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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

Fed by the Lord In the [First Reading](#), the Israelites, who are marching through the desert, are hungry and they are angry. God should have killed us in Egypt, they say; then at least we would have died with food in our bellies.

In response, God feeds them with bread from heaven. Manna falls from the sky during the night, and in the morning they can pick the manna up off the ground. It seems to have been a specially wonderful analogue to bread. Scripture says that it was small, and white and mildly sweet, like honey with coriander ([Ex 16:31](#)); and it was greatly sustaining too. Tolkien's Elven bread *lembas*, so prized for its taste and nourishment, must have been modeled on manna.

Why doesn't God make bread fall from heaven for us too? This is a story to shake your head over. In my world, if you want bread, you have to go to the store for what you need, and you have to pay for what you get there too. And if you grumble against God angrily, you get a guilty conscience—you don't get bread falling from the sky. With or without stores and money, we get no Elven bread at all.

Why are these Israelites so lucky? Why doesn't God make bread fall from heaven for us too?

Here, by way of answer, is what the story makes clear. God is a God of history. He intervenes in human affairs in particular ways at particular times to provide for his people what will do them good at that time. The only ones who got to eat manna were those grumbling Israelites. And even they got to eat it only for a while. When they crossed the Jordan River, the manna stopped. All they got then was the parched corn from the previous harvest.

These thoughts can prompt a painful yearning. Who would not want to be among those who got to taste that honey-sweet manna? Who would not want to have been one of the people hand-fed by the Lord?

And, yet in God's love, every yearning has its fulfillment. We too are fed with the bread from heaven; and, in the Eucharist, we taste the goodness of the Lord, which is sweeter than wine or honey ([Ps 19:10](#), [Ex 16:31](#)). We too are hand-fed by the Lord.

Although God is a God of history, for each one of us it is true that we will want for nothing.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 31 **Nineteenth Sunday of Year, August 5, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Aug 5	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Caryn Zmuda
Tue	Aug 7	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC	
Wed	Aug 8	6:30 pm	SP	Leola Barrett
Fri	Aug 10	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Aug 11	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Aug 12	8:00 am	SFD	Mary Ann Connor
		10:00 am	SP	Glen Grisham

Birthdays Aug 7 Emma Hustedde Aug 8 Patsy Bishop Aug 10 Joan Galey Aug 12 Emily Taylor

St Paul, Vienna

<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: Frank, Arlene Dueker Ushers:* D. Zmuda Sr, J Slife Mt Slife, F Dueker E. Minister P Widowski S. Widowski, S Belske Greeter Joan Galey</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 19, 10 am Server: L Slife, C Bergmann Lector: Zach Garrett Gifts: D Hopkins, N Janett Ushers:* S Widowski, L Hinton J Bergmann, R Stoerger E. Minister D Bishop B. Bishop, P Shallenberger Greeter: Katie Pobst</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<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>	<p>Sun, Aug 12: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: M Moore, L Herbert Usher: Arnold Morse E. Min: Mary Treat</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sat Aug 4 Saturday mass5:30 pm
- Sun Aug 5 St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
- St Paul Mass10:00 am
- First Sunday Social at St Paul.....11:00am
- Tues Aug 7 DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna...9am & 11am
- Wed Aug 8 Weekday Mass.....5:30 pm
- Thr Aug 9 Marion Penitentiary Masses.....11:30am, 1 pm
- Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4 pm – 7:30 pm
- Fri Aug10 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- Sat Aug11 Council of Catholic Women Dinner, Play...5:00 pm
- Saturday mass5:30 pm
- Sun Aug 12 St Francis DeSales Mass 8:00am
- St Paul Mass10:00 am
- Liturgy Committee Mt at St Paul.....11:00am



AFTER MASS SOCIAL invites parish members to carry on the community interaction in an informal way following the mass this Sunday at SP. Light refreshments, good company.

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.

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.

NEW CDs IN KIOS IN CHURCH FOYER Check out new titles of CDs in the stand in the church foyer. Title highlight... St. Teresa of Avila - **QUIET WATERS** St. Teresa of Ávila had a fiery personality as a young girl and was often distracted by the world. Despite many temptations, she grew up to be a powerful influence on the Catholic Church. Her determination to follow God's will is an inspiring example for both the young and the old.

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPING POSITION is available at St. Paul, Vienna with projected 15 hours per week. Basic computer (word processing, spreadsheet, and database) and bookkeeping skills required. Inquiries for job description, pay rate and application should be directed to following email address: spccil@frontier.com

THANK YOUto Cathy and Tim Kruep for organizing the joint parish outing at Lake Glendale July 28th and grilling the hot dogs.

UPCOMING EVENT: Assumption of BVM Holyday –mass at SFD, Aug 14, 7 pm; mass at SP, Aug 15, 6:30 pm.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: Help Us Build Communities in Keeping with God's Vision of Justice – The Spirit of the Lord has anointed us to bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and let the oppressed go free. In our families and faith communities, how can we cultivate a sense of responsibility for building a society in which the dignity of each person is recognized and protected? **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** “Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. ...Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply but the sum of individual good deeds.” Pope Francis, (Laudato Si') Creator God, help us to join with others as disciples who seek to live the Gospel and transform our communities.

Role of the Laity

In their 30th General Assembly, the bishops of Latin America offered some insights that Catholics around the world would benefit from considering. One of the topics of discussion for the bishops was the role of the laity in the Church.

For centuries, Latin America has suffered from a chronic shortage of priests. At the same time, their lay people were unable to have adequate training in the faith. As a result, in many instances the faith of the average Latin American Catholic has strong elements of superstition or even pre-Christian beliefs.

Coming out of Vatican Council II were many exciting challenges to the local churches to see themselves as communities of Christ's faithful. How could the membership appreciate these kinds of opportunities when often they had not been trained in the rudiments of the faith? Besides that, the post-Christian society was putting pressures on the people to abandon values that, in reality, they had only imperfectly grasped.

The bishops of Latin America recognize the importance of working with the laity for a growing understanding of the faith and for a deeper commitment to living it in everyday life. The bishops do not want to be authoritarian or paternalistic about it. They do want to help the people to challenge themselves and grow.

We North American Catholics can see a great many of the same realities about ourselves and our churches. As the number of priests serving us continues to dwindle, we will be faced more and more with either abandoning our faith or taking greater responsibility for it. How shall we answer?

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

The Israelites grumbled about the lack of food in the desert. They remembered their abundant pots of animal flesh in Egypt when they were captives. How is your trust in God when God calls you to new journeys in your spiritual life or ministry?

One translation has Paul calling the Ephesians to a spiritual revolution (a drastic change). If you personally were to have such a revolution, what would go and what would stay in your life? Would you add anything new?

“Our ancestors ate manna in the desert.” What is the food that you need for your life’s journey? Why do you think Jesus comes to us as bread or even as food? Would you have found that idea “hard to endure” if you were one of his disciples?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Nineteenth Sunday of the Year 1Kings 19:4-8; Ps 34; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51