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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

Ask, Ask, Ask In the Gospel Reading, Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray; and when he does, he gives not only them but all of us the wonderful prayer we call ‘the Our Father’ or ‘the Lord’s prayer.’

The first thing to notice about the Lord’s prayer is that it is full of petitions. The first one is that God’s name would be hallowed. The second is that God’s kingdom would come. The third is that God would give us our daily bread. And so on.

The Lord’s prayer isn’t just a litany of praise to God, then. It isn’t just an expression of a pious wish that God’s will be done. It isn’t only a surrender of one’s own will to God. Just look at the request for daily bread. It presents to God what we would want God to give us. Having desires and presenting them to God are required by the Lord’s prayer. The Lord’s prayer requires us to trust God enough to tell him what we want—over and over and over.

The second thing to notice about the Lord’s prayer is that people don’t generally get what they ask for. Ask and you will receive, the Lord says. But how many people around the world pray the Lord’s prayer and go without food that day? And food is only the beginning. In every mass, we ask God for healing: “Only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” Then we lug our sinful, sick, and sorrowful souls around another day.

So here is the third thing to notice. Jesus doesn’t promise that we will get the very thing we ask for. He says that if we ask, we will receive; but he doesn’t happen to mention what we will receive.

If you think about it, you can see the point. If a sick person could heal himself, he would be the doctor, not the patient. The patient’s job is to want to get well. It is the doctor’s job to figure out how to get him well.

In the same way, the Lord’s prayer requires us to trust God enough to tell him what we want—over and over and over. Our job is to ask continually. God’s job is to figure out what to give us that will really fill us and heal us.

So we might not get what we ask for. But as long as we keep asking, the Lord promises that we will receive—grace, pressed down, shaken together, running over, and gently given, from the God who loves us.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 29 Seventeenth Sunday of the Year, July 28, 2019

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Jul 28	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Emma Kinhead
Tue	Jul 30	9, 11 am	Shawnee DOC Mass	
Wed	Jul 31	6 :30 pm	SP	No Mass
Fri	Aug 2	12:00 pm	SP	No Mass
Sat	Aug 3	8:30 am	SFD	Reparation of Sin
		5:30 pm	SP	For Parishioners
Sun	Aug 4	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Joe, Hazel Waltz

Birthdays

Jul 29 Riley Slife
 Jul 31 David Zmuda Sr
 Aug 3 Talon Bishop
 Melanie Knupp

St Paul, Vienna

Sun, Jul 28, 10 am

Server: M Bergmann, L Slife

Lector: Joe Nelson

Gifts: Ruth Brown, Jerry Cecchi

Usher: *S Pobst, G Tesina

J Bergmann, J Nelson

E. Minister S Widowski,

P Widowski, F Dueker

Sun, Aug 4, 10 am

Server: Riley Slife

Lector: Steve Widowski

Gifts: Frank, Arlene Dueker

Usher: * J Slife, M Palmer

P Widowski, L Hinton

E. Minister C Kruep

D Hopkins, L Miller

Greeter Bill, Billie Porter



St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

Sun, Jul 28: 8:00 am

Server: Mary Treat

Lector: Myron Cole

Gifts: Deaton Family

Usher: Stan Treat

E. Min: Cecilia Parks

Sun, Aug 4: 8:00 am

Server: Brenda Morse

Lector: Christine Deaton

Gifts: Hustedde Family

Usher David Parks

E. Min: Mary Treat

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Jul 28 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am

St Paul Mass10:00 am

Emergency Plan-Severe Weather update

Tue Jul 30 Mass at Shawnee & Vienna DOC.....9.& 11 am

Wed Jul 31 No Weekday mass at ...SP

Fri Aug 2 No Weekday Mass at...SP

Sat Aug 3 First Saturday Mass & devotion at SFD...8:30 am

Faith Alive Board Mt.....10:00 am

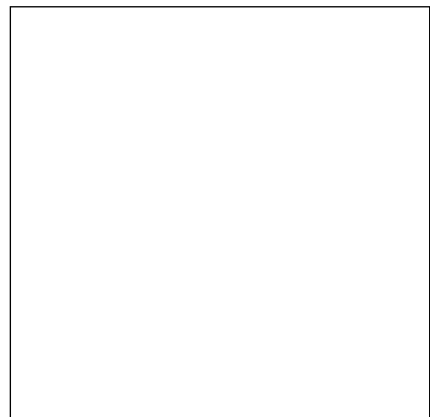
Saturday mass at St Paul.....5:30 pm

Sun Aug 4 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am

St Paul Mass10:00 am

Blood Pressure Checks before and after mass at SP

First Sunday Social at SP.....11:00 am



AUGUST LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE is available in bulletin rack this weekend.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION will remind everyone of procedure in case of severe weather while occupying church/hall.

DAYS OFF Fr Tom will be out of town Tuesday afternoon through Friday afternoon of this week. There will be no weekday masses on Wednesday or Friday. In case of emergency, he may be reached at 618-759-1707.

LADIES TOUR AND LUNCH St. Paul CCW invites all ladies of the parish to join a tour of the Paducah counseling restoration home of Victory Through Grace Ministries on Tuesday, August 20. Afterward, we'll enjoy lunch at Artisan Kitchen. We will leave from the St. Paul parking lot at 9:15 a.m. There is more information and a sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

OUR PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY 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).

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION TEACHERS NEEDED St Paul Religious Education program is seeking adults to be a part of preparing today's youth to be tomorrow's active adult participants. The PSR classes will begin in 1 ½ months. If you would like to find out more about opportunities, please contact Fr Tom at rectory.

PARISH SECRETARY The Parish Council has directed that a secretary be again solicited from the wider community if no parishioner is interested. If any parishioner wants to review or discuss the job description, please contact Fr Tom asap.

THANK YOU....To Cathy and Tom Kruep for organizing and setting up and cooking for the Joint Parish Picnic at Lake Glendale on Saturday and all who attended..
....to volunteers representing St Paul Church who operated the Faith Alive Store Thr-Sat of this past week.

PRAYING WITH PERSISTENCE AND LOVING-KINDNESS. In following Jesus to Jerusalem, the disciples notice his praying and ask for help to do the same. Today, he gives them and us the Lord's Prayer. In the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, this same prayer is not formally given to the elect until the midst of Lent. It is given as summary of all the praying they have done in their many months of preparation for being buried with Jesus at Baptism during the Easter Vigil. It is also the model for the praying they will do for ever. How does my baptismal faith keep me alive in the Lord? How will I pray with persistence each and every day? How will I let the mercy works of forgiving injuries and bearing wrongs patiently fill my prayer in order to guide my actions?

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:12:14; Luke 11:1-13

If God seems far away, who moved? This question, however many times we've heard it, confronts us with a basic truth. Ours is a God always near and always ready to answer our call. If there seems a distance, then it must be either our perception or our choosing. The readings today bring home the familial atmosphere possible in prayer. We are invited to call God by name and to enter a relationship where every need is embraced.

The Genesis author gives us a picture of partnership. Yahweh respects Abraham as a partner in the covenant relationship. God doesn't hide God's intentions; God explains the impending destruction to Abraham. God communicates interest, concern, and a boundless openness to listening.

Abraham responds like the shopkeeper skilled at negotiation. Shrewdly Abraham asks the Lord, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" (Genesis 18:23). Pocketing the Lord's agreement to spare the city for the sake of the innocent, Abraham whittles down their number from fifty to ten. Abraham is family; God sees his maneuvering and respects his motives.

Psalm 138 is one of thanksgiving, announcing the Lord's deliverance. This is a God who is exalted but not aloof or indifferent. God is concerned with the needs of God's family and especially those who are most down-and-out. The psalmist trusts in God's care as an enduring gift. Because the psalmist is the work of God's own hands, the psalmist's prayer is sure to be answered.

Luke believes in the love of human fathers for their children. He reasons from this that God must be infinitely solicitous, never to be outdone in kindness and mercy. Naturally the disciples experience God as Father because they sense this Father and Son relationship in Jesus' prayer to and love for God in heaven. The parable of the unexpected guest teaches that we reach out to God as friend and this bond never fails, especially for those who are persistent!

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What do you learn about Abraham in the story? What behavior of his would you like to imitate? How important were persistence and candor to him? What are God and Abraham willing to do because of their covenant?

The reading refers to Jesus as "... having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us ..." The New Jerusalem Bible translates this as "... he has forgiven us every one of our sins. He has wiped out the record of our debt to the Law, which stood against us."

How is the sleeping father an example of God in this parable? How are they different? Do you have confidence that God will hear you knock on his door? What do the readings this week do for your confidence? Do you think God already knows all your prayers of petition? Are your prayers of thanksgiving spontaneous?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Eighteenth Sunday of Year Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23; Psalm 90; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21