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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

Persons All the Way Down Christians believe in one God and only one God. But the heart of Christianity is the belief that this one God is three Persons, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We count only one God. But when we count divine Persons, we count *three*.*

One way to think about the doctrine of the Trinity is to recognize that it is not possible to stop counting in this funny way.

Whatever its shape, the whole cosmos rests on the loving and caring Persons of the Trinity. You can’t divide the one God into three more fundamental things which make up the one God. God isn’t a compound of anything more fundamental. *One* is all there is, when it comes to God.

But here’s the hallmark of the doctrine of the Trinity: you still have to count three. The three Persons of the Trinity are not *really* anything else. They aren’t roles of God, or modes of God. You can’t reduce the three Persons of the Trinity to some more fundamental something in order to get—at bottom—just one. In themselves, they are just Persons, and there are three of them.

Some secularists suppose that *everything whatsoever* is reducible to elementary particles. For secularists, at the ultimate foundation of reality there is just the impersonal, the cold and uncaring bits of matter and energy that make up the material world.

What the doctrine of the Trinity tells us is just the opposite. At the ultimate foundation of reality, irreducible to anything else, there are the three Persons of the Trinity.

There is a story told about an old lady who believed that the world is flat and rests on the back of a giant turtle. When she was challenged with the following question, “Yes, but what does the turtle rest on?” she replied carelessly, “Oh, it’s turtles all the way down!”

She was wrong, of course, and the secularists are wrong, too. Whatever its shape, the whole cosmos rests on the loving and caring Persons of the Trinity. For Christians, it’s Persons all the way down.

This is a doctrine worth celebrating.

Eleonore Stump

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	May 27	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Loretta Petges
Mon	May 28	5:00 pm	Mass SFD	cemetery- Dec Families
Tue	May 29	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna	DOC
Wed	May 30	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jun 1	12:00 pm	SP	No Mass
Sat	Jun 2	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jun 3	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Donnie Parker

St Paul, Vienna

Birthdays	
May 27	Mike Ross
May 30	Fr Tom Barrett
Jun 1	Katie Pobst Pat Kalicki
Jun 2	Laney Slife

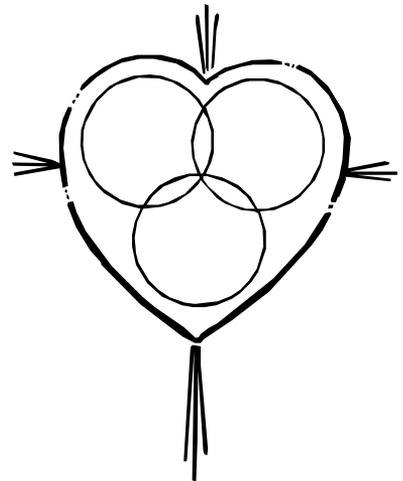
<p>Sun, May 27, 10 am Server: A Webb, M Bergmann Lector: Gifts: Dale, Beverly Bishop Ushers: D Zmuda Sr, F Dueker M McMahan, L Hinton E. Minister F Dueker S Moore, D. Hopkins Greeter: H & X Gruszczyk</p>	<p>Sun, Jun 3, 10 am Server: R Slife, C Bergmann Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Dick & Midge Bigler Ushers J Nelson, D Bishop, P Widowski, J Slife E. Minister P Schallenberger Md Slife, A. Dueker Greeter: Monica Querrey</p>	<p>Sun, Jun 10, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Steve Pobst- Gifts: Nick & Sarah Black Ushers: Mt Slife, M Palmer G Tesina, S Hupe E. Minister B Bishop V Anderson, P Widowski Greeter: Bill, Billie Porter</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<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>	<p>Sun, Jun 3: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: R Drone, L Herbert Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat	May 26	Saturday mass at SP.....	5:30 pm
Sun	May 27	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8:00 am
		St Paul Mass	10 am
Mon	May 28	Memorial Day Mass in St Francis Cemetery...	5 pm
Tues	May 29	DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna...	9am & 11am
Wed	May 30	Scripture Study at SP.....	3:30-4:30pm
		Weekday Mass.....	6:30 pm
Fri	Jun 1	No Weekday Mass.....	12:00 pm
Sat	Jun 2	Saturday mass	5:30 pm
Sun	Jun 3	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8:00 am
		St Paul Mass	10 am
		After mass social at SP.....	11 am



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

JUNE CALENDAR AND LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES are available this weekend.

MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY MASS – will be celebrated this Mon, May 28, 5 pm at St Francis DeSales Cemetery (New Burnside- follow signs west on Fourth St). Bring chair. In case of rain, mass will be moved to St Francis DeSales church in Stonefort.

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

SCHEDULE CHANGE Due to recovery from surgery, Fr Tom will not have masses on Friday or Saturday morning.

PARISHES MINER BALLGAME EVENT is being planned for Friday, June 15, 7 pm at the Marion ballpark. General admission tickets are \$5.00. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Questions, contact Cathy Kruep 618-304-484.

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.

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.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN will host an outing to Belleville (Mass at Cathedral, Bishop Braxton's open house, plus added attractions) on June 27, leaving 7:30 am. To coordinate travel plans, if interested please sign up on bulletin board. Questions, contact Pam Shallenberger 217-714-4568.

CS&MA "I express my personal gratitude to each of you for your outstanding support of the 2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. I offer my warmest congratulations on exceeding your parish's financial goal. You have, indeed, accepted the challenge put forth by Our Holy Father Pope Francis to 'share the blessings which God has provided us' and it is only through your Christian caring and generosity that our diocesan ministries and agencies are able to give hope to those in need throughout southern Illinois." Most Rev Edward K Braxton, Bishop of Belleville.

ST FRANCIS DESALES PARISH PICNIC is set for Sunday, June 24th, beginning with mass at noon at St Francis DeSales church, followed by potluck meal (meat supplied). People are asked to make notes of special parish events and memories of parishioners, with photos if available, that can be shared as an oral history.

Most Holy Trinity- Making connections. We step away from reading the Gospel of Mark today to hear the ending scene from Matthew. It makes the connection to Matthew 25 heard last November on Christ the King. The scene, then, was the great divide of sheep and goats – the naming of the Works of Mercy. The scene today is both the ending of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the Church's. This ministry is (1) to go to all nations and peoples; (2) to baptize; (3) to train and form new followers, new disciples. They were told then as we are assured today: Jesus is present with us always – along with Father and Spirit. Where and when do I see the presence of God in the world? · Where and when do I feel the saving presence of Christ? Where and when do I know the Spirit is taking control?

Trinity Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40; Psalm 33; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

We usually take pride in our family name as we recall our ancestors and our history. The love we have for those who gave us life means that we seek to enhance, rather than tarnish, the family name. Today's readings reflect on family legacies and obligations. All believers must act upon their name -- "Christian" -- and bring honor to their Christian family.

The first part of the Deuteronomy passage is a study in the biblical theme of election. Moses asks the people of Israel to review their history from the moment of creation to recent happenings. People would have thought immediately about the Exodus, about the covenant on Mount Sinai. Even one or two moments' thought would clearly indicate God's great love for Israel. In light of this love the chosen people must give honor to their family heritage. They must acknowledge no other God. They must obey Yahweh's commandments.

In the selection from Romans, Paul defines a Christian as one led by the Spirit. As Christians we are God's adopted children. This status entitles us to address God with the same word Jesus used, namely, "Abba." This Aramaic word means "father" in a most intimate way. "Dad" or "Daddy" are closer translations.

Like Jesus, Christians are intimate heirs of God called to act on behalf of the family. In the final scene from his gospel, Matthew announces Jesus' exaltation -- his full authority over the entire universe. Next he has Jesus commission the Eleven (Judas had been the twelfth and will soon be replaced). This commissioning involves three stages: making disciples, baptizing, and teaching. Finally Jesus reassures the Eleven of his abiding presence. The disciples enjoy an intimate family relationship with Jesus.

Baptism is an awesome responsibility. By being baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we become intimate members of God's family. Baptism is a bond not only with other baptized people but also with the nonbaptized as well. Everything we do on a daily basis tests how well we live up to this responsibility. Ours is a call to give honor and glory to the name and family that are our Christian faith.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Moses heard the voice of God from a burning bush. Where do you hear the voice of God? In friends the poor. Newspapers. Pope Francis. nature .novels .. music? In your heart?

We are "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." What do we inherit with and in Christ? Which treasures do you want the most? Which do you need the most?

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity ... leads us to contemplate and worship the divine life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: a life of communion and perfect love, the origin and aim of the whole universe and every creature: God. The Holy Spirit, gift of the risen Jesus communicates the divine life to us and thus he draws us into the dynamism of the Trinity, which is a dynamism of love, communion, mutual service, sharing. Pope Francis

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Body and Blood of Christ: Exodus 24:3-8; Ps 116; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-16