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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

**Death** When someone we know is diagnosed with serious sickness, we are shocked; and so is the sick person, as we all take in the possibility that he might die.

There is something perplexing about this reaction, isn't there? None of us is getting out of this life alive. And it is foolishness to think that we do not know the time of our death. It is sometime between now and the time when you would be 110 years old. (Who lives past 110?)

So death is inevitable, and we know at least roughly when it will come. The closer you get to 110, the closer it is—though, of course, we also know that you could get hit by a bus today.

Rats!, you might think, this is a truly depressing thought. Why call it to our attention? It is better to be shocked and surprised when it comes.

But listen to the Second Reading. What does it say? When death comes, this is what it brings: In that new earth, you can be yourself, open, vulnerable, and still totally safe and at ease.

Our Lord himself comes to encourage you to weep over all the hardship of your past life, and then he himself wipes those tears away from your eyes.

And there is not only a new heaven, but also a new earth. What do you expect from earth? Well, earth isn't disembodied. Earth is earth—dirt, plants, animals, the whole thing that God created when he created earth, as Genesis explains it to us.

Only this time there will be no pain and suffering. So there may be great sea beasts, as Genesis says (Gen.1:21), but they won't hurt anything; and neither will any of the other animals. If you want to play with lions, what's to stop you?

In fact, even humans won't hurt anything, in that great and wonderful time. Now that is a thought hard to take in, isn't it? But, in that new earth, you can be yourself, open, vulnerable, and still totally safe and at ease, because the people around you won't hurt anything—not you either.

And all of this is wrapped up in the tender love of the Lord. He himself will welcome you to this new world and to himself by telling you, "Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth!" (Song of Songs 2:10-12)

That joy begins on the other side of death. What is there to fear about this?

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 20 **Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 19, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	May 19	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishes
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett
Tue	May 21	9, 11 am		Shawnee, Vienna DOC Masses
Wed	May 22	11:30am, 1 pm		Marion Penitentiary Masses
		6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	May 24	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	May 25	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	May 26	8:00 am	SFD	Wanda McCabe
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Frey

<p><b>Birthdays</b>                  May 25 Cameron Hustedde                  May 26 Jenny Bergmann</p>
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**St Paul, Vienna**

<p><b>Sun, May 19, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Riley Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Joe Nelson  <b>Gifts:</b> S &amp; P Widowski  <b>Usher:</b>*M Palmer, D Zmuda                  R Beanland, J Nelson  <b>E. Minister</b> F Dueker                  P Kalicki, S Widowski  <b>Greeter</b> Janet Hacker</p>	<p><b>Sun, May 26, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> C Bergmann, L Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Arlene Dueker  <b>Gifts:</b> Paul, Amanda Widowski  <b>Usher:</b>*S Widowski, G Tesina                  J Bergmann, Mt Slife  <b>E. Minister</b> C Kruep                  D Bishop, B Bishop  <b>Greeter</b> Chuck, Monica Querrey</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jun 2, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Riley Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Widowski  <b>Gifts:</b>David, Amanda Zmuda  <b>Usher:</b>*J Slife, L Givens                  L Hinton, D Bishop  <b>E. Minister</b> L Stoerger                  D. Hopkins, A Dueker  <b>Greeter</b> Geri Tesina</p>
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**St Francis DeSales**

<p><b>Sun, May 19: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Brenda Morse  <b>Lector:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Gifts:</b> F Deaton-D Parks  <b>Usher:</b> Myron Cole  <b>E. Min:</b> Cecilia Parks</p>	<p><b>Sun, May 26: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Lector:</b> LaVonne Herbert  <b>Gifts:</b> Hustedde Family  <b>Usher</b> Fred Deaton  <b>E. Min:</b> Christine Deaton</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun May 19 Seminarian Education Collection
  - St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
  - St Paul Mass & Blood Pressure cks.....10:00 am
  - Council of Catholic Women Meeting..hall..11:00am
- Mon,May20 Blood Drive at Fellowship Baptist Hall..12-6:00pm
- Tue May 21 Mass at Shawnee and Vienna DOC.....9.& 11 am
- Wed May22 BOP Masses, Marion.....11:30am, 1 pm
  - Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr May 23 June calendar info deadline
- Fri May 24 Weekday Mass at...SP.....12:00 pm
- Sat May 25 Beginning Summer Saturday mass.....5:30 pm
- Sun May 26 St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
  - St Paul Mass .....10:00 am



**Love one another.**

**SEMINARIAN EDUCATION COLLECTION** Next weekend our parish will participate in the Seminarian Education Collection. Our diocese is currently blessed with **five seminarians** and we are asking for your help in meeting the needs of their formation. The cost for tuition, books, room and board and other expenses is **\$46,700 per year for each seminarian**. Please join these young men on their journey to the priesthood. Your contribution to the Seminarian Education Collection is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Thank you for your prayerful consideration

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** Beginning Mothers Day and lasting through Fathers' Day, you are welcome to take part in a collection using baby bottles to help fund Hope Unlimited which provides services for pregnant mothers, natal supplies for new mothers, education and counseling for parents, and food and clothing for those in need. Bottles may be picked up in the foyer, or donations may be made in the large baby bottle in the church entrance.

**NEW LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE** for June and July are available in bulletin rack.

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES** for the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting are available in bulletin rack.

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** CCW meeting is scheduled this Sunday at 11 am.. Ladies are reminded to please continue to record volunteer hours and monetary donations on forms posted on bulletin board. You can drop completed forms in an envelope on bulletin board or bring to meeting. A collection for their ministry will be taken after mass.

**TIME AND TALENT SURVEY** All parishioners are urged to indicate your interests in ministries both within and beyond the parish community by returning a Time and Talent survey. Additional forms are available in the foyer. Completed forms may be returned in the collection or in marked container in foyer.

**VETERANS** A list to recognize living Veterans is posted on the bulletin board. If you are a Veteran, please add your name to the list.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES** – Zach Garrett, Doctorate from Murray; Mason Bishop, bachelors from SIU-C; Talon Bishop, 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (if others have graduated, please provide info to office).

**THANK YOU**....to Beth Palmer for being catechist for 1st Communion students  
....to Joan Galey for arranging reception for First Communion and Confirmation

**Respect Life Corner: Mary, Pro-Life Inspiration:** Mother Mary has many beautiful titles; Patroness of the Americas, Patroness of the New Evangelization and Patroness of the Unborn. Mary is also a perfect example for authentic Christian living. She shows immense faith and total gift of herself at the Annunciation; she shows sensitivity and her charitable spirit when she visits Elizabeth; we see her love and maternal care for new life when she shelters baby Jesus in the stable; we see her at the foot of the cross, with her heart open for all of humanity. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** How can we follow Mary's example of living? How can we strive to be life-giving and love-affirming towards those in our communities? If you don't already, look into praying the Rosary or the Angelus or the Regina Caeli with those that are close to you and remember Mary's message of life, love, and true freedom.

**UPCOMING**...Mass at St Francis DeSales Cemetery, 5 pm, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

...Pilgrimage trip to Our Lady of Snows Shrine, Sat, June 22

....tentative St Francis Summer Noon Mass and Picnic, Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

...Joint Parish Lake Glendale Picnic, Sat, July 27, 11 am

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

The truth is: Presence makes the heart grow fonder. If that were not the case, why would we place such value on reminders of loved ones who are apart from us? People who have suffered the loss of personal possessions, in a fire for example, say the greatest losses are photos, keepsakes, and mementos of those who have touched and continue to touch the heart in love. Today's readings affirm this human sentiment. We must make God present in as many ways as possible, making the heart grow fonder.

Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, describes in the first reading the preaching of Paul and Barnabas. These two are careful to install elders (presbyters) in each community as one sign of God's presence. The most obvious sign, of course, is the preaching itself, that opens the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The Revelation passage proclaims presence. "He will dwell with them ... he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away" (Revelation 21:3-4). Perseverance in suffering ensures divine presence.

The gospel focuses on Jesus' departure, an absence that will severely test his beloved disciples. The Lord, aware of the human heart, gives the formula for a continuing experience of his presence: Love one another. Wherever self-giving love is found, people will recognize disciples of Christ, and Christ himself!

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

Acts refers to its author "undergoing some hardships." Could these be connected to the "new commandment" about love that Jesus gives in Sunday's Gospel? And what about you? Have you discovered hardships in your life connected to loving your neighbor? Even though God opened the doors to the Gentiles, what still must take place before faith is received?

What is the connection between the holy city in the reading and God's dwelling with the human race?

Did Jesus give us edicts, rubrics or canons? What one rule did he give us over and over? What teaching of the Church do you think will bring all people to Christ? give—or by how much they love others? Or both? Does God love the world through us if we let it happen?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Sixth Sunday of Easter** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29