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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

Who's Calling? In the [First Reading](#), Samuel, who was still young, was waked up by hearing his name called in the night. He thought that the person calling him was Eli, the old priest whom Samuel served. But Samuel was wrong in thinking this. It was the Lord calling.

It took three times of God calling before the experienced old priest Eli tumbled to the fact that it was God who was calling Samuel. It took four times of God calling before Samuel finally answered by saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

But if God's voice can be confused with some ordinary voice, how does Eli know, how does Samuel know, how does anyone know that it is God calling? Who would believe this story? Wouldn't you suppose that if God called you, you would know something very special had happened? Who would believe that God could call you and you wouldn't recognize that you were having a wild, spooky, religious experience? Who would believe that you could get the voice of God confused with the voice of the old guy in the neighboring room?

The answer is 'Eli.' That is, in the story, it is the wise old priest who believes these things. It is Eli who understands that you can be in direct contact with God and still not know that it is God who is talking to you.

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The answer is that you can't know until you are willing to listen. God doesn't force monologues on the unwilling. He invites to conversation. When Samuel is ready to tell God that he is willing to listen, then the real connection between God and Samuel begins.

The connection that starts with that willingness of Samuel grows into a friendship that is rightly described this way: the Lord was with Samuel. At that point, no one at all could miss the fact that it was God who had called Samuel.

And so here is one moral of the story. The voice of God can be anywhere, in any guise. It isn't thunder and lightening or extraordinary psychic happenings that connect a person to God. Rather, it is the willingness to listen, to trust and obey, that makes the Lord known.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 2 **Second Sunday of the Year, January 14, 2018**

**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Jan	14	8:00 am	SFD	Leola Barrett
			10:00 am	SP	Ray Nelson
Tue	Jan	16	9, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee & Vienna
Wed	Jan	17	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jan	19	12:00pm	SP	Fr Don Lenzini
Sun	Jan	21	8:00 am	SFD	Sarah Laaker
			10:00 am	SP	Evelyn Ross

<b>Birthdays:</b> Jan 15 Christine Deaton Jan 19 Preston Brown
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**St Paul, Vienna**

<p><b>Sun, Jan 14, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> A Webb, B Bertran,  <b>Lector:</b> Arlene Dueker  <b>Gifts:</b> Josh, Jamie Starrat  <b>Ushers,</b>G Tesina, J Nelson  M McMahan, R Stoerger  <b>E. Minister</b> F Dueker  P Kalicki, S Bekske  <b>Greeters</b> H &amp; X Gruszczyk</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jan 21, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> L Slife, R Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Madonna Slife  <b>Gifts:</b> Children Liturgy  <b>Ushers</b> P Kalicki, J Slife  Mt Slife, S Widowski  <b>E. Minister</b> M Nelson  B. Palmer, P Widowski  <b>Greeter:</b> Mike McMahan</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jan 28, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> R, Slife, B Bertram  <b>Lector:</b> Sabra Moore  <b>Gifts:</b> Chuck, Lynn Stone  <b>Ushers:</b>J Bergmann, S Hupe  D Zmuda, M Palmer  <b>E. Minister</b> B Bishop  D. Bishop, S. Black  <b>Greeter:</b> Vickie Anderson</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Jan 14: 8 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Lector:</b> LaVonne Herbert  <b>Gifts:</b> M Moore, R Drone  <b>Usher:</b> Myron Cole  <b>E. Min:</b> Cecilia Parks</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jan 21: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Mary Treat  <b>Lector:</b> Marietta Moore  <b>Gifts:</b> L Herbert, R Drone  <b>Usher</b> David Parks  <b>E. Min:</b> Christine Deaton</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Jan 14 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am  
Contribution Statements for 2017 distributed  
St Paul Mass .....10 am  
St Paul Parish Council biographies, Affirmation vote  
PSR Classes.....11am
- Mon Jan 15 Blood Drive at Fellowship Baptist Hall...10am-6 pm
- Tues Jan 16 DOC Masses Shawnee and Vienna.....9 , 11 am  
Bible Study-Luke with SFD at Dueker Home.....5 pm  
RCIA Session.....7 pm
- Wed Jan 17 Bible Study-Luke at St Paul.....3 pm  
Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm  
SP Parish Council Meeting...hall.....7:05 pm
- Thr-Sat, Jan 18-20 SP Faith Alive volunteers.....9am-3 pm
- Fri Jan 19 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
- Sun Jan 21 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am  
St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy.....10 am  
PSR Classes.....11am  
Altar Sodality/CCW Meeting in hall.....11am



**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2017** are available for pick-up this weekend.

**SP PARISH COUNCIL NEW MEMBER FLYER** is included in this weekend bulletin. A ballot of affirmation will be taken before and after the mass. Council members are reminded to pick up the agenda for the Wednesday, 7 pm meeting.

**COMMUNITY AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be hosted at the Fellowship Baptist Church Hall (Senior Drive) in Vienna Mon, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 6 pm. There is a current critical need for blood donations. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter VienaCm to schedule an appointment.

**BIBLE STUDY-LUKE** will resume this week. It will be offered Tuesday, 5 pm at the Dueker home, and Wednesday, 3 pm at St Paul Parish Hall. For info, contact Arlene Dueker 618-559-7803.

**FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE** will be staffed by volunteers from St Paul Thr-Fri, Jan 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3 pm, and Sat, Jan 20, 9am-12 noon. Volunteers are needed. A sign-up schedule is posted on the church bulletin board.

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN/ALTAR SODALITY** will meet next Sunday following the 10 am mass in the parish hall. All ladies are encouraged to take part.

**THE MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION/RENEWAL WEEKEND** is coming **February 3-4**, with your subscription The Messenger can reach more Catholics in southern Illinois, bring you articles from prominent thinkers and local news all designed to give you new insights and hope

**LADIES RETREAT** Ladies, get away for the weekend for a Ladies Retreat at Kings' House in Belleville IL on April 13-15<sup>th</sup>. Reservation deadline is Feb 1. For more information, call Vickie 658-1576

**THANK YOU..**to generous volunteers who took down and packed Christmas Decorations

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

.....**Jan 22** Day of Prayer/Penance for Dignity of Human Life -Anniversary of Roe vs Wade .....**Jan 28, 11am in hall** Presentation on prevalence and response to Human Trafficking in our geographic area by Victory Through Grace Ministries.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Gerald Hank, father of Cyndee Baker, who died last weekend in Waukegan IL.

# Second Sunday of the Year

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20; John 1:35-42

We appreciate interpreters of languages who tear down the walls of isolation that keep people apart. How rarely, however, do we think of ourselves as believers who interpret, not a different language but a particular dimension of our neighbor's relationship with God. Today's readings show us people searching for meaning in life and "faith interpreters" unlocking the answers to their questions.

The first reading is a scene from the eleventh century B.C. in which the power of the priest Eli passes to Samuel. The scene requires a skilled interpreter. Eli interprets for Samuel that it is the Lord who calls, and thus Eli launches Samuel on one of Israel's most significant careers.

Paul deals with Christians for whom casual sex with a prostitute poses no moral problem. For the Corinthians the body was morally irrelevant since at death it was destroyed. Thus sin existed only outside the body, in one's motive and intention. Paul had to interpret the moral consequences of Christian faith. The bodies of Christians continue Jesus' saving mission, thus we must be committed to his service.

The gospel is John's account of the call of the first disciples. In the company of two of his disciples, the Baptist interprets the person of Jesus: "Look! Here is the Lamb of God!" (John 1:36). As a result, the two disciples decide to stay, to follow Jesus; the same happens with all the rest.

Sometimes we meet people who may not be aware of their gifts. At other times, they may be too shy to use their talents. In these circumstances believers can translate the presence of gifts as an indication of their use on behalf of the community and encourage the talented to step forward. Believers are more than the reciters of doctrines and formulas. Believers are interpreters.

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

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Does God always call at the perfect time? Is there sometimes confusion in your life when God calls? It took Samuel three times to get it. Do you always recognize God's call right away?

Explain

St. Paul asks, "do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you"? Are you always aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit? Give some reasons how you can show reverence for the people in your life.

Jesus asked the disciples, "What are you looking for"? How would you answer that question? Then there was a second loaded question: "Where are you staying"? This could be restated, "Where can we spend time with you?" When the disciples took time with Jesus, did they find what they were looking for, even if just by instinct? Will this work for you?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** 3rd Sunday of Year: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:12-20