

## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time– 26 September 2021

Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 19; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Human nature tends to be judgmental. Sometimes our inclination to judge results in elitism, concluding that others are not worthy of our company. Today's readings make God our model for judging. Whom did God ever leave out of God's love? Who was ever unworthy of God's gifts?

Moses had earlier complained to God that he could not provide for Israel in the desert all by himself. To alleviate the situation, God promised to confer Moses' prophetic spirit on seventy elders. Even though Eldad and Medad were not present in the camp when God conferred Moses' spirit, they still received the gift and began to prophesy. The lesson is that God's ability to share the spirit is not restricted. God is the measure.

The author of James maintains that the rich have mistreated their employees. Since they withheld the wages that were due, their silver and gold will corrode and their garments will fall prey to ravaging moths. The wealthy have not realized that God is the God of the poor, and intercedes on their behalf.

In today's gospel passage, Mark brings together sayings of Jesus. In the first saying, Jesus rejects the elitism of the disciples (verses 39-40); in the second (verse 41), anyone who gives the disciple a drink will belong to Christ; in the third (verse 42), Jesus holds up the little ones as totally dependent on God, whom no one may lead astray. Narrow vision will not capture the kingdom.

Narrow vision impedes our growth in faith. God empowers all people with love. Whom do we fail to see as worthy of our love?

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

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**The More the Merrier.** Who cares if other Christians are also doing the good things that Catholics do? Or other believers? Or even non-believers? The kingdom of heaven is not an exclusive club. By God's design, everyone belongs. Jesus says: "Whoever is not against us is for us."

- ◆ What good can I affirm that someone else is doing this week?
- ◆ How can I foster others to do good work?
- ◆ How can I help others to care for "little ones"?

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 03 October 2021

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16



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## **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

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

## **At the Same Table**

We believe in a God in whom “justice and mercy meet.” Our God cares about the plight of the downtrodden (mercy), but also does something about their condition (justice), giving food to the hungry and sight to the blind, setting captives free, protecting strangers, and sustaining the fatherless and the widow.

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of salvation that will involve opening the eyes of the blind, clearing the ears of the deaf, and even brightening up the environment. Mark presents Jesus as the kind of savior prophesied by Isaiah, one who “makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Those of us who have a calling from the God of Jacob to be followers of Jesus must combine concern for the downtrodden (mercy) with action on their behalf (justice). We must reject the religion of favoritism for the rich, and imitate God who “chose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and secure justice for the oppressed.” We must combine preaching the Good News of the Kingdom with healing the sick. This is the way to offer “true worship” to the “God of peace and love.”

It is not simply a question of eliminating hunger and reducing poverty. It is not enough to combat destitution, urgent and necessary as this is. The point at issue is the establishment of a human society in which everyone, regardless of race, religion, or nationality, can live a truly human life free from bondage imposed by men and the forces of nature not sufficiently mastered, a society in which freedom is not an empty word, and where Lazarus the poor man can sit at the same table as the rich man.

Pope Paul VI, [Populorum Progressio](#), 1967:47

Gerald Darring

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## Schedule of Masses

Sun Sep 26 8:00 am Mass Delmar Schwartz

Fri Oct 1 5:00-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Sat Oct 2 8:30 am First Saturday Mass

Sun Oct 3 8:00 am Mass Billie Anderson

## Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sep 26 8 an	S Pobst	B Bowers	M Slife	Vol	*J Slife, D Zmuda, Sr
	<u>Cantor</u>	Z Garrett			
Oct 3 8 an	J Galey	K Pobst	M Nelson	Vol	*M McMahan J Bergmann
	<u>Cantor</u>	C Ross			

## STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Sep 19, 2021

Envelope \$ 892.00 (23), Loose 15.00 Bld. & Maint. \$45.00 Haitians \$50.00

Retired Priests \$50.00

**Total \$ 1052.00** (collection counters are needed to continue this church ministry – see Laurie Coleman)

## THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Sep 26 Mass.....8:00 am  
Thu Sep 30 Faith Alive work day.....9 am to 3 pm  
Fri Oct 1 Faith Alive work day.....9 am to 3 pm

Fri Oct 1 Eucharistic Adoration .....5:00 – 6:30 pm  
Sat Oct 2 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass.....8:30 am  
Sat Oct 2 Faith Alive Work day .....9 am to noon  
Sun Oct 3 Mass.....8:00 am

## Birthdays

Sep 28 Midge Bigler  
Sep 29 Tracey Johnson  
Sep 30 Frank Tesina

**REMEMBER THE HAITIANS.** At the request of Bishop McGovern, our churches are being asked to have an additional collection thru the month of September for the Haitian people. Our donations will be sent to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for their relief. Thank you for your donation.

**DRAWDOWN RAFFLE -** Jeremy and Karon Gulley were the Early bird winners. We are planning on having the dinner and party this year so we will need appetizers and desserts for the meal. A sign-up sheet is on bulletin board or let Madonna know what you can bring.

**GIFT CARDS OR THEME BASKETS FOR DRAWDOWN ARE NEEDED.**  
A signup sheet is on the church foyer bulletin board. Items for prizes are needed by Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**“CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME” WOMEN’S CONFERENCE** sponsored by the Belleville Diocese CCW is Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Camp Ondessonk. Speakers, programs, exhibits, a mass by Bishop McGovern raffle and silent auction are all part of a great day. Registration includes early morning social and lunch and is \$18 if registered by September 27. Registration after or at door is \$20.00. For more information contact, Pam, Vickie, Madonna or Arlene. They will have registration forms or you can access a registration form from [BDCCW Convention Registration Form.docx - Google Docs](#) . Carpooling from St. Paul can also be arranged.

**FAITH ALIVE THRIFT SHOP WORK DAYS** – September 30, October 1 & 2. If you can help please sign up on the bulletin board.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**September 30, October 1 & 2 – Faith Alive Work days**  
**Sunday, October 10 – Baskets & gift cards due for Draw Down**  
**October 13 – BDCCW Conference at Camp Ondessonk**  
**October 16 – Draw Down Party**  
**October 23 – Parish Halloween Hot Dog Roast**

**VOCATION CORNER September 26** – “After working in corporate America for 10 years and earning three degrees, I realized that everything the world said would make me happy wasn’t fulfilling my deepest desires. If anything, these accomplishments left me emptier and more anxious. I had never thought about being a priest, but I remember reading an article that mentioned three hurdles to discerning a religious vocation – noise, fear and family. Through prayer and reading Scripture, it became clear that he was calling me to be a priest. However, I still struggled with fear and feelings of inadequacy; and my family, though Catholic, didn’t understand why I would leave my worldly achievements behind. With God’s grace, I was able to persevere and follow the Lord ..”*Columbia Magazine July 2021*

