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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

Walking on Water In the [Second Reading](#), Paul enumerates the many blessings God gave his people in the time of the Law and the Prophets: the adoption as children of God, covenants, commandments and an order of worship. They had God's promises, and the promise of glory was among them. But Paul makes the list of these blessings with great sorrow, as he says, because it is hard for him to see any of the promised good things in the current state of God's people.

It can certainly seem to a Christian as if the same list and the same sorrow are suitable for Christians now.

Christians are also promised adoption as children of God. They have a covenant, a new covenant, with God, and a new worship to go with it. They are promised glory too, the glory of holiness and union with the Lord.

Faith is a kind of walking on water, too. But, for Christians now as for God's people then, it is often very difficult to see the fulfillment of these promises in one's own life. Does anyone have even one day in which he feels that his life has shown the fruit of these promises on that day?

So, for every Christian, there is a sorrow of the sort Paul expressed, because the sins and failures of one's life can seem so hard to square with the promises of God. Where is the adoption and the glory?

What are God's people to do in this condition and its sorrow?

The [Gospel](#) gives us a picture for an answer. As long as he has faith and doesn't look down, Peter comes to the Lord, walking on water.

No matter how sorrowful a person's failures, he can nonetheless come to the Lord. Doing so may feel like walking without any solid ground under foot. But faith is a kind of walking on water, too, isn't it? As long as one doesn't look down, as long as one keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus in faith, even walking on nothing to come to him is possible. All the promises of God are fulfilled in him.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 18 # 33 **19th Sunday of the Year, August 13, 2017**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Aug	13	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Fam
			10:00 am	SP	Leola Barrett
Mon	Aug	14	7:00 pm	SFD	For the parishioners
Tue	Aug	15	9, 11 am	DOC Masses	
			6:30 pm	SP	For the parishioners
Wed	Aug	16	5:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Aug	18	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Aug	19	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Aug	20	8:00 am	SFD	Agnes Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Mary Everett

Birthdays:
 Aug 14 Teresa Carr
 Aug 15 Dennis Marshinski
 Aug 17 Roger Webb

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Aug 13, 10 am Server: J. Bayles, R Slife Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: Mitch, Leslie Miller Ushers: M Slife, J Bergmann S Hupe, D Bishop E. Minister K Felcyn D Hopkins, F Dueker Greeter: Monica Querrey</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 20, 10 am Server: R. Slife, B Bertran Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Joe, Marsha Nelson Ushers: G Tesina, K Felcyn R. Stoerger, L Stoerger E. Minister S Belske P Widowski, M Nelson Greeter: Mike McMahan</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 27, 10 am Server: A Webb, J Bayles Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: Marc Palmer Family Ushers: D Zmuda, C Zmuda P Widowski, M McMahan E. Minister B Palmer S. Nelson, A. Dueker Greeter: Sandy Belske</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Aug 13: 8 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: M Moore/L Herbert Usher: David Parks E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 20: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: M Moore, L Herbert Usher Myron Cole E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sat Aug 12 St Paul Mass.....5:30 pm
- Sun Aug 13 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass.....10:00 am
- Mon Aug 14 SF Assumption of BVM Holyday Mass.7:00 pm
- Tue Aug 15 DOC Masses at Shawnee, Vienna...9 am, 11 am
- SP Assumption of BVM Holyday Mass...6:30 pm
- Wed Aug 16 Ministerial Alliance Mt.....12:00 pm
- Weekday Mass...5:30 pm
- Joint SF and SP Parish Council Meeting.6:00 pm
- Fri Aug 18 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Aug 19 St Paul Mass.....5:30 pm
- Sun Aug 20 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass.....10:00 am



DRAW DOWN TICKETS for the October 14 fundraiser are available after masses or from parishioners Steve & Peggy Widowski, Matt & Rhi Slife, Marsha & Joe Nelson, Madonna Slife and Dolly Hopkins. Cost \$100 (may be shared by up six people). Early bird drawing for \$100 is September 17th. Grand prize of \$4,000. All 110 ticket owners win a prize.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – August 15, 2017 - Mary is the first disciple. Mary is present throughout the Gospels. But she says few words: may it be done to me...my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...do whatever he tells you.... When asked about his mother, Jesus replies: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” · What will I “observe” today? The holyday of obligation schedule of masses are Mon, Aug 14, 7 pm at St Francis DeSales and Tues, Aug 15, 6:30 pm at St Paul.

JOINT SF AND SP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Committed to greater working together in the Parish Partnership, members of St Francis DeSales and St Paul Parish Councils will have a joint meeting this Wednesday beginning 6 pm at St Paul Parish hall. Light refreshments will be served. The Wednesday mass is rescheduled to 5:30 pm.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION The opening date for the Parish School of Religion classes is slightly over a month away (September 17th, 11 am). To provide books and supplies, registration forms for youth are being distributed at mass this weekend and additional copies are available in the bulletin rack. Forms due by August 27th.

PREPARATION SESSIONS FOR SERVERS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Times for orientation and training of newly interested parishioners in serving, lectoring and special ministers of the eucharist are being set. If you indicated an interest on the Time & Talent Survey, you will be contacted. Anyone else who is interested is asked to contact Fr Tom to assure the schedule will accommodate you.

HEALTH FOCUS -Protect Your Skin Wear sunscreen, seek shade and cover up to lower your risk for sunburn and skin cancer. Wear insect repellent with DEET to protect yourself from mosquito and tick bites, which cause disease. Set your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or lower to prevent burns.

VOCATION CORNER The leap of faith we see from Peter in the Gospel invites us to look beyond the stormy seas or the blowing winds keeping us from trusting and following Jesus. A vocation is often filled with obstacles, but at the same time, our persistence through difficulties are what makes us true disciples. “Don’t be afraid” is what we often hear in Scripture when a person is called to vocation, and so we need to pray for the grace and courage to find and follow Jesus within the difficulties.

UPCOMING EVENTS Parish Picnic for St Paul and St Francis DeSales Sept 10, 11:30am.

19th Sunday of the Year

1 Kings 19:9,11-13; Psalm 85; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Today's readings focus on people filled with fear. The common antidote for these encounters with fear is the divine presence. The healing presence of God routs despair and dispels discouragement.

Around the middle of the ninth century B.C., the prophet Elijah incurred the wrath of Queen Jezebel. He fled in fear to Sinai (Horeb) where Elijah experienced God's covenant presence in a special manifestation; not wind or fire but a tiny whispering sound. Elijah was then commissioned to resume his prophetic career by the proclamation of God's Word, a word that will overcome fear.

Paul, in the verses from Romans, anguishes over the fact that Israel did not enter the Christian community. Paul notes Israel's privileges: covenants, lawgiving, worship, and so forth. This culminates in the human origin of the Messiah, and sadly he was not recognized. Ironically, the Gentiles did recognize Jesus and thus enjoy the destiny originally set aside for Israel.

Matthew uses images from Hebrew Scripture: God walks on the waters of chaos (see Job 38:16), rescues humans captured in the flood waters of death (see Psalm 18:16-17), and indicates God's presence and willingness to save (Isaiah 45:18). Peter symbolizes the fearful Christian hovering between faith and doubt; Jesus offers his hand and enters the boat.

God depends on human beings to help realize God's plan for the world. Believers are challenged to radiate God's comforting presence and thus offset the fear that plagues the world.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Some of us have to have a "great wind," an "earthquake," or a "fire" in our lives before we look for God. But do you ever take time to listen for the "tiny whispering sound"? Could you if you created a quiet time in your life each day?

Paul is in "great sorrow and constant anguish" because some of his own people, the Israelites, have not accepted the fact that the Messiah has come. Is this because he wishes the best for them and would even sacrifice himself to help them? What do you do when your loved ones reject some beliefs that are important to you?

Peter was walking toward Jesus and doing fine. What caused him to suddenly sink? What causes you to move away from your "leap of faith"? What do you think would have helped Peter stay afloat? What might help you?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 20th SUNDAY OF YEAR Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28