

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 25, 2022

Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

Be all that you can be. The armed forces have used this motivational refrain in their advertising for youthful recruits. These ads seek to involve the young in the future of our country and the security of our population.

Today's readings also seek to develop potential, the potential of believers. The focus here is not on national security but on the well-being of the poor and downtrodden.

In the first reading, the prophet Amos describes the shocking contrast between rich and poor. The rich enjoy comfortable couches, eat lambs and calves, drink fine wine, and anoint themselves with the best oils. The excesses of the wealthy mean suffering for the oppressed. Yet, ironically, the rich are the ones forced into exile because they were wasteful of their talents and blind to the suffering poor.

The response to the Amos passage is Psalm 146. Yahweh is steadfast in concern for the down-and-out. This God releases the captives, restores sight to the blind, raises the downtrodden, and loves the just. This psalm praises the caring God for the fatherless and widowed and challenges believers to do the same. The exaltation of the poor and the humbling of the rich is a favorite theme for Luke (Luke 1:51-53; 6:20-26). In this passage, Luke cautions against seeing wealth as a sign of divine approval for the righteous life. Lazarus (the name means "God helps") is the hero who subsists on scraps from the overlaid table of the unnamed rich man. Death turns the tables; the man indifferent to suffering on earth now begs Abraham to send Lazarus with even a drop of water to quench his thirst.

These readings suggest that almsgiving is good but involvement is better. Ministering to the financially poor and the spiritually bankrupt develops our potential to enrich others as we are enriched in the process.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time- October 2, 2022

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 95; 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14; Luke 17:5-10



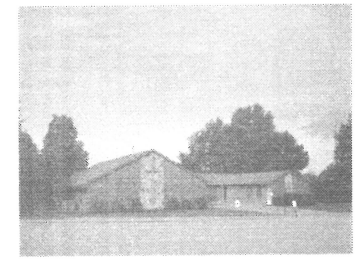
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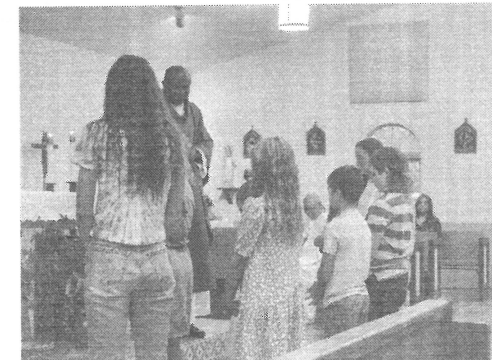
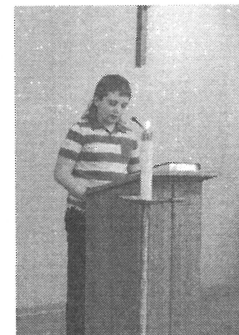
ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



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Schedule of Masses

Sun Sep 25 8:00 am Sunday Mass Delmar Schwartz
Fri Sep 29 6:00 pm Mass
Sat Oct 1 8:30 am Mass
Sun Oct 2 8:00 am Sunday Mass Billie Anderson

Birthdays Sept 25 Andy Chappell Sept 28 Midge Bigler Sept 29 Tracey Johnson Sept 30 Frank Tesina
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Liturgical Ministers

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sep 25 M Slife	B Porter	S Widowski	C Bergmann, N Zmuda	*J Slife M Slife
<u>Cantor</u> J Starratt				

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Oct 2 X Gruszczyk	L Coleman	M Nelson	M Palmer, E Zmuda	*J Nelson, JeNelson
<u>Cantor</u> Z Garrett				

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

September 18, 2022

General (22) \$805.00

Loose \$86.00

Retired Priest collection (3) \$125

Total: \$1026.00

Building & Maint (2) \$10.00

Total: \$10.00

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Sep 25 8:00 am Sunday Mass Delmar Schwartz
Fri Sep 29 6:00 pm Mass
Sat Oct 1 8:30 am Mass
9:30 am Fr. Christian and Servers
9:30 am CCW Meeting
Sun Oct 2 8:00 am Sunday Mass Billie Anderson

EARLY-BIRD DRAWDOWN WINNER

Is Thomas Hill. Thank you for supporting the October Draw-Down with early ticket purchases.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARISH PICNIC VOLUNTEERS:

Donna and Allen Irby who coordinated and set up the events; Craig Levesque who prepared the picnic area; Matt Slife who barbecued our meat; Madonna who organized the cake walk and all the excellent parish cooks and cleaners. Joe Bowers who provided music

VIENNA FALL FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS HAVE ASKED AREA CHURCHES IF THEY COULD SUPPLY VOLUNTEERS to take a turn supervising the children in the bouncy air inflated events. For more information contact Beth Palmer at 618 7716711

CCW MEETING IS SATURDAY OCT. 1

Following 1st Saturday Mass at 8:30 they will meet for breakfast, assemble the Box of Joy boxes and have a brief business meeting. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

SERVERS WILL MEET NEXT SATURDAY AFTER MASS

LOOKING AHEAD

October 6-8 St Paul turn to operate Faith Alive Store
October 9 Adult Bible Study meets
October 12 Diocese CCW convention Pinkneyville
October 15 Draw-Down Party and raffle fundraiser
October 25 Joint Parish Council Mtg Harrisburg

PARISH AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

Oct 2

St. St. Joseph of the Woods, Elizabethtown, is celebrating the 125 Anniversary with the Diocese of Belleville this year.

Oct 29 St. Mary Edorado is hosting Fall Market Days from 9 am to 2 pm. Local vendors and lunch will be available. For more information contact Mona Edwards at 618 926 0390 or Karen Boulds at 618 926 2487

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

St Paul would like to thank all the parishioners who volunteered their valuable time in restoring the ladies rest room in the parish hall. You are appreciated!!!

We are still searching for a volunteer Religious Education Leader. This position is vital to the future of our parish. Please reach out to Fr Christian or any of your parish council members for more information