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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

**Ask, Ask, Ask** In the [Gospel Reading](#), Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray; and when he does, he gives not only them but all of us the wonderful prayer we call ‘the Our Father’ or ‘the Lord’s prayer.’

The first thing to notice about the Lord’s prayer is that it is full of petitions. The first one is that God’s name would be hallowed. The second is that God’s kingdom would come. The third is that God would give us our daily bread. And so on.

The Lord’s prayer isn’t just a litany of praise to God, then. It isn’t just an expression of a pious wish that God’s will be done. It isn’t only a surrender of one’s own will to God. Just look at the request for daily bread. It presents to God what we would want God to give us. Having desires and presenting them to God are required by the Lord’s prayer.

The Lord’s prayer requires us to trust God enough to tell him what we want—over and over and over. The second thing to notice about the Lord’s prayer is that people don’t generally get what they ask for. Ask and you will receive, the Lord says. But how many people around the world pray the Lord’s prayer and go without food that day? And food is only the beginning. In every mass, we ask God for healing: “Only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” Then we lug our sinful, sick, and sorrowful souls around another day.

So here is the third thing to notice. Jesus doesn’t promise that we will get the very thing we ask for. He says that if we ask, we will receive; but he doesn’t happen to mention what we will receive.

If you think about it, you can see the point. If a sick person could heal himself, he would be the doctor, not the patient. The patient’s job is to want to get well. It is the doctor’s job to figure out how to get him well.

In the same way, the Lord’s prayer requires us to trust God enough to tell him what we want—over and over and over. Our job is to ask continually. God’s job is to figure out what to give us that will really fill us and heal us.

So we might not get what we ask for. But as long as we keep asking, the Lord promises that we will receive—grace, pressed down, shaken together, running over, and gently given, from the God who loves us.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 17 # 30 **Seventeenth Sunday of the Year, July 24, 2016**

**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Jul	24	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	Michael Kocher
Tue	Jul	26	9 & 11 am	DOC mass at Shawnee and Vienna Corrections	
Wed	Jul	27	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Jul	28	11:30am, 1 pm	Marion	US Penitentiary
Fri	Jul	29	12:00 pm	SP	Rev Charles Kribs
Sat	Jul	30	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jul	31	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Helen Kubian

<b>Birthdays</b>	
Jul 26	Steve Widowski Chuck Querrey
Jul 29	Riley Slife
Jul 31	David Zmuda Sr

**St Paul, Vienna**

<p><b>Sun, July 24, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> A. Webb, B. Bertran,  <b>Lector:</b> Sabra Moore  <b>Gifts:</b> Query Family  <b>Ushers:</b> D. Bishop, K. Felcyn,  R. Stoerger, L. Stoerger  <b>E. Minister</b> M. Nelson,  P. Shallenberger, S. Belske  <b>Greeter:</b> Vicki Anderson</p>	<p><b>Sun, July 31, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> J.Bayles, R. Slife,  <b>Lector:</b> Keith Felcyn  <b>Gifts:</b> K. Retz, D. Hopkins  <b>Ushers:</b> Z. Garrett, M. Palmer  S.Widowski, P. Widowski  <b>E. Minister</b> B. Bishop,  B. Palmer, C. Webb  <b>Greeter:</b> Cathy Kruep</p>	<p><b>Sun, Aug 7: 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> A. Webb, B. Bertran  <b>Lector:</b> Sarah Nelson  <b>Gifts:</b>C.Ross,P Shallenberger  <b>Ushers:</b> D. Zmuda, C. Zmuda  C. Brown, J. Bergmann  <b>E. Minister:</b> S. Moore  Z. Garrett, A. Dueker  <b>Greeter:</b> Janet Hacker</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, July 24, 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Mary Treat  <b>Lector:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Gifts:</b> L. Herbert, C. Parks  <b>Usher:</b> Fred Deaton  <b>E. Min:</b> Brenda Morse</p>	<p><b>Sun, July 31: 8 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Lector:</b> LaVonne Herbert  <b>Gifts:</b> M.Moore, C. Deaton  <b>Usher:</b> Stan Treat  <b>E. Min:</b> Myron Cole</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sat Jul 23 St Paul Mass.....5:30 pm
- Sun Jul 24 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am
- St Paul Mass .....10 am
- Blood Pressure Checks before and after mass at SP
- Tue Jul 26 DOC masses.....9 & 11 am
- August Calendar info deadline
- Wed Jul 27 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Jul 28 Marion Penitentiary Masses...11:30 am, 1pm
- Fri Jul 29 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
- Sat Jul 30 St Paul Mass.....5:30 pm
- Sun Jul 31 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am
- St Paul Mass .....10 am



**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be offered before and after mass at St Paul this Sunday.

Ignoring warning signs won't cure. Be proactive and get your BP checked.

**DRAW-DOWN FUNDRAISER** is scheduled Oct 15, 6 pm. Tickets are now available. In addition to baskets, your assistance to collect gift certificates, food gift cards, services (car oil change, hair care, car wash, etc) for all players will be appreciated. A more complete list of suggestions is on the bulletin board.

**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. Registration is due by July 27. Contact Fr Tom for more information or registration forms.

**PARISH MISSION OR RETREAT** presented by the Vincentian Community has been scheduled on November 27-30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**CREMATION** of the deceased has become a frequent choice. A printed paper on the bulletin table gives an overview of the church's regulation regarding cremation and burial.

**HEALTH FOCUS** –Spot a Stroke F.A.S.T. Many Americans who suffered a stroke last year did not get the right life-saving treatment in time. You can help save lives and improve recovery by responding F.A.S.T. **F**ace drooping- Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is it uneven? **A**rm weakness – Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? **S**peech difficulty—Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask them to repeat a simple phrase. Is it repeated correctly? **T**ime to call 911 – If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if they go away, call 911 and get the person to a hospital immediately. Check the time so you will know when the symptoms appeared. Other symptoms include sudden weakness or numbness of the leg, sudden confusion or trouble understanding, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination and/or sudden severe headache with no known cause.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER** - Do Not Despair – The brutal statistic of around 57 million children being denied the right to life in the over 40 years since abortion was legalized in the U.S. is not only overwhelming, but there is the temptation to despair and wonder whether the struggle is winnable. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** The answer is a resounding “yes” providing we are prepared to make some sacrifice, commit ourselves and persevere. Young adults and high school students are increasingly more pro-life than ever before. Pray for all who do not embrace the rights of the unborn that they come to know and treasure the value of every person.

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

If God seems far away, who moved? This question, however many times we've heard it, confronts us with a basic truth. Ours is a God always near and always ready to answer our call. If there seems a distance, then it must be either our perception or our choosing. The readings today bring home the familial atmosphere possible in prayer. We are invited to call God by name and to enter a relationship where every need is embraced.

The Genesis author gives us a picture of partnership. Yahweh respects Abraham as a partner in the covenant relationship. God doesn't hide God's intentions; God explains the impending destruction to Abraham. God communicates interest, concern, and a boundless openness to listening.

Abraham responds like the shopkeeper skilled at negotiation. Shrewdly Abraham asks the Lord, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" (Genesis 18:23). Pocketing the Lord's agreement to spare the city for the sake of the innocent, Abraham whittles down their number from fifty to ten. Abraham is family; God sees his maneuvering and respects his motives.

Psalm 138 is one of thanksgiving, announcing the Lord's deliverance. This is a God who is exalted but not aloof or indifferent. God is concerned with the needs of God's family and especially those who are most down-and-out. The psalmist trusts in God's care as an enduring gift. Because the psalmist is the work of God's own hands, the psalmist's prayer is sure to be answered.

Luke believes in the love of human fathers for their children. He reasons from this that God must be infinitely solicitous, never to be outdone in kindness and mercy. Naturally the disciples experience God as Father because they sense this Father and Son relationship in Jesus' prayer to and love for God in heaven. The parable of the unexpected guest teaches that we reach out to God as friend and this bond never fails, especially for those who are persistent!

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

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### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What do you learn about God in this story? Abraham keeps bargaining with God. How does God respond to such persistence? What does this tell you about God's justice and mercy?

"... [H]e brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us ... our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us ..." Why would this action of Christ allow the children of God to ask the Father for all they need, or allow us to ask and know we will receive, as in today's Gospel?

During his daily Mass homily, Pope Francis, reflecting on this Gospel of Luke, tells us that prayer is courageous "knocking at the heart" of God with a strong, unwavering faith that he will respond. What is God's ultimate gift to us when we do this?

*NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES*- Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23; Psalm 90; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21