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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

A Prophetic Race The first reading deals with the witness of the prophet Ezekiel. The Gospel deals with the witness of the prophet Jesus. Both accounts leave no doubt that the prophet is in for trouble: the people, “rebels who have rebelled against God,” find the prophet “too much for them.” Paul describes what awaits the prophet: mistreatment, distress, persecutions and difficulties.

Our age has had its prophets: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Day, Archbishop Oscar Romero, Thomas Merton, Mahatma Gandhi, Pope John XXIII. Theirs were not easy lives, and many of them were killed by “rebels who have rebelled against God.” Because of their lives, which bore witness to “the power of Christ,” the rest of us have been able to grow in faith.

“Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites.” ([First Reading](#)) That message to Ezekiel echoes in God’s sending of today’s prophets. It would be a mistake to think that only Romero and Gandhi and those like them had a calling to be prophets.

We believe that we are a prophetic race, called to be prophets in the midst of “a rebellious house.” Our task is “to bring Good News to the poor,” to speak God’s word in such a way that “they shall know that a prophet has been among them.”

The consequence of such prophecy will inevitably be trial and difficulty, but also the victory of the God whose “right hand is filled with justice.”

We urge (everyone), again and again, to spare no labors and let no difficulties conquer them, but rather to become day by day more courageous and more valiant. Arduous indeed is the task which We propose to them, for We know well that ... there are many obstacles and barriers to be overcome. Let them not, however, lose heart; to face bitter combats is a mark of Christians, and to endure grave labors to the end is a mark of them who, as good soldiers of Christ, follow him closely.

Pope Pius XI, [Quadragesimo Anno](#), 1931:138

Gerald Darring

Vol 19 # 27 **Fourteenth Sunday of Year, July 8, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Jul 8	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinhead
Tue	Jul 10	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC	
Wed	Jul 11	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Jul 12	11:30, 1 pm	BOP	Marion Penitentiary
Fri	Jul 13	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Jul 14	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jul 15	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Donnie Parker

Birthdays
 Jul 9 Logan Shaw
 Jul 13 Zachary Kolb
 Jul 14 Cathy Kruep
 Jul 15 Edna Goddard

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Jul 8, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Sabra Moore Gifts: Garrett Family Ushers: S Widowski, D Bishop Mt Slife, L Hinton, E. Minister P Widowski V Anderson, P Shallenberger Greeter: Geri Tesina</p>	<p>Sun, Jul 15, 10 am Server: R Slife, B Bertram Lector: Madonna Slife Gifts: Jim, Edna Goddard Ushers: F Dueker, L Stoerger, R Stoerger, J Slife E. Minister D Bishop B Bishop, S Black Greeter: Mike McMahan</p>	<p>Sun, Jul 22, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: H, X Gruszczuk Ushers: P Widowski, Mt Slife D. Zmua Sr, J Bergmann E. Minister S Moore L Stoerger, F Dueker Greeter Marc & Beth Palmer</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat Jul 7	Saturday mass	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 8	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00am
	St Paul Mass	10 am
	CCW/Altar Sodality Mt in hall.....	11 am
Tues Jul 10	DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna...	9am & 11am
Wed Jul 11	CS&MA Board Mt at Pastoral Center	1 pm
	Weekday Mass.....	5:30 pm
Thr Jul 12	BOP Masses at Marion.....	11:30am, 1 pm
	Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....	4-7:30 pm
Fri Jul 13	Weekday Mass.....	12 pm
	SP Finance Council Mt.....	5:30 pm
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	



JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING minutes are available in the bulletin rack.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN will have meeting this Sunday, July 8th following the mass in the parish hall. All women of the parish are welcome. A collection for their ministry will be taken up following the mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Travel, alternate activities, more time outside are all hindrances to taking time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. While some of the regulars are unavailable, it is an opportunity for anyone who hasn't participated to try it or take a turn. Schedule for July 12th is on the bulletin board.

SP FINANCE COUNCIL will have quarterly meeting Friday, July 13, 5:30 pm.

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

TIME & TALENT SURVEY SUMMARY sheets are posted on the bulletin board for committee heads to check who has expressed an interest in a ministry or task. Thanks to all who considered their gifts and expressed a willingness to offer them.

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS Joe and Becky Bowers who reside east of Simpson area.

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL...USING YOUR GIFTS TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER The homebound, sick and seniors living in six counties in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to **Daystar Community Program's** mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar's on-site food pantry. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar's truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven't already done so, please consider making your gift to The Appeal today!

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

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 and enter ViennaCm

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SWIMMING UPSTREAM: GOING AGAINST THE CURRENT CULTURE.

In this empowering talk, Steve Ray shares what it means to be a Christian in today's world. By examining the lives and martyrdoms of the early Christians and understanding how they transformed the pagan Greco-Roman culture, Steve gives us a blueprint for the New Evangelization. Learn from early Christians how to swim upstream against the current culture and become a witness for Christ.

Faith and Your Children - Equipping Our Children for Greatness

If our children want to be athletes, musicians, or artists, we try hard to encourage their dreams. We buy instruments, arrange for lessons, sign them up with a team. We also introduce them through books, videos, and tapes to those who have already achieved greatness in their field. This last part is important. To believe greatness is attainable, children need successful role models to emulate.

This need for good examples is also important in the area of Christian living. For this purpose, the Church encourages devotion to the saints. The New Catholic Encyclopedia defines a saint as one who "has lived [or is living] in the practice of the virtues of his [or her] state after a manner ... that is faithful, constant, ready -- to the point of heroism." Could we ask for better heroes for our children?

To kindle in them a desire for Christian greatness, make it a point to read lives of the saints together regularly. The courage of the saints (canonized or not) and their devotion to God, Church, and humankind offer virtues the children can learn and practice in their daily lives.

Choose a family "saint of the week" and find creative ways to emulate that saint. For example, stories of Mother Teresa teach charity in action. Follow through on this as a family by visiting the sick in hospitals or making cards for shut-ins. Saint Francis of Assisi teaches gratitude for God's creation. Imitate Francis' love of nature by building a backyard bird feeder or taking a leisurely prayer walk in the woods.

The saints, however, offer the children more than just their example. Since children love clubs, explain to them that they belong to a special "club," the communion of saints. As "certified members" of this club, the children can call on those already in heaven to pray for them and help them every day.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Are there prophets in your life? Are you sometimes stubborn and closed about listening to their messages? Why? Why would you reject the message or the person?

If you went out shopping for weakness or a cross to bear would you pick ones you already have or would you pick different ones? Do you find God in your weakness? Can that be a constant source of grace?

Can you think of theologians, saints or scientists who were rejected for their ideas? Do you know anyone you would call a prophet today? Where can you find such persons? What might they be trying to change for the better? Immigration and care for the environment? Care for neighbors? For what cause could you be a prophet?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Fifteenth Sunday of the Year Amos 7:12-15 Ps 85; Ephesians 13-14; Mark 6:7-14.