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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

An Inclusive Church Matthew is very concerned in his Gospel with the unity of the Christian community. He does not envision the Church as an exclusionary organization, but rather as an inclusive community which is guided by the spirit of the parable of the weeds.

“Let them grow together until harvest”: since its earliest days, the Church has preferred to tolerate different levels of commitment and holiness. Such an attitude is in line with the ‘wisdom’ of the Hebrew Scriptures, which informs us that “those who are just must be kind and your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all and you judge with clemency.”

This attitude of acceptance is also in line with the revelation of God “as merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness.”

An inclusive Church that is kind and lenient toward its own members and toward everyone else should be an inspiration to a divided world that has a tendency to judge harshly, to be quick to anger, and to uproot weeds even at the cost of damage to the good plants.

By virtue of her mission to shed on the whole world the radiance of the gospel message, and to unify under one Spirit all men of whatever nation, race, or culture, the Church stands forth as a sign of that brotherliness which allows honest dialogue and invigorates it.

Such a mission requires in the first place that we foster within the Church herself mutual esteem, reverence, and harmony, through the full recognition of lawful diversity.

Vatican II, [*Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*](#), 1965:92.

Gerald Darring

Vol 18 # 30 **16th Sunday of the Year, July 23, 2017**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	July	23	8:00 am	SFD	Zoeth Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
Tue	July	25	9, 11 am	DOC	Masses
Wed	July	26	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	July	27	1:00 pm		Marion Penitentiary
Fri	July	28	12:00 pm	SP	Rev James Jeffrey
Sat	July	29	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	July	30	8:00 am	SFD	Vito Lepardo
			10:00 am	SP	Emma Kinkead

St Paul, Vienna

Birthdays:

- Jul 23 Hilary Nelson
- Jul 23 Harper Widowski
- Jul 26 Steve Widowski
- Chuck Querrey
- Jul 29 Riley Slife

<p>Sun, Jul 23, 10 am Server: B Bertran, R. Slife Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: C. Johnson, C Kruep Ushers: D Zmuda , C Zmuda P. Widowski, Mt Slife E. Minister M Nelson A.Dueker, Z. Garrett Greeter: Vickie Anderson</p>	<p>Sun, Jul 30, 10 am Server: A. Webb. J. Bayles Lector: Keith Felcyn Gifts: P Kalicki, P Kinkead Ushers: D Bishop, C Brown R. Stoerger, M McMahan E. Minister C Webb B Palmer, B Bishop Greeter: S & P Widowski</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 6, 10 am Server: B. Bertran, A Webb Lector: Joan Galey Gifts:M McMahan, S Moore Ushers:P Kalicki, J Nelson M Palmer, S Widowski E. Minister V Anderson P Shallenberger, D Bishop Greeter: Geri Tesina</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, July 23: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: M Moore, L Herbert Usher David Parks E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>	<p>Sun, July 30: 8 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: Deaton Family Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Myron Cole</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sat Jul 22 St Paul Mass.....5:30 pm
- Sun Jul 23 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass.....10:00 am
- Tue Jul 25 DOC Masses at Shawnee, Vienna.9 am, 11 am
- August Calendar info deadline
- Wed Jul 26 Weekday Mass...6:30 pm
- Thr-Sat Faith Alive Volunteers at Faith Alive Store...9-3 pm
- Thr Jul 27 Marion Penitentiary Mass.....1:00 pm
- Fri Jul 28 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Parish Miner Ballgame outing.....7 pm
- Sat Jul 29 St Paul Mass.....5:30 pm
- Sun Jul 30 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass.....10:00 am



SP PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES of the July 19th Mt are available on bulletin rack.

SP PARISH FOURTH QUARTER FINANCE & BUDGET REPORT is included in today's bulletin. It also reflects the end of the fiscal year totals. Trustees, Matt Slife, Jared Bergmann or Fr Tom are available to respond to questions.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS are provided from St Paul this Thursday, Friday, 9 am- 3 pm, and on Saturday, 9am-12 noon. Assistance with a few hours or several hours welcome. Sort clothes, stock racks, check out customers are all needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board, or you may contact Arlene Dueker 559-7803 or Madonna Slife 967-5164.

MINER BASEBALL GAME PARISH OUTTING is Friday, July 28, 7 pm at Marion IL. Tickets reserved will be distributed at entrance by Cathy Kruep 618-304-4841.

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>. Check the bulletin board for a FAQ sheet with more details. An interview with Bishop Braxton in the June 29th Messenger also provides information and goals.

VOCATION CORNER "When I was in grade school, I used to help a priest prepare to celebrate Mass at a local hospital. I never could have imagined that my entry to the seminary would lead me from a remote town in the Philippines to Milwaukee. I came to learn the truth in the expression, "God does not call the qualified, but qualifies those whom he calls." I now dedicate my life to God by professing the vows of poverty, chasity and obedience, and embracing the special charism of my religious Order by serving the sick even with danger to my own life."
FATHER JOJO OROSA, ORDER OF ST. CAMILLUS, MILWAUKEE, WI, COLUMBIA, "KEEP THE FAITH ALIVE", JUNE, 2016, PG. 34.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend can encourage our marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy. The next weekend is on August 4 - 6, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Another farming story.** We do not live in a perfect world. Shocking? Not really, not if we pay attention. Today's farming story shows, because of evil action, that weeds and grain grow together. So, where do we find hope? Disciples find it in Jesus; find it in God who is just, who is kind, who is forgiving. · How do I live in this world without giving up? · What good "seed" do I plant and water? · What is the harvest I seek?

16th Sunday of the Year

Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Psalm 86; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and gospel consider the theme of leniency. The image is of a God who chooses to demonstrate control by means of kindness and patience. This is a God who governs not by power or force but by compassion.

Writing for Alexandrian Jews in the first century B.C., the author of the Book of Wisdom emphasizes God's special care of Israel during the Exodus. He also takes up the problem of the just and the unjust. God's power does not result in blind rage but in clemency. In this way God manages a balance between justice and mercy. We are to imitate this balance by showing strength through the exercise of leniency.

Psalm 86 presents a person who has suffered from persecution. The persecutors are intent upon taking the life of the psalmist. This bleak situation of the victim demands God's immediate action. "Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame" (vs. 17). The psalm does not speak of revenge on the persecutors but rather God's power in leniency.

The parable defines the kingdom as one that embraces both wheat and weeds, both good and evil. The owner confronts two problems: (1) how to save the wheat and (2) how to outwit the enemy. He resolves the first by permitting the wheat and weeds to grow together until harvest. He resolves the second by using the weeds as fuel. The owner realizes that violence (killing the weeds) will only endanger the common good. In the kingdom, the common good demands patience and forgiveness.

Swift action plus compassion make the owner a symbol of the kingdom: strength through leniency. Power is given to help others. Power, if destructive rather than constructive, must be carefully examined.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Does it give you hope that you can repent for sins? How does this translate into your dealings with other people?

Do you remember that the Spirit is present with you? What gives nobility to your small efforts, sufferings and weaknesses? Do you ever call on the Spirit when you are in need? Think of all the ways the Spirit has come to your aid when you have needed help.

Can you always tell the weeds from the flowers, or saints from sinners? If you are quick to judge might you mistake a saint for a sinner? Is God patient with you regarding the "weeds" in your own garden? How patient are you with others? With yourself?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 17th SUNDAY OF YEAR 1Kings 3:5,7-12; Ps 119; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52