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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 Doctor without Borders The international aid organization Doctors Without Borders has 27000 medical personnel in 60 countries, and they bring essential medicines and medical care to very many people who otherwise would go without.

The medical science they use comes from the Western industrialized countries. But no one supposes that there is something exclusivist or arrogant or intolerant about Doctors Without Borders for bringing this medical care from the West to the poor and sick in developing countries. On the contrary, in 1999 Doctors Without Borders won the Nobel Peace Prize for its work with the world's needy.

All these differing folds together make up the one truly world-wide flock of the Lord. There is an objective truth about what will heal people, and the fact that modern medicine comes from the industrialized West doesn't alter this truth. Western medicine is prized around the world because it has a power to heal that nothing else does.

What Peter says about Christ in the [First Reading](#) is a little like this. There is a sickness of the spirit as well as of the body, and it can lead to death too, a death of the spirit rather than the body. There is healing for this spiritual sickness. But, Peter says, it comes only from Christ. Christ has a power to heal that nothing else does.

That is a lesson that the First Reading teaches. To some people, this lesson is worrisome, or worth rejecting. They think it is disrespectful to other cultures and religions.

But notice what Christ adds to this lesson in the [Gospel](#). He has more than one fold of sheep, he says. In their varying countries, cultures, and ethnicities, all those who hear his voice and are glad of it form the different folds of sheep for whom Christ is the good Shepherd. All these differing folds together make up the one truly world-wide flock of the Lord.

And so there is one objective truth about what heals, whether the healing is medical or spiritual; and there is only one source for this healing. But, unlike modern medicine, the healing of Christ is not another monopoly of the Western industrialized nations.

Whatever his social or ethnic group, whatever the way in which Christ's voice comes to him and moves him, each person whose heart is stirred by the voice of the Lord is included in Christ's one flock.

The ultimate doctor without borders is Christ.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 16 **Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 22, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Apr 22	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Glen Grisham
Tue	Apr 24	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna	DOC
Wed	Apr 25	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Apr 26	11:30 am, 1 pm	Marion	Penitentiary
Fri	Apr 27	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Apr 29	8:00 am	SFD	Vincent Seidler
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead

Birthdays

Apr 23 Dolly Hopkins
 Apr 24 Tom Kruep
 Dale Bishop
 Apr 28 Xennia Gruszczuk
 Laura Bayles
 Apr 29 John Zawacki
 Melanie Hustedde

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Apr 22, 10 am Server: B Bertram Lector: Madonna Slife Gifts: Bill & V Anderson Ushers: R Stoerger, L Stoerger J Slife, Mt Slife E. Minister S Moore P Widowski, P Kalicki Greeter: Monica Querrey</p>	<p>Sun, Apr 29, 10 am Server: L Slife, R Slife Lector: PSR Students Gifts: PSR Children Ushers D Zmuda, F Dueker M McMahan, L Hinton E. Minister D Hopkins V Anderson, A Dueker Greeter: PSR Students</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Apr 22: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: Treat Family Usher: David Parks E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>	<p>Sun, Apr 29: 8:00 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: R Drone, D Parks Usher Arnold Morse E. Min: Mary Treat</p>
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Blessing of Expectant Parents

As a parish community we support Paul & Amanda Widowski asking God's blessing for a safe and healthy birth at today's mass.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Apr 22 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
 St Paul Mass10 am
 Usher training for Emergency Plan Mt.....11 am
 PSR Classes.....11 am
 World Day of Prayer for Vocations..Holy Hour.12 pm
 Tues Apr 24 DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna....9am & 11am
 Partnership Steering Committee mt..at SP....6:00 pm
 Wed Apr 25 Scripture Study at SP.....3:30-4:30pm
 Celebration of 1st Reconciliation ..SP.....5:45 pm
 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
 Adult Server practice.....7:05 pm
 Thr Apr 26 Marion BOP Masses.....11:30am, 1 pm
 Fri Apr 27 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
 Sat Apr 28 Ladies Luncheon at SP.....11am-1 pm
 Sun Apr 29 Catholic Home Mission Appeal
 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
 St Paul Mass & PSR ministries.....10 am
 Closing PSR Picnic for the parish.....11 am



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS for severe weather, earthquake, fire and active intruder will be implemented beginning with training for ushers 11 am on April 22 (if you could not attend April 15). Guidelines for parishioners response will follow.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Holy Hour at St Paul Church, April 22, 12 pm. Bishop Braxton has also 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..

SURVEY FOR PARISH COMMUNITY OUTTINGS is included in today's bulletin. You are encouraged to complete it and put in container in foyer before leaving today.

BIBLE SCRIPTURE STUDY – Six sessions with New Testament Acts is planned for the week of April 25th. 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.

TRAINING FOR ADULT SERVERS – will be offered Wed, Apr 25, 7 pm 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. Lunch with Mini Quilt show and presentation will be offered.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL will be taken up next Sunday, April 29th. Right now over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

CLOSING PSR MASS AND PICNIC, for students and all parishioners will be held April 29, 11am. Students will serve as liturgical ministers during the mass..

BISHOP BRAXTON OPEN HOUSE The bishop will have an open house at his residence in Belleville on Sun, June 24 in the afternoon. If you would like an invitation, contact Fr Tom by May 6th.

DEATH In a follow up contact with the Marshinski family, I learned that Dennis was moved to be closer to children, but he died on March 27th. Remember him in prayer.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SIU K of C Golf Scramble, Apr 28, at Red Hawk Golf Club, Tamaroa. 12 lunch, 1 pm start
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 or call 573-837-5106

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Every day we hear of personal happiness and tragedy, of great feats and failures. Our tendency is to accept all of these without reflecting on their meaning, without understanding their significance. Today's readings are a study in understanding. They challenge us to not only tabulate the facts but to uncover the meaning of those facts. Believers are people who look to the deeper dimensions of life.

The scene in Acts has Peter addressing the highest Jewish authority, the Sanhedrin. The passage moves immediately beyond observation of physical facts to understanding. The cure of the sick man is a fact, the key issue is the meaning of that cure. Restoration of health is secondary to the salvation realized. The sick man enjoys good health because the Jesus who was rejected has been raised by God.

Psalm 118 is a psalm of thanksgiving for the king's miraculous escape from seemingly unbeatable enemies. The psalmist tells us that when the people see this radical turn of events they must understand it as God's doing.

The gospel atmosphere is charged with conflict. The author contrasts Jesus with Israel's leaders. Jesus, the ideal shepherd, does not hesitate to lay down his life for the sheep. It is the self-giving of Jesus that is at the heart of the Gentile mission.

The modern believer must react to the evil in society. Exploitation, oppression, and abuse of power are not accidents of nature. Believers must interpret that the power of Jesus' dying and rising has yet to penetrate these situations. Believers see this and take action.

By the same token, the believer reacts to the good in society. We affirm and applaud those who stand for truth, justice, and charity. Human gifts are held in high regard, especially when shared with all God's people.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

In this reading Peter responds to attempts by the "leaders of the people and elders" to discredit Jesus' message. Do you see efforts to discredit Jesus' message in the world today? Name some. How can you help bring God's saving grace to a world/neighborhood in desperate need of healing?

God is always present, hovering over us like a mother hen. Why does God not just jump right in and save us from all the messes we get into?

Besides suggesting that priests stay close to the marginalized by being "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep" ([Homily for Chrism Mass](#), March 28, 2013), Pope Francis also said that 'The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness'. (Evangeli Gaudium)

How do those statements relate to Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1John 3:18-24; John 15: 1-8