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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

Ask In My Name In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Christ suggests a remedy for any problem we have. The Father will give you anything you ask for, he says, if you will just ask for it in Christ's name.

But what is it to ask for something in Christ's name? It can't be a matter of simply tacking the name of Christ on to any prayer. "I would like a Porsche, please, *in the name of Christ.*" Prayer isn't magic. It isn't a matter of using the right magical formulas in order to make God do what you want him to do.

Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own. It helps here to consider the homely cases in which one person asks something in the name of another. A secretary can ask for the mail in her boss's name: "I'm just here to pick up the mail for my boss!" A child can ask a neighbor for a cup of sugar in his mother's name: "Mrs. Murphy, my mother wants to know if you could lend her a cup of sugar."

In these cases, the person asking can ask in the name of another because he somehow identifies himself as in relationship with that other: *my boss, my mother.* Something—a connection of shared work, a family relation—binds the two of them together.

To ask in Christ's name is like this, too. You ask in the name of Christ when you are in the kind of relation to him that lets you say "*my*" with respect to him. And what would bind the two of you together in this way? What should follow that "*my*"? It shouldn't be "*my servant,*" as the magician in effect says in his heart of hearts. No, not "*my servant,*" but "*my Lord.*"

Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own. He knows what to give to those who are *his* in answer to their prayers. So if you ask the Father for something in the name of Christ, then you are doing the opposite of what the magician does: you ask being prepared to accept what *your Lord* wants to give you. What you are given will be a good gift if it is in accord with his will, even if it isn't in accord with yours.

To ask the Father in Christ's name, then, is to trust Christ with your life as you ask.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 18 Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 6, 2018

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	May 6	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parish
		10:00 am	SP	Loretta Petges
Tue	May 8	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna	DOC
Wed	May 9	6:30 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Thr	May 10	11:30am, 1 pm	Marion	Penitentiary
Fri	May 11	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	May 12	8:00 am	SFD	Vincent Seidler
		10:00 am	SP	Valrey Coleman

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Birthdays May 12 Esther Speletich Steven Pobst</p>
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<p>Sun, May 6, 10 am Server: M Bergmann, A Webb Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: Ron & Marilyn Beanland Ushers: D Bishop, J Nelson G Tesina, P Widowski E. Minister P Widowski, P Kalicki, S Belske Greeter: Vickie Anderson</p>

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

<p>Sun, May 20, 10 am Server: L Slife, R Slife Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: Bergmann Family Ushers R Stoerger, L Stoerger J. Slife, Mt Slife E. Minister S Black B Palmer, M Nelson Greeter: Joan Galey</p>

St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, May 6: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: L Herbert/M Moore Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>
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<p>Sun, May 13: 8:00 am Server: volunteer Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: Bob, Minnie Skaggs Usher: Fred Deaton E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun May 6 Time & Talent + Questionaire
 - St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass10 am
 - First Sunday Social at SP.....11 am
- Mon May 7 SF Parish Council & open discussion on merger.4 pm
- Tues May 8 DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna.....9am & 11am
- Wed May 9 Scripture Study at SP.....3:30-4:30pm
 - Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr-Sat SP Faith Alive VolunteersTh-Fr 9-3 pm, Sat 9-12
- May 10 Marion Penitentiary Masses.....11:30 am, 1 pm
 - Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4 – 7:30 pm
- Fri May 11 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
- 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



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for the month of May is available in the foyer.

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 are being included in an envelope for each household this weekend. You are being asked to return the completed forms next weekend in collection with offering envelopes

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL will be hosted in the hall following mass this Sunday. Everyone encouraged to participate.

ADOPT A LILY Easter lilies are available for 'adoption' in the foyer of church today.

PARISH SOCIAL OUTTING SURVEY Please return survey to container in foyer.

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.

FAITH ALIVE STORE VOLUNTEERS St Paul parish is scheduled to operate the Faith Alive Thrift Store this Thr, Fri, 9am-3 pm, and Sat, 9am-12 noon. A schedule is posted on the bulletin board to indicate hours of assistance or contact Arlene 559-7803, Madonna 967-5164

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

CPR TRAINING Arrangements have been made for providing training for CPR at St Paul Hall on Saturday, May 19th. If interested sign up on bulletin board. Questions? Frank Dueker 559-1405

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION Bishop Braxton would like to invite couples celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and over anniversaries to a diocesan mass. Please notify the office if you commemorate one of these anniversaries by May 6th..

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST PAUL AS A PARISH will occur in 2020. There is interest in celebrating this event. If you would be willing to serve on a planning committee, please contact the office or parish council chairman, Steve Pobst.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Baby Bottle Campaign for Hope Unlimited, begins May 13 and ends June 17th.

Priesthood & Permanent Diaconate Ordination, Belleville Cathedral, 10:30am, May 19

If interested in a ride, contact Fr Tom.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

God's ways are mysterious. Each of us, at one time or another, has wished for an opportunity to address a question to the Lord -- face to face. We would prefer to go right to the top and eliminate all those in the middle. Today's readings tell us that God's mind and attitude are reflected in believers. Believers are God's spokespersons.

In the Cornelius episode, Luke declares that the Christian community is for everyone and that the Gentiles need not first become Jews to enter this community. Cornelius is the first Gentile convert to the faith. Luke has Peter show that God is impartial: "but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:35).

The author of First John is concerned with the bond that unites God with the believer. This bond is love. God is love, hence love must characterize God's family. "Everyone who loves ... knows God" (1 John 4:7). The sending of the Son is the ultimate manifestation of God's love. The fact that our sins are redeemed in Jesus means that our lifestyle is part of God's plan for salvation.

The gospel passage develops the imagery of the vine and the branches. Like the second reading, the gospel speaks of the love that unites God and the believer. Jesus' fundamental command is mutual love. Jesus' love of the disciples flows from God's love of Jesus. Far from being a personal acquisition, the love of God looks to others. "I appointed you to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16).

Christianity demands that the believer not only grasp intellectually the main tenets of the faith but also act on them in daily life. Within the context of community the believer is linked to Jesus who is linked to the Father. If God is love and Jesus' self-giving is the supreme expression of that love, then we must communicate the depth of that love by the way we live in the world. We are spokespersons for God.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

In this reading, the gift of the Holy Spirit is poured out on the Gentiles as well as the Israelites. Is grace available to all people? Do you listen to the Holy Spirit on a regular basis, or now and then? How does the Holy Spirit speak to you? What discernment process do you use on the communication between you and the Holy Spirit?

How was "the love of God revealed to us?" Had Jesus not come into the world, what would you know about God?

The one thing Jesus asks of us is that we love our neighbor. How would you rate this assignment on a "difficulty" scale from 1-10? Explain. What gift ([First Reading](#)) does God give you to help with this assignment?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20