John 2:13-25

Before we decide to trust someone, we often look for credentials or tangible proof that will in turn dictate the extent of our confidence in that person. We want our trust to rest on the foundation of experience. Today's readings look to concrete historical events that provide reasons to trust.

Seven of the Ten Commandments are forms of tribal wisdom aimed at the good of the community (see Jeremiah 35:6-9). As such, they predate Moses. They stem from the recognition that some actions promote community while others are hurtful.

In the commandments, the older regulations are ratified as accepted legislation. The stamp of divine approval makes them matters of loyalty to God. God intervened in history to bring the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt; therefore, God has a right to impose laws worthy of trust.

In dealing with the Corinthian community, Paul has to face the issues of credibility and trust. The Greeks desire some form of revelation that they can debate as worthy of rational acceptance. The Jews seek some sign or miracle that will provide a basis for confidence. Paul offers the cross, which for him is so central to faith that the gospel message is unintelligible without it.

In the cleansing of the Temple, Jesus appears as a latter-day Jeremiah who addresses the abuses of God's dwelling place (see Jeremiah 7:1-15; 26:1-19). The author of the gospel has adapted the original event to speak about the foundation of trust. Jesus' zeal for the Temple is the reason for his death, and his resurrected body becomes the new Temple. The demand for a sign is answered by Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection experience.

Do we choose to imitate Jesus' self-giving and thereby offer concrete proof of our trustworthiness? We win loyalty by reaching out to others and meeting their needs, not by demanding unconditional confidence.

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

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Third Sunday of Lent—March 7, 2021

Genesis 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18; Psalm 116; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

Cleansing Temples. After turning water to wine at Cana, Jesus goes to Jerusalem today and cleans out the Temple. This can be a helpful metaphor for our Lenten retreat. We say that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. How, then, are we to act? The Book of Exodus is clear. It speaks of right conduct in all areas of common life.

- What needs cleaning in my thinking and speech?
- What needs cleaning in my actions?
- How will I embrace and support others who are also cleaning up?

4th Sunday of Lent—March 14, 2021

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23. Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6. Ephesians 2:4-10. John 3:14-21