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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

The Coming of the Holy Spirit In the [Gospel Reading](#), Jesus foretells that he will send the Holy Spirit on his disciples. And on this Sunday we celebrate that coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. But Genesis tells us that the Spirit was in the world from the beginning of creation. The Spirit moved upon the face of the waters when God first made heaven and earth. From that beginning all throughout the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is present in the world.*

God promised that in the messianic age God would pour out his Spirit on all his people; and then God himself would be the hope and the strength of his people. So why in the Gospel Reading does Christ say that he will send the Spirit? How does he send the Spirit if the Spirit was already in the world in Old Testament times?

The first thing to notice is that, in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is mentioned as coming only on a few particular people, often just people marked out for some particular purposes by God. But after Christ sends the Spirit at Pentecost, the Spirit comes on every single Christian. As the [Second Reading](#) explains, every person who says (and believes) that Jesus is Lord has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.

Furthermore, after Pentecost, the Spirit that comes is the Spirit of the resurrected Christ, as well as the Spirit of the Father. And so when, after Pentecost, Christ's followers are filled with the Spirit, they are unified with Christ, because his Spirit is within them.

At Pentecost, then, the Spirit comes on all those who believe in Christ; and it comes on them forever, for their whole lives, provided only that they remain in Christ. Those who have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them are made into the body of Christ, because the Spirit of the resurrected Christ is in them.

So that is why the Spirit comes at Pentecost to inaugurate the new age which God promised long ago. Through his prophet Joel ([Joel 2:28](#)), God promised that in the messianic age God would pour out his Spirit on all his people; and then God himself would be the hope and the strength of his people ([Joel 3:16](#)).

We are included in that promise too. By God's spirit that dwells in us, we are made one with our risen Lord.

Eleonore Stump

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	May 20	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Glen Grisham
Tue	May 22	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna	DOC
Wed	May 23	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	May 24	11:30, 1 pm	Marion	Penitentiary Masses
Fri	May 25	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	May 26	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	May 27	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Loretta Petges

St Paul, Vienna

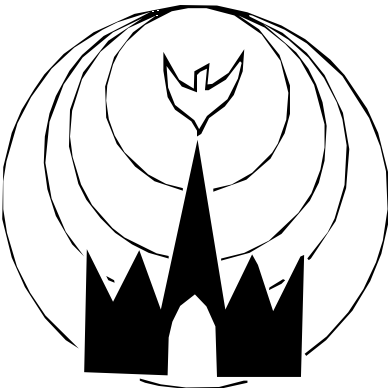
<p>Sun, May 20, 10 am Server: L Slife, R Slife Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: S Belske, J Brown Ushers: P Kalicki, L Stoerger G Tesina, Mt Slife E. Minister: S Black B Palmer, M Nelson Greeter: Joan Galey</p>	<p>Sun, May 27, 10 am Server: A Webb, M Bergmann Lector: Zach Garrett Gifts: Dale, Beverly Bishop Ushers: D Zmuda Sr, F Dueker M McMahan, L Hinton E. Minister: F Dueker S Moore, D. Hopkins Greeter: H & X Gruszczuk</p>	<p>Birthdays May 20 Collin Brown May 22 Gabe Starrick May 25 Cameron Hustedde May 26 Jenny Bergmann May 27 Mike Ross</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, May 20: 8:00 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: L Herbert/M Moore Usher: Arnold Morse E. Min: Mary Treat</p>	<p>Sun, May 27: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: Stan Treat, Fred Deaton Usher: David Parks E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- 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
- Mon May 21 Blood Drive at Fellowship Baptist Church 12-6 pm
- Tues May22 DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna..9am & 11am
 - Partnership Steering Committee Mt..SP.....6:00 pm
- Wed May23 June calendar info deadline
 - Scripture Study at SP.....3:30-4:30pm
 - Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr May 24 Marion Penitentiary Masses.....11:30 am, 1 pm
- Fri May 25 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
- Sat May 26 Beginning Saturday mass for summer.....5:30 pm
- Sun May 27 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass10 am



SEMINARIAN EDUCATION COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND This 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be offered before and after mass this Sunday.

WOMEN'S GIFTS CONTRIBUTION are recognized this Sunday with women leading the liturgical ministries at mass. A handout from the Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women recognizes and seeks to foster your gifts. Women are also welcome to attend the Council of Catholic Women meeting following the mass in the parish hall

PENTECOST PRAYER CARD will be presented to all. Parish Council Minutes available

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 previously. You are being asked to return the completed forms. A container for them is in the foyer.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN for Hope Unlimited, began May 13 and ends June 17th. 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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION We extend congratulations to parish youth who graduated: 8th grade – Gabriel Ross, Riley Slife, Jayda Bayles; High School – Morgan Bishop

BLOOD DRIVE will be held this Monday, 12 – 6 pm at the Fellowship Baptist Hall on Senior Dr in Vienna. Consider sharing a gift that gives life.

PARTNERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE members will meet Tuesday, May 22, 6 pm at St Paul refining merging timeline and tasks.

BIBLE SCRIPTURE STUDY – Six sessions with New Testament Acts continue on Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm; For more info contact Arlene Dueker 559-7803.

SUMMER SATURDAY MASS SCHEDULE begins this Saturday with 5:30 pm mass and will continue through Labor Day weekend.

CAMP ONDESSONK OPEN HOUSE will be Sat, June 2, 11am-4 pm. BBQ lunch 12:30-1:30pm. Families can meet staff, take tour, participate in sampling of summer camp activities. Free admission. RSVP 618-695-2489 or on line Camp Ondessonk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day Cemetery Mass – Mon, May 28, 5 pm at St Francis DeSales Cemetery

Parishes Miner ballgame event – Friday, June 15, 7 pm.

Parish Picnic at St Francis DeSales – June 24, Noon mass followed by potluck picnic

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23

The Scriptures for this Solemnity of Pentecost highlight the role of the Holy Spirit in the Christian community. The movement of the Spirit in people results in gifts and talents. This movement does not reach its end in individuals. Rather, it is supposed to have a ripple effect so that our unique abilities promote the common good. Clearly, the Spirit forms community.

Pentecost signals the start of the universal mission of the Church. It is a mission that overcomes human obstacles and has the Spirit as its driving force. The disciples received the Spirit and began speaking to different audiences in their own tongues. From these many different peoples and populations a Christian community was emerging.

Paul's Corinth was a community whose chief characteristic was division. The community believed in rugged individualism. Personal talents were flaunted rather than shared. In the face of this diversity of gifts, works, and ministries, Paul stressed unity. Paul argued that the gifts were all expressions of the same Spirit and given for the common good.

In John's Gospel, the gift of the Spirit is anticipated

when Jesus addresses the disciples with "peace." Jesus then proceeds to breathe upon them, suggesting a new creation (see Genesis 2:7). The reception of the Spirit empowers the disciples to forgive or retain sins. Sin, for John, is basically the refusal to believe in Jesus. Hence, the Spirit-filled disciples will challenge people to decide for or against Jesus.

When we raise the issue of gifts and talents, we tend to limit them to professional people in show business, sports, music, and so forth. Our perspective should be broader. Patience, understanding, and consolation are all gifts we possess. Wherever one uses such gifts for the community, the Spirit is obviously present.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Did the Holy Spirit come only once in history, as in the upper room? Or do you see the Holy Spirit as dynamic and constant in every life? Explain. How were the disciples different after the Spirit's arrival? Are you confident that the Spirit is with you?

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." Were Vivaldi and Michelangelo given gifts solely for their own pleasure? For whose benefit were they given? What are your gifts and for what benefit are they given you and those around you?

Jesus "breathed" on them. How does this relate to [Genesis 2:7](#), "God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life?" What is the significance for you? How important is the Holy Spirit to you?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Most Blessed Trinity: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20