

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 28, 2022

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29; Psalm 68; Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

"Quid pro quo" is a Latin expression that means, according to Webster, something given or received for something else. Charity sometimes takes on a mistaken quid pro quo mentality: If I help you out then "you owe me one." Charity becomes a rain check; the recipient is in a sort of debtor's prison. Today's readings remind us that charity is a free gift, a gift asked more often of those who have more. Reimbursement may be deferred, even to the next world!

The first reading comes from Sirach, a collection of Israel's wisdom sayings written around 190 B.C. Sirach 3:29 begins a message on almsgiving, addressed more than likely to an audience made up of wealthy families. The image is striking: Just as water extinguishes fire, so almsgiving atones for sin.

Psalm 68 speaks of Yahweh as one who cares for the orphan and the widow and meets the needs of the forsaken and prisoners. These are the truly needy in society, and Yahweh is the model of charitable concern for the Israelite community.

Chapter 14 of Luke is a collection of Jesus' sayings from other occasions set against the background of a sabbath meal. The question is: Who can eat bread in God's kingdom? Jesus answers by observing that to enter the kingdom one must perceive the value of others and embrace them wholeheartedly. One does not merit a heavenly reward by scrambling for a place at the head table, as status-seekers do. Those who are humble and serve others will gain a place at the eternal banquet.

The powerful and wealthy should invite the poor and the needy, motivated not by earthly reimbursement but rather by heavenly reward.

The poor and the needy are not able to say "I owe you one." We must assist those with less, not only for earthly rewards such as tax deductions but for the compelling reason that we are all sisters and brothers in Jesus.

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

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- Sept. 4, 2022

Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 90; Philemon 9-10,12-17; Luke 14:25-33



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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

### **Resembling God**

The God we worship is “the father of orphans and the defender of widows who gives a home to the forsaken and leads forth prisoners to prosperity and has made a home for the poor.” The God we worship tells us: “when you have a reception, invite beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind.”

Does our ministry bear any resemblance to the God we worship? Do we provide shelter to homeless children? Do we stand up for the lonely elderly? Do we lead prisoners to prosperity? Do we make our church a home for the poor? Do we invite the helpless to our party?

Today’s liturgy challenges us to a different lifestyle, one based on forgiveness, love and faith, humble living, the following of Jesus, who is *gentle and lowly of heart*, peacemaking and suffering persecution, and service of others.

We know that we have responded to this challenge when we begin to resemble the God we worship, the “God who has made a home for the poor.”

*It is not merely a matter of ‘giving from one’s surplus,’ but of helping entire peoples which are presently excluded or marginalized to enter into the sphere of economic and human development.*

*It is not enough to draw on the surplus goods which in fact our world abundantly produces; it requires above all a change of lifestyles, of models of production and consumption, and of the established structures of power which today govern societies*

Pope John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 1991: 58

--Gerald Darring SLU Sunday Site

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Aug 28 8:00 am Mass  
Fri Sep 2 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
Sat Sep 3 8:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass  
Sun Sep 4 8:00 am Sunday Mass

No Birthdays this week

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Aug 28	Z Garrett	C Johnson	M Nelson	C Bergmann, N Zmuda	*Jo Nelson, Je Nelson
		<u>Cantor</u>	C Ross		
	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sep 4	E Garrett	D Irby	P Widowski	M Palmer, E Zmuda	*P Widowski, D Zmuda
		<u>Cantor</u>	S Pobst		

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

August 21 2022

General (22) \$1020  
Loose \$103.00  
PSR registration (1) \$20.00  
**Total \$1143.00**  
Bldg. & Maint. (2) \$15.00  
**Total \$15.00**

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Aug 28 8:00 am Mass for parishioners  
9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
Fri Sep 2 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
Sat Sep 3 8:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass Billie Anderson  
Sun Sep 4 8:00 am Sunday Mass for parishioners  
9:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Social

FOOD DRIVE FOR STONEFORT FOOD PANTRY STARTS SEPTEMBER 4.

Please be generous with donations of canned, bagged or boxed food items. A tub is available in the church foyer or you can drop off donations in the parish hall chapel.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR ASSISTING WITH FAITH ALIVE STORE

this past week.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 18

Plans are underway for an enjoyable day of fun, games, food and fellowship for the whole family. The picnic will be held after 10:00 Mass on September 18. St. Paul's will provide Pork Steaks, Chicken, Hotdogs and Drinks. There will be a Potluck Sign Up Sheet on the bulletin board, so please sign up to bring your families favorite dish. You won't want to miss this so please mark your calendars. Any questions please feel free to call me, Donna @ 618-691-8223. Thank You

**VOCATION CORNER AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>** “I was born in a small town in Michoacan, Mexico. My mother, a woman of great faith, instilled in me and my five siblings trust in God and kindness toward others. When I turned 15, my family moved to California. It was difficult to leave home, but I soon got used to the new school, friends, and culture. One afternoon, I accompanied a friend to church, more out of duty than desire, and Jesus reminded me that had been waiting for me. I realized how much I had been moving away from him, how much I needed him, and I went to confession. I later encountered the Servants of Mary, Ministers of the Sick, who were visiting the parish. I began to discern, and after high school, I entered my postulancy. I am now a professed junior sister. **Sister Maritza Madrigal; Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick; New York City; Columbia Magazine, June 2020**

LOOKING AHEAD

September 11 School children blessing during Mass  
September 18 Parish Picnic following 10:00 am Mass  
Early Bird winner for Draw-Down  
September 27 BDCCW early registration deadline for Oct 12 convention in Pinckneyville.  
September 30 Box of Joy Deadline for return of boxes