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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

**The Truth** When Jesus was standing before Pilate (Jn 18:37-38), Pilate asked Jesus, with world-weary sophistication, “What is truth?”

But Pilate left without waiting for an answer. Elsewhere in the Gospel, Jesus actually gave this question its rightful answer (Jn 14:6): “I am the Truth,” he told his apostles.

In the Gospel Reading for this Sunday, Jesus explains how we ourselves come to the Truth. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, and Christ is the Truth. So the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. And he guides Christ’s people to all truth.

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When a person opens to Christ, who is the Truth, then the Spirit of Christ comes to dwell in her. And the indwelling Spirit brings with him the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge (and others). A person who loves Christ and has the Spirit of Christ within her knows the Lord. And in the light of that knowledge, she can also see a lot of things that she would have been blind to before she came to love the Lord. The knowledge of the Lord puts a lot of things into perspective.

With that perspective, she will understand something of the great arc of creation which begins from the Lord and returns to the Lord, and she will see the goodness of the Lord operative in it. And so she will be able to discern the great good things in life from the small ones. And this is wisdom.

Finally, with these gifts of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom, she will also have insight into the means for finding the great good things of the Lord. This insight is the gift of counsel. So because she has opened to the Spirit of Christ and knows the Lord, she has these gifts of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge.

But, you might think, how does any of this help me know the truth about what to do with this day’s troubles? How should I deal with my son? What shall I do when I am sorrowful over the state of the church? What is the right answer to these questions? Where does the truth about these things lie?

Well, if you don’t know where the truth lies and the Spirit of Truth is within you, then you can just ask him. And then the Spirit of the Lord, who is truth, will lead you to all truth, as the Lord says.

Pilate should have stayed for the answer to his question.      Eleonore Stump

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Schedule of Masses

Sun	Jun 16	8:00 am	SFD	Britney Deaton
		10:00 am	SP	Magdalen Warner
Tue	Jun 18	9, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC Masses	
Wed	Jun 19	11:30am, 1 pm	Marion Penitentiary	
		5:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jun 21	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Jun 22	5:30 pm	SP	For Parishioners
Sun	Jun 23	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Fry

**Birthdays**

Jun 18 Neil Coleman  
Jun 20 Jim Goddard

**St Paul, Vienna**

<p><b>Sun, Jun 16, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> C &amp; M Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Widowski  <b>Gifts:</b> V Anderson, S Belske  <b>Usher:</b>*J Nelson, R Beanland                  R Stoerger, S Widowski  <b>E. Minister</b> P Widowski                  V Anderson, L Miller  <b>Greeter</b> Katie Pobst</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jun 23, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> L Slife, C Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Mitch Miller  <b>Gifts:</b> Bergmann Family  <b>Usher:</b>*Mt Slife, S Pobst                  G Tesina, M Palmer  <b>E. Minister</b> Z Garrett                  F Dueker, C Kruep  <b>Greeter</b> H &amp; X Gruszczyk</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jun 30, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Riley Slife  <b>Lector:</b> Joan Galey  <b>Gifts:</b> Dale, Beverly Bishop  <b>Usher:</b>* P Widowski, J Slife                  J Bergmann, D Bishop  <b>E. Minister</b> L Givens                  S Widowski, Md Slife  <b>Greeter</b> Vickie Anderson</p>
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**St Francis DeSales**

<p><b>Sun, Jun 16: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Christine Deaton  <b>Lector:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Gifts:</b> L Herbert/ M Cole  <b>Usher:</b> Stan Treat  <b>E. Min:</b> Brenda Morse</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jun 23: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Lector:</b> LaVonne Herbert  <b>Gifts:</b> D Parks, + helper  <b>Usher</b> Fred Deaton  <b>E. Min:</b> Christine Deaton</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Sun Jun 16 Fathers' Day Recognition  
         Closing of Baby Bottle Collection  
         St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am  
         St Paul Mass .....10:00 am  
 Tue Jun 18 Mass at Shawnee and Vienna DOC.....9.& 11 am  
 Wed Jun 19 Masses at Marion Penitentiary.....11:30am, 1 pm  
         Weekday mass.....5:30 pm  
         Merged Parish Council Meeting..SP hall....6:00 pm  
 Fri Jun 21 Weekday Mass at...SP.....12:00 pm  
 Sat Jun 22 Parishes Trip to Our Lady of the Snows Shrine.9am  
         Saturday mass at St Paul.....5:30 pm  
 Sun Jun 23 St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am  
         St Paul Mass .....10:00 am



**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** This weekend is official closing of Hope Unlimited Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles may be returned to the basket in the foyer, or donations may be made in the large baby bottle in the church entrance.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Parish History Committee Mt** minutes from June 9<sup>th</sup> mt are available in foyer

**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF SNOWS SHRINE** is being planned for Sat, June 22. If interested, please indicate on sheet on bulletin board or call Cathy Kruep 618-304-4841.

**MERGED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held at St Paul hall this Wednesday, 6 pm. Council members are reminded to pick up agenda at this weekend mass. Note that the Wednesday mass has been moved to 5:30 pm.

**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.

**TIME AND TALENT SURVEY** summary is posted on the bulletin board for committee heads to extend invitations to parishioners who are interested in their area of ministry.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES AND MINISTRY APPEAL** funds agencies working for pastoral, educational and poverty needs in the diocese depend on funding throughout the year, even though a pledge appeal happens only once. If you haven't made a pledge, envelopes are available in the church entrance to allow your support.

**THANKS** to all Fathers for sharing the gift of paternity and faith nurturing to family and community. God's blessing on you!

**SUMMER LISTENING** Accompaniment on travel or the more relaxed pace of summer is an ideal time to find inspiration in recorded presentations in the parish kios. Put Not Your Trust in Princes by Christopher Check - Speaking from his perspective as a historian, Christopher Check reminds us that the crisis of our age is cultural and, in the end, spiritual. He explains that a flourishing society is not achieved through legislation or at the ballot box, but instead radiates from the family out. Using examples from the ages, he connects us with our rich patrimony as Catholics and provides practical advice on what we must do to transform our culture for Christ.

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity -Giving glory to God.** In the daily prayer of the Church – the five to seven times for prayer in the *Liturgy of the Hours* (or Divine Office) – every psalm and canticle that is sung ends with this doxology:

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.*

Oh, that every word from our own mouths would in big and little ways give God glory! What first words will I speak at waking to sing the praise of God? How will I give thanks to Father-Son-Spirit throughout the day? What last words will I speak at bedtime?

# Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

The Trinity, three Persons in one God, mystifies the human mind. When it comes to knowing Father, Son, and Spirit the heart is a faster learner: God is love!

God delights in us -- the humans fashioned by God's hand. The reading from Proverbs talks about Lady Wisdom, the person created by Yahweh before the creation of the world to communicate God's love and to guide us in peaceful living (see Proverbs 9:1-6). Wisdom in many ways parallels the New Testament Holy Spirit.

The response to the first reading is Psalm 8. God is praised for the wonder of creation; in the center of creation are humans "made ... a little lower than God" (verse 8:5). The psalmist teaches that humans must exercise their power in positive expressions of discovery and affirmation as opposed to rebellion and rejection. Women and men are responsible stewards of all the earth when they mirror the beauty and majesty of Yahweh.

The gospel is a passage from the second farewell discourse of Jesus. The author of John is most concerned about the needs of the community after the Lord's departure (see John 15:1--16:30). The vital questions are: How shall we proceed? Who will lead us? The answer given is the Spirit who, like Lady Wisdom, will guide the believers to a deeper understanding of Jesus' message.

The discovery is that individual Christians will be called to the office of prophets. Believers do not foretell the future; rather, they proclaim in God's name the implications of Christ's message for the here and now.

Even if we are unable to rationally explain the Trinity, we still are required to manifest the triune God by our actions. Like Lady Wisdom we guide the wayward and so announce a God of concern. Like the author of Psalm 8, we praise creation and so reveal a God of majesty. Like the Spirit-filled prophet in John, we voice the ever new significance of Jesus' message and so communicate a God of compassion. The same prophesy in every case: three Persons, one God, embrace all people in unconditional love.

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

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Who is talking when this First Reading says, "Then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth?" Is there a similarity between this ancient reading and the opening of John's Gospel, which says, "in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God ..."?

Why would God include us intimately in the divine love of the Trinity? If divine love is flowing through you while you are suffering, do you think your condition can help the world?

Does the Spirit add anything to God's revelation? Does the Spirit change your understanding of revelation? When you receive new insights, what is the source of them? Can understanding of divine love be exhausted? Have you ever reached a place where "you could not bear" more knowledge of love?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Body & Blood of Christ** Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; Luke 9: 11b-17.