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**Mission: Live Catholic teachings,**

**Participate in Sacramental and Liturgical Celebrations, Serve our Community**

**ST. PAUL 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:

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

**Bread from Heaven** When the Israelites came out of Egypt, God did one miracle after another for them. He got water from a rock when they were thirsty; and, when they were hungry, he fed them with bread from heaven. “Mah nah?—what is this?” the Israelites asked when they saw it; and ‘manna’ has been its name ever since.

Why didn’t God just miraculously produce real, ordinary bread for them?

They learned to trust in God, who fed them with what they needed to live.

Moses answers this question in his speech to the people: God fed them with manna so that they might know one does not live by bread alone. If God had fed them ordinary bread, they wouldn’t have learned the lesson. As it was, first they hungered, and then they were fed miraculously with the who-knows-what-this-is bread from heaven. And so they learned to trust in God, who fed them with what they needed to live.

But this is only half the lesson, as Moses explains it: one does not live by bread alone; what else is needed is the word of God.

And so, when the time was right, the only-begotten Word of God came so that people might not perish but have ever-lasting life (John 3:16).

That is why Christ said that he was the true bread from heaven. One does not live by bread alone but by this true Word of God.

And, by a miracle which completes the lesson of the manna, this Word is the bread of life for all the faithful. The Word of God and the bread from heaven are present in one here.

In the Eucharist, then, there is everything that one needs to live, if one will only learn the lesson and trust in Christ, who feeds his people with himself, the living bread from heaven and the Word of God.

Eleonore Stump

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**Schedule of Masses**

Sun	June 14	10:00 am	SP	For Parishioners
		12:00 pm	SFD	Britney Deaton
Tues	June 16	11:00 am	SP	For Parishioners
Wed	June 17	5:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	June 19	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	June 21	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Magdalen Warner

**Birthdays**

Jun 14 David Parks  
 Jun 15 Minnie Skaggs  
 Jun 18 Neil Coleman  
 Jun 20 Jim Goddard

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

**St Paul.....June 14 – Lector** Steve Widowski..... **June 21 – Lector:** Arlene Dueker  
**St Francis DeSales** **Lector:** Christine Deaton

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING June 7, 2020**

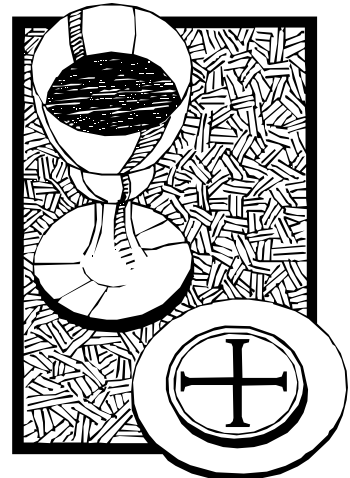
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**Total....\$1505**

**SF:** Envelope \$240.00, Loose 20.00, CRS 100.00, Home Mission 20.00, Holy Land 20.00,  
 Seminarian Education 100.00, **Total ...\$500.00**

Thank you to all who have faithfully continued your envelope contributions.

**THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE**

Sun Jun 14 St Paul Mass .....(Corpus Christi).....10:00 am  
 St Francis DeSales...(Corpus Christi).....12:00 pm  
 Homecoming meal and program (Com Center.1 pm  
 (Mass will be recorded and uploaded to Youtube by 5 pm)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh6kIQloQxLwZfOXW9DIqBQ>  
 Tue Jun 16 Weekday mass SP.....11:00 am  
 Wed Jun 17 Ministerial Alliance Mt.....12:00 pm  
 Weekday Mass SP.....5:30 pm  
 Merged Parish Council Mt at SP.....6:00 pm  
 Fri Jun 19 Weekday Mass SP.....12:00 pm  
 Sun Jun 21 Fathers’ Day Recognition  
 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am  
 St Paul Mass .....10:00 am



**REOPENING CHURCH FOR MASS** With the approval of the diocese, the new directives allowing up to 25% of capacity of church will allow participation in Mass beginning Sunday June 6th. Saturday evening mass will be delayed until sufficient volunteers are available. A disposable order of service will be provided for mass. Please cooperate with direction of ushers for the sake of confidence and safety of most vulnerable. To assure space for social distancing is allowed, those want to attend mass on Sunday are asked to call or email the parish office to reserve a seat.

We are still seeking helpers for ushering and clean-up (guidelines request those over 65 and other covid-vulnerable individuals not be enlisted as volunteers). A training video link is available at <http://www.diobelle.org/main-rotator/1405> If interested contact Steve, Zach, or Fr Tom.

The dispensation from Sunday mass will continue to be offered. Also the recorded Mass will continue to be available for those who do not get out to church.

**ST FRANCIS DESALES HOMECOMING MASS & MEAL** The St Francis DeSales Homecoming mass and meal will be June 14, beginning with 12 noon mass. We will still comply with the social distancing directives. The meal will be held at the Stonefort Community Center following the mass (at St Francis DeSales Church). Following the meal there will be a historical slide show, some recognitions, opportunity to share stories, mementos and availability of parish history book for \$5.

**MERGED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held Wednesday, June 18, 6 pm at St Paul pavilion. Agenda will be available at this weekend mass or on e-mail..

**CATHOLIC SERVICES AND MINISTRY APPEAL** Thank you to the 25 households who have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far (19) \$4774.00 has been pledged of SP goal of \$4430.00 and(6) \$1700 of SF goal of \$918.00. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Additional pledge envelopes are in the church entrance. You may also make an online pledge at diobelle.org under Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal.

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF BISHOP McGOVERN** will be held July 22, 2 pm at the Cathedral in Belleville. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, seating will be limited. One delegate from each parish is able to attend the mass.(If you wish to be considered, contact Fr Tom by June 28). The mass will also be broadcast live on EWTN (cable and internet) so that anyone can share in the celebration.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

.....Faith Alive Volunteers by St Paul June 25-27 (9am-3pm;but Sat 9am-12pm

.....Closing Mass of St Francis DeSales Parish...June 29, 8 am

Opening Merged Parish mass and blessing of St Francis artifacts at St Paul.July 5, 10am  
(Note: The official date for the Peter Pence Collection has been rescheduled to Oct 3-4)

**HISTORY QUIZ-** How many years have St Francis DeSales and St Paul shared a common pastor? 81 years The only time period they were served by different pastors was 1946-1989. How much will a book of St Francis DeSales and St Paul Parish histories cost? \$5.00 (then you can read and make up history quizzes for yourself and other family members.)

# Commemoration of the Body and Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

Let's be honest: Sunday Eucharist is not always the most exciting hour of our week. Sometimes we feel the pressure of going because "we have to"; occasionally we encounter people in church we don't care for all that much; at times the liturgy seems a little tedious and maybe even boring.

Today's readings are upsetting invitations to reassess our eucharistic values. Do we celebrate life or do we put up with it? Do we appropriate the self-giving of Jesus or do we focus only on self?

Moses' sermon in this passage from Deuteronomy is his last instruction to the Israelites as they prepare to enter the promised land. They must remember how the Lord fed them with manna during the wilderness years, how they drank from the flinty rock. Now in the fertile land they must realize that one does not live by bread alone. God's Word ensures fullness of life.

Paul writes to the divided Corinthians who were making a scandal of the Eucharist. To eat the bread and drink the wine are genuine participation in the body and blood of Christ. Eucharist and pagan ritual are contradictory.

More than likely today's passage from John's Gospel was originally part of the Last Supper narrative. The author has reshaped the passage into the bread of life discourse in John 6:35-50. The focus is now on the Eucharist, Jesus as the source of life and nourishment. As we receive the body and blood of Christ, does the teaching of John make us aware that we are indeed caught up in God's life? Corpus Christi is that special feast that proclaims: To celebrate Eucharist is to celebrate life.

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

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## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (**Corpus Christi**)– 14

June 2020

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a. Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.

Sequence – Lauda Sion / Laud, O Zion. John 6:51-58.

**Bread and Wine; Flesh and Blood.** For a while – too long, it seems – most of us could not share in Holy Communion. Perhaps it is still so. We long to eat and drink because Jesus pledges that he will remain in those who do. But we believe that same Christ is present to us in other ways. When Scripture is read aloud, he speaks in our midst today. When two or three gather in his name, he is there, too. He is not distant from us.

- Let me make time each day to read and ponder one of the Sunday readings.
- Even if I cannot go to church, how will I still continue to pray?
- How will my longing for Eucharist and Communion urge me to help feed those needing daily bread?

## Next Sunday - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21 June 2020

Jeremiah 20:10-13. Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. Romans 5:12-15. Matthew 10:26-33.