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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

Lasting Joy The opening prayer tells us what to consider in our reflection on the readings: “the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.” What are our values? What is important to us? To put it another way: Who or what is our god?

The Israelites were tempted to serve other gods, for they were in a new land occupied by the worshipers of idols. Joshua challenged them to serve only Yhwh, and they accepted the challenge: “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.”

Jesus challenged his followers to believe in the one, true God: “Does it shake your faith?” he asked them. Peter responds for the others, saying that they will not forsake Jesus, who has the words of eternal life.

Jesus challenges us also to remain faithful to the one God. There are many in the world who worship other gods: power, money, pleasure, comfort, security, self-interest. Our prayer is that “all these attractions of a changing world serve only to bring us the peace of your Kingdom which this world does not give.” We want to say with Joshua and his people: “We will serve the Lord.”

If certain forms of modern ‘imperialism’ were considered in the light of these moral criteria, we would see that hidden behind certain decisions, apparently inspired only by economics or politics, are real forms of idolatry: of money, ideology, class, technology.

Pope John Paul II,
[Sollicitudo Rei Socialis](#), 1987: 37

Gerald Darring

Vol 19 # 33 **Twenty-first Sunday of Year, August 26, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Aug 26	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Connor
		10:00 am	SP	Loretta Petges
Tue	Aug 28	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna	DOC
Wed	Aug 29	6:30 pm	SP	For the Parish
Fri	Aug 31	12:00 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Sat	Sept 1	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Sept 2	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Connor
		10:00 am	SP	Caryn Zmuda

<p>Birthdays Aug 27 Michael Retz Aug 30 Ethan Artis</p>
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St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Aug 26, 10 am Server:M Bergmann, B Bertram Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Steve, Kathy Hupe Usher:*M Palmer, Joe Nelson P Widowski, M McMahan E. Minister F Dueker D Hopkins, A Dueker GreeterChuck, Monica Querrey</p>

<p>Sun, Sept 2, 10 am Server:R Slife, C Bergmann Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: Bill, Tracy Johnson Ushers:* S Pobst, P Kalicki A Stachowiak, D Bishop E. Minister S Black B Palmer, V Anderson Greeter H & X Gruszczyk</p>
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<p>Sun, Sept 9, 10 am Server:L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Joan Galey Gifts: P Kalicki, P Kinkead Ushers:* J Slife, Mt Slife R Beanland, G Tesina E. Minister Md Slife L Stoerger, C Kruep Greeter: Dolly Hopkins</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Aug 26: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: Treat Family Usher: Myron Cole E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>

<p>Sun, Sept 2: 8:00 pm Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts:S Treat, F Deaton Usher David Parks E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat	Aug 25	Saturday mass5:30 pm
Sun	Aug 26	St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
		St Paul Mass10:00 am
Tues	Aug 28	DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna	...9am & 11am
		Religious Education Committee mt.7:00 pm
Wed	Aug 29	Weekday Mass at SP6:30 pm
		Christian Initiation Information Session (RCIA)	7 pm
Fri	Aug 31	Weekday Mass12 pm
Sat	Sept 1	First Saturday Mass and Devotion at SFD	...8:30 am
		Saturday mass (last Saturday mass of season)	5:30 pm
Sun	Sept 2	St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
		St Paul Mass10:00 am
		First Sunday Social at SP11:00 am



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING will be Tues, Aug 28, 7pm at St Paul.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in September will be held a week earlier than normal schedule (Sept 6th) due to Fr Tom attending Clergy Convocation. The sign up list is on the bulletin board this weekend to invite parishioner participation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS An information session about RCIA will be offered at St Paul on Wed, Aug 29, 7 pm. Contact Fr Tom 658-4501 about any questions or interest.

JOINT PARISH PICNIC hosted at St Paul will be held Sunday, September 9th, 11:30 am. Meat will be provided. Side dishes needed. See sign-up list on church bulletin boards. Games and activities for youth and adults will be held following the meal.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) Parents are reminded of the registration deadline (Sept 2) to allow time for books to be available for beginning of class. The program is still 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 are available for review. Please contact Fr Tom or Steve Widowski if willing to assist or for more information.

INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION SESSION is a requirement for adults working with children in the church. The two hour session is being offered August 27, 6-8pm at St Joseph hall, Marion (register at 618-993-3194) and Sept 5, 6-8 pm at St Francis hall, Carbondale (register at 618-457-4556). There is no charge for the session.

DRAW-DOWN PARTY October 20th Tickets are available for \$100.00 that may be shared by up to ten people. Early Bird Drawing for \$100 will be Sept 16th. 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.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN FALL VICARIATE MEETING will be hosted by St Mary Parish, Eldorado on Saturday, Sept 8th, 9 am – 1 pm. All ladies of the parish are invited. Transportation is available. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

HOSPICE OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS is offering a Training Class Sept 14 at Marion office to familiarize volunteers with policies and procedures. For more information call 618-997-3030 or e-mail rspiller@hospice.org

A COPY OF MESSENGER is available in the bulletin rack for use by anyone not receiving a subscription.

NEW CDs IN KIOS IN CHURCH FOYER Check out new titles of CDs in the stand in the church foyer. Title highlight Saint John Paul the Great - **JASON EVERT** - Discover the five great loves of Pope Saint John Paul II as Jason Evert, renowned Catholic speaker and author, shares remarkable stories about this saint's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students whom he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily. Jason presents a wealth of insights about this holy man who promoted devotion to Divine Mercy and Marian consecration, helped defeat communism in Europe, wrote the *Theology of the Body*, and embraced young people like no other.

RCIA - "What Do You Ask of God's Church?"

During one Sunday Mass, you hear a knock at the door of the church. The celebrant goes to the door and welcomes a group of people. He invites them to come forward and asks them, "What do you ask of God's Church?" Each person's answer is different but reflects the same desire for faith and community.

What is going on? This is the first step in the initiation of new adult members into the Church. Each step brings the people closer to being accepted as full members of the community.

People who are considering joining the Catholic Church enter the pre-catechumenate. They are welcomed into the community and begin to get to know the Catholic Church.

Those who decide to go further embark on a course of preparation known as the catechumenate. This is celebrated by the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, part of which is described in the beginning of this article. Thus begins the Catechumen's separation from a non-Christian existence to Christian life or from one form of Christian living and worship to embrace the Catholic tradition.

Although they are not yet full members of the Church, catechumens begin right away to live the Christian life. Individual, personal sponsors offer moral support, guidance, and example. While being instructed in the Faith, catechumens join the parish community in prayer and worship, and participate actively in the life of the Church.

When the catechumens are ready to respond fully to God's call to conversion and faith, the Church invites them to the next step in this process of initiation: the Rite of Election. This ceremony takes place on the first Sunday of Lent and marks the entry of the catechumens into their final forty days of preparation, the origin of the season of Lent.

The final stage, incorporation into the community, takes place during the solemn Vigil of Easter, when the catechumens receive the sacraments of initiation -- baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. This step is not the end, however, but the beginning of their journey in faith as Catholics.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Both the [First Reading](#) and the [Gospel](#) are concerned with choice. The Israelites gave reasons for choosing to serve the Lord. "For it was the Lord, our God who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, ... performed miracles, ... and protected us." What is your reason for choosing God in your life?

Paul compares husband and wife with Christ and the Church. What is his point?

Jesus asks, "Do you also want to leave?" If you were there at the time would you be one of the many disciples who returned to his/her former way of life or one that stayed with Jesus? Is there any middle ground here?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Twenty-second Sunday of the Year Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm, 15; James 1:17-18, 21b-32, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-13