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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

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: Steve Pobst

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

The Land of the Living It is easy to believe that one will see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living, if he is in the prime of life with everything going well. But how many people are ever in such a condition and for how long? In the midst of all the suffering of this world, how can the Psalmist say, in the voice of every human being, “I believe that I will see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living”?

Well, what are the good things of the Lord? If they are peace, prosperity, health, and things of this sort, then they will be absent from the land of the living for very many people.

What could be more precious than this intimacy of shared suffering with the Lord? The [Second Reading](#) gives a different sense of the good things, though. The things people rejoice in are the good things, aren't they? The second reading recommends rejoicing when one shares in the sufferings of the Lord.

It is not so hard to see that there might be a reward in heaven for such shared suffering. But why would anyone suppose it is a good thing in the land of the living?

When the Lord suffered on the cross, those suffering with him were his closest companions. His mother was there, and so was his beloved disciple John. There is an intimacy in the union of shared suffering that is precious even as between human beings. What could be more precious than this intimacy of shared suffering with the Lord? In the Second Reading, Peter says that it is glorious.

This is a good thing that the wealthy of the world do not have a monopoly of. The Psalmist is right, then. Anyone can hope for the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 18 # 22 **Ascension of Our Lord, May 28, 2017**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

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| Sun | May | 28 | 8:00 am | SFD | James M McCabe Fam |
| | | | 10:00 am | SP | Shawn Saltzman |
| Tue | May | 30 | 9, 11 am | DOC | Masses Shawnee, Vienna |
| Wed | May | 31 | 6:30 pm | SP | General Intention |
| Fri | June | 2 | 12:00 pm | SP | General Intention |
| Sat | June | 3 | 8:30 am | SFD | Reparation for Sin |
| | | | 5:30 pm | SP | For the Parishioners |
| Sun | June | 4 | 8:00 am | SFD | Angela Skaggs |
| | | | 10:00 am | SP | Inez Ross |

St Paul, Vienna

Birthdays:

May 30 Fr Tom Barrett
 Jun 1 Pat Kalicki
 Katie Pobst
 Jun 2 Laney Slife

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| <p>Sun, May 28, 10 am Server: R. Slife, B. Bertran Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: J Brown, Teresa Carr Ushers:D. Zmuda, C Zmuda, P Widowski, R. Stoerger E. Minister L Stoerger D. Hopkins, F. Dueker Greeter: Geri Tesina</p> | <p>Sun, June 4, 10 am Server: B Bertran, A Webb Lector: Keith Felcy Gifts: J. Cecchi, K. Felcyn Ushers:P Kalicki, J Nelson M Palmer, S Widowski E. Minister S Nelson D. Bishop, P Widowski Greeter: Bill & Billie Porter</p> | <p>Sun, June 11, 10 am Server: J Bayles, R Slife Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: Garrett Family Ushers:F Dueker, J Slife M McMahan, D Bishop E. Minister M Nelson Md Slife, Z Garrett</p> |
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

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| <p>Sun, May 28: 8:00 am Server: Logan Shaw Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: L Herbert, R Drone Usher Arnold Morse E. Min: Brenda Morse</p> | <p>Sun, June 4: 8 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: M Moore, L Herbert Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p> |
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun May 28 Catholic Communications Collection
 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass.....10:00 am
 Catholic Relief Services highlight

Mon May29 Mass at St Francis DeSales Cemetery.5:00 pm

Tue May 30 Masses at Shawnee, Vienna DOC..9 am, 11 am

Wed May 31 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm

Thr-Sat St Paul Volunteers staff Faith Alive Store.9am-3 pm

Fri Jun 2 Weekday Mass.....12 pm

Sat Jun 3 First Saturday Mass & Devotion at SF...8:30 am
 St Paul Mass.....5:30 pm

Sun Jun 4 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass.....10:00 am
 First Sunday Social & Liturgy Committee Mt 11 am



CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN Today we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and round the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remains in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc

MEMORIAL DAY is a day to remember and pray for the deceased. A special recognition is offered those who gave their lives in service of country. A mass at St Francis DeSales Cemetery (New Burnside) will be celebrated at 5 pm on Monday. Bring a chair.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE in Vienna will be staffed by volunteers from St Paul on Thr-Sat, Jun 1-3. Hours are 9am-3 pm on Thurs and Friday, and 9 am-12 pm on Saturday. A schedule for volunteering is on the bulletin board or you may contact Arlene Dueker 559-7803 or Madonna Slife 967-5164. The store is sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance and offers low cost clothing and household items and assists needy with store income.

HOPE UNLIMITED BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION supports pregnancy testing, support and empowerment of parents and families in our local area. The Baby Bottle fundraiser kicks off Mothers' Day (May 14) and concludes Fathers' Day (June 18). There is a challenge to put \$30 in each Bottle (coin, bills, check). Bottles are available in foyer. A public presentation on the works of Hope Unlimited will be held at Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna on Thursday, June 1st beginning 6 pm. All are welcome.

CAMP ONDESSONK OPEN HOUSE For anyone not familiar with the diocesan youth camp in our back yard, you are invited to observe the facilities and activities the day before Camp officially begins Sat, June 3, 11am – 4 pm. Entrance is opposite the Post Office in Ozark.

PENTECOST will be celebrated next Sunday. You're encouraged to amplify the liturgical color by wearing something red. The 1st Sunday Social will be offered following the mass in the parish hall. Liturgy Committee are reminded of the meeting following the social.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES We offer recognition also to Sarah Nelson who graduated from SIU (omitted from last week's recognition).

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL... join us as Partners in Hope Did you know that your gift to The 2017 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal brings spiritual, moral and physical aid to thousands of people throughout southern Illinois? If you have questions or would like additional information about The Appeal, contact Judy Phillips at 618- 277-8181, Extension 1141. If you haven't already done so, please consider making a gift today. Every contribution – no matter the size – is needed and greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity

UPCOMING Anointing of the Sick at Masses on June 11th.

Ascension of Our Lord

Imagine you are at the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11). How does it feel to watch Jesus leave?

It was probably difficult for the disciples to see Jesus go. Yet, if he stayed, they would not receive the promised baptism with the Holy Spirit. We must surrender our "treasures" to God before we can open ourselves to faith and trust.

Here is a meditation on letting go from "Nine Ways to Reach God" by Bridget Meehan, SSC, D.Min.:

If you see life and people as being on loan to you, you can see all as gifts. It is not good to cling tightly to relationships or to hoard earthly treasures. Revere all that you have with deep gratitude, and hold everything in open hands.

Reflect on the symbol of open hands. During your prayer time, open your hands and surrender all the important treasures and relationships of your life to God. Do you experience any obstacles in letting go and giving everyone and everything to God? Be aware of your feelings. Are you joyful? Anxious? Sad? Afraid? Share these feelings with God. Spend time expressing your gratitude to God for each gift and relationship.

What does the perspective of "all is on loan" say to you in your present relationships and in your present circumstances? Find concrete ways to express your love and gratitude to people you often take for granted, including Jesus.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION Jesus said his apostles they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. They would be his witnesses unto the ends of the earth. On whom did the disciples depend for understanding of what that meant for them? Did they understand right away or did it take some time? On whom do we depend for any spiritual understanding?

God gave Christ "the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way." What is this fullness? What might be some "everyday" kinds of fullness? What kind of fullness would you like to have in your life?

"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Jesus said this after telling the eleven to make disciples of all nations. Discuss what Pope Francis said about that: He is with God the Father, where he always intercedes in our favor. Jesus is no longer in a definite place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in all space and time, next to each of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us.

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Pentecost Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13; John 20:19-23