

## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time– 3 October 2021

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Loyalty is a precious commodity. Relationships, if they are to remain loyal, must be grounded in mutual esteem and respect. Today's readings challenge our sense of commitment to one another.

Genesis talks of the bond uniting husband and wife. Man exercises authority over the animals but remains incomplete until God creates woman. The expression, "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh," is a formula of abiding mutual loyalty. There is fidelity through thick (bone) and thin (flesh).

Psalm 128 describes the benefits of loyalty. Fidelity brings blessings in this life for the individual -- a fertile wife and a large family -- but also for the nation. Jerusalem is prosperous, and Israel is at peace.

In the passage from Mark, Jesus does not focus on the permissiveness of Moses that allowed a man to divorce his wife (see Deuteronomy 24:1-4). Rather, Jesus directs attention to the real issue, God's design. In God's plan, husband and wife reflect divine creative energy; therefore not even the authority of Moses is sufficient to set aside the Lord's intention. The lesson for us in all these readings is simply this: Emphasize qualities that promote loyalty. We must honor husbands and wives for their commitment and dedication and congratulate family members for their contributions to the common good. People should be grateful for the unconditional generosity of their friends. No matter how many examples we see to the contrary, loyalty is still number one for Christians. -- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L. Copyright 1997, Liguori Publications / Liguori, MO 63057-9999

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**Making, Testing, and Deciding.** There are at least three take-aways from the readings today. In the **making** of man and woman in this second creation story, God builds them up from the same stuff. In the first creation story, read during the Easter Vigil, they are made into God's own image and likeness (Genesis 1:27). Made as equals. In the **testing** of Jesus, the Pharisees try to trip him up with legal loopholes. Jesus does not play that game. In **deciding** who belongs to the Kingdom of God, it is Jesus and not his handlers who choose. Children are important. So is everyone else.

- ◆ How will I foster the equality of both women and men?
- ◆ How will I avoid loopholes and, instead, tell the truth?
- ◆ Just like Jesus, how will I treat everyone the same as equal members of God's Kingdom?

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 October 2021

Wisdom 7:7-11. Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17. Hebrews 4:12-13. Mark 10:17-30.

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## **ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2020 State Rte. 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst

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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

## **The Great Sign**

“It is not good for the man to be alone,” God says in the reading from Genesis ([First Reading](#)). Humans are social beings: God created us to live and work together, to share our lives, to care about and for each other. Shortly after this story in Genesis, Cain asks the rhetorical question: “Am I my brother's keeper?” The rest of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures answer with a resounding: “YES!”

The great sign of the social nature of men and women is marriage, in which the “two of them become one body, the two shall become as one.” Another sign is the Eucharist, for as Paul says in the Communion Antiphon: “we, though many, are one body, for we all share in the one loaf and in the one cup.” Marriage and Eucharist are signs of sharing lives and living together.

The unity of humankind is shattered every day by the many scourges of injustice: racism, sexism, poverty, hunger, homelessness, war. We are constantly violating the fundamental principle: “let no man separate what God has joined.” God has joined us in a society of brothers and sisters because it is not good for us to be alone: let no one separate that society through collusion in injustice.

Man's social nature makes it evident that the progress of the human person and the advance of society itself hinge on each other. For the beginning, the subject and the goal of all social institutions is and must be the human person, which for its part and by its very nature stands completely in need of social life. This social life is not something added on to man.

Hence, through his dealings with others, through reciprocal duties, and through fraternal dialogue he develops all his gifts and is able to rise to his destiny.

*Vatican II, [Constitution on the Church in the Modern World](#) 1965:25*

--Gerald Darring SLU Sunday site

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## Schedule of Masses

Sun	Oct 3	8:00 am Mass....	Billie Anderson
Fri	Oct 8	6:00 pm Mass.....	Parishioners
Sun	Oct 10	8:00 am Mass	Richard Stone

Birthdays  
October 7 Ruth Brown

## Liturgical Ministers

		<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Oct 3	8 am	J Gale	K Pobst	M Nelson	Vol	*M McMahan J Bergmann
		<u>Cantor</u>	C Ross			
Oct 10	8 am	S Widowski	J Hacker	Z Garrett	Vol	*M McMahan J Bergmann
		<u>Cantor</u>	C Ross			

## STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Sep 26, 2021

Envelope \$ 975.00 (22), Loose 50.00 Bld. & Main. \$10.00(1) Haitians \$50.00

**Total \$ 1155.00 PSR \$60.00** (collection counters are needed to continue this church ministry – see Laurie Coleman)

## THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun	Oct 3	Mass.....	8:00 am
Mon	Oct 4 thru Oct 7	Clergy Convocation	Fr. Christian out of town
Fri	Oct 8	Finance Council.....	5:30 pm
Fri	Oct 8	Mass.....	6:00 pm
Sun	Oct 3	Mass.....	8:00 am



\*Please call Ruth Brown, our homebound parishioner, with your wishes for her Happy Birthday on Oct 7 at 618 995-9631 or mail her a card to1255 Deer Ridge Rd, Goreville, IL 62939

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fr. Christian will be at the Diocese Clergy Convocation in Belleville from Monday, October 4 thru Thursday October 7.

**ROSARY LEADERS ARE NEEDED** for the October Sunday Masses. Please consider volunteering and sign up for a Sunday on the church bulletin board. The Rosary will start approximately 30 minutes before Mass.

**DRAWDOWN RAFFLE – CALLING ALL COOKS!** 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>.

**CCW Volunteers** needed to help prepare conference materials for the BDCCW conference on Monday, October 10 at 10 am in the parish Hall.

**“CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME” WOMEN’S CONFERENCE** sponsored by the Belleville Diocese CCW is Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Camp Ondessonk. The conference will be held in their beautiful indoor conference center. 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. Registration on the day is \$20.00. For more information contact, Pam, Vickie, Madonna or Arlene. Carpooling from St. Paul can also be arranged.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Sunday, October 10 – Baskets & gift cards due for Draw Down**  
**Monday, October 11 CCW meeting in hall at 10 am to prepare for BDCCW conf.**  
**Wednesday, October 13 – BDCCW Conference at Camp Ondessonk**  
**Saturday, October 16 – Draw Down Party**  
**Sunday, October 17 Liturgy Meeting following Mass**  
**Friday, October 23 – Parish Halloween Hot Dog Roast**

**VOCATION CORNER October 3rd**– Today’s readings underscore the sanctity of marriage. This vocation is a call to live in personal holiness and is a commitment to getting your spouse to heaven.  
 “God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation of love and communion. Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.” – *St. John Paul II*