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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 check is in the mail** In the [Second Reading](#), Paul says that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing and chosen us to be holy and without blemish before him.

These are wonderful words, aren't they? I'm not sure I know the names of every spiritual blessing in the heavens, but here are some of them: love, joy, peace, patience, long-suffering. Not only are we blessed with all of these, according to Paul, but there's also being holy and without blemish!

The problems are all still exactly the same, except that you know you have won the lottery. Your problems are not going to last. And now could we have a reality check? Is there anyone who supposes he is without blemish? And what about holy? Even to ask the question is to risk laughter, isn't it? And then there's love, joy, peace, patience, and the rest. What would you give for just an hour of these blessings in any day of your life?

So what does Paul mean by saying that God has blessed us with all these good things?

To see the answer, imagine that you are desperately poor, unable to pay the medical bills, worried about the mortgage, afraid the car will give out, anxious about the school costs for the children. And then you get a phone call: you have won the lottery. No, no, the caller says, it's really true! You have won *millions* in the lottery. The state administrators of the lottery are now doing the paperwork, and by the end of next month the check will be in the mail.

Now what? Well, you still can't pay the medical bills this month, and all the other bills are going to be a big problem, too. You are still desperately poor—*this month*. But you will face your poverty very differently once you know you have won the lottery, won't you? The problems are all still exactly the same, except that you know you have won the lottery. Your problems are not going to last. The check is in the mail.

*This* is what Paul is talking about. We are what we are now, but we have won the lottery of life. God's grace works its way slowly in our lives, but his blessings are promised and sure. And so our struggle with our sins and failures is not desperate, but hope-filled.

Hope is itself one of God's spiritual blessings to us.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 28 **Fifteenth Sunday of Year, July 15, 2018**

**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Jul 15	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Donnie Parker
Tue	Jul 17	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC	
Wed	Jul 18	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jul 20	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Jul 21	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jul 22	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
10:00 am	SP	Valrey Coleman		

**Birthdays**

Jul 15 Edna Goddard  
 Jul 19 Brianna Bertram  
 Jul 22 Cynthia Webb

<p><b>Sun, Jul 15, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> R Slife, B Bertram  <b>Lector:</b> Madonna Slife  <b>Gifts:</b> Jim, Edna Goddard  <b>Ushers:</b> F Dueker, L Stoerger, R Stoerger, J Slife  <b>E. Minister</b> D Bishop                  B Bishop, S Black  <b>Greeter:</b> Mike McMahan</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jul 22, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> L Slife, M Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Arlene Dueker  <b>Gifts:</b> H, X Gruszcyk  <b>Ushers:</b> S Widowski, Mt Slife                  D. Zmuda Sr, J Bergmann  <b>E. Minister</b> S Moore                  L Stoerger, F Dueker  <b>Greeter</b> Marc &amp; Beth Palmer</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jul 29, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> C Bergmann, B Bertram  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Widowski  <b>Gifts:</b> J Galey, J Hacker  <b>Ushers:</b> M McMahan P Widowski,                  M Palmer, L Hinton,  <b>E. Minister</b> D Hopkins                  B Palmer, Md Slife  <b>Greeter:</b> Carolyn Johnson</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Sat Jul 14	Saturday mass .....	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 15	St Francis DeSales Mass .....	8:00am
	St Paul Mass .....	10 am
	Blood Pressure cks before and after mass at SP	
Mon Jul 16	Blood Drive at Fellowship Baptist Hall.....	12-6 pm
Tues Jul 17	DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna...9am & 11am	
Wed Jul 18	Weekday Mass.....	5:30 pm
	SP Parish Council Mt.....hall.....	7:05 pm
Fri Jul 20	Weekday Mass.....	12 pm
	SP Finance Council Mt (resch).....	5:30 pm
Sat Jul 21	Saturday mass .....	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 22	St Francis DeSales Mass .....	8:00am
	St Paul Mass .....	10 am



**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be offered before and after the Sunday mass by representative of the Parish Wellness Committee.

**BLOOD DRIVE** will be offered in Vienna at Fellowship Baptist Hall on Mon, Jul 16, 12noon – 6 pm. To schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter ViennaCm

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** agenda are available for Council members at this weekend mass. Meeting will be Wed, July 18, 7:05 pm in the parish hall.

**SP FINANCE COUNCIL** will have rescheduled quarterly meeting Friday, July 20, 5:30 pm.

**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR PARISH MERGER MT** has been rescheduled to Monday, July 23, 6 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE** Joint Parish Outing day, Saturday, July 28 at Lake Glendale. Swimming 11am, Picnic Lunch, with options of boating, biking, hiking. More details on the bulletin board..

**DRAW-DOWN PARTY** October 20<sup>th</sup> seems a long time away, but preparations are already in the planning stage. Consolation prizes are needed. Parishioners are encouraged to solicit Gift cards and certificates for services of various businesses. Ideas and donations for Theme baskets are welcome. In the near future tickets will be available.

**LADIES PLAY OUTING** An outing to include dinner and play at Marion Civic Center on Saturday, August 11 is being planned by the CCW. Brochure is posted on the bulletin board with info for reservations.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE** Please note when you are scheduled for liturgical ministry and if unable to attend, try to trade or find a replacement.

**VOCATION CORNER** Mark's Gospel recounts Jesus sending out the Twelve, two by two, without money, food nor second tunic. Yet, they went and "drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them." Hopefully, we are encouraged by this faith to live our vocation and proclaim the Gospel. Are we fulfilling our call from God? Are we listening to Him? Try this week to find some quiet time to "hear" the Lord's call.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER** Love is Our Life Mission – "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring comfort to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captive." God's love is our life mission. If we choose to embrace this mission, we will have a new perspective on many issues. This may also mean that we will sometimes live as minorities, with different values from our surrounding secular culture. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** If we understand that love is our mission then we have learned a basic truth that will shape many other areas of life. Pray for the ability to see clearly the path to take when situations arise that are contrary to our beliefs as Catholics.

## **Faith and Your Children - Moments That Matter**

Slow motion is a gimmick movie-makers use to create "Moments That Matter." As our hero saves the day, the action moves into slow motion, giving us a lingering moment to savor the triumph, to be thrilled by the victory. Slow motion makes the moment last.

As parents, we can create such moments for our families by instituting family prayer time. The hectic pace of today's society cries out for "slo-mo" time, time to be quiet with God. But with homework, PTA, church involvement, jobs, and athletic activities, how do we work it in?

A widowed mother of four finds her moment at bedtime. Since she works and the children are with Grandma all day, she chooses this time to be "family" for them. She sets a quiet mood by piling the children into her own bed for reading time. This is followed by a decade of the rosary prayed together, with special emphasis on the mysteries. After adding personal prayers, it's off to their beds for a good-night kiss from Mom.

For the parents of a large family with teenagers, dinner was the only together time. To make it a special moment, they "slow down" the mealtime blessing. A lighted candle sets the mood. The father reads from the Bible, followed by a prayer song, and then a blessing by one of the children. The teenagers understand that this time is sacred and are discouraged from making other plans. "Sometimes they bring dates," the mother explained. "At first it embarrassed them, but now they're proud to share the moment."

A divorced father who sees his two sons only on weekends chooses Sunday morning for his moments. He fixes a big breakfast for the boys. At the table, he reads that week's gospel and they discuss it. The discussion continues in the car on the way to church. Following Mass, they stop for ice cream or soda. "On the way, we usually sing a hymn we heard at Mass," the father says. This is a real moment for a father who has too few moments with his children.

Each of us must find our own moments that matter. These families found their moments even though they were under pressure. Have you found yours?

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### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

How do you feel about rejection? Can you think of any prophet who didn't experience rejection? They chased Amos out of Bethel. When you think something needs to be done that makes everyone uncomfortable? What are some situations today that need prophets? What do you do?

Can you accept St. Paul's statement that we have been in the mind of God from all eternity, before the creation of the world? What is your response?

Pope Francis says that the gospel "must be proclaimed in poverty." Jesus wanted the disciples to have a "no frills attached" attitude—"no food, no sack, no money in their belts." How does this kind of detachment and trust in God help disciples heal the "wounded and oppressed"?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** Sixteenth Sunday of the Year Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ps 23; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

