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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: 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

One In Christ “God is the strength of his people,” the guide and protector of your people, the one who keeps us secure from this world’s uncertainty ([Ps 28:8](#)). We should not be afraid of anything because “the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion” ([Jer 20:11](#)).

The poor and lowly are special objects of protection. “See, you lowly ones, and be glad ... for the Lord hears the poor, for he has rescued the life of the poor” ([Responsorial Psalm](#)). The special care of the poor is a sign to all of us that God is our strength, for it means that God is not influenced by the judgments of the world.

The world might abuse and ignore the poor and lowly, but God hears their cry and rescues their lives. The riches of this world might be for a select few, the rich and powerful, but the gracious gift of Jesus Christ abounds for all.

So do not let men intimidate you. Our God is God of the poor and lowly, and in him, we his children live in safety.

In the Old Testament God reveals himself to us as the liberator of the oppressed and the defender of the poor, demanding from man faith in him and justice towards man’s neighbor. It is only in the observance of the duties of justice that God is truly recognized as the liberator of the oppressed.

Synod of Bishops, [Justice in the World](#), 1971:30.

Gerald Darring

Vol 18 # 26 **12th Sunday of the Year, June 25, 2017**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	June	25	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Family
			10:00 am	SP	Mary Everett
Tue	June	27	9, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	June	28	6:30 pm	SP	Rev James Jeffrey
Fri	June	30	12:00 pm	SP	General Intentions
Sat	July	1	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation
			5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	July	2	8:00 am	SFD	Rev Vito Lepardo
			10:00 am	SP	John Felcyn

Birthdays:	
Jun 27	Nathaniel Ross
Jul 1	Carlos Baker
Jul 2	Russell Drone
	Colin Stone

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, June 25, 10 am Server: R Slife, J Bayles Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Jim, Edna Goddard Ushers: D Zmuda, C Zmuda P Widowski, Collin Brown E. Minister B Palmer P Kalicki, B Bishop Greeter: Mike McMahan</p>	<p>Sun, Jul 2, 10 am Server: A Webb. B Bertran Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: Harry, Xennia Gruszczuk Ushers: Z Garrett, D. Bishop M McMahan, S Widowski E. Minister K. Felcyn F. Dueker, V. Anderson Greeter: Janet Hacker</p>	<p>Sun, Jul 9, 10 am Server: R. Slife, J. Bayles Lector: Sarah Nelson Gifts: J. Hacker, D Hopkins Ushers: M Palmer, Mt Slife J. Bergmann, F. Dueker E. Minister S. Belske D. Hopkins, S. Moore Greeter: Carolyn Johnson</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, June 25: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: M. Moore, C. Parks Usher David Parks E. Min: Myron Cole</p>	<p>Sun, July 2: 8 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: L Herbert, R Drone Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat	Jun 24	St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun	Jun 25	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
		St Paul Mass.....	10:00 am
Tue	Jun 27	Masses at Shawnee, Vienna DOC...	9 am, 11 am
Wed	Jun 28	Weekday Mass.....	6:30 pm
Fri	Jun 30	Weekday Mass.....	12 pm
Sat	Jul 1	First Saturday Mass & Devotions.....	8:30 am
		St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun	Jul 2	Peter Pence/Holy Father Collection	
		St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
		St Paul Mass.....	10:00 am
		1 st Sunday Social at SP.....	11:00 am



NEW SP LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for July and August are available on the bulletin rack..

WORDS OF GRACE daily scripture reflection booklets for July-Sept are available in the church entrance this weekend.

SP PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES from last Wednesday's meeting are available in the bulletin rack.

BEER MAKING CLASS Frank Dueker will be offering a beer making class starting on Monday evening June 26th at 6PM at his home on 530 Poplar Road, Tunnel Hill. The class will meet twice. once to brew the beer and 2 weeks later to bottle it. Nominal fee for price of ingredients. Call Frank at 618-559-1405 to enroll.

PETER'S PENCE Next weekend there will be a special collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence or see insert in bulletin.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF PARISH! We are planning a Saturday afternoon outing on July 15 to Cobden, IL. We'll begin with an 11:00 am lunch at the Yellow Moon. Then you're on your own to explore Cobden's unique shops and/or the Union County Historical Museum within walking distance from the restaurant. We need a head count for lunch, so please sign up in the foyer by July 9th and indicate if you would like to carpool from St Paul church at 10:15 am.

PARISH DAY AT MINERS BASEBALL GAME (Marion) on Fri, July 28 7:05 pm for St Paul and St Francis DeSales. If we can get 15 or more to attend, there is your choice of \$4 tickets in grassy picnic area or \$7 for stadium seats. A children fun zone and mini golf are available for an additional cost of \$3 per person for fun zone or golf. R.S.V.P Cathy Kruep by July 5 to get group discount (618-304-4841 or cathykruep@yahoo.com).

NEW CD! Building Your Life on Rock: Standing Firm in the Storm. Ralph Martin, an internationally known Catholic leader and teacher, discusses the challenges and the joys of being fully faithful to all the Church proclaims as true. Ralph provides practical advice on how to build our lives on rock and equip ourselves spiritually so that we can reach out to others with true charity. He shows how our fidelity to the Word of God will give us the strength to stand victorious in the difficult age in which we live. CD is available on media rack in church foyer.

UPCOMING Jul 8 & 9 Fr Louis Raj Porathur CMI, a Carmelite missionary Priest from Madagascar will celebrate mass and make an appear on behalf of Carmelite mission in Madagascar.

12th Sunday of the Year

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Nothing worthwhile ever comes easy. We are told this as we grow up, and we tell our youth the same thing. But do we believe it? Do we look for the easy way out of problems? Do we work hard, help others, and presume we are entitled to "the good life"?

Because Jeremiah's message was one of gloom and doom for the people who refused to honor God, it was understandably not well-received. He found himself the object of persecution because he proclaimed the Word of God, and yet he carried on.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus assures us that Christian life won't be easy: "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (Matthew 10:28). "Tell in the light," he says (Matthew 10:27).

Paul's message on freedom and life reminds us that nothing worthwhile ever comes easy. Only through the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus were we liberated from sin and death. Life eternal was won for us at a great price -- the passion and death of our Savior.

"The good life" may often seem an unattainable one, as we struggle to love God and neighbor and self in a manner worthy of the name Christian. We too live in a world that refuses to honor God. We live among those who abuse and ridicule and those who kill, but we must carry on. Eternally good life awaits us. As seen in today's gospel, we have Jesus' very Word on it.

-- Elsie Hainz McGrath

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Suffering can lead to resentment, bitterness and anger. Who do you think enabled Jeremiah to endure his suffering but also get beyond all the negative emotions that came with it?

Discuss the fact that proclaiming the gospel brings some suffering with it. If you let your sufferings be absorbed into Christ do you think they also acquire saving significance for the community or for those you love?

Why is there risk involved in proclaiming the Word? How many times does Jesus tell you not to fear in this reading? What does he say about the hairs on your head that reinforce the "no fear" concept?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 13th SUNDAY OF YEAR 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42