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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

What Do You Need? The hand of the Lord feeds us, the Psalmist says; the Lord answers all our needs. In fact, the Psalmist says, the Lord satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Is the Psalmist blind? Or is he a shameless liar? The whole earth is soaked with the tears of the suffering. But people don't suffer when their desires are satisfied, and they don't weep when their needs are met.

Our greatest need, then, is for the Lord himself; and our deepest desire is for him too.

But here we might pause to consider: what actually *are* our needs? If I say that I need red shoes to complement my outfit, are red shoes a need of mine? Ridiculous thought, isn't it?

A need is something without which we cannot live, in one sense or another. But anybody can live without red shoes. Food, water, clothing, shelter—these are our needs, because without them we will die.

But these are not our only needs, are they? We need education, too. And that's not nearly all. We need the beauty of nature and of art. And what are these to us if we can't share them? We need company as well. We need love most of all.

And so we need more than food and shelter to live. We need truth and beauty, love and care, too. That is because there is more than one way to die. We can die in the body, but we can also die in our minds and hearts. A person adequately fed and sheltered but deprived of love will wither away.

In fact, the needs of the soul are primary. As long as they are met, even the death of the body cannot kill us. As the martyrs of the Church show us, a person can die in the body and still live, as long as his soul is nurtured and sheltered by the love of the Lord.

Our greatest need, then, is for the Lord himself; and our deepest desire is for him too. Whatever we get, we will drown in disappointment if we do not get him.

And that is why the Psalmist concludes by saying that the Lord is near to all who call upon him. Even in our worst suffering, what we most greatly need and desire, the Lord himself, is always at hand for us.

And so, in the sufferings of this world, our greatest need is met in the Lord. Through this life, the hand of the Lord will feed us until, finally, in the afterlife, we will want no more.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 30 **Eighteenth Sunday of Year, July 29, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Jul 29	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Emma Kinhead
Tue	Jul 31	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna	DOC
Wed	Aug 1	6:30 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Fri	Aug 3	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Aug 4	8:30 am	SFD	For Reparation of Sin
		5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Aug 5	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Caryn Zmuda

<p>Birthdays Jul 29 Riley Slife Jul 31 David Zmuda Sr Aug 3 Melanie Knupp Talon Bishop</p>

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Jul 29, 10 am Server: C Bergmann, B Bertram Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: J Galey, J Hacker Ushers:*M McMahan P Widowski, M Palmer, L Hinton, E. Minister D Hopkins B Palmer, Md Slife Greeter: Carolyn Johnson</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 5, 10 am Server: B Bertram, M Bergmann Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: Lonnie, Cathy Hinton Usher:*A Stachowiak, D Bishop Geri Tesina, R Beanland E. Minister C Kruep V Anderson, M Nelson Greeter: Laurie Coleman</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 12, 10 am Server: L Slife, R Slife Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: Lonnie, Cathy Hinton Ushers:* D. Zmuda Sr, J Slife Mt Slife, F Dueker E. Minister P Widowski S. Widowski, S Belske Greeter Joan Galey</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Jul 29: 8:00 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: L Herbert, M Cole Usher: David Parks E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 5: 8:00 pm Server: Mary Treat Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: R Drone, D. Parks Usher Stan Treat E. Min: Myron Cole</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat	Jul 28	Saturday mass	5:30 pm
Sun	Jul 29	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00am
		St Paul Mass	10:00 am
Tues	Jul 30	DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna...	9am & 11am
Wed	Aug 1	Weekday Mass.....	5:30 pm
Fri	Aug 3	Weekday Mass.....	12 pm
Sat	Aug 4	First Saturday Mass and Devotion at SFD...	8:30 am
		Faith Alive Board Mt.....	10:00 am
		Jon & Madonna Slife 50 th Anniversary.hall.	2-5:00pm
		Saturday mass	5:30 pm
Sun	Aug 5	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00am
		St Paul Mass	10:00 am
		First Sunday Social at St Paul.....	11:00am



NEW CDs IN KIOS IN CHURCH FOYER Check out new titles of CDs in the stand in the church foyer. Summer is a good time to relax and listen to a talk on various topics related to religious growth. They are also great for listening while you travel.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) is in need of catechists to provide weekly sessions on Sunday mornings for pre-school through Jr high students at St Paul for this class year beginning in September. Teacher manuals that provide information for sessions enable laypersons without degrees to lead classes. Please contact Fr Tom or Steve Widowski if willing to assist or for more information.

DRAW-DOWN PARTY October 20th Tickets are available for \$100.00 that may be shared by up to ten people. Tickets available from Dolly Hopkins, Madonna Slife, Matt Slife, Marsha Nelson or after mass. 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.

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. Deadline to sign up is July 30.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jon and Madonna Slife as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless them with many more wonderful years. Please join their children in celebrating their anniversary at an open house Saturday, August 4, from 2 – 4 p.m., in Saint Paul Parish Hall.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be offered on August 9th, 4:00-7:30 pm at St Paul. To assure that someone is present at all times, please sign up on the bulletin board notice.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS St Paul will operate the Faith Alive Store August 16-18th. A sign up list is on the bulletin board inviting people to offer assistance on the various times and days. Please consider offering your assistance.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER- Taking Young Children to Mass – As leaders of the domestic church, parents accept the primary responsibility for forming children in the Catholic faith. There is no more important experience to Catholics than the Mass, so it is crucial to help children understand and participate in liturgy as much as they are able. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Go to www.foryourmarriage.org – *How To Take Young Children to Mass* – to find suggestions to help prepare the children (and yourself) for Mass. Pray for patience and understanding when stressful situations arise for the parents and the parishioners.

VOCATION CORNER Today's miracle of the fishes and loaves is a powerful message for all of us. The Lord challenges our faith to know that, through Him, all things are possible. Jesus takes a "little" and makes it "a lot". He calls us, through this example, to "feed his people". We make think we are too "little" to handle these things but He can make it "a lot" if we respond. Encourage those around you to consider being one those who will "feed the people" and the Lord work his miracle in us.

Faith and Your Children : Celebrate the Sacredness of Family

Many of us, if asked when we feel closest to God, will say, "When I am with my family." God's love can be found right in our homes -- sharing news around the kitchen table, sharing fun times in the family room, sharing a meal at the backyard barbecue. Following are a few ideas to celebrate the sacred in your family.

ANNIVERSARY OF BAPTISM: Make a child's baptism day a festival all its own. A lighted candle should be central to your celebration, representing the Light that entered the child at baptism. After a festive dinner, share memories of the baptism -- who was there, how did you celebrate, did the child cry, make a face, sleep through it all? Give the child a lasting memento of the day with a gift of a rosary, prayer book, or medal of the child's name saint.

FORGIVENESS: To celebrate God's forgiveness, combine a family reconciliation service with an ice cream social. Set up a sundae bar with sauces, nuts, and whipped cream. Ask each member to write down things he or she is sorry for -- "I'm sorry I was crabby" or "I'm sorry I broke Jimmy's airplane." Read or act out the parable of the Prodigal Son. As a litany, take turns reading from your lists and responding with: "Jesus, God of mercy, welcomes you home!" Share a circle of hugs, a song of joy, and ice cream sundaes for all.

CELEBRATE THE HOLY SPIRIT: With a Paraclete Party you can celebrate a confirmation or simply recall the Spirit's presence. Decorate with blue and white streamers, cut-out doves, and a multitude of candles. Read the Scripture account of the descent of the Holy Spirit, then allow time for silent prayer to thank God for sending the Holy Spirit. Play a favorite family game as a sign of your unity in the Spirit.

Other opportunities to make family time sacred could include a wedding anniversary party, a Creation Day Picnic, or a family craft night to make a gift for a shut-in. God is always active in your family. Have fun celebrating God's presence!

-- Francine O'Connor

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Elisha knows that twenty loaves won't be enough to feed the crowd. He has to trust God over his own logic. Is this leap-of-faith kind of trust ever required in your life? Does such trust become easier with practice?

Which would be better, to preserve the peace by not talking to anyone with whom we disagree, or preserve the unity by staying at the table and talking it out?

What do you think God is more likely to do, miraculously drop food where there is starvation, or inspire people to help their neighbors solve their problems? If the latter, how can you help (through the Holy Spirit) in third world countries, your city, diocese, parish, office, or neighborhood?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Eighteenth Sunday of the Year Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

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