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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

**Recognizable Signs** In the [Gospel Reading](#), before his ascension, Christ gives his disciples a last command: go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. And he adds a list of things that will characterize those of his followers who obey this command: they will drive out demons, speak new languages, handle snakes safely, drink deadly things without harm, and heal the sick by the laying on of hands.

Why *this* list? Isn't it supposed to be just *love* that characterizes Christ's followers?

Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his traveling people, and in his mercy he has made provision for them all. Well, I think of it this way.

When one of my children was traveling to Bangladesh, I made a list of dos and don'ts for him. It was a list intended to help keep him safe.

Finding housing with English speakers was on the list, so that there wouldn't be language problems. "Don't drink the water!" was definitely on the list, and so was "Stay away from people who are obviously sick!" The list finished with this prohibition: "Whatever you do, don't come into contact with the ground!" I know it sounds ridiculous; but hookworm is endemic in that part of the world, and you can get full of worms if you let a body part with an open wound come into contact with infected ground.

You can see that what was on my list of things to worry about are on Christ's list of things not to worry about: language problems, deadly drinks, sicknesses, even snakes—well, hookworms, anyway (demons weren't on my list, but maybe they would have been if I could have thought of anything to say about them).

So the things on Christ's list are the things that you (or your mother) might worry about if you were traveling in dangerous places. Since Christ is commanding his followers to head out to all the world, maybe it is only fair of him to tell those who obey him that they don't need to worry about any of these things. Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his traveling people, and in his mercy he has made provision for them all.

So here is one way to understand Christ's list of the things that characterize those who believe in Christ and obey him. Whatever roads the journey of their lives takes them on, the care of the Lord encompasses those who travel in his name. Eleonore Stump

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**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	May 13	8:00 am	SFD	Vincent Seidler
		10:00 am	SP	Valrey Coleman
Tue	May 15	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna	DOC
Wed	May 16	6:30 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Fri	May 18	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	May 20	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Glen Grisham

<b>Birthdays</b> May 14 Cody Taylor May 15 Ginger Endrizzi May 17 Rose Lewis May 20 Collin Brown
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**St Paul, Vienna**

**Sun, May 13, 10 am**  
**Server:** C Bergmann, B Bertram  
**Lector:** Sarah Black  
**Gifts:** Bergmann Family  
**Ushers:** J Bergmann, S Hupe,  
 P Kalicki, M Palmer  
**E. Minister** L Stoerger  
 B. Bishop, D. Bishop  
**Greeter:** Sandy Belske

**Sun, May 20, 10 am**  
**Server:** L Slife, R Slife  
**Lector:** Joan Galey  
**Gifts:** S Belske, J Brown  
**Ushers** P Kalicki, L Stoerger  
 G Tesina, Mt Slife  
**E. Minister** S Black  
 B Palmer, M Nelson  
**Greeter:** Joan Galey

**Sun, May 27, 10 am**  
**Server:** A Webb, M Bergmann  
**Lector:** Zach Garrett  
**Gifts:** Dale, Beverly Bishop  
**Ushers:** D Zmuda Sr, F Dueker  
 M McMahan, L Hinton  
**E. Minister** F Dueker  
 S Moore, D. Hopkins  
**Greeter:** H & X Gruszczyk

**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

**Sun, May 13: 8:00 am**  
**Server:** Brenda Morse  
**Lector:** LaVonne Herbert  
**Gifts:** Bob Skaggs, D Parks  
**Usher** Fred Deaton  
**E. Min:** Cecilia Parks

**Sun, May 20: 8:00 am**  
**Server:** Brenda Morse  
**Lector:** Myron Cole  
**Gifts:** L Herbert/M Moore  
**Usher:** Arnold Morse  
**E. Min:** Mary Treat

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun May 13 Catholic Communications Campaign Collection
  - Mothers' Day Recognition
  - St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
  - St Paul Mass & May Crowning.....10 am
  - Baby Bottle Collection for Hope Unlimited begins
- Tues May 15 DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna...9am & 11am
- Wed May 16 Vicariate Pastoral Leader Mt. Johnston City...12 pm
  - Scripture Study at SP.....3:30-4:30pm
  - Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
  - SP Parish Council Mt...hall.....7:05 pm
- Fri May 18 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
- Sat May 19 CPR Training at St Paul Hall.....10:00 am
  - Priesthood & Permanent Diaconate Ordination.10:30am
- Sun May 20 Seminarian Education Collection
  - St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
  - St Paul Mass & Recognition of Women Gifts....10 am
  - Blood Pressure checks at SP.....before & after mass
  - Altar Sodality/CCW Mt...in hall.....11 am



**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN** offering will be taken up next weekend. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)

**MAY CROWNING** We honor and commemorate the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary today with May Crowning immediately preceding the opening hymn of today's mass. Thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidate, Mary Kate Moore, who bears the crown of flowers in procession.

**TIME & TALENT SURVEY, MINISTRY QUALITY FEEDBACK** The parish annual invitation to reflect on giftedness and indication of interest in sharing gifts is being joined with a questionnaire on the quality of ministry in the parish. Forms for adults and jr high and older were included in an envelope for each household last weekend. You are being asked to return the completed forms this weekend in collection with offering envelopes

**MOTHERS' DAY RECOGNITION** We offer gratitude to all mothers and express our appreciation in our prayer and a token gift for all women following the mass..

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** for Hope Unlimited, begins today, May 13 and ends June 17<sup>th</sup>. Baby bottles for change and sacrifice are available in the foyer. A goal is \$30 per baby bottle by the end of the period. Proceeds supports pregnancy care, parental guidance and family needs.

**BIBLE SCRIPTURE STUDY** – Six sessions with New Testament Acts is planned for the Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm with light refreshments; See sign-up sheet on bulletin board, or contact Arlene Dueker 559-7803.

**PARISH COUNCIL** St Paul Parish Council will meet this Wednesday, 7:05 in the parish hall. Council members are reminded to pick up agenda at weekend mass.

**CPR TRAINING** Arrangements have been made for providing training for CPR at St Paul Hall on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> beginning 10 am. If interested sign up on bulletin board. Ten participants needed Questions? Frank Dueker 559-1405

**PRIESTHOOD & PERMANENT DIACONATE ORDINATION** will be held at Belleville Cathedral, 10:30am, May 19. If interested in a ride, contact Fr Tom. Please pray for those being ordained and vocations to priesthood.

**WOMEN'S GIFTS CONTRIBUTION** will be recognized next Sunday with women leading the liturgical ministries at mass. Women are also welcome to attend the Council of Catholic Women meeting following the mass in the parish hall

**SEMINARIAN EDUCATION COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** Next weekend our parish will participate in the Seminarian Education Collection. Our diocese is currently blessed with **six seminarians** and we are asking for your help in meeting the needs of their formation. The cost for tuition, books, room and board and other expenses is **\$46,700 per year for each seminarian**. Please join these young men on their journey to the priesthood. Your contribution to the Seminarian Education Collection is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

# Ascension of the Lord

Imagine you are at the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11). How does it feel to watch Jesus leave?

It was probably difficult for the disciples to see Jesus go. Yet, if he stayed, they would not receive the promised baptism with the Holy Spirit. We must surrender our "treasures" to God before we can open ourselves to faith and trust.

Here is a meditation on letting go from "Nine Ways to Reach God" by Bridget Meehan, SSC, D.Min.:

If you see life and people as being on loan to you, you can see all as gifts. It is not good to cling tightly to relationships or to hoard earthly treasures. Revere all that you have with deep gratitude, and hold everything in open hands.

Reflect on the symbol of open hands. During your prayer time, open your hands and surrender all the important treasures and relationships of your life to God. Do you experience any obstacles in letting go and giving everyone and everything to God? Be aware of your feelings. Are you joyful? Anxious? Sad? Afraid? Share these feelings with God. Spend time expressing your gratitude to God for each gift and relationship.

What does the perspective of "all is on loan" say to you in your present relationships and in your present circumstances? Find concrete ways to express your love and gratitude to people you often take for granted, including Jesus.

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This could be the definition of evangelization. Pope Francis says that Jesus himself is the model of evangelization. How important is listening to people's needs in being a witness and evangelist for Christ?

Does our maturing to "the full stature of Christ" imply some growing pains? Where is Christ most recognizable in your life? in your humility? gentleness? patience? in your caring for the poor and needy?

Jesus said signs would accompany those who believed. Most of us will probably not be picking up serpents with our hands or drinking deadly things without being harmed. What kinds of signs might you see today when you or someone else proclaims the Gospel?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** Feast of Pentecost: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27, 16:12-15