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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

You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

> Jesus lingered awhile. It was hard to leave them.

> > But he had to go on so he could give them the gift of the Spirit.

Jesus,
in your Spirit, let us be witnesses,
so we can take your life gift
of love and forgiveness
to the ends of the
earth.

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Sun	Jun 2	8:00 am SFD Britney	/ Deaton
		10:00 am SP Caryn 2	Zmuda
Tue	Jun 4	9, 11 am Shawnee, Vienna	a DOC Masses
Wed	Jun 5	11:30am, 1 pm Marion I	BOP Masses
		6:30 pm SP Genera	al Intention
Fri	Jun 7	12:00 pm SP Genera	al Intention
Sat	Jun 8	5:30 pm SP For Pa	rishioners
Sun	Jun 9	8:00 am SFD Britney	/ Deaton
		10:00 am SP Philip,	Leola Barrett
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St Paul, Vienna

Lector: Steve Widowski

Usher:*J Slife, L Givens

E. Minister L Stoerger

Greeter Geri Tesina

Gifts: David, Amanda Zmuda

L Hinton, D Bishop

D. Hopkins, A Dueker

Sun, Jun 2, 10 am

Server: Riley Slife

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

Birthdays

Jun 2 Laney Slife Jun 6 Tyler Bishop Jun 7 Mont Bishop Jun 9 Suzanne McHugh

Sun, Jun 16, 10 am

Server: C & M Bergmann **Lector**: Steve Pobst

Gifts: V Anderson, S Belske Usher:*J Nelson, R Beanland R Stoerger, S Widowski E. Minister P Widowski V Anderson, L Miller Greeter Katie Pobst

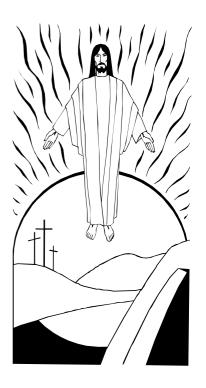
St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, Jun 2: 8:00 am
Server: Mary Treat
Lector: Myron Cole
Gifts: Hustedde Family
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Sun, Jun 9: 8:00 am Server: Brend Morse Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: Deaton Family Usher David Parks E. Min: Cecilia Parks

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Jun 2	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass	10:00 am
	1 st Sunday social and Liturgy Committee	Mt11 am
Mon Jun 3	Priest Jubilee Mass at Belleville	4:00pm
Tue Jun 4	Mass at Shawnee and Vienna DOC	.9.& 11 am
Wed Jun 5	USP Marion Masses11:3	30 am, 1 pm
	Weekday mass	6:30 pm
Fri Jun 7	Weekday Mass atSP	12:00 pm
Sat J un 8	Faith Alive Board Mt	10 am
	Diaconate Ordination at Belleville	10:30 am
	Saturday mass at St Paul	5:30 pm
Sun Jun 9	Anointing of the Sick at weekend masse	es
	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass	10:00 am
	History and 125 th Anniversary Committee	ee Mt11 am



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.

<u>LITURGY COMMITTEE</u> Members of the Liturgy Committee will meet this Sunday following the 1st Sunday Social in the hall.

<u>BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN</u> 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.

<u>ORDINATION OF TRANSITIONAL DEACONS</u> will be celebrated at St Peter Cathedral in Belleville on Sat, June 8, 10:30 am. Members of parishes are encouraged to pray for the candidates for priesthood as they enter their final preparation and also join in the ordination 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

<u>PIANO</u>, 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.

125th Anniversary, Parish History Committee Mt The next meeting of the committee will be at 11 am on June 9th, at St Paul Hall. Committee members are asked to attend.

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

<u>OUR PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY</u> This ministry provides meals during time of family illness and assists with transportation to doctor appointments. Contact Frank Dueker (618-559-1405) or Pat Kalicki (618-658-1500).

<u>SPECIAL THANKS TO ST. PAUL PARISH</u> On behalf of the agencies, ministries and departments that are supported through The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, please accept **our heartfelt gratitude** for accepting the challenge put forth by Our Holy Father Pope Francis to "share the blessings which God has provided us" and so generously supporting this year's Appeal. Also, **congratulations on exceeding your parish's CSMA financial goal!!** It is your Christian caring and generosity that gives help and hope to those in need. Thank you again so very much. God's richest blessings to each of you and your families. Bishop Edward K. Braxton and the 14 agencies funded

by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

<u>VOCATION CORNER</u> "I was blessed to attend strong Catholic parishes and entered the Academy of Fine Arts to study painting, which was a dream come true. Still nothing in my life satisfied me completely. I wanted to grow closer to God and I felt the call to give my all to Christ. However, I was terrified with the idea of leaving my family and my dreams, painting, dancing and children. Then a moment came in prayer when deep in my heart I simply said to God, "OK, I will do it". Suddenly, a peace entered my life like I never experience before. I never knew such peace existed. I completed my school studies and soon went to the convent with my suitcase." Sister Gaudia Skass, Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Krakow Poland, <u>Columbia</u>, May 2016, pg. 42

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Ascension of Our Lord

Imagine you are at the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11). How does it feel to watch Jesus leave?

It was probably difficult for the disciples to see Jesus go. Yet, if he stayed, they would not receive the promised baptism with the Holy Spirit. We must surrender our "treasures" to God before we can open ourselves to faith and trust.

Here is a meditation on letting go from "Nine Ways to Reach God" by Bridget Meehan, SSC, D.Min.:

If you see life and people as being on loan to you, you can see all as gifts. It is not good to cling tightly to relationships or to hoard earthly treasures. Revere all that you have with deep gratitude, and hold everything in open hands.

Reflect on the symbol of open hands. During your prayer time, open your hands and surrender all the important treasures and relationships of your life to God. Do you experience any obstacles in letting go and giving everyone and everything to God? Be aware of your feelings. Are you joyful? Anxious? Sad? Afraid? Share these feelings with God. Spend time expressing your gratitude to God for each gift and relationship.

What does the perspective of "all is on loan" say to you in your present relationships and in your present circumstances? Find concrete ways to express your love and gratitude to people you often take for granted, including Jesus.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What does "witness to the ends of the earth" means to you. What kind of "witnesses" do you like to think about (saints, declared or undeclared)? Do you yourself "witness" in any way?

We do not yet experience completely Christ's coming, even though he is there in sacrament and word. Think of some times or instances in your life where an appropriate plea to God would be, "Come, Lord Jesus."

What was the Father's promise that Jesus spoke of? Who brings Jesus' message and mission to completion in us and in the world? Do you listen for the Spirit's message to you personally?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Pentecost Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23b-26