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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

Being Left Out In the [Gospel Reading](#), Jesus picks seventy-two people to send out on a challenging preaching mission. They travel from one city to another by foot, without money or other provisions. Think about all the stuff we take when we travel, and you will see how difficult their mission was.

But Jesus doesn't leave them helpless. He gives them power. They can cure sicknesses and cast out devils. That is a lot of power! Jesus handpicked the seventy-two people he gave this power to. What would it have felt like to be a disciple who was *not* picked? How left out must such a disciple have felt? But guess what? These seventy-two disciples were left out too. They may have done miracles, but they were left out of the company of the twelve apostles. The Gospel says that Jesus appointed seventy-two *others*—other beside the apostles, that is. Even though the seventy-two come back rejoicing that the devils are subject to their power, they still don't rank being added to the twelve apostles.

How can Jesus leave people out in this way? Is everybody supposed to suffer some sense of abandonment by Jesus except those lucky enough to be in the innermost circle of the twelve?

The solution to this puzzle lies in what a person wants. The seventy-two come back rejoicing in their power. But then power is what they want. Jesus rebukes them for it. Don't rejoice in your power, he tells them; rejoice rather in the fact that you will be united to God in heaven.

If you want not to be left out of something, your desire has to do with yourself and your status. Those who felt left out because they weren't chosen to be among the seventy-two wanted to be honored by being part of that group. And maybe that is why they weren't picked.

And maybe the seventy-two were passed over when Jesus was picking the twelve apostles because the seventy-two cared about power and their own status as powerful people handpicked by Jesus. If what you want is power and status, your desire is for yourself, isn't it? It isn't for Jesus.

So those who weren't picked for some group weren't abandoned by Jesus. To be among those closest to Jesus, all you have to do is want Jesus.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 17 # 27 **Fourteenth Sunday of the Year, July 3, 2016**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Jul	3	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	Helen Kubian
Tue	Jul	5	9 & 11 am	DOC mass at Shawnee and Vienna Corrections	
Wed	Jul	6	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jul	8	12:00 pm	SP	Rev Charles Kribs
Sat	Jul	9	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jul	10	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners

Birthdays	
Jul 4	Sheila Maier Karen Cole
Jul 7	Madeline Palmer
Jul 9	Logan Shaw

St Paul, Vienna

<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. Gruszczzyk</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>	<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>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

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

Sat Jul 2	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
Mon Jul 4	Independence Day- Celebrate, share Freedom	
Tue Jul 5	DOC masses.....	9 & 11 am
Wed Jul 6	Weekday Mass.....	6:30 pm
Fri Jul 8	Weekday Mass.....	12:00 pm
Sat Jul 9	St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 10	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8 am
	St Paul Mass	10 am
	Altar Sodality Collection & Mt at St Paul.....	11 am



AFTER MASS SOCIAL All are welcome to gather in the hall following the Sunday mass for sweets and drink. Help lessen the 'I don't recognize that name' syndrome by spending informal time with other parishioners.

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.

ALTAR SODALITY COLLECTION AND MEETING will be next Sunday following the 10 am mass.

THANK YOU....

....to Bergmann family team for grass cutting of the church property
....to Cantors and musicians who support our liturgical celebrations weekly.
....to collection counters who prepare and deposit the envelope contributions.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES HIGHLIGHT Fatuma Ali Sali is a mother of eight who is facing the worst drought in 50 years in Ethiopia. She is one of nearly half a million people participating in a CRS project to help ride out the drought. The project helps people use new practices and technologies to counter the devastating effects of higher temperatures, prolonged drought and soil erosion. Learn more at: CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me

RESPECT LIFE CORNER - Migrants and Refugees - "The church without frontiers, Mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable." *Pope Francis, 2015 World Day of Migrants and Refugees.* **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** The Pope is telling us, on his watch the church will reject and transcend the "throwaway" culture and instead be a culture of encounter. Go to www.usccb.org to learn more about the Church's position on immigration. Pray for the grace to welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, and to give witness to God's love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

Mercy Moment - Be sensuous. Be bold. Be sent. Two great stories are heard today. Isaiah invites us to look around and notice how a mother comforts her child. God says to Israel: "That's exactly how I comfort you." And God says it to us today! So let us be bold and be like God. Give comfort. Luke invites us to go ahead of the Lord, just like the 72 sent out to the nations. Say "Peace." Then take care of the sick. Can we be bold just like them? · Who needs comfort today? What will I do? Who is sick? What peace and comfort will I bring? How will I be bold?

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Humans, all of us, can be very contradictory creatures. Think, for example, of all the times we have a very clear and accurate notion of what's required for our welfare and still fail to make that choice. This brings to mind the old joke: God must have a flat forehead from all the times God smacks the divine hand against brow in frustration over our inconsistencies.

Communication is something essential to our welfare. Advertisers know this and have many variations on the theme "reach out and touch someone." Yet how many times do we choose not to communicate, to withdraw in silent isolation? Today's readings are about communicating God's Word. A mission that is shared by all of us who have been gifted with faith.

The author of Third Isaiah (Chapters 56-66) brings a message of hope. Jerusalem is a nursing mother: "That you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast" (Isaiah 66:11). Yahweh is a loving mother: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you" (66:13). For this prophet, God is compelled to reach out.

Paul speaks today in Galatians about "brand marks." In Paul's time, brand marks showed that a person belonged to someone else. Circumcision was this kind of mark for the followers of the Jewish law. The Christian sign of belonging and commitment is the cross. Life has meaning in Jesus' cross and the new life brought about by Jesus' death and resurrection (Galatians 6:15; 2 Corinthians 5:17). This cross bridges our communication, vertically God and horizontally with one another.

Luke is the only evangelist who speaks about a mission of the seventy-two. Matthew, Mark, and John all have a mission of the Twelve. Luke is anticipating the proclamation of the Good News to the Gentiles. The disciples speak the ultimate message of the Lord, "Say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you'" (Luke 10:9). We are today's disciples. Our mandate is the same -- to speak by our words and deeds the love of our God.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Compare Jerusalem in this reading with the Church today. What treasure has the Church received from God that gives her children such great comfort?

St. Paul looks at the circumcision from the perspective of "the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Can you envision problems in today's Church from the same perspective?

Standing vs. kneeling, women vs. men, inclusive language or not, which style of music is played?

Jesus sent seventy-two disciples out because at the time there were seventy-two known nations. What would such symbolism mean in our times? In what ways are you a laborer in this abundant harvest?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES- Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37