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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

**There is Power in the Blood....**The [Second Reading](#) says that the blood of Christ cleans our consciences from dead works.

Anybody who does laundry can tell you that one of the hardest stains to get out is blood. Why would anybody think you could *clean* things with blood?

The answer is that it depends on what you are trying to clean. The Second Reading is talking about cleaning dead works out of the conscience.

But what is a dead work?

What we could not do on our own, because our works are dead and our consciences are stained, the blood, the life, the Spirit of Christ can do in us. Well, a thing that is dead just lies there, without moving. So dead works are works that don't go anywhere. And where would works be going except where the person who does the works wants them to go?

And now we have a better idea of what a dead work is, don't we? In Romans, Paul says, "I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate" ([Rom 7:15](#)). Is there anyone who doesn't understand this problem? Examples of it are easy to come by. Here's one: You set out bravely to give up smoking, and day after day you smoke.

It's not hard to see why dead works stain a conscience. Whose conscience would not feel stained by endless daily failure to do what he himself wants to do?

*This* is what the blood of Christ cleanses us from.

The blood is the life of a thing, Scripture says, ([Deuteronomy 12:23](#)). If in the Eucharist the blood of Christ comes into us, then Christ's life comes into us too. By his life, we are made into one body with him, one living body, with a living Spirit, the Spirit of Christ.

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When we are united with Christ through his body and blood in the Eucharist, our works live too, through him. And if our works live, then our consciences are cleansed too.

In fact, it turns out that even our dirty laundry is cleansed by the blood of Christ. The saints in heaven have made their clothes white in the blood of the lamb ([Revelation 7:14](#)).

The old Spiritual hymn is right: there is power in the blood!

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 22 **Solemnity of Body and Blood of Christ, June 3, 2018**

**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Jun 3	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Donnie Parker
Tue	Jun 5	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna	DOC
Wed	Jun 6	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jun 8	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Jun 9	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jun 10	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Valrey Coleman

<b>Birthdays</b>	
Jun 6	Tyler Bishop
Jun 7	Mont Bishop
Jun 8	Kaisei Moore
Jun 9	Suzanne McHugh
Jun 10	Arlene Dueker
	Stan Treat
	Dick Bigler

**St Paul, Vienna**

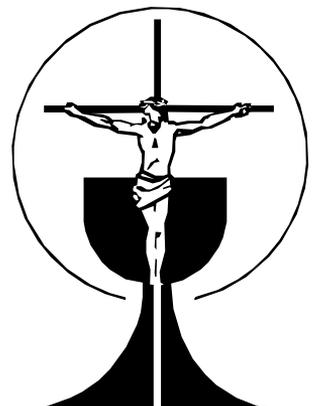
<p><b>Sun, Jun 3, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> R Slife, C Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Widowski  <b>Gifts:</b> Dick &amp; Midge Bigler  <b>Ushers:</b> J Nelson, D Bishop,                  P Widowski, J Slife  <b>E. Minister:</b> P Schallenberger                  Md Slife, A. Dueker  <b>Greeter:</b> Monica Querrey</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jun 10, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> L Slife, M Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Pobst-  <b>Gifts:</b> Nick &amp; Sarah Black  <b>Ushers:</b> Mt Slife, M Palmer                  G Tesina, S Hupe  <b>E. Minister:</b> B Bishop                  V Anderson, P Widowski  <b>Greeter:</b> Bill, Billie Porter</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jun 17, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> B Bertram, C Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Joe Nelson  <b>Gifts:</b> Ruth Brown, Teresa Carr  <b>Ushers:</b> F Dueker, J Bergmann                  L Hinton, S Widowski  <b>E. Minister:</b> D Bishop                  M Nelson, L Stoerger  <b>Greeter:</b> S &amp; P Widowski</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Jun 3: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Mary Treat  <b>Lector:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Gifts:</b> R Drone, L Herbert  <b>Usher:</b> Stan Treat  <b>E. Min:</b> Brenda Morse</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jun 10: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Brenda Morse  <b>Lector:</b> Mary Treat  <b>Gifts:</b> R Drone, S Treat  <b>Usher:</b> Arnold Morse  <b>E. Min:</b> Cecilia Parks</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Sat Jun 2	Saturday mass at SP.....	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
Tues Jun 5	DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna...	9am & 11am
Wed Jun 6	Scripture Study at SP.....	3:30-4:30pm
	Weekday Mass.....	6:30 pm
Fri Jun 8	Weekday Mass.....	12:00 pm
Sat Jun 9	Faith Alive Board Mt.....	10:00 am
	Saturday mass .....	5:30 pm
Sun Jun 10	St Francis DeSales Mass.....	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass .....	10 am
	Liturgy Committee Mt at SP.....	11 am



**AFTER MASS SOCIAL** will be offered following the Sunday morning mass at St Paul in the parish hall.

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

**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. Questions or reservations, contact Cathy Kruep 618-304-484.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** for Hope Unlimited, began 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.

**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.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Caryn Zmuda, parishioner at St Paul, who passed away May 27th

**MAKING MORE CONNECTIONS.** We harken back to Holy Thursday and that first supper we now call Mass and Eucharist. That Last Supper of wining and dining with the Lord Jesus spoke four verbs: took, blessed, broke, gave. At every Sunday since then, down to this day, we still take bread and wine, we still bless them, we still break Body and pour Blood, we still give Communion. And we give our lives to mercy works; we do our part to bring on the reign and kingdom of God. How will my sharing Communion change my life this week? How will my eating and drinking Communion strengthen my efforts to be merciful? How will my dining at the Table of the Lord enrich the world?

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# Body and Blood of Christ

Exodus 24:3-8; Psalm 116; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16,22-26

"Blood is thicker than water." We recognize that family relationships imply family loyalty. Common history and common origins mean that we share a common bond. Today's readings focus on the obligations and relationships formed because of a blood bond. To share a common history is to live a common life.

In the passage from Exodus, Moses returns from the mountain and reports God's demands for a covenant relationship with the Chosen People. Moses obtains the people's commitment and then symbolizes that bond linking Israel with Yahweh. He writes the terms of the relationship and erects an altar and twelve pillars. Only after reading the terms does Moses sprinkle the people with blood. The end result is the creation of a new family.

The only day on which the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies of the Jerusalem Temple was the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). The high priest atoned for the sins of his household by using the blood of a bullock. He atoned for the sins of the people by sprinkling the blood of both the bullock and a goat in the Holy of Holies, thus keeping alive the bond between God and Israel. The author of Hebrews sees Good Friday as the Day of Atonement. Jesus' own blood makes possible our entrance into the heavenly sanctuary.

Today's gospel links Jesus' death with Israel's great feast of liberation, the Passover. At the first Passover, the blood on the doorpost prevented the death of the firstborn. The bread broken at the Last Supper symbolizes the disciples' sharing in Jesus' self-offering. Drinking from the cup of his blood creates a new and dynamic common bond.

The Eucharist is a precious experience. Its very nature implies a bond with God and with the community. Our destinies are intertwined. We cannot be loners, for blood is a common bond.

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

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

"This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you." Why was blood so significant in those ceremonies? Why was it used to seal solemn agreements? Is there a relationship between blood and life? Between blood and death?

Jesus entered the sanctuary, the one not of this creation, once for all of us, so that we may receive the promised eternal inheritance. Is there any response to Christ's love for us—which is beyond all comprehension—other than awe-filled reverence and love?

What could some other actions be?

... And in the Eucharist, the Lord makes us travel his path, that of service, of sharing, of gift, and what little we have, what little we are, if shared, becomes wealth, because the power of God, which is that of love, descends into our poverty to transform it.

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** Tenth Sunday of Year Genesis 3:9-15; Ps 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35