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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

Being Left Out In the Gospel Reading, Jesus picks seventy-two people to send out on a challenging preaching mission. They travel from one city to another, by foot, without money or other provisions. Think about all the stuff we take when we travel, and you will see how difficult their mission was. But Jesus doesn't leave them helpless. He gives them power. They can cure sicknesses and cast out devils. That is a lot of power!

Jesus handpicked the seventy-two people he gave this power to. What would it have felt like to be a disciple who was not picked? How left out must such a disciple have felt?

If what you want is power and status, your desire is for yourself, isn't it? It isn't for Jesus.

But guess what? These seventy-two disciples were left out too. They may have done miracles, but they were left out of the company of the twelve apostles. The Gospel says that Jesus appointed seventy-two others—other beside the apostles, that is. Even though the seventy-two come back rejoicing that the devils are subject to their power, they still don't rank being added to the twelve apostles. And, of course that isn't the end of the story. Jesus took John and Peter with him to witness his transfiguration. The other ten apostles were left out.

How can Jesus leave people out in this way? Is everybody supposed to suffer some sense of abandonment by Jesus except those lucky enough to be in the innermost circle of the twelve? Or the even smaller circle of the two?

The solution to this puzzle lies in what a person wants. The seventy-two come back rejoicing in their power. But then power is what they want. Jesus rebukes them for it. Don't rejoice in your power, he tells them; rejoice rather in the fact that you will be united to God in heaven.

If you want not to be left out of something, your desire has to do with yourself and your status. Those who felt left out, because they weren't chosen to be among the seventy-two, wanted to be honored by being part of that group. And maybe that is why they weren't picked.

And maybe the seventy-two were passed over when Jesus was picking the twelve apostles because what the seventy-two cared about was power and their own status as powerful people handpicked by Jesus. If what you want is power and status, your desire is for yourself, isn't it? It isn't for Jesus.

So maybe in the end it is Peter and John who come with Jesus to see his transfiguration, but what they want more than anything else is being with him. If what you want is Jesus, you will never be left out.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 26 **Fourteenth Sunday of the Year, July 7, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Jul 7	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead
Tue	Jul 9	9, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC Masses	
Wed	Jul 10	7 :30 am	SP	General Intention
Fri	Jul 12	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Jul 13	5:30 pm	SP	For Parishioners
Sun	Jul 14	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Rosemarie Zawacki

<p>Birthdays Jul 7 Madeline Palmer Jul 13 Theo Widowski Zachary Kolb Jul 14 Cathy Kruep Joseph Bowers</p>

St Paul, Vienna

<p>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</p>	<p>Sun, Jul 14, 10 am Server: M & C Bergmann Lector: Leslie Miller Gifts: Joe, Becky Bowers Usher:*M McMahan, D Bishop, S Widowski, R Stoerger E. Minister M Miller S Belske, L Stoerger Greeter Janet Hacker</p>	<p>Sun, Jul 21, 10 am Server: Riley Slife Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Glenn, JoAnn Brown Usher:* M Palmer, D Zmuda R Beanland, Mt Slife E. Minister M Nelson V Anderson, A Dueker Greeter C & M Query</p>
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St Francis DeSales

<p>Sun, Jul 7: 8:00 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: Hustedde Family Usher Dave Parks E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, Jul 14: 8:00 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: Hustedde family Usher: Myron Cole E. Min: Brenda Morse</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Jul 7	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass & Blood Pressure Cks.....	10:00 am
	First Sunday Social at SP.....	11:00 am
Tue Jul 9	Mass at Shawnee and Vienna DOC.....	9.& 11 am
Wed Jul 10	Weekday mass.....	7:30 am
	CS&MA Board Mt....Belleville.....	1:00 pm
	Vacation Bible School at SP.....	5:30-8:00 pm
Thr Jul 11	Vacation Bible School at SP.....	5:30-8:00 pm
Fri Jul 12	Weekday Mass at...SP.....	12:00 pm
	Finance Council Mt.....	5:30 pm
Sat Jul 13	Saturday mass at St Paul.....	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 14	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass	10:00 am
	Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Mt.....	11:00 am



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

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL will be hosted in the hall following the Sunday mass encouraging parishioners to share informally with each other over light refreshments.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at St Paul this Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Food will be served at 5:30 pm. Youth age 3 through 6th grade are invited to take part. Program will include Stories from the Bible, songs, crafts and games.

NOTE: Eucharistic Adoration has been rescheduled to the third Thursday for this month. The daily mass this Wednesday will be 7:30 am 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT COBDEN St Joseph Parish, Cobden invites interested people to VBS July 15-20 on theme: The Early Church and Building Church Community. Mon, Tues & Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Special presentations are planned for adults on Monday – Healing our Communities (three speakers will talk about prison ministries, addiction and recovery, and how our children are affected by the incarceration and addictions of those around them) and Tuesday – Presentation by Sr Janet McCann ASC on ministries in Pennsylvania, Kansas and Illinois. Wednesday – meal at 6:30 pm followed by Marketplace (turn in donations for Parable of the Talents). Thursday – celebration of Mass at 7 pm. Saturday – Pool Party at Anna City Pool 6-7:50 pm.

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).

SENDING, WELCOMING, BEING PEACE-FILLED. Jesus sends the 72 into the whole world. He sends them in pairs. He instructs them to preach peace and accept whatever hospitality is given. And then report back. How will I be hospitable to everyone, **everyone** this week? What peace can I both speak and foster? With whom will I collaborate – since we do not live faith or act alone – this week?

VOCATION CORNER “Leaving high school, I didn’t know whether or not I was called to be a priest. But prayer and spiritual direction led me to a deeper discernment, and I entered seminary. I looked to stories of the saints and examples of my parents as reasons that led me to trust that God had a plan. I experienced falling in love with Christ and above all peace in my vocation. The most important lesson I’ve learned is to trust. The peace and direction I have in my life are a testament to that. Others trusted in me, which in turn allowed me to trust in Christ.” Josh Bathon, CSC, Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind. Columbia, March 2016.

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Humans, all of us, can be very contradictory creatures. Think, for example, of all the times we have a very clear and accurate notion of what's required for our welfare and still fail to make that choice. This brings to mind the old joke: God must have a flat forehead from all the times God smacks the divine hand against brow in frustration over our inconsistencies.

Communication is something essential to our welfare. Advertisers know this and have many variations on the theme "reach out and touch someone." Yet how many times do we choose not to communicate, to withdraw in silent isolation? Today's readings are about communicating God's Word. A mission that is shared by all of us who have been gifted with faith.

The author of Third Isaiah (Chapters 56-66) brings a message of hope. Jerusalem is a nursing mother: "That you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast" (Isaiah 66:11). Yahweh is a loving mother: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you" (66:13). For this prophet, God is compelled to reach out.

Paul speaks today in Galatians about "brand marks." In Paul's time, brand marks showed that a person belonged to someone else. Circumcision was this kind of mark for the followers of the Jewish law. The Christian sign of belonging and commitment is the cross. Life has meaning in Jesus' cross and the new life brought about by Jesus' death and resurrection (Galatians 6:15;

2 Corinthians 5:17). This cross bridges our communication, vertically God and horizontally with one another.

Luke is the only evangelist who speaks about a mission of the seventy-two. Matthew, Mark, and John all have a mission of the Twelve. Luke is anticipating the proclamation of the Good News to the Gentiles. The disciples speak the ultimate message of the Lord, "Say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you'" (Luke 10:9). We are today's disciples. Our mandate is the same -- to speak by our words and deeds the love of our God.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Salvation history started in the Hebrew Testament, moved through the New and continues today. Do you think God's love changed over time or is it the same? Why do you say so? . "For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision." Some people wanted to follow the ancient practices; Paul did not. Can you relate to this kind of problem in your home? your work? your Church?

Jesus probably sent out seventy-two disciples because at the time there were seventy-two known nations. What would such symbolism mean in our times? In what ways are you a laborer in this abundant harvest?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Fifteenth Sunday of Year Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65; Romans 8:18-23; Luke 13:1-23.