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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

On Fire - In the [Gospel Reading](#), Jesus says that he has come to set the world on fire. This fire, he says, will destroy peace. It will produce divisions even within a family. Is this nice? Is this loving? Aren't we supposed to live in peace with everybody? How can Jesus say he came on purpose to set things on fire?

Well, what is peace anyway?

So if you hear your neighbor beating his wife, call 911, or grab your baseball bat and go next door. Peace is a kind of order and unity, isn't it? We have peace with other people when we are at one with each other—and when our oneness unites us around goodness. That last condition matters. A mother who is at one with her toddler because she does everything he wants does not have peace. She just has capitulation to his baby will, and her knuckling under to him might be very destructive to him. Peace results only when she and her toddler at one with each other in what is good for both of them, for her as mother and for him as baby.

And, of course, the same point applies to adults. If you hear your neighbor's wife screaming because he is beating her, then there is no peace in your trying to be at one with him. If you try to see things from the point of view of that wife-beater and just accept what he is doing, you are not at peace with him. You are just complicit in his crime. Even if you only try not to get involved, turning up the TV louder so you can't hear her cries, you are not at peace with him. You are only conniving at his evil and adding your own cowardice to the list of your sins.

So there is no peace for you in your failure to confront a wrongdoer. And notice that your failure to confront him doesn't result in peace for him either. We have it on the authority of Scripture that there is no peace for the wicked ([Isaiah 48:22, 57:21](#))

So if you hear your neighbor beating his wife, call 911, or grab your baseball bat and go next door. Do what it takes to stop him. If you love the Lord's goodness and your neighbor's, then you will hate the evil your neighbor is doing.

So be on fire for goodness. Our God is a consuming fire of love, and there is peace for us only if we are at one with him in that fire.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 17 # 33 **Twentieth Sunday of the Year, August 14, 2016**

**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Aug 14	8:00 am	SFD	Britney Deaton
		10:00 am	SP	Edna Jones
Mon	Aug 15	6:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Tue	Aug 16	9 & 11 am		Shawnee & Vienna Corrections
Wed	Aug 17	6:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Aug 19	12:00 pm	SP	Rev Rev Joe Schwaegel
Sat	Aug 20	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Aug 21	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
		10:00 am	SP	Helen Kubian

**St Paul, Vienna**

<b>Birthdays</b> Aug 15 Dennis Marshinski Aug 21 Myron Cole
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<p><b>Sun, Aug 14, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> R. Slife, J. Bayles  <b>Lector:</b> Rhi Slife  <b>Gifts:</b> Jon &amp; Madonna Slife  <b>Ushers:</b> J. Nelson, A. Dueker                  G. Tesina, Mt Slife  <b>E. Minister</b> V. Anderson,                  L. Stoerger, F. Dueker  <b>Greeter:</b> Mike McMahan</p>	<p><b>Sun, Aug 21, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> A. Webb, B. Bertran  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Widowski  <b>Gifts:</b> Matt, Rhi Slife Family  <b>Ushers:</b> M. Palmer, F Dueker                  D. Bishop, P. Widowski  <b>E. Minister</b> L. Stoerger                  P. Widowski, K. Hupe  <b>Greeter:</b> Geri Tesina</p>	<p><b>Sun, Aug 28: 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> J.Bayles, R. Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Richard DaSilva  <b>Gifts:</b> Rick, Lynne Stoerger  <b>Ushers:</b> M.McMahan,Mt Slife                  R. Stoerger, K. Felcyn  <b>E. Minister:</b> P. Shallenberger                  D. Bishop, D. Hopkins  <b>Greeter:</b> Marc, Beth Palmer</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Aug 14: 8 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Brenda Morse  <b>Lector:</b> Mary Treat  <b>Gifts:</b> Parks Family  <b>Usher:</b> Arnold Morse  <b>E. Min:</b> Christine Deaton</p>	<p><b>Sun, Aug 21, 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Logan Shaw  <b>Lector:</b> Myron Cole  <b>Gifts:</b> L. Herbert, S. Treat  <b>Usher:</b> Fred Deaton  <b>E. Min:</b> Brenda Morse</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sat Aug 13 St Paul Mass.....5:30 pm
- Sun Aug 14 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am
- St Paul Mass .....10 am
- Mon Aug 15 Holyday Mass of Assumption of BVM..SP.6:30 pm
- Tues Aug 16 Shawnee & Vienna DOC Masses.....9, 11 am
- Wed Aug 17 Ministerial Alliance Mt.....11:45am
- Weekday Mass at SP.....6:00 pm
- Joint Parish Council Mt for St Paul & St Francis 6:30pm
- Thr-Sat St Paul Volunteers at Faith Alive Thrift Store.9am-3pm
- Fri Aug 19 Weekday Mass at SP.....12 noon
- Sat Aug 20 St Paul Mass.....5:30 pm
- Sun Aug 21 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8 am
- St Paul Mass .....10 am
- Blood Pressure Checks before & after mass at SP



**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES** of the July 20<sup>th</sup> mt are available on the bulletin table in the church entrance.

**BLANKET THE SCHOOL WITH PRAYER** You are invited to gather in the Vienna Grade School Gym at 3 pm this Sunday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> to seek blessing on the school and all who are involved, beginning with common prayer, then spreading out to all locations of school. At approximately 4 pm, similar prayer will be offered at the high school. You may contact Jackie Harper 618-771-6582, if you have questions.

**ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLYDAY** is Monday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. When this holyday occurs on Sat or Mon, (because of complicated mass schedules occurring with Sunday masses in large parishes) the bishops' conference has decreed it to be a non-obligatory holyday. A holyday mass will be celebrated 6:30 pm on Monday at SP.

**PARTNERSHIP JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MT** will be held at St Paul on Aug 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We will finalize Updated Pastoral Plan for Renewal and Restructuring in preparation for meeting with Bishop Braxton and committee. Note that the Wed mass has been moved up one half hour.

**FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE** will be staffed by volunteers from St Paul this coming Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. If you can assist at sorting clothes, stocking racks, or helping at check-out counter, please let Madonna Slife 967-5164 or Arlene Dueker 559-7803 know.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION** The PSR Classes will begin at St Paul on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 am. To order textbooks, parents are asked to register participants by August 28<sup>th</sup>. An envelope for families registered last year will be passed out. Additional registration forms are on the bulletin board table.

**DRAW-DOWN FUNDRAISER** is scheduled Oct 15, 6 pm. Tickets are now available for \$100.00 which may be shared by more than one person. 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.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Norma Jean (Allbritten) Panuce, originally from Vienna, who will be interned this Sunday, 12:45 pm at the Vienna Cemetery.

**Mercy Moment- We are not alone.** In this great mercy work, we are not alone. The Letter to the Hebrews (12:1-4) declares we can run the race, we can live the Christian life, we can keep our eyes fixed on Jesus because we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. We are not alone. We who eat and drink Christ's Blood and Body are "conformed to his image on earth" in order to not only look like him but also be like him.

- Who is lonely, cut off, alone, and needs my visit?
- Who can I surround with my witness and comfort?

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Psalm 40; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

The prophet is called to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. This task involves energizing with hope those who have lost the capacity to hope, challenging those who have, unwittingly or not, contributed to a despair that seems irreversible to the downtrodden. Today's readings show both the building up and the tearing down of the prophetic mission.

The political conspiracy to convict Jeremiah the prophet is described in the first reading. Jeremiah attacks the unfaithful King Zedekiah and his entourage. Afflicting the comfortable brings a charge of treason against Jeremiah and finds him thrown in the bottom of a muddy cistern.

Jesus is a prophet as well. God has sent him to "bring good news to the poor ... to proclaim release to the captives ..." (Luke 4:18). Jesus demands a decision either for or against his message. "I came to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were already kindled" (Luke 12:49).

Jesus, like Jeremiah, will experience the prophet's fate. The baptism referred to is actually Christ's passion and death. He longs for this event to take place (Luke 12:50). Family members are divided against one another; the harsh reality is that the Church's mission of conversion will not be a total success.

The afflicted in our society suffer many ailments. Failure is experienced at work, in relationships, and in society. The modern prophet proclaims that despair does not have the final say. The suffering are drawn up from the muddy cistern; their capacity to dream, to laugh, and to sing is restored.

Disease brings suffering to the comfortable as well. Life is diminished when ego reduces others to mere objects, when reliance on self obscures our dependence on God, when passing wealth has more value than riches that endure. Today's prophet must denounce evil in the human family, afflicting the comfortable as he or she lights a fire on the earth.

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

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### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Are you certain enough of God's covenant with us that you can carry out a "leap of faith"? What gave the Israelites the courage to begin their journey into the unknown? How do you yourself make smaller leaps, maybe hops, of faith in your everyday life?

If your eyes are on Jesus, what are they not on? What is the outcome of developing a habit of contemplation?

God seems to have a radical, unconditional love for us. Could the resistance to it that some people have cause the divisions Jesus mentions in this Gospel?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53.