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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

Fear and Forgiveness The fearful [Gospel](#) Reading says that there is an unforgiveable sin. What is *that*?

To see the answer, consider the Psalm: *out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? Who doesn't feel this way about his sins?*

And so the unforgiveable sin is a permanent refusal to accept God's forgiveness. And now notice how the Psalm continues: *But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered—or, as another translation has it, that you may be feared.*

Why think that God forgives your sins so that you might revere or fear him? Wouldn't it be more true to say that you fear God because you worry about your sins? Wouldn't you fear that if you faced God, your sins would just seem worse because you would see them in the light of God's holiness?

And yet look what the Psalm says: there is forgiveness with God! God's forgiveness can gentle you into a surrender to God's love, can't it? If God himself loves you and forgives your sins, then wouldn't you love God and want to cleave to him? And so the Psalmist is right: there is forgiveness of your sins with God so that you might fear God—not with a fear of God's punishing or forsaking you, but just with a fear of your own turning away from the Lord who forgives you.

But, then, if God forgives you so that you might fear him, what sin of yours is unforgiveable?

You can see the answer for yourself now, can't you?

What happens if when God forgives you, you turn away from him instead of cleaving to him and fearing him? If you turn away from God even when God forgives you, then there is nothing left that God can do for you, is there? The gift of God's forgiveness is there for you. But if you won't open to receive it, then even God can't give it.

And what does a refusal to accept God's forgiveness come to except a refusal to believe that the love and forgiveness of God are there, there *for you* too? In effect, a refusal of God's forgiveness is a rejection of God as love.

And so the unforgiveable sin is a permanent refusal to accept God's forgiveness. But that refusal really is blasphemous against the Spirit of God, isn't it? What does Scripture say? God is Love. ([1 John 4: 7-8](#))

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 23 Tenth Sunday of the Year, June 10, 2018

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Jun 10	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Valrey Coleman
Tue	Jun 12	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC	
Wed	Jun 13	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Jun 14	11:30 am, 1 pm	Masses at Marion BOP	
Fri	Jun 15	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Jun 16	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jun 17	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Magdalen Warner

Birthdays	
Jun 10	Arlene Dueker Stan Treat Dick Bigler
Jun 14	David Parks
Jun 15	Minnie Skaggs
Jun 16	Chloe Culkin

St Paul, Vienna

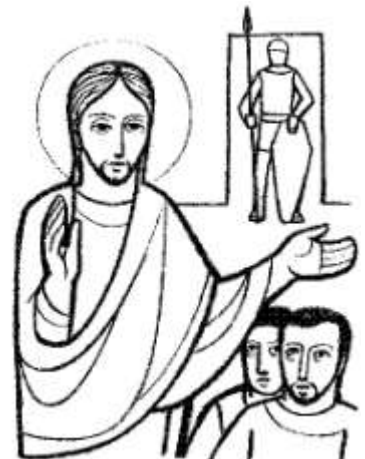
<p>Sun, Jun 10, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Steve Pobst- Gifts: Nick & Sarah Black Ushers: Mt Slife, M Palmer G Tesina, S Hupe E. Minister B Bishop V Anderson, P Widowski Greeter: Bill, Billie Porter</p>	<p>Sun, Jun 17, 10 am Server: B Bertram, C Bergmann Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: Mary Kate Starrick family Ushers: F Dueker, J Bergmann L Hinton, S Widowski E. Minister D Bishop M Nelson, L Stoerger Greeter: S & P Widowski</p>	<p>Sun, Jun 24, 10 am Server: L Slife, R Slife Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Ruth Brown, Teresa Carr Ushers M McMahan, D Zmuda, L Stoerger, R Stoerger E. Minister F Dueker D Hopkins, S Moore Greeter: Cathy Kruep</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Jun 10: 8:00 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: R Drone, S Treat Usher Arnold Morse E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, Jun 17: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: M Moore, L Herbert Usher: Fred Deaton E. Min: Mary Treat</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat Jun 9	Saturday mass	5:30 pm
Sun Jun 10	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8 am
	St Paul Mass	10 am
	Liturgy Committee Mt at SP.....	11 am
Tues Jun 12	DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna...	9am & 11am
Wed Jun 13	Weekday Mass.....	6:30 pm
Thr Jun 14	Mass at Marion Penitentiary.....	11:30 am, 1 pm
	Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....	4 pm – 7:30 pm
Fri Jun 15	Weekday Mass.....	12 pm
	Parish Outing to Miner Baseball Game.....	7 pm
Sat Jun 16	Saturday mass	5:30 pm
Sun Jun 17	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8am
	St Paul Mass & First Communion.....	10 am
	Fathers' Day Recognition	
	First Communion Reception.....	11 am



LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the parish hall at 11 am following this Sunday's mass. Members and all parishioners welcome.

PARISHES MINER BALLGAME EVENT is being planned for Friday, June 15, 7 pm at the Marion ballpark. General admission tickets are \$5.00. An information sheet is on the bulletin board. If you would like to car pool or have questions or want to make reservations, contact Cathy Kruep 618-304-484.

CATHOLIC SERVICES & MINISTRY APPEAL If you overlooked or weren't able to participate in the CS&MA Pledge Weekend in March, you perhaps received an invitation to consider helping at this time. The work of the Ministries of Agencies supported by CS&MA continues throughout the year. Please assist as you are able.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION Celebration of 1st Communion with Mary Kate Starrick is planned for Sunday, June 17th at the 10 am mass. A reception will be held in the hall for her following the mass. Please remember her in prayer as she prepares.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN will host an outing to Belleville (Mass at Cathedral, Bishop Braxton's open house, plus added attractions) on June 24, leaving 7:30 am. To coordinate travel plans, if interested please sign up on bulletin board. Questions, contact Pam Shallenberger 217-714-4568.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION A schedule for participation in Eucharistic Adoration on June 14 is posted on the bulletin board.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE St Paul is assigned to operate the store June 21-23. Assistance is welcomed for sorting clothes, stocking racks, working at check-out. Hours of operation and lines for volunteers are posted on the church bulletin board or you may call Madonna Slife 967-5164 or Arlene Dueker 559-7803.

ST FRANCIS DESALES PARISH PICNIC will begin with noon mass, June 24, followed by a potluck meal with meat provided. Parishioners of St Paul and St Francis are invited. To anticipate food supply, please sign up on bulletin board sheet if planning to attend.

THANK YOU...to all who prayed, ministered, provided food for Caryn Zmuda's funeral.

HELPING PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES – The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an instrument of the Catholic Church working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** CCHD has a two-fold mandate: to help low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, their families and communities and to provide education and promote understanding about poverty and its root causes. To learn more about CCHD and ways you can participate in their mission, go to <http://www.usccb.org>. Pray for the strength to follow the examples of Jesus. Like Jesus, may the Spirit provide us with a voice to cry out for justice for the poor.

. Tenth Sunday of the Year

Genesis 3:9-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1; Mark 3:20-35

The fall from grace that was begun with the sin of Adam and Eve has been the subject of countless interpretations throughout the ages. The object of these interpretations is usually the same -- to determine exactly what the sin was that led to our undoing. Was it pride, arrogance, faithlessness? Was it "original"? How can we, who are made in the image and likeness of God, reclaim our divinity?

Today's first reading introduces us to guilt -- that instinctive feeling that we have done the wrong thing -- and to the typically human ways of dealing with guilt: hide, slouch off responsibility, blame somebody else. In other words, this is a lesson in how NOT to reclaim our divinity.

The psalm of lamentation acknowledges the sinfulness of the person, who cries to God "out of the depths" (Psalm 130:1). The depths is Sheol, that place of nothingness where the dead reside. But hope remains, because God is merciful and that mercy can redeem sinners from death into life.

The psalmist's lament becomes Paul's thanksgiving because, as he tells the Corinthian community, "we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God ... eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1). Death no longer can separate us from God's love, even though we sin, because "the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and bring us with you into his presence" (2 Corinthians 4:14).

Jesus adds these straightforward and consoling words: "Truly, I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter ... " (Mark 3:28). But, before we get too comfortable, Jesus tells us that whoever attributes the work of the Holy Spirit to the power of evil, as the scribes did, will never have forgiveness.

But there is good news too. Jesus tells us that his "family" is everyone who "does the will of God" (Mark 3:35). Jesus doesn't exclude his blood relatives; he includes those who aren't blood related. We are members of his family too!

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

It all started with Adam and Eve and their refusal to do the will of God. Who did Adam blame? Who did Eve blame? Can we ourselves blame them that we are not living in the garden of paradise?

If Adam is responsible for the "seen" and Christ is responsible for the "unseen," could Adam's sin be a "happy fault"? It brought Christ into our world to bring us more of an abundance of grace than we would have had in the garden of Eden.

Is the doing the will of God always easy? Do you think it was easy for Jesus when he figured out what God was asking him to do? Do you always know what the will of God is in a situation? What helps?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Eleventh Sunday of Year Ezekiel 17:22-24; Ps 92; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34