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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 Trea

Trustees: Myron Cole, Stan Treat

A Different Way Martha understood the place of women in their society. Like Sarah in the first reading, women were to bear children and cook the meals. They were to clean the house, like Martha was doing, and they were not to sit at the feet of the master educating themselves, like Mary was doing. Martha demands that Mary be made to 'play the woman,' but Jesus will not go along with the stereotype: "Mary has chosen the better portion and she shall not be deprived of it."

How much women have suffered over the centuries because of the perception of their proper role! How much they have filled up in their own flesh "what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ!"

We are called by God to a different way. "He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." Justice to women is life in the presence of God: justice in the home, justice in the school, justice in the marketplace, justice in the business world, justice in the church. "She shall not be deprived of it": such is the firm declaration of the Savior of men and women.

Sixty percent of all women work in only ten occupations, and most new jobs for women are in areas with low pay and limited chances of advancement.

Many women suffer discrimination in wages, salaries, job classifications, promotions, and other areas. As a result, they find themselves in jobs that have low status, little security, weak unionization, and few fringe benefits.

Such discrimination is immoral and efforts must be made to overcome the effects of sexism in our society.

U.S. Bishops, [*Economic Justice or All*](#), 1986: 17

Gerald Darring

Vol 17 # 29 **Sixteenth Sunday of the Year, July 17, 2016**
CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Jul	17	8:00 am	SFD	Britney Deaton
			10:00 am	SP	Joe & Verla Bowling
Tue	Jul	19	9 & 11 am	DOC	mass at Shawnee and Vienna Corrections
Wed	Jul	20	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jul	22	12:00 pm	SP	Rev Jack Joyce
Sat	Jul	23	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jul	24	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	Michael Kocher

Birthdays	
Jul 19	Brianna Nelson
Jul 22	Cindy Webb
Jul 23	Hilary Nelson
	Harper Widowski

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, July 17: 10 am Server: B. Bertran, J. Bayles Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: John & Joy Prather Ushers: C Brown, S. Hupe M. McMahan, J. Nelson E. Minister: D. Bishop, S. Nelson, P. Widowski Greeter: Monica Query</p>	<p>Sun, July 24, 10 am Server: A. Webb, B. Bertran, Lector: Sabra Moore Gifts: Query Family Ushers: D. Bishop, K. Felcyn, R. Stoerger, L. Stoerger E. Minister M. Nelson, P. Shallenberger, S. Belske Greeter: Cathy Kruep</p>	<p>Sun, July 31, 10 am Server: J. Bayles, R. Slife, Lector: Keith Felcyn Gifts: K. Retz, D. Hopkins Ushers: Z. Garrett, M. Palmer S. Widowski, P. Widowski E. Minister B. Bishop, B. Palmer, C. Webb Greeter: Cathy Kruep</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, July 17: 8 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: Parks Family Usher: Arnold Morse E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>	<p>Sun, July 24, 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: L. Herbert, C. Parks Usher: Fred Deaton E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat Jul 16	St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 17	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8 am
	St Paul Mass	10 am
Mon Jul 18	Community Blood Drive-Fellowship Baptist..	12-6 pm
Tue Jul 19	DOC masses.....	9 & 11 am
Wed Jul 20	Clergy Aid Board mt..Germantown.	12:00 pm
	Weekday Mass.....	6:30 pm
	SP Parish Council Mt...parish hall.....	7:05 pm
Fri Jul 22	Weekday Mass.....	12:00 pm
Sat Jul 23	St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 24	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8 am
	St Paul Mass	10 am



SP PARISH COUNCIL MT St Paul Parish Council will have July meeting this Wednesday, 7:05 pm in the parish hall. Minutes of the June meeting are available on the bulletin table.

FOURTH QUARTER FINANCE REPORT Included in today's bulletin is the 4th Quarter Budget and Finance Report. It includes the annual totals. (Our church fiscal year ends June 30th each year).

WORKSHOP FOR LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER IN ABSENCE OF PRIEST Diocesan policy requires two people from each parish to have diocesan sponsored training. A training workshop has been scheduled for Aug 12-13 at Sacred Heart Church, DuQuoin. The lay leader should also be a special minister of Communion. Advanced registration is required. Contact Fr Tom for more information or registration forms.

PARISH MISSION OR RETREAT presented by the Vincentian Community has been scheduled on November 27-30th, 2016. A planning committee to work on publicity, liturgical celebration preparation, food and hosts for socials, phone contacting, outreach to non practicing, preparatory prayers, etc. will be gathered soon. If you would be willing to assist, contact Madonna Slife or talk to Fr Tom.

THANK YOU....

...to Pat Kalicki for doing Church linen laundry

RESPECT LIFE CORNER -Opening the Heart of Marriage – July 24-30 is Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week. Any married couple can use NFP! NFP education helps couples to fully understand their combined fertility, thereby helping them to either achieve or avoid a pregnancy. Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: The key to the successful use of NFP is cooperation and communication between husband and wife—a shared commitment. NFP is unique among methods of family planning because it enables its users to work with the body rather than against it. Fertility is viewed as a reality to live, not a problem to be solved. To learn more about NFP go to the Diocesan Natural Family Planning website at dps.diobelle.org/nfp or call Matt and Emily Joost, diocesan coordinators, at 277-8181 x 1112.

Mercy Moment Abraham, sitting at this doorway under a tree, sees three strangers approach. He runs to greet them. He sees the bathing of their tired dusty feet. He sits them down under his tree. He feeds them. They engage in conversation. The story is a little ambiguous, but Abraham comes to know them as someone(s) divine. He responds with lavish hospitality.

Perhaps my mercy work this week is wrestling with these discipleship questions:

- How will I greet and treat strangers?
- How can I, who can I literally bathe or “bathe” with kindness?
- Who will I feed dinner?

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

The role of women in the Church is a frequent topic of discussion among contemporary Catholics. All points of view find representation in the women of today's Scriptures. These women lived in an entirely different era and culture, but their faith is our faith -- the faith of our fathers and mothers.

The author of this Sunday's Genesis account is called the "Yahwist" because of the author's practice of referring to God as Yahweh. Abraham and Sarah welcome the Lord as guest who confirms God's promise of a son despite the couple's advancing years.

Abraham is host, bringing water for the washing of feet and providing the shade of a tree for rest. The meal is a banquet, humorously described as "a little bread": a bushel of flour, curds, milk, and a choice calf! Sarah remains in the tent; society's customs forbid her from mingling with the male guests. She does the cooking, and nine months later the promise is fulfilled in the birth of Isaac.

Of all the evangelists, Luke has the greatest sensitivity to the role of women. He is the only one to record the miracle for the widow of Naim (Luke 7:11-17). In Luke 8:1-3, he mentions the women who accompanied Jesus and the Twelve. Luke, in his Acts of the Apostles, talks about the role of Priscilla in founding a Christian community and instructing converts (Acts 18).

Martha, in this gospel account, is another Sarah -- found in the kitchen. Mary is a contrast to both in that Jesus welcomes her as a disciple, indicated by her presence at the Lord's feet and her attentiveness to his message. Women did not receive instruction in the Jewish Torah in this society, and so the portrayal of a female disciple is nothing less than shocking.

These readings challenge us to discard stereotypes. God's power overcomes the sterility of old age. Jesus' power transcends role models. What tasks need to be fulfilled to spread the Good News? How can women and men of all ages best use their God-given talents to benefit the community?

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What does this story of Abraham's hospitality signify? What part of the story is most meaningful to you? Why? Why do you think God intervened in human history?

"I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body." What happens to people when they unite their suffering with Christ's for other people?

Was Martha wrong and Mary right? Which one is an example of ministry to others? Which is an example of the root of ministry? Are they are both right?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES- Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13