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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

A Better World No celebration of Easter would be complete without a reference to the peace brought to us by the Paschal mystery. Today's liturgy provides us with that reference: 'Peace' is my farewell to you, my peace is my gift to you.

Peace is what Jesus gave us in his redemptive acts of dying and rising.

The early Christian communities experienced dissension and controversy. The reading from Acts documents the manner in which the leaders of the church resolved those conflicts and brought peace to the Church.

There is a lesson for us in the elements of their peaceful settlement: the exercise of responsible leadership, respect for all the members of the community, and the decision "not to lay on you any burden beyond that which is strictly necessary."

"O God, let all the nations praise you!" for you have rescued them from death and offered them the gift of peace through your resurrection.

The perfect world, we Christians believe, is beyond the horizon, in an endless eternity where God will be all in all. But a better world is here for human hands and hearts and minds to make.

For the community of faith the risen Christ is the beginning and end of all things. For all things were created through him and all things will return to the Father through him.

It is our belief in the risen Christ which sustains us in confronting the awesome challenge of the nuclear arms race. U.S. Bishops, *The Challenge of Peace*, 1983: 337-39.

Gerald Darring

Vol 20 # 21 **Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 26, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	May 26	8:00 am	SFD	Wanda McCabe
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Frey
Mon	May 27	5:00 pm	St Francis Cemetery- Faithful Departed	
Tue	May 28	9, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC Masses	
Wed	May 29	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	May 30	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Jun 1	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation for Sin
		5:30 pm	SP	For Parishioners
Sun	Jun 2	8:00 am	SFD	Britney Deaton
		10:00 am	SP	Caryn Zmuda

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Birthdays

May 26 Jenny Bergmann
 May 27 Mike Ross
 May 30 Fr Tom Barrett
 Jun 1 Pat Kalicki
 Katie Pobst

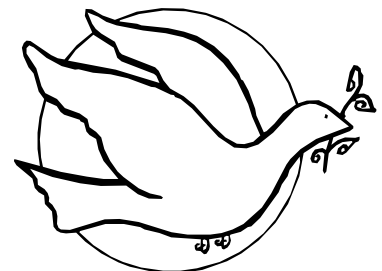
<p>Sun, May 26, 10 am Server: C Bergmann, L Slife Lector: Arlene Dueker Gifts: Paul, Amanda Widowski Usher:*S Widowski, G Tesina J Bergmann, Mt Slife E. Minister C Kruep D Bishop, B Bishop Greeter Chuck, Monica Querrey</p>	<p>Sun, Jun 2, 10 am Server: Riley Slife Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts:David, Amanda Zmuda Usher:*J Slife, L Givens L Hinton, D Bishop E. Minister L Stoerger D. Hopkins, A Dueker Greeter Geri Tesina</p>	<p>Sun, Jun 9, 10 am Server: L Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Madonna Slife Gifts: D Zmuda,Sr, K Retz Usher:* D Zmuda, F Dueker P Widowski, M Palmer E. Minister M Nelson B Palmer, S Belske Greeter Cathy Kruep</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, May 26: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: LaVonne Herbert Gifts: Hustedde Family Usher Fred Deaton E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>	<p>Sun, Jun 2: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Myron Cole Gifts: Hustedde Family Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun May 26 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass10:00 am
 Mon,May27 Mass at St Francis DeSales Cemetery.....5:00pm
 Tue May 28 Mass at Shawnee and Vienna DOC.....9.& 11 am
 Wed May29 Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
 Thr –Sat.....St Paul volunteers operate Faith Alive....9am–3 pm
 Fri May 31 Weekday Mass at...SP.....12:00 pm
 Sat Jun 1 First Saturday mass and devotions at SFD...8:30 am
 Saturday mass at St Paul.....5:30 pm
 Sun Jun 2 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
 St Paul Mass10:00 am
 1st Sunday social and Liturgy Committee Mt..11 am



The Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for June and July are available in bulletin rack. **JUNE MONTHLY** is included in today's bulletin.

TIME AND TALENT SURVEY Last call for your participation. Additional forms are available in the foyer. Completed forms may be returned in the collection or in marked container in foyer.

VETERANS We recognize and express gratitude to all veterans and especially to these parishioners: Army – Frank Dueker, Myron Cole, Mike McMahan (+ Air Force); Air Force- Mitch Miller, Chuck Querrey; Navy – Dale Bishop, Anthony Kolb; Marines – Steve Widowski, Paul Widowski; Coast Guard – Jerry Cecchi; ?? – Jim Goddard, Bill Porter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is being planned at St Paul, tentatively July 10-11, 5:30-8 pm. Families are asked to return survey sheets for potential participants and helpers.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN From 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.

ST FRANCIS DESALES CEMETERY MASS A memorial day mass will be celebrated at St Francis DeSales Cemetery in New Burnside on Monday, May 27, 5 pm. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain downpour, mass will be moved to church in Stonefort.

FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE will be operated by St Paul volunteers May 30-31, 9am-3 pm, and June 1, 9am-12 noon. Anyone is encouraged to volunteer for sorting clothes, stocking racks, checking out customers, for a day or period of time. Check the church bulletin board for a sign-up schedule or contact Madonna Slife 967-5164 or Arlene Dueker 559-7803

SUMMER SATURDAY MASS will continue at 5:30 pm until Labor Day weekend. There are no scheduled liturgical ministers for the mass, so participants are asked to volunteer by taking a labeled index card from the book rack when you enter church.

LITURGY COMMITTEE Members of the Liturgy Committee will meet next Sunday following the 1st Sunday Social in the hall.

ORDINATION OF TRANSITIONAL DEACONS will be celebrated at St Peter Cathedral in Belleville on Sat, June 8, 10:30 am. Members of parishes are encouraged to join in the ceremony. Fr Tom will be driving if anyone wishes to ride to the mass.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be offered during the masses on June 8-9. Those who have difficulty standing are asked to sit in the front pew

PIANO, playable, but in need of some repair, is available for home. If interested, contact the parish office, Frank Dueker 559-1405 or Matt Slife 534-6978 within the week.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF SNOWS SHRINE is being planned for Sat, June 22. Circle the date and look for information sheet and sign-up.

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL...*Blessed to receive, chosen to give* On Memorial Day, let us take a moment to honor those who gave their lives for our country. Our warmest wishes on Memorial Day, 2019, and deepest gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen heroes. -Agencies and Ministries Supported by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29

Life contains a promise of problems. The experience of difficulties is a matter of attitude; they can be stumbling blocks or stepping stones. The Scriptures today remind us that challenges are opportunities -- springboards for growth.

Problems abound in the Jerusalem community described today in Chapter 15 of Acts of the Apostles. If the Gentiles are to become Christian, does that mean they must observe the customs of the Jewish converts to Christianity? This would mean imposing circumcision, dietary restrictions, and marriage regulations. Paul's Letters, as well as Luke's account here in Acts, show that the resolution of this question was a long and painful process. Finally the Gentiles were admitted, free of Jewish rituals, and growth resulted.

Jesus' pending departure, communicated in today's passage from John, represents severe testing. Will this departure be a faith crisis or a faith opportunity? The author of John presents two pathways to growth in this critical moment: first, the presence of the Spirit who will unfold the teaching of Christ, as long as the disciples remain open to that grace; second, a willingness to allow the Messiah's return to the Father, and thus the completion of his mission.

Pain and anguish are always apparent in the shouldering of life's problems. Crosses may be personal, family, career, parish, and lots of others. In each moment our God of love is offering support and promising growth. We need only say YES.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Is there any growth without tension? Would the Church be better off if there were never dissension and debate? Which is a sign of life: Paul and Barnabas going to Jerusalem to work out the Judean people's objections, or the two "sides" staying as far away from each other as possible?

In this reading John talks about the "Lamb," present with the twelve apostles. Why is Christ called the Lamb (which we repeat in every Mass: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world ...")? Has he been a sacrificial victim?

The second great gift in this reading is the promise of the Holy Spirit, who will teach us everything. Do you think there could be a direct proportion between how much a person loves and how much that person allows the Holy Spirit to live within him/herself?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Ascension of Our Lord Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24: 46-53