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ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020 State Rte 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

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

The Sin of the World In today's [Gospel](#), John sees Jesus and exclaims: "Look there! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" He doesn't say "the sins of the world;" he uses the singular: "the sin of the world" (*peccatum* in Latin, *ten hamarten* in Greek).

We all sin, and we sin in different ways and at different times. We can speak of "sins" (in the plural), but all our sins are of a piece: they are different manifestations of our sinfulness. The liturgy alternates between these two perspectives, acknowledging that "you take away the sin of the world" (Glory to God) and also that "you take away the sins of the world" (Lamb of God). The recently developed concept of social sin is an attempt to articulate the sinfulness of humankind. It isn't just that we do wrong things: the fact is that we are basically "off center." It is our "original" sin that matters most, our fundamental option for ourselves over and above God. The rest is expression, like coloring the picture or connecting the dots.

The wonder of Jesus is that he takes away not only the sins but also the sin. He fills us with the Spirit of sinlessness, who will "make us one in peace and love."

The disturbances which so frequently occur in the social order result in part from the natural tensions of economic, political, and social forms. But at a deeper level they flow from man's pride and selfishness, which contaminate even the social sphere.

Vatican II, [Constitution on the Church in the Modern World](#), 1965: 25

Gerald Darring

Vol 18 # 3 **Second Sunday of the Year, January 15, 2017**
CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Jan	15	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
Tue	Jan	17	9 & 11 am		Shawnee & Vienna DOC
Wed	Jan	18	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jan	20	12:00 pm	SP	Fr Peter Hsu
Sun	Jan	22	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Mary Everett

<p>Birthdays Jan 19 Preston Brown Jan 22 Macie Zmuda Joe Nelson</p>

St Paul, Vienna

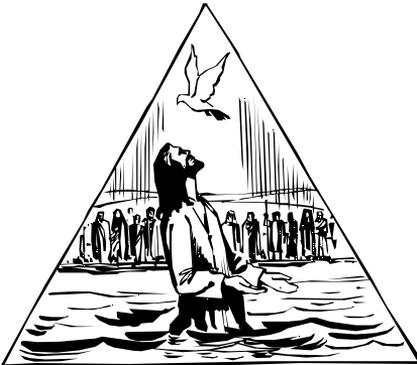
<p>Sun, Jan 15, 10 am Server: J. Bayles, B. Bertran Lector: Keith Felcyn Gifts: Dale, Beverly Bishop Ushers: M Palmer, J Bergmann K Felcyn, D. Bishop E. Minister B. Palmer P. Kalicki, S. Nelson Greeter: Cathy Kruep</p>	<p>Sun, Jan 22, 10 am Server: A. Webb, R. Slife Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Children Liturgy Ushers: P. Kalicki, F. Dueker Mt Slife, Geri Tesina E. Minister L. Stoerger D. Bishop, D. Hopkins, Greeter: Joan Galey</p>	<p>Sun, Jan 29, 10 am Server: J. Bayles, B. Bertran Lector: Madonna Slife Gifts: Tom, Wemdy Bowman Ushers: R & L Stoerger J. Slife, M McMahan E. Minister A. Dueker V. Anderson, C. Webb Greeter: H & X Gruszczyk</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Jan 15: 8 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: S. Treat, D. Parks Usher: Fred Deaton E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>	<p>Sun, Jan 22: 8:00 am Server: Logan Shaw Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: Deaton Family Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Myron Cole</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Jan 15 2016 Envelope Contribution Statements distributed
 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass & Parish Council Elections.....10 am
 Parish School of Religion11 am
- Mon Jan 16 Blood Drive at Fellowship Baptist Hall...10am-6 pm
- Tue Jan 17 Shawnee & Vienna Dept of Correction mass.9,11am
- Wed Jan 18 Ministerial Alliance Mt.....11:45 am
 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
 SP Parish Council Meeting in hall.....7:05 pm
- Fri Jan 20 Weekday Mass.....12 noon
 Rescheduled SP Finance Council5:30 pm
- Sun Jan 22 Day of Prayer/Penance for Dignity of Life
 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy.....10 am
 Parish School of Religion11 am



CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES STATEMENTS are available for pick in the foyer this weekend.. Any questions of omission or correction should be directed to the parish office.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION will be held Jan 15 before and after mass. Candidates for the four seats are Vickie Anderson, Joan Galey, Cathy Kruep and Steve Pobst. See insert with photos and brief bios of candidates. The next Parish Council Meeting is Wed, January 18, 7:05 pm in the hall. Our thanks to retiring Council members Craig Levesque, Joe Nelson and Peggy Widowski

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE will be sponsored on Mon, Jan 16, 10 am – 6 pm at the Fellowship Baptist Hall on Senior Drive in Vienna. Please consider sharing a gift that offers health and life to others.

DAY OF PRAYER/PENANCE FOR RESPECT OF LIFE January 22 is a designated date for prayer and penance committing ourselves to a respect for the unborn and all life.

THANK YOU....

...to volunteers who took down Christmas decorations

...to all contributors for the support of the work of the Church.

...to Esther Speletich who has retired from cleaning church and hall for many years.

HEALTH FOCUS-Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for one in every four deaths according to the CDC. Nearly half of all Americans have one of the three risk factors—high blood pressure, high LDL cholesterol and smoking—for heart disease. Other risk factors and medical conditions put people at a higher risk for heart disease. Those include diabetes, obesity, poor diet, physical inactivity, and excessive alcohol use. Many of those factors can be controlled with medication, lifestyle changes, proper diet and exercise. Normal blood pressure is below 120/80. Anything over that should be brought under control with lifestyle changes and possibly medication. Eat less salt and more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein. LDL cholesterol should be below 100 and HDL cholesterol should be above 40. Drink alcohol in moderation, exercise daily and reduce stress levels to further reduce your risk of heart disease. Smoking more than doubles the risk for heart disease. Simple lifestyle changes can greatly reduce the risk for heart disease.

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT -The Knights of Columbus of Carterville invite all men 18+ to a retreat held from 1:00 pm Sat., Feb. 18 to after breakfast Sun., Feb. 19. at Camp Ondessonk, St. Noel Center. A \$70 suggested donation includes accommodations, guest speaker, Mass, steak dinner, social activities and breakfast. Join us for fellowship and conversations on how we can grow in our brotherhood. You do not have to be a Knight to attend. RSVP to lizderuntz@gmail.com or 618-924-1290 by February 1.

WE ALSO STAND IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST. Last week on Epiphany, the Magi made it clear that all of us stand among those chosen by God in Christ. Saint John the Baptist declares the same today. The one who baptized Jesus has proof positive (by the coming of the Holy Spirit) that he is the Christ, the Messiah, the new Passover's Lamb of God, the Son of God. And this Christ, through our own Baptism into him, makes us his Church, his community of believers, his holy ones. · Who helped make Jesus Christ known to me?

Second Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 49:3,5-6; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

A witness testifies to facts, not only to their existence but also to their significance. How often do we reflect on the implications of the facts that are observed? We see an act of kindness and almost take it for granted, failing to appreciate the goodness of that kind person. Today's readings talk about the importance of being God's witness. They stress the importance of being a witness to God and, in turn, revealing God to others.

Isaiah discusses the witness role of Israel. The exiles returning to their homeland will be a clear sign of Yahweh's power. Even in moments of exhaustion, their discouragement must be cast aside so that God's glory might be displayed. Yahweh will be the strength the people require.

In Psalm 40, the psalmist sings of release from death -- the "death" of serious illness and of attacks from enemies. Aware of Yahweh's intervention, the psalmist breaks out into a new song -- one calculated to influence others. The author then notes that Yahweh's generosity did not go unnoticed. Instead, the author shared the divine intervention with others.

The fourth gospel never mentions Jesus' baptism by John. In this gospel, rather, John the Baptist is John the Witness. In today's reading, he identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God, as the Preexistent One, and as the Giver of the Spirit. The final verse of the gospel reading notes, "And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God" (John 1:34).

There are abundant signs of human goodness in our world. Today's readings challenge us to observe human goodness and to see it as rooted in the Divine. Bad news will dominate the front pages until we overwhelm evil with our witness to good.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION What in this famous "servant song" will Jesus proclaim throughout his ministry? Can we be a light for the world? How? Can we be a crack of light in someone's darkness?

In Luke's report of Jesus' baptism ([Lk 3:11-22](#)) we hear about treatment of the poor: "Anyone who has two tunics must share with the one who has none ... " Does outrage at our neighbors' poverty have anything to do with holiness?

Why was John so certain about Jesus when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God"? Was John watching for the Spirit? Do you watch for the Spirit in your life? Can you find and trust this Spirit of God?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 3rd Sunday of Year Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Ps 27; 1Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23