

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 14, 2022

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Psalm 40; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

The prophet is called to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. This task involves energizing with hope those who have lost the capacity to hope, challenging those who have, unwittingly or not, contributed to a despair that seems irreversible to the downtrodden. Today's readings show both the building up and the tearing down of the prophetic mission.

The political conspiracy to convict Jeremiah the prophet is described in the first reading. Jeremiah attacks the unfaithful King Zedekiah and his entourage. Afflicting the comfortable brings a charge of treason against Jeremiah and finds him thrown in the bottom of a muddy cistern.

Jesus is a prophet as well. God has sent him to "bring good news to the poor ... to proclaim release to the captives ... " (Luke 4:18). Jesus demands a decision either for or against his message. "I came to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were already kindled" (Luke 12:49).

Jesus, like Jeremiah, will experience the prophet's fate. The baptism referred to is actually Christ's passion and death. He longs for this event to take place (Luke 12:50). Family members are divided against one another; the harsh reality is that the Church's mission of conversion will not be a total success.

The afflicted in our society suffer many ailments. Failure is experienced at work, in relationships, and in society. The modern prophet proclaims that despair does not have the final say. The suffering are drawn up from the muddy cistern; their capacity to dream, to laugh, and to sing is restored.

Disease brings suffering to the comfortable as well. Life is diminished when ego reduces others to mere objects, when reliance on self obscures our dependence on God, when passing wealth has more value than riches that endure. Today's prophet must denounce evil in the human family, afflicting the comfortable as he or she lights a fire on the earth.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L. Copyright 1997, Liguori Publications / Liguori, MO 63057-9999

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Aug 14, 2022

Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117; Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13; Luke 13:22-30



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### **ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

### **A Poor and Simple Girl**

The song that Luke puts in Mary's mouth when she visits Elizabeth speaks of a God who had "deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places." Mary herself is a prime example of the lowly raised to high places: a poor and simple girl, a virgin from an insignificant part of the world, raised to the status of Mother of God, and today "raised body and soul to the glory of heaven."

There is an attractiveness about God raising the lowly that makes it pleasing for us to accept, at least theoretically. We react positively to the raising of a Mother Theresa from the status of lowly servant of the hopeless to that of Nobel Peace Prize winner. We are less attracted to the idea of God deposing the mighty from their thrones, especially if we live in the "First World" and in the country that boasts of being first in the world.

Mary said: "The hungry he has given every good thing, while the rich he has sent empty away." This should come as good news to the poor, and should be of some concern to affluent Americans, who belong to the richest five percent of the world's population.

*Let the entire body of the faithful pour forth persevering prayer to the Mother of God and Mother of men. Let them implore that she who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers may now, exalted as she is in heaven above all the saints and angels, intercede with her Son in the fellowship of all the saints."*

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church 1964:69

--Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Website.

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Aug 14 8:00 am Mass Rose Lewis family  
Mon Aug 15 6:00 pm Mass Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary  
  
Wed Aug 17 5:30 pm Mass  
Fri Aug 19 6:00 pm Mass  
Sun Aug 21 8:00 am

No Birthdays this week?  
Let us know if we missed  
you this week or any week.

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Aug 14	S Widowski	P Widowski	B Palmer	M &C Bergmann	*F Dueker, A Irby
		<u>Cantor</u>	Z Garrett		
	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Aug 21	A Dueker	G Tesina	M Slife	M Palmer, E Zmuda	M McMahan, J Bergmann
		<u>Cantor</u>	C Ross		

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

July 31, 2022	August 7, 2022
General(16) \$825.00	General (21) \$1085.00
Loose \$30.00	Loose \$35.00
<b>Total \$855.00</b>	<b>Total:\$1120.00</b>
Bldg & Maint.(1) \$25.00	Bldg & Maint.(2) \$30
<b>Total \$25.00</b>	<b>Total \$30.00</b>

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Aug 14 8:00 am Mass Rose Lewis family  
9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
\*Mon Aug 15 6:00 pm Mass Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary  
  
Wed Aug 17 5:30 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Parish Council Meeting  
  
Fri Aug 19 6:00 pm Mass  
Sun Aug 21 8:00 am Mass

PLEASE NOTE

\*This Monday, join us for the 6:00 pm Mass celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While not an obligatory mass obligation this year, Fr. Christian is making a special effort to provide us the opportunity of celebrating this feast day.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17 6 PM IN PARISH HALL

Council Members please pick up agenda and calendar items in parish foyer after Sunday Mass today.

BOX OF JOY

Grab a gift list from the church entry way and consider picking up a few extra items to provide children in the Caribbean or Central America with Christmas gifts. You can either bring items to church and place in tub under bulletin board or fill your own shoe box or Box of Joy containers which will arrive next week. Our Box of Joy collection will continue until the end of September. It is managed by Belleville Diocese Council of Catholic Women (BDCCW) for Cross Catholic Outreach. This year, Cross Catholic Outreach is covering the postage. Questions? Call Pam Shallenberger at 217-586-4568.

MASS CELEBRATING MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES ON OCT. 9

Bishop McGovern will celebrate a Mass for couples who are celebrating 25,30, 40, 50 and 60+ wedding anniversaries this year. The Mass will be on Sunday Oct. 9, 2022 at 1:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter. If you have a milestone anniversary this year; and wish to attend, please submit your anniversary date by August 16 to Arlene Dueker at 618 559-7803 by calling or texting. Arlene will forward to diocese by their August 17 deadline.

WELLNESS COMMISSION AUGUST HEALTH TIP

Fish is a great source of high-quality protein and healthy fat. This is particularly true of fatty fish like salmon which is loaded with anti-inflammatory omega-3 fatty acids and other nutrients. Studies show that people who eat fish, regularly have a lower risk of heart disease, dementia and inflammatory bowel disease.

VOCATION CORNER August 14<sup>th</sup>:

“I learned from working in summer catechetical programs that I loved sharing the faith and that community prayer was a great source of strength. As I taught children about being open to the different vocations and God’s plan for their life, I began to take this advice to heart. I soon visited a Convent and fell in love with the charism: bringing Christ to the young and the young to Christ. Through the generosity of fellow parishioners, I was able to pay off my student loans before entering the convent. This is truly a blessing, and their prayerful support gives me the courage to keep saying ‘YES’.” *Sister April Hoffman, Novice, Salesian Sisters, Newton, N.J. Columbia, “Keep the Faith Alive”, October 2015, pg. 50*

LOOKING AHEAD

August 25-27 St. Paul operates Faith Alive Store  
September 18 Parish Picnic following 10:00 am Mass  
Early Bird winner for Draw-Down