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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

First Communion Celebration
St Paul, May 7, 2014



Landon

Madaline

Curtner

Vol 18 # 19 **Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2017**
CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	May	7	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Mary Everett
Tue	May	9	9, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	May	10	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	May	12	12:00 pm	SP	Fr Vito Lepardo
Sun	May	14	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	Eleanor Felcyn

Birthdays:
 May 12 Esther Speletich
 Steve Pobst
 May 14 Cody Taylor

St Paul, Vienna

<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 Gruszczyk</p>	<p>Sun, May 21, 10 am Server: J Bayles, A Webb Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: R Brown, J Galey Ushers: S. Hupe, C Brown G. Tesina, K. Felcyn E. Minister V Anderson B. Bishop, S. Belske Greeter: JoAnn Brown</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<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>	<p>Sun, May 14: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: Parks Family Usher: Fred Deaton E. Min: Myron Cole</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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
 Tue May 9 Masses at Shawnee, Vienna DOC....9 am, 11 am
 Wed May 10 South Vicariate Pastoral Mt..Elizabethtown.12 pm
 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
 Thr May 11 Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4-7:30 pm
 Fri May 12 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
 Sat May 13 Faith Alive Board Mt.....10:00 am
 Sun May 14 Mothers' Day Recognition
 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass & May Crowning.....10 am



FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION We welcome Landon Bayles, Madaline Bergmann and Curtner Bergmann who participate in First Eucharist at Mass this weekend. A cake and punch reception will be held in the parish hall following the mass.

BAPTISM – Ella Bergmann, daughter of Jared and Jenny, will be welcomed into God's family through Baptism this Sunday beginning 11:30 am. The Church community is invited to share in prayer and support for this new member.

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.

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. If you were unable to submit a survey last weekend, please participate this weekend. Forms are by worship book stand.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be offered this Thursday, 4 pm – 7:30 pm at St Paul. People are asked to sign the schedule on the bulletin board to assure presence at all times during adoration.

MAY CROWNING Along with recognition of our mothers, Mary, Mother of the Church, will be honored with the May Crowning preceding next Sunday's mass at St Paul.

CAMP ONDESSONK NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOLARSHIP A limited number of 8-15 year old boys and girls of neighboring counties (including Johnson) who would not otherwise be able to attend, are eligible for a full-tuition scholarship to attend one week of summer camp in 2017. Interested families should contact Becky Jennings at 618-695-2489 ext 109 to request Neighborhood Scholarship information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the *ordained ministries* (priesthood and diaconate), to the *Religious life* in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institutes* in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of *mission "ad gentes* (*From the USCCB website*)

THANK YOU...to those set up, prepared and brought food, and participated in the Closing PSR Picnic last Sunday.

Fourth Sunday of Sunday Easter

Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

Sometimes, it seems that followers are expected to put the needs of the leader first. The people are the means to an end: the leader's pleasure. Shepherds are first, sheep last. The emphasis in today's readings is on the sheep and their welfare. The shepherd is the means to ensure the end: the well-being of the flock. Sheep are first, shepherds last.

In the Bible and the ancient Near East, "shepherd" was a political title that stressed the obligation of kings to provide for their subjects. The title connoted total concern for and dedication to others. In today's famous psalm of confidence, the author speaks of Yahweh as his shepherd. Yahweh is loyal to the sheep, the people of Israel.

There is also the image of host. Shepherd and host are both images set against the background of the desert, where the protector of the sheep is also the protector of the desert traveler, offering hospitality and safety from enemies. The rod is a defensive weapon against wild animals, while the staff is a supportive instrument; they symbolize concern and loyalty. The sheep need not experience fear; the shepherd is watching.

The second reading offers advice to Christian slaves who, because of the economic system, suffer more than anyone else. The author draws upon the example of the suffering Christ. Borrowing from the Suffering Servant Song of Isaiah 53, he speaks of Jesus as one who did no wrong, who returned no insult and did not counter with threats, and who brought healing through his wounds. In 1 Peter 2:25 the shepherd is guardian of our souls, reinforcing the shepherd's role of concern.

John's gospel portrays Jesus as the life-giving shepherd. Our "sheep" may be found in our homes, in our places of employment, in our social setting, in our faith community. Do we see ourselves primarily as the beneficiary of these relationships? Or do we view ourselves as the conveyor of understanding and empathy? Whatever title we bear, the rod and staff we carry must be symbols not of oppression but of dedication.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION What does the word conversion mean? Is conversion a once-in-a-lifetime experience or is it ongoing? Explain. Who needs conversion? Name the things that conversion involves besides a change of behavior.

Christ's innocence and lack of vengeance show us what God's love is like. Where do you find strength to endure your suffering? Can suffering be an occasion of grace?

When flocks were mingled together, each flock would recognize the sound of their own shepherd's voice and come to him, ignoring other shepherds. Can you discern in your life, which "voice" belongs to the Good Shepherd?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12