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ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020 State Rte 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

Sat – 5:30 pm, Sun - 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays – Wed 6:30 pm & Fri 12 pm

Parish Council Chair: Joe Nelson

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

Mulberry Street, Stonefort, IL – 62987

Sunday - 8:00 a.m.

& First Saturday – 8:30 am

Parish Council Chair: Mary Treat

Trustees: Myron Cole, Stan Treat

Temporalizing In the [First Reading](#), Elisha is called by the Lord to be the helper and successor of the prophet Elijah. When in response to God's call the prophet comes to get Elisha, Elisha really wants to follow the prophet. Only he wants to kiss his mother and father goodbye first.

The prophet responds negatively to Elisha's desire to go home first. "Go back!" the prophet says to him. And he means, "who wants you anyway?"

Why does the prophet take such a stern attitude?

Well, it is God who is calling Elisha, isn't it? If the President of the US were to call you and ask you to meet him, would you pause for anything? Wouldn't you race out in excitement? Pausing before going indicates that you don't really understand or don't really care who it is that is calling you.

And, then, too, if you don't care very much about who is calling you, you might in the end fail to answer his call. It is undeniably easier to stay at home in the midst of what is small and familiar than to hazard the perils that come with answering a great call.

In Elisha's case, the prophet's dismissive response to Elisha's temporizing puts the fire of God in Elisha. He kills all the oxen he was plowing with when the prophet called him. He uses their yokes for firewood to roast the oxen, and he gives the flesh to his servants to eat.

Elisha is making sure that he *can't* go home now, isn't he? How could he, after what he did to the family oxen and their yokes?

So here is the moral of the story: there isn't room for hanging back when the Lord calls. If you hesitate, if you think of an excuse to postpone answering the call, you aren't really hearing the Lord calling; and so you aren't really going to follow him either, not now, not later. That is why in the Gospel Reading Jesus says that no one who sets his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of Heaven.

But each human person is called to follow the Lord, to turn his back on his own sins, to live a life of love and holiness. Answering that call can't wait for later, after whatever else a person thinks needs to be happen first. There is no place for temporizing when the Lord calls. The Lord's call has to be answered now.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 17 # 26 **Thirteenth Sunday of the Year, June 26, 2016**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Jun	26	8:00 am	SFD	Britney Deaton
			10:00 am	SP	Paul Kruep
Tue	Jun	28	9 & 11 am	DOC mass at Shawnee and Vienna Corrections	
Wed	Jun	29	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jul	1	12:00 pm	SP	Rev Charles Kribs
Sat	Jul	2	8:30 am	SFD	General Intention
			5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jul	3	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	Helen Kubian

Birthdays	
Jun 27	Nathaniel Ross
Jul 2	Colin Stone Russell Drone

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, June 26: 10 am Server: R. Slife, volunteer Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Nelson Family Ushers: R. & L.Stoerger, Keith Felcyn, S. Widowski, E. Minister: Z. Garrett, B. Bishop, volunteer Greeter: Joan Galey</p>	<p>Sun, July 3, 10 am Server: B. Bertran, J. Bayles Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: Palmer Family Ushers: Mt Slife, R. Slife G. Tesina, J. Bergmann E. Minister S. Moore, F. Dueker, L. Stoerger Greeter: H, X. Gruszczuk</p>	<p>Sun, July 10, 10 am Server: R. Slife, A. Webb Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Steve, Katie Pobst Ushers: F. Dueker, A. Dueker D. Zmuda Sr, C. Zmuda E. Minister D. Hopkins, K. Hupe, K. Felcyn Greeter: Carolyn Johnson</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, June 26, 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: Deaton Family Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>	<p>Sun, July 3: 8 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: Morse Family Usher: David Parks E. Min: Myron Cole</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat	Jun 25	St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun	Jun 26	Holy Father (Peter Pence) Collection	
		St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8 am
		St Paul Mass	10 am
		Year of Mercy Pilgrimage....	11:15am-3:30 pm
Tue	Jun 28	DOC masses.....	9 & 11 am
		July Calendar info deadline	
Wed	Jun 29	Weekday Mass.....	6:30 pm
Fri	Jul 1	Weekday Mass.....	12:00 pm
Sat	Jul 2	First Saturday Mass & Devotion at SFD.	8:30 am
		St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun	Jul 3	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8 am
		St Paul Mass	10 am
		1 st Sunday Social at St Paul.....	11 am



PETER'S PENCE This weekend, our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out the charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE A Year of Mercy Pilgrimage will be held June 26th beginning with a light lunch in St Paul hall at 11:15 am. It will include visits to churches, and cemetery ending at the designated pilgrimage church at St Joseph, Marion. Includes opportunity for Reconciliation and prayer for conditions of Indulgence. Trip will end approximately 3:30 pm. Only cost would be optional concluding meal. For planning, please indicate on Bulletin Board how many of household will participate.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE The minister schedule for July and August are available on the bulletin table. Please take a copy, mark your personal calendar.

WORDS OF GRACE Copies of the July-Sept issue of daily scripture reflections are available this weekend. Check the bulletin table.

HEALTH FOCUS - Heat exhaustion is an illness that occurs when someone is too active in hot temperatures. Heat stroke is a more severe illness that occurs under the same circumstances, but can be life threatening. Both illnesses happen in a very hot environment with heavy activity and too little fluid and salt intake. The elderly and the very young are particularly at risk. Certain drugs can also interfere with the body's ability to handle hot weather. Symptoms of heat exhaustion are temperature over 100 degrees, low blood pressure, rapid pulse, sweating, muscle cramps, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, confusion and headache. Symptoms of heat stroke include temperature over 105, weakness, dizziness, blurred vision, confusion, seizures, irregular fast pulse, fast respiration, pale, dry skin, high blood pressure and no sweating. Treatment should be to move to cooler environment, give fluids and encourage rest for heat exhaustion. For heat stroke, do the same if possible but call 911 and sponge the person with cool water till help arrives.

THANK YOU....To all who supported the Baby Bottle Drive for Hope Unlimited.
...to parishioners who volunteered to operate the Faith Alive Thrift Store this week.
...to the Wellness Committee who provides blood pressure checks monthly and Communion to the homebound.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER -Fortnight For Freedom 2016 – Each year parishes around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21 to July 4. Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Saints Thomas More and John Fisher gave their lives for the freedom of the Church and for freedom of conscience. In our current day, the Little Sisters of the Poor have taken their fight for religious freedom all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Go to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website www.usccb.org to learn more about these courageous men and women. Pray that our government will respect the freedom of all people of faith to contribute to the common good.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1,13-18; Luke 9:51-62

Most of us have known, at one time or another, the fear of being replaced. A firstborn child wonders if the new baby will take over Mom's affection; teens are anxious over losing special friends; husbands and wives become fearful when the spouse seems distant. Transition is inevitable and usually challenging.

The first reading today dramatizes a transition that is not fearful but even gracious. With complete trust, Elijah anoints Elisha as his successor, just as the Lord had asked. Elisha does not push aside the older prophet, but shows him reverence, "Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant" (1 Kings 19:21).

The prophets' mutual respect is echoed in Galatians: "Through love become slaves to one another" (Galatians 5:13). Paul teaches today that the Christian's ability to serve is based on freedom. The fundamental freedom won by Christ is found not around us but within us. This gift is chosen when we free ourselves from selfishness by taking responsibility for our decisions, by reaching beyond ourselves to others in love. "The whole law is summed up in a single commandment: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Galatians 5:14).

Discipleship requires a wholehearted commitment to the Lord and a generous spirit of service toward his people. The demands are severe. Jesus, in today's gospel, says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). The people of Jesus' time understood this agrarian imagery. The farmer has to keep his eyes fixed straight ahead, otherwise the neatly organized field required for planting would be turned into a chaotic nightmare at harvesting time.

The demand sounds harsh, especially when Jesus says, "Let the dead bury their own dead." This is not disrespect for our deceased, but simply a realization that we must live without regret over the past. If we keep our eye on the present, then the fields of our lives will have the grace and order of newly plowed spring fields. Our lives will hold great promise for a rich harvest.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What was Elisha doing when he was called? Can you think of other bible stories where God called people from their jobs? Does God call you to make changes in your everyday life? Do you ask him to let you go back home?

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself," St. Paul says. Do you love your neighbor? Do you have actual love for yourself? Do you ever find yourself "biting and devouring" yourself and others? Do you think you are ever guided by the Spirit?

"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." How can you be like Jesus and still live comfortably? Are material things very important to you? Somewhat important? What is it that you think Jesus wants from you in this regard?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES- Isaiah 66:10-14c; Psalm 66; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20