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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

Trustees: Myron Cole, Stan Treat

Gifts for Everyone The Second Reading is about gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is itself a gift of the Lord's; and when the Holy Spirit fills a person, then the Spirit brings with it other gifts as well.

Some of these gifts are given only to some people. The gifts mentioned in the Second Reading are special gifts of this sort. But there are other gifts of the Holy Spirit that are not like this. They are given to everyone who lives in grace, and they are always present in every one of God's people.

The hard things of the world are easier to endure if your love loves you and is with you.

The list of these gifts can be found in Isaiah 11: 2-3. Traditionally, the Church has identified seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in this list. Four of them are gifts for the mind: wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge. And three of them are gifts for the heart or will: piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord.

These ordinary gifts are like the roots of a great tree in the soul of a person. They nourish the soul, and they result in a person's flourishing, in his bearing fruit for the Lord.

Because the gifts are in each of God's people always, so are the fruits of the Holy Spirit that arise from gifts. Traditionally, the Church has taken there to be twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit, a list developed from a slightly shorter list in Galatians 5:22-23.

The list of the fruits of the Holy Spirit begins with these five: love, joy, peace, patience, and long-suffering.

A person who has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him has his beloved Lord intimately united with him. And that is why love is the first fruit of the Holy Spirit. Joy follows, because of the presence of the beloved. And peace comes next. If you are your beloved's and he is yours (Song of Songs 2:16), then you can be at peace. You already have all that is most precious to you. And that is why you can have patience and long-suffering too. The hard things of the world are easier to endure if your love loves you and is with you.

So, some people have the gift of prophecy, and others don't. But no one of the Lord's people lacks love, joy, and peace. That is why the Lord says about his people, "By their fruits you will know them. (Matthew 7:20).
Eleonore Stump

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CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Jan 20	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Shawn Bowman
Tue	Jan 22	9:00, 11:00 am	Shawnee-Vienna DOC	
Wed	Jan 23	11:30am, 1pm	Marion Penitentiary	
		6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jan 25	12:00 pm	SP	Fr Louis Koehr
Sun	Jan 27	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Jan 20, 10 am Server: R Slife, C Bergmann Lector: Joan Galey 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</p>	<p>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</p>
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<p>Birthdays Jan 22 Macie Zmuda Joe Nelson Jan 23 Ann Stachowiak Julie Kolb Jan 25 Chuck Stone</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Jan 20: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: D Parks, M Hustedde Usher Myron Cole E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>	<p>Sun, Jan 27: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: F Deaton, M Cole Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Jan 20 Envelope Contribution Statements Distribution
 - St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word....10:00 am
 - SP Blood Pressure cks before and after mass
 - PSR Classes.....11:00 am
 - 125th Anniversary/History Committee Mt...11:00am.
- Mon Jan 21 Confirmation Retreat at SP.....9am – 3 pm
 - Blood Drive at Fellowship Baptist Hall.....10am-6 pm
- Tues Jan 22 Day of Fasting & Prayer for Dignity of All Life
 - Shawnee & Vienna DOC Masses.....9am, 11:00 am
- Wed Jan 23 USP Marion Masses.....11:30 am, 1 pm
 - Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Jan 24 February calendar info deadline
 - Parish Feastday – St Francis DeSales
- Fri Jan 25 Weekday mass & Parish Feastday-St Paul...12:00 pm
- Sun Jan 27 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 - St Paul Mass.....10:00 am
 - PSR Classes.....11:00 am.



THE JOINED ST FRANCIS DESALES AND ST PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES are available this weekend on the bulletin rack.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be distributed January 20th. Please pick up envelope with your name on it.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be offered by the Wellness Committee at St Paul this weekend in the foyer before and after mass.

125TH ANNIVERSARY/HISTORY MEETING The next meeting of the 125th Anniversary Committee will be January 20, 11am following the Sunday mass.

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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT for the three young people of St Paul, preparing for Confirmation scheduled April 29th, will be held at St Paul on Mon, Jan 21, 9am-3 pm. Please support them in prayer.

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 29th, 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 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: This Tuesday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: www.usccb.org/january-22

VOCATION CORNER Today we hear the great story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus is celebrating with the happy couple – a salute to the wedded vocation. And, He honors His mother's request to intervene as the wine runs out. We are now issued the one of the greatest calls to holiness of the ages – "Do whatever He tells you." As this was the "beginning of his signs...and so revealed his glory", are we seeing his signs and doing whatever he tells us? Are we called to something greater?

THANK YOU.... To generous hands who took down Christmas Decorations
...to Marsha Nelson for guiding the Confirmation preparation program
...to Joan Galey and Steve Pobst for representing the parish in the Into My Vineyard Adult Ministry Formation program.
...to newly elected officers of the Parish Council of Catholic Women: Pam Shallenberger, Pres; Vickie Anderson, V-Pres; Arlene Dueker, Secy; Laurie Coleman, treasurer.
...to reelected Parish Council officers, Steve Pobst, Vickie Anderson, Frank Dueker to Beverly McCabe for opening/set up church, scheduling ministers, providing music
...to David Parks for posting offering envelopes, paying bills, keeping finance records.
...to Fred Deaton for overseeing cemetery, and maintaining records.
...to all who assist with Liturgical ministries to allow a communal worship time.
...to Bob Skaggs who calls all to worship with ringing the church bell at 7:30 am.
...to all who continue to support the works of the church with contributions.

Liturgy "The Body of Christ"

A child at the beach is fascinating to watch. The child runs unsteadily yet irresistibly toward the first ripples. Then there is hesitation, looking back to make sure help is close at hand. As the wavelet sneaks up, the little legs retreat from the foamy ridge. Finally the youngster dares to stand still and let the wave break over the toes. This is a moment of triumph.

Holy Communion is an experience resembling a child at the seashore. Approaching the altar, we sense an intimate encounter with the power of God's love. There may be a teetering at the edge, frozen in fascination at the magical appeal of this banquet bridging heaven and earth. But once our amen says yes to the body and blood of Christ, we are submerged in the tidal wave of his life, not broken but healed by its power. His triumph becomes ours as we are swept off our feet by love.

The Eucharist challenges our commitment to love. Anyone who has ever loved knows the risk; we open ourselves up and become vulnerable to hurt and pain. If we have loved only to be forgotten, betrayed, or destroyed by selfishness in the other, then we easily reject any further involvement. The lesson need be learned only once -- we will not allow anyone to hurt us again.

What does the fragile nature of human loving learn when confronted with the forever faithful love of Jesus in Communion? If we've decided that loving is no longer for us, then how do we rationalize our reception of the bread and the cup? Imagine how we would feel if one day the Lord announced that he had enough of being forgotten and taken for granted! This is where the Eucharist overcomes our cynicism and inhibitions. In our hearts we know God will always love us -- no matter what.

The Eucharist is our most intimate union with Jesus. In Communion we share in the life and work of Christ. This meal unites us with every other believer around the table. Each of us, as we absorb the body and blood of Christ, is empowered to bring some share of his life to all we meet.

Holy Communion is a reminder that it is worth it to give love another chance. The reception tells us that Christ always gives each of us another chance, no matter how many we've had already. Through all the ages Jesus tells us to take and eat this bread, take and drink this cup. "Do this in memory of me."

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Why does Isaiah use intimate marital imagery when explaining the relationship between God and the people? Does love between human beings help you understand how much God loves people?

Paul mentions the gifts of faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment of spirits, varieties of tongues and interpretations of tongues. Are such gifts needed in your community? From where do they come?

Mary, at the very moment she perceives that there is no wine, approaches Jesus with confidence: this means that Mary prays. She goes to Jesus, she prays. She places the problem in God's hands. Her deep concern to meet the needs of others hastens Jesus' hour.

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Third Sunday of Year Nehemiah *:2-4a,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 14-21