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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

**What Are We Supposed to Do?** Once, in perplexity, people asked Jesus, “What are we supposed to do?” ([John 6:28](#)). The Second Reading raises this question for us too.

The [Second Reading](#) says that if you don't keep God's commandments but say that you know the Lord, you are a liar.

Being a liar is bad enough. But the Second Reading also says that if you don't keep the Lord's commandments, you don't know the Lord.

If we believe that Jesus is the Savior, sent by God to save us from our sins, then, sinful as we are, we are in fact keeping the commandment the Lord gave the people. That is the worst, isn't it? Especially because the test for whether or not you know the Lord is not whether you have fervent prayer or sweet religious experience. No, the test is just whether you keep the Lord's commandments. That is why you lie if you don't keep the Lord's commandments but still try to tell yourself and others that you know the Lord.

In another passage, this same Epistle ([1John 1:6-8](#)) claims that if you say you have no sin, you are a liar, too.

And now we have a real puzzle, don't we? To avoid the sin of lying, you have to confess that you do sinful things. But then you are confessing that you aren't keeping the Lord's commandments, aren't you? And in that case, you are a liar, and you don't know the Lord.

Well, then, what *are* we supposed to do?

The answer is in what Jesus told the people when they asked him that very question. Jesus said, “Believe in the one whom God has sent.” ([John 6:29](#))

Notice that this is a command.

And here is what it means. We can tell the truth: we are sinful. But it doesn't follow that we don't keep God's commandments. If we believe that Jesus is the Savior, sent by God to save us from our sins, then, sinful as we are, we are in fact keeping the commandment the Lord gave the people when they asked him what they were supposed to do.

And if we keep his command, then it is also true that we know him. We know him as the Christ, sent by God to save us from our sins.

It can be true then both that we are sinful and that we keep the commandment of the Lord if we believe that he will save us from our sinfulness.

So this is what we are supposed to do: know *him*.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 15 **Third Sunday of Easter, April 15, 2018**

**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Apr 15	8:00 am	SFD	Vincent Seidler
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead
Tue	Apr 17	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna	DOC
Wed	Apr 18	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Apr 20	12:00 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Sun	Apr 22	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Glen Grisham

<p><b>Birthdays</b>          Apr 17 Leanne Whittington</p>
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**St Paul, Vienna**

<p><b>Sun, Apr 15, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> R Slife, M Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Pobst  <b>Gifts:</b> Carlos, Cindy Baker  <b>Ushers</b> J Bergmann, S Hupe              P Kalicki, M Palmer  <b>E. Minister</b> B Palmer              F Dueker, M Nelson  <b>Greeter:</b> H &amp; X Gruszczyk</p>	<p><b>Sun, Apr 22, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> B Bertram  <b>Lector:</b> Madonna Slife  <b>Gifts:</b> Bill &amp; V Anderson  <b>Ushers:</b>R Stoerger, L Stoerger              J Slife, Mt Slife  <b>E. Minister</b> S Moore              P Widowski, P Kalicki  <b>Greeter:</b> Monica Querrey</p>	<p><b>Sun, Apr 29, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> L Slife, R Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Arlene Dueker  <b>Gifts:</b> PSR Children  <b>Ushers</b> D Zmuda, F Dueker              M McMahan, L Hinton  <b>E. Minister</b> D Hopkins              V Anderson, A Dueker  <b>Greeter:</b> Joan Galey</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Apr 15: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Brenda Morse  <b>Lector:</b> LaVonne Herbert  <b>Gifts:</b> Treat Family  <b>Usher</b> Arnold Morse  <b>E. Min:</b> Myron Cole</p>	<p><b>Sun, Apr 22: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Lector:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Gifts:</b> Treat Family  <b>Usher:</b> David Parks  <b>E. Min:</b> Brenda Morse</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Apr 15 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
- St Paul Mass .....10 am
- Usher training for Emergency Plan Mt.....11 am
- PSR Classes.....11 am
- Tues Apr 17 DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna.9am & 11am
- Wed Apr 18 Ministerial Alliance Mt.....12 pm
- Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- SP Parish Council Mt.....7:05 pm
- Thr Apr 19 Next Step Pastoral Plan meeting with bishop...1 pm
- Fri Apr 20 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
- Sat Apr 21 Spring BDCCW Ladies Mt at Marion....9am-12 pm
- Sun Apr 22 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
- St Paul Mass .....10 am
- Usher training for Emergency Plan Mt.....11 am
- PSR Classes.....11 am
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations..Holy Hour.12 pm



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS** for severe weather, earthquake, fire and active intruder will be implemented beginning with training for ushers 11 am on April 15 and April 22 (choice of weekend). Guidelines for parishioners response will follow.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASS** reconvenes following this Sunday mass.

**SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER POSITION** will become available beginning July 2018 at St Paul with projected 16 hrs per week. Basic computer (word processing, spreadsheet and database) and bookkeeping skills required. Inquiries for job description, pay rate, and application should be directed to parish office. Invitation will be extended outside parish if there is no parishioner interest by end of April.

**SP PARISH COUNCIL** will meet on Wed, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:05 pm in hall. Council members are asked to pick up meeting agenda in foyer.

**BIBLE SCRIPTURE STUDY** – Six sessions with New Testament Acts is planned for the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm with light refreshments; also on Mon, Tues, or Friday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm if minimum of four participants want to participate. See sign-up sheet on bulletin board, or contact Arlene Dueker 559-7803.

**BDCCW SOUTH VICARIATE LADIES PROGRAM AND MT** Apr 21, 9am-12 at St Joseph, Marion. Presentation “Leaving a Legacy” by Brian Gibson. Business meeting follows and concluding with lunch. \$3 registration for morning. To car pool, check bulletin board notice.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** Holy Hour at St Paul Church, April 22, 12 pm. Bishop Braxton has urged parishes to have representatives attend the Ordination to Priesthood of Steven Pautler and Permanent Diaconate of eight men on Sat, May 19, 10:30 am at the cathedral in Belleville..

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Training for Adult Servers – Wed, Apr 25, 7 pm or Sun, Apr 29, 11 am in church.

Ladies Luncheon at St Paul Hall, Sat, Apr 28, 11am – 1 pm. Ladies of parish and guests (14 yrs & older). RSVP Madonna 967-5164 for attendance by Mon, Apr 23 or to bring quilt

SIU K of C Golf Scramble, Apr 28, at Red Hawk Golf Club, Tamaroa. 12 lunch, 1 pm start

Closing PSR Mass and Picnic, April 29, 11am for all parishioners, youth and adults.

Catholic Home Mission Appeal, Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Marian Conference May 4 (4-9:30pm) and May 5 (6am – 6 pm) at St Vincent Catholic Church, 1913 Ritter Dr, Cape Girardeau Mo. Registration & schedule [svcape.com/Mary](http://svcape.com/Mary) or call 573-837-5106

**STILL GIVING PEACE.** In Saint Luke’s story of the trip to Emmaus, four things stand out about Jesus. He stands and walks in their midst. He answers questions and calms fears. He proclaims resurrection Good News. He eats with them. Jesus is still in **our** midst, doing the same. Every day. · Who needs words and deeds of resurrected peace? · To whom will I tell the Good News of the dead and risen Christ in our midst? After being fed at the table of the Lord, whom can I feed?

# Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

All too often we fester in our own hurt, even when others turn to us for forgiveness. We may judge that it is better to preserve our sense of hurt than to free a repentant sister or brother from the heavy burden of guilt. Today's readings show us that the graciousness of pardon outweighs the enormity of sin. They challenge the modern believer to focus on repentant sisters and brothers, not on the lingering malaise of personal hurt.

The passage from Acts is part of Peter's Temple sermon. The audience's sin is that they were responsible for Jesus' death. In calling for conversion, Peter refers to the ignorance of the audience. They are to turn aside from their evil way and turn toward God. Though the killing of Jesus is a serious sin, it can yet be forgiven.

The passage from John's first epistle shows that the secessionists (those who have broken away from the author's community) have falsely claimed a communion with God, in spite of the fact that they walk in darkness. They deny their sin. The author replies that his community walks in the light and publicly confesses the likelihood of sin. Communion with one another means that the community experiences the cleansing from sin that Jesus has made possible.

The gospel passage is part of Luke's account of the appearance of Jesus to the apostolic circle. It consists of an appearance and an instruction. In the appearance scene the household meal is linked to those meals where Jesus' forgiveness played a central role. In the instruction scene, Jesus preaches penance and forgiveness.

As Christians, we are not isolated individuals. Our calling is to imitate Jesus. To say "I forgive you" is to say "I love my community and, therefore, I love you." To reconcile is to profess that the Christian community is a forgiving community.

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

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Is the point of this reading to lay blame for the suffering servant's death, or to tell us that sin can be erased and the offenders can be raised to new life by the same power that raised Jesus to life?

John says in this reading that "(Christ) is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world." And Luke's gospel ([Gospel](#)), "... that repentance, forgiveness of sins, would be preached in (Christ's) name to all the nations." From these statements would you guess that Christ came to save forty-four thousand people? Most people? All people?

What was the disciples' task, having recognized the risen Lord, and seeing that he "opened their minds to understand the scripture"? Is our task now to preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations? How can we do that globally? What about locally or in our neighbor-hoods?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18