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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

**Sweat and Toil** We have reached the point in Luke's gospel where Jesus is setting out on his 'great journey' to Jerusalem, a journey which symbolizes our journey through life toward death and resurrection. In the course of our journey we are to follow Christ. "Come after me," Jesus says, and our response is to be: "I will be your follower wherever you go."

We can ask if we follow Christ. Do we walk in the way of the cross or do we follow some other way?

We can ask how we follow Christ. Do we follow Christ through some special calling or through the ordinary Christian vocation and through the acceptance of the challenge of daily living?

We can ask which Christ do we follow. Do we follow a Christ of our own making, one that confirms us in our present lifestyle, or do we follow the Christ of the gospels, especially the Gospel of Luke: the humble Christ dedicated to the liberation of the poor and oppressed?

The call to follow Christ is no mean challenge: "Let the dead bury their dead; come away and proclaim the kingdom of God.

" Sweat and toil, which work necessarily involves in the present condition of the human race, present the Christian and everyone who is called to follow Christ with the possibility of sharing lovingly in the work that Christ came to do. This work of salvation came about through suffering and death on a cross.

By enduring the toil of work in union with Christ crucified for us, man in a way collaborates with the son of God for the redemption of humanity. He shows himself a true disciple of Christ by carrying the cross in his turn every day in the activity that he is called upon to perform.

Pope John Paul II, Laborem Exercens, 1981: 27

Gerald Darring

Vol 20 # 25 **Thirteenth Sunday of the Year, June 30, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Jun 30	10:00 am	SP	Caryn Zmuda
		12:00 pm	SFD	For Parishioners
Tue	Jul 2	9, 11 am		Shawnee, Vienna DOC Masses
Wed	Jul 3	11:30am, 1pm		Marion Penitentiary Masses
		6 :30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jul 5	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Jul 6	5:30 pm	SP	For Parishioners
Sun	Jul 7	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead

St Paul,Vienna

<p><b>Birthdays</b>          Jul 2 Russell Drone          Jul 4 Karen Cole          Sheila Maier          Jul 5 Mitch Miller          Jul 7 Madeline Palmer</p>
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**Sun, Jun 30, 10 am**  
**Server:** Riley Slife  
**Lector:** Joan GaleY  
**Gifts:** Dale, Beverly Bishop  
**Usher:\*** P Widowski, J Slife  
 J Bergmann, D Bishop  
**E. Minister** L Givens  
 S Widowski, Md Slife  
**Greeter** Vickie Anderson

**Sun, Jul 7, 10 am**  
**Server:** Laney Slife  
**Lector:** Arlene Dueker  
**Gifts:** Mont Bishop Family  
**Usher:\***L Hinton, P Kalicki  
 F Dueker, L Givens  
**E. Minister** D Bishop  
 B Bishop, B Palmer  
**Greeter** Steve, Peggy Widowski

**Sun, Jul 14, 10 am**  
**Server:** M & C Bergmann  
**Lector:** Joe Nelson  
**Gifts:** Joe, Becky Bowers  
**Usher:\***M McMahan, D Bishop,  
 S Widowski, R Stoerger  
**E. Minister** M Nelson  
 S Belske, L Stoerger  
**Greeter** Janet Hacker

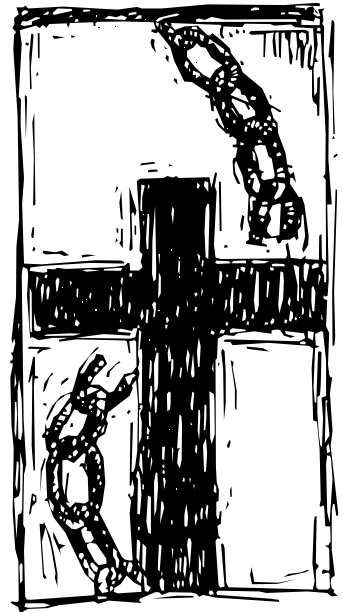
**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

**Sun, Jun 30: 12:00 pm**  
**Server:** Mary Treat  
**Lector:** Myron Cole  
**Gifts:** L Herbert/ M Hustedde  
**Usher:** Stan Treat  
**E. Min:** Brenda Morse

**Sun, Jul 7: 8:00 am**  
**Server:** Brenda Morse  
**Lector:** Mary Treat  
**Gifts:** Hustedde Family  
**Usher** Dave Parks  
**E. Min:** Cecilia Parks

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

- Sun Jun 30 Holy Father/Peter Pence Collection
  - St Paul Mass .....10:00 am
  - VBS organizational Mt...hall.....11:00am
  - St Francis DeSales Noon Mass & Picnic...12:00 pm
- Tue Jul 2 Mass at Shawnee and Vienna DOC.....9.& 11 am
- Wed Jul 3 Marion Penitentiary Masses.....11:30 am, 1 pm
  - Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Jul 4 Independence Day Holiday
- Fri Jul 5 Weekday Mass at...SP.....12:00 pm
- Sat Jul 6 First Saturday Mass & Devotion at SFD.....8:30 am
  - Saturday mass at St Paul.....5:30 pm
- Sun Jul 7 St Francis DeSales Mass .....8:00 am
  - St Paul Mass & Blood Presssure Cks.....10:00 am
  - First Sunday Social at SP.....11:00 am



**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** will be taken up this weekend. It provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefits our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. More info [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence)

**WORDS OF GRACE** daily scripture reflection booklets for July-Sept are available in the church foyer this weekend.

**ST FRANCIS DESALES PARISH PICNIC** All are welcome to the noon mass and parish picnic in the pavilion beside church this Sunday. Barbecue will be provided. There will also be a raffle with items stored in the back of church from previous monthly raffles.

**MERGED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** from the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting are available in the bulletin rack.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** registration for July 10-11, 5:30-8 pm at St Paul can be signed up on the bulletin board. An organizational meeting will be held for interested leaders this Sunday at 11 am in the hall. If interested but can make Mt, contact Lee Givens 618-313-3019.

**REACH SOUTHERN ILLINOIS** – is a two part training for those who have an interest in addressing cancer and other health disparities in Sothern Illinois. It will be offered at Vienna High School July 12 and 26, 9am-2 pm. (Contact hours available). No charge, but registration deadline is July 3 by calling 314-286-0398. You can contact Peggy Widowski or Frank Dueker for more details.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be offered by the Wellness Committee before and after mass July 7 at St Paul.

**SAVE THE DATE** **Joint parish picnic and outing** will be held at Lake Glendale on Saturday, July 27, beginning 11 am. Optional activities including swimming, boating, fishing, hiking and socializing. More info to be posted.

**Next scheduled Faith Alive Store operation** by volunteers of St Paul Parish, July 25-27

**"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"** – Domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, income, or other factors. Every year, more than 3 million children witness domestic violence in their homes and suffer abuse or neglect at high rates. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Become familiar with the signs of domestic violence at Violence Protection Center of Southwestern Illinois - [www.vpcswi.org](http://www.vpcswi.org). If you suspect that someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, be aware of the resources available in your community. Pray those subjected to abuse receive the help and support necessary to break away from the cycle of violence.

**TRAVELING TO JERUSALEM.** Today, Saint Luke tells us that Jesus travels, that is, "sets his face" toward Jerusalem. On the way, he challenges three more people about following him. And from this Chapter 9 to the end of the gospel, Jesus is always turned toward his destiny. Our journey in faith is also to Jerusalem – heaven, our lasting home. What challenge does Jesus give me about following? Who will I stop following so I can follow Jesus home? How will I "set my face" toward heaven in each thought, word, and deed?

## Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1,13-18; Luke 9:51-62

Most of us have known, at one time or another, the fear of being replaced. A firstborn child wonders if the new baby will take over Mom's affection; teens are anxious over losing special friends; husbands and wives become fearful when the spouse seems distant. Transition is inevitable and usually challenging.

The first reading today dramatizes a transition that is not fearful but even gracious. With complete trust, Elijah anoints Elisha as his successor, just as the Lord had asked. Elisha does not push aside the older prophet, but shows him reverence, "Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant" (1 Kings 19:21).

The prophets' mutual respect is echoed in Galatians: "Through love become slaves to one another" (Galatians 5:13). Paul teaches today that the Christian's ability to serve is based on freedom. The fundamental freedom won by Christ is found not around us but within us. This gift is chosen when we free ourselves from selfishness by taking responsibility for our decisions, by reaching beyond ourselves to others in love. "The whole law is summed up in a single commandment: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Galatians 5:14).

Discipleship requires a wholehearted commitment to the Lord and a generous spirit of service toward his people. The demands are severe. Jesus, in today's gospel, says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). The people of Jesus' time understood this agrarian imagery. The farmer has to keep his eyes fixed straight ahead, otherwise the neatly organized field required for planting would be turned into a chaotic nightmare at harvesting time.

The demand sounds harsh, especially when Jesus says, "Let the dead bury their own dead." This is not disrespect for our deceased, but simply a realization that we must live without regret over the past. If we keep our eye on the present, then the fields of our lives will have the grace and order of newly plowed spring fields. Our lives will hold great promise for a rich harvest.

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

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### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What was Elisha doing when he was called? Can you think of other bible stories where God called people from their jobs? Does God call you to make changes in your everyday life?

"For you were called for freedom." What is the source of this freedom? Pope Francis "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." Can you still live comfortably if you want to be like Jesus? How important are material possessions to you? Somewhat important? What do you think Jesus wants from you in this regard? talks about "going out of yourself." Is this a freeing experience? What about the act of loving your neighbor?

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Fourteenth Sunday of Year** Isaiah 66:10-14c; Psalm 66; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20