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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: Steve Pobst

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 Encounter The two disciples are leaving Jerusalem. They had been caught up in the experience of following Jesus, and they were devastated by his crucifixion.

Moreover, they were undoubtedly frightened by the prospect of what might happen to them as followers of the executed master.

On their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus, they have an unusual encounter.

The man they find themselves walking with seems to understand much about the scriptures, but they aren't able to make the connection between what he says and who he is.

It is only in welcoming him into their house and sharing a meal with him that they realize who it is they are facing: it is Jesus, the risen Lord. So moved are they by the encounter that they turn around and head back to Jerusalem, to join up with the other disciples but also to face risk and uncertainty.

They may very well have headed straight into martyrdom.

The Easter event can also turn around our lives. It can cause us to “rise and come forth into the light of day,” but we must be prepared for the risk and uncertainty such a conversion would entail.

For the Church, evangelizing means bringing the good news into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and making it new. ...

The purpose of evangelization is (an) interior change, and if it has to be expressed in one sentence the best way to stating it would be to say that the Church evangelizes when she seeks to convert, solely through the divine power of the message she proclaims, both the personal and collective consciences of people, the activities in which they engage, and the lives and concrete milieux which are theirs.

Pope Paul VI, [*Evangelii Nuntiandi*](#), 1975: 18.

Gerald Darring

Vol 18 # 18 **Third Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2017**
CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Apr	30	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	Clement Kubian
Tue	May	2	9, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	May	3	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	May	4	11:30 am, 1 pm	USP	- Marion
Fri	May	5	12:00 pm	SP	Fr Wm Rensing
Sat	May	6	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation of Sin
Sun	May	7	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Mary Everett

Birthdays:	
Apr 29	Melanie Hustedde John Zawacki
May 2	JoAnn Brown
May 4	Joann Marshinski Lonnie Hinton

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Apr 30, 10 am Server: R. Slife, L. Slife Lector: PSR Students Gifts: PSR Students Ushers: C Brown D Zmuda C Zmuda, PI Widowski, E. Minister P. Widowski M. Nelson, Md Slife Greeter: Carolyn Johnson</p>	<p>Sun, May 7, 10 am Server: J. Bayles, A. Webb Lector: L Bayles, M Bergmann Gifts: 1st Communicants Ushers: J Nelson, M McMahan, S Widowski, F Dueker E. Minister C. Webb B. Palmer, P Shallenberger Greeter: Sandy Belske</p>	<p>Sun, May 14, 10 am Server: R. Slife, B Bertran Lector: Sarah Nelson Gifts: S. Belske, L Coleman Ushers: M Palmer, J. Slife J Bergmann, D. Bishop E. Minister K Felcyn P. Kalicki, S. Moore Greeter: H & X Gruszczuk</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, April 30: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: Deaton Family Usher Arnold Morse E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>	<p>Sun, May 7: 8 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: L Herbert, M. Moore Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Apr 30 Catholic Home Missions Collection
 - St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass & PSR Ministries.....10 am
 - Parish & PSR Closing Picnic.....11 am
- Tue May 2 Masses at Shawnee, Vienna DOC.....9 am, 11 am
- Wed May 3 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr May 4 USP- Marion Masses.....11:30,1pm
 - National Day of Prayer at Vienna Courthouse.6 pm
- Fri May 5 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat May 6 First Saturday Mass & Devotions at SF.....8:30 am
 - Faith Alive Board Mt.....10:00 am
- Sun May 7 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass & First Communion.....10 am
 - First Communion Reception..SP hall.....11 am
 - Ella Bergmann Baptism.....11:30 am



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today. Right now over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

CLOSING PSR MASS AND PARISH PICNIC St Paul Youth will celebrate the journey of learning during the PSR classes with a closing Eucharist at the 10 am mass this Sunday, which will be followed with a parish and PSR picnic Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Side dishes welcome. We also express appreciation to the catechists, Marsha Nelson, Beth Palmer, Rhi Slife, and Sarah Nelson who have served this year.

TIME AND TALENT SURVEY Parishioners are asked to review their giftedness and indicate ways they are open to serving the parish community and beyond on the annual Time and Talent Survey that will be presented at this weekend mass.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for May and June are on bulletin board rack.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER An interfaith gathering will pray for the nation and leaders at a service Thursday, May 4th, 6 pm on the courthouse steps in Vienna. All are welcome to participate.

INTO MY VINEYARD formation for Lay Ecclesial (Church) Ministers in the Belleville Diocese will begin in September 2017. **NOW is a time of inquiry for both *interested parishioners and individuals identified by Parish and Partnership leaders.***

The shortage of priests means that each parish must raise up men and women who will assist their Pastors in parish ministry -- as servant/leaders. Your parish needs YOU to step forward! For more information, contact your Pastor and go to the *INTO MY VINEYARD* info / application page at the diocesan website: <http://www.diobelle.org/offices/into-my-vineyard>

MARRIAGE CHALLENGES? Retrouvaille (a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems & crises, even couples who are separated and divorced. The next program begins with the weekend of JUNE 2-4, 2017. For further information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Burning Hearts? Knowing Jesus? It all took place in the fourteen-mile round-trip to and from Emmaus. It resulted in burning hearts! It raises this question: How do we know Jesus today? Three things we know for sure. (1) We know Jesus in faithful testimony of those opening us to Good News. (2) We know Jesus in Scripture read aloud and, then, broken open (interpreted) in light of both apostolic and current times. (3) We know Jesus in Eucharist, broken and shared. . How will I get a deeper grasp of Scripture?.

Third Sunday of Sunday Easter

Acts 2:14,22-28; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Life is not just a matter of blind fate. Even though we are tempted to see our experiences as random chance happenings, there is a divine plan at work. Today's readings speak of a God who is intimately involved in the fabric of our lives.

In Peter's Pentecost discourse, the Book of Acts enumerates Jesus' credentials as God's emissary: miracles, wonders, signs. Those who rejected this identity went so far as to crucify the Lord. This passage from Acts does not describe Jesus' death as mere chance. God's plan included death as the necessary condition for new birth in the Resurrection.

In the second reading, the author of First Peter continues to exhort his audience to live lives worthy of their baptisms. Recalling the biblical tradition of Israel's desert wandering, he speaks of the Christian life as a period of exile, yet one sustained by Christian hope. In the Exodus, the blood of the Passover lamb spared Israel from the tenth plague. But "you were ransomed ... with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The author quickly notes that this Christian liberation is not a chance occurrence. Christ was "destined before the foundation of the world" (1 Peter 1:20). Since God raised him from the dead and gave him glory, Christians enjoy confidence and hope.

The gospel continues this affirmation of divine providence. Jesus responds to the discouragement of his disciples: "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:26). For Luke, the Scriptures reveal God's plan for Jesus and so for all humankind.

The modern Christian faces many reverses. Behind the maze of tragedy a divine plan is at work, a plan that only faith can reveal. As we seek to discover a God who will enter into the fabric of our lives, we move from the abandoned figure on the cross to the transformed Lord of Easter.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION Can you see how different Peter's attitude is in this reading than it was during Jesus' passion and death? To what do you attribute the change? Could such a change take place in you?

Peter says that Christ was known before the foundation of the world. In other words, Peter again tells us that Christ's life, death and resurrection were known by the Father from the beginning, even though they were a remedy for human sinfulness. According to Peter, why has this mystery of Christ been revealed to us?

Can you relate to any of the following in the Gospel story? • Confusion of the disciples • Inability to recognize Jesus • Desire to spend more time with a good friend • Sudden realization that the Lord is present

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a,36-41; Ps 23; 1Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10