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### **ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2020 State Rte 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995  
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

**Making Time and Space** The Spirit descends on Jesus after he was baptized. It is the Spirit that anoints Jesus to “open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness, and to bring to the poor the good news of salvation.” This news is also “the good news of peace”: The Spirit comes in the form of a dove.

There is a gentleness about the dove that has earned for this bird a universal association with peace. But the dove also has a wail that reminds one of the wail of someone suffering, as in poverty or childbirth. The dove, therefore, joins together the themes of justice and peace, of compassion for the poor as well as harmony among people.

Luke makes clear that the descent of the Spirit in the form of a dove takes place as Jesus was at prayer. In other words, Jesus was open to the action of the Spirit. There is certainly a message in that for us.

Peace and justice will enter our lives only if we are open to the action of the Spirit, if we make time and space for the voice from heaven to be heard within our hearts. If we make that time and space, then “the Lord will bless his people with peace.”

In order that the demands of justice may be met and attempts to achieve this goal may succeed, what is needed is the gift of grace, a gift which comes from God. Grace, in cooperation with human freedom, constitutes that mysterious presence of God in history which is providence.

(Pope John Paul II, Centesimus Annus, 1991: 59)

Gerald Darring

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**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Jan 13	8:00 am	SFD	Daniel Drone
		10:00 am	SP	Kayla Elliott
Tue	Jan 15	9:00, 11:00 am	Shawnee-Vienna DOC	
Wed	Jan 16	5:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jan 18	12:00 pm	SP	Deacon Rich Bagby
Sun	Jan 20	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Shawn Bowman

<b>Birthdays</b> Jan 15 Christine Deaton Jan 19 Preston Brown
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**St Paul, Vienna**

**Sun, Jan 13, 10 am**  
**Server:** L Slife, M Bergmann  
**Lector:** Joe Nelson  
**Gifts:** Christine, Gabe Ross  
**Usher:**\*P Widowski, G Tesina  
 R. Stoerger, L Stoerger  
**E. Minister** S Widowski  
 P Widowski, Md Slife  
**Greeter** Katie Pobst

**Sun, Jan 20, 10 am**  
**Server:** R Slife, C Bergmann  
**Lector:** Joan Gale  
**Gifts:** Children Lit of Word  
**Ushers**\*S Pobst, D Zmuda  
 M Palmer, L Hinton  
**E. Minister** M Nelson  
 D Bishop, B Bishop  
**Greeter** Vickie Anderson

**Sun, Jan 27, 10 am**  
**Server:** L Slife, M Bergmann  
**Lector:** Arlene Dueker  
**Gifts:** Michael Schaefer Fam  
**Usher:**\*S Widowski, J Nelson  
 P Widowski, F Dueker  
**E. Minister** P Kalicki  
 V Anderson, D Hopkins  
**Greeter** A & P Widowski

**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

**Sun, Jan 13: 8:00 am**  
**Server:** Christine Deaton  
**Lector:** Marietta Moore **Gifts:** F  
 Deaton, D Parks  
**Usher:** Stan Treat  
**E. Min:** Myron Cole

**Sun, Jan 20: 8:00 am**  
**Server:** Mary Treat  
**Lector:** Cecilia Parks  
**Gifts:** D Parks, M Hustedde  
**Usher** Myron Cole  
**E. Min:** Christine Deaton

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Jan 13 Take down Christmas Decorations after mass
  - St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
  - St Paul Mass .....10:00 am
  - SP Parish Council Member affirmation b/a mass.
  - CCW Ladies collection and Meeting.....11:00am
  - PSR Classes.....11:00 am
- Tues Jan 15 Shawnee & Vienna DOC Masses.....9am, 11:00 am
- Wed Jan 16 CS&MA Board mt – Belleville
  - Weekday mass.....5:30 pm
  - Joint SFD and SP Parish Council Mt.....6:00 pm
- Thr Jan 17 South Vicariate Pastoral Mt..Camp Ondessonk 12 pm
  - Eucharistic Adoration at SP.....4 pm – 7:30 pm
- Fri Jan 18 Weekday mass.....12:00 pm
- Sun Jan 20 St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
  - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word..10:00 am
  - SP Blood Pressure cks before and after mass
  - PSR Classes.....11:00 am.
  - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/History Committee Mt.11:00am



**CLOSING OF CHRISTMAS SEASON** Liturgically, the Christmas season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Moving on, anyone who can offer a hand is asked to help take down and put away the Christmas decorations in the church after mass today..

**NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER AFFIRMATION BALLOT** will be held this Sunday before and after the mass. A photo and short biography of those chosen to serve on the parish council are included in the bulletin. Thanks to all who expressed interest in the work of the council.

**BUDGET-FINANCE REPORT** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of fiscal year is in today's bulletin.

**COPIES OF WORDS OF GRACE**, Daily Scripture Reflection booklets for Jan-March are available in the church foyer.

**THE JOINED ST FRANCIS DESALES AND ST PAUL PARISH COUNCIL** will meet at St Paul hall this Wednesday, 6 pm. Members are asked to pick up the meeting agenda at weekend mass.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** this month will be held this coming Thursday.. Participants are encouraged to sign up for times on the bulletin board schedule.

**LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER IN ABSENCE OF PRIEST** Bishop Braxton has requested that at least three Lay Leaders of Prayer be prepared to provide Sunday services in anticipation of priest shortage. Only one person is currently trained for this role. The diocese will offer a training program Feb 1 & 2, 2019 in Herrin. Potential people are encouraged to register by Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. See Fr Tom for form.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be distributed January 20<sup>th</sup>. Any missed contributions for 2018 must be in by January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PARISH HISTORY**. Consider helping with an updating and expanding the history of the parish. and other preparations for the anniversary. Parishioners with any old photographs or accounts are asked to share them with Lonnie Hinton or the parish office. Photos will be scanned and promptly returned to owners. The next meeting of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be January 20, 11am following the Sunday mass.

**LADIES RETREAT** It is time register for the Ladies retreat at King's House in Belleville..the same beautiful place that Fr Barrett goes each year. The program this year is Christ Be Our Light (Out of darkness into God's Marvelous Light). This is truly a wonderful experience. Participants leave Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, and return on Sunday, March 31. Any questions, please call Vickie Anderson 658-1576. (Don't let the cost hold you back. If you are unable to pay the full requested amount, you can just give what you can afford.)

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER** 9 Days for Life: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, *9 Days for Life* , Monday, Jan 14-Tues, Jan 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. (A printable version is also available online) [www..9daysforlife.com](http://www..9daysforlife.com)

## Liturgy Breaking of the Bread

Giving orders looks easy until we have to do the ordering. The person in charge quickly discovers that barking directions and shouting instructions do not always work. If people are not persuaded, there will be no response.

Jesus' awareness of this truth is evident in the Gospel of John: "Those who love me will keep my word ... . Whoever does not love me does not keep my words" (John 14:23-24). Jesus does not command with empty words; he challenges us to love "as I have loved you." This makes all the difference.

In every Mass, after the sign of peace, there is the breaking of the bread, a reminder that Christ's own body was broken and suspended between heaven and earth in an act that changed forever the balance of power between God and the people.

During World War II, General Eisenhower visited front line troops, hoping to lift their sagging spirits. The day was wet and miserable as the general spoke from a makeshift platform. Sensing that his soldiers were respectful but unmoved, Eisenhower quit the speech. Moving to the edge of the platform, he began descending the muddy steps, only to slip and land face first in a puddle. Shrugging off the laughter, the commander said, "That fall did more for morale than any speech I could ever give."

On the platform, the general could not help but speak down to the servicemen. The mud on his face changed everything; he was one of them. Jesus looked down from the cross to become one with us. Jesus gave us everything, even a share in his own divine life and the eternal inheritance that it promises.

At the breaking of the bread, we recall the cost of redemption: "Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us ... grant us peace." All of us at times are called to work for peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, our world. To offer such gifts always requires that we sacrifice something of our own status. Often the price is being broken in both body and soul. But broken is not the end, for in giving, our spirits are raised and we are brought back to life, forever and ever.

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### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

In the alternative reading, God says, "here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased." Then in the Gospel a voice came from heaven, saying to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What are the implications?

Did we do anything to earn salvation? Why does God give it to us? What does St. Paul in his letter to Titus say about the extravagance of God's gift to us?

John the Baptist was the middleman. He pointed back to Isaiah and forward to Jesus, connecting the whole plan. What or who are the "middlemen or women" who connect you with God? Can you serve as a middle-one?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Second Sunday of Year** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11