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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

Believe and Be Saved The first line in the Gospel reading is powerful: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” God’s love for us is so great that he has found a way to bring us from death into life in himself.

And what is that way? Well, as the Gospel says, you must believe in the only Son of God.

You are saved from death by believing in the Son of God.

But what is it to believe in the Son of God? Believing in a person is not the same as believing that a claim is true, is it? To believe in a person is to trust that person for some things.

So to believe in the only Son of God is to trust him.

Trust him for what? Well, trust him to bring us from death into life. That is what the Gospel says, isn’t it? God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

So here is God’s funny system. You are saved from death by believing in the Son of God, and you believe in him if you are willing to believe that he saves you from death. Your contribution to your salvation is to believe that God will save you.

Of course, it is important not to get mixed up here. Your contribution is not the self-congratulatory belief that you are saved, or the even funnier but equally self-flattering belief that you have belief in the Son of God. No, your contribution is really just to believe in the Son of God.

Think of it this way. If I say that I believe you are my only way of getting out of this burning building alive and then settle down to watch TV, what I say isn’t true, is it? What I say turns out to be true only if I am glued on you, totally focused on following you out of that burning building. If I really believe you can save me from the building burning around me, I will certainly cleave to you now.

How much more should we cleave to the Savior when we believe in him and trust him to bring us from death into life?

Eleonore Stump

Vol 21 #22 Trinity Sunday June 7, 2020

Schedule of Masses

Sun	June 7	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Caryn Zmuda
Tues	June 9	11:00 am	SP	For Parishioners
Wed	June 10	6:30 pm	SP	Agnes Schwartz
Fri	June 12	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	June 14	10:00 am	SP	For Parishioners
		12:00 pm	SFD	Britney Deaton

Birthdays

Jun 7 Mont Bishop
Jun 9 Suzanne McHugh
Jun 10 Stan Treat
Arlene Dueker
Dick Bigler
Jun 14 David Parks

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

St Paul.....June 7 – Lector Joe Nelson June 14 – Lector Steve Widowski

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING May 31, 2020

SP: Envelope \$ 535.00 (7), Catholic Communications 20.00, Rice Bowl 100.35 (5),
Total....\$655.35

SF: No report

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

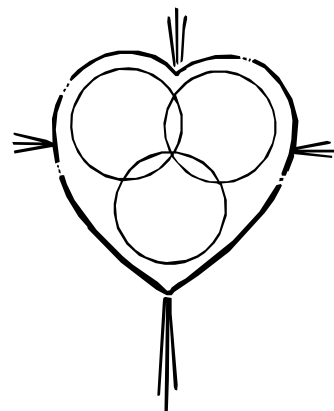
THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Jun 7 St Francis DeSales Mass (Trinity Sunday).....8 am
St Paul Mass(Trinity Sunday)....10:00 am
(Mass will be recorded and uploaded to Youtube by 5 pm)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh6kIQloQxLwZfOXW9DlqBQ>

Tue Jun 9 Weekday mass SP.....11:00 am
Wed Jun 10 Weekday Mass SP.....6:30 pm
Fri Jun 12 Weekday Mass SP.....12:00 pm
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

While public gatherings are restricted, spiritual or physical needs may be assisted on an individual basis with proper precautions.
Contact the parish office for any requests.



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 this Sunday. Saturday evening mass will be delayed until sufficient volunteers are available. Because of the difficulty with disinfecting worship books, they have been stored and 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.

Steve Pobst and Zach Garrett have agreed to be co-leaders who will coordinate training and scheduling of the required volunteers. Three captains will oversee the workers for a) Set-up of church, b) Ushering people in and out of the service and assuring that social distancing, masks and hand cleaning are observed, and c) clean-up – disinfecting all surfaces of church used during service. Jared Bergmann has agreed to be captain of set-up. We are 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.

THANK YOU...to the less vulnerable volunteers coordinating the ministries to allow mass to begin...Steve Pobst, Zach Garrett, coordinators and ushers; Jared Bergmann, set up and usher; Katie Pobst, Erin Garrett and Marsha Nelson for disinfecting cleanup.

ST FRANCIS DESALES HOMECOMING MASS & MEAL The originally planned Homecoming mass and meal planned for June 14, beginning with 12 noon mass will still be held. We will ask for reservations to assure we can 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, momentos and availability of parish history book.

COMMEMORATION OF BISHOP BRAXTON JUBILEE Along with many other changes in the diocesan calendar, the commemoration of anniversaries of priestly ordination, ordination to episcopacy and 15th anniversary of installation as bishop of Belleville has been postponed till next year. In response to people's inquiry about an appropriate gift for the Bishop's anniversaries and a sign of appreciation for his fifteen years of dedicated service, Bishop Braxton has indicated his preference of spiritual gifts in the form of spiritual bouquets by individuals and groups instead of physical objects as books or art works. The spiritual bouquet can be placed in a card and sent to the Bishop in care of the chancery at 222 S Third St, Belleville IL 62220 at any time.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Merged Parish Council Mt.....Wed, June 17, 6 pm
Faith Alive Volunteers by St PaulJune 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

HISTORY QUIZ- When was the first Parish Council initiated in St Paul and St Francis DeSales parishes? In 1976 under pastoral leadership of Fr Jerry Wirth, a group of parishioners formalized the constitution for the first Parish Council at St Paul. In 1990, Fr Dan Friedman organized a Parish Council at St Francis DeSales. Previously the pastor with advisement of trustees made most decisions about temporalities.

Trinity Sunday

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Giving is the Trinity's way. This weekend we celebrate the Christian mystery that God is one yet three. This truth easily can become only a head trip, a reality that we admire but don't imitate. The dangerous consequence is that the Trinity becomes a phrase in the Creed rather than a way of life. Today's readings offer a compelling view of the Trinity as the pattern for living.

The Exodus scene captures the renewal of Israel's covenant with God after the people had sinned in the golden calf incident. Moses speaks of the Lord as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (vs. 6). The Israelites have been unfaithful, yet Moses prevails upon God to be faithful. Yahweh is loyal and this forgiveness demonstrates the giving nature of the Trinity.

Paul pleads with a divided community at Corinth to make mutual peace a reality and hence to experience God in their midst. In this particular blessing, Paul includes not only Jesus but also the Spirit and hence asks the community to appropriate the Trinity's way of life: Jesus' self-giving in death, the Father's loving surrender of the Son, and the Spirit's creation of fellowship between Christ and Christian.

The gospel passage continues Jesus' dialogue with Nicodemus. Jesus points out that faith is necessary to benefit from the gift of the Spirit. The Father's sending of the Son brings salvation to the world. To accept the message of Jesus is to be caught up in the pattern of giving, sending, and loving.

In the face of hurt and betrayal, the modern Christian is asked to reflect on a God who reaches out and forgives. We too must create peace in the face of factionalism. Rather than selfishness we must demonstrate giving, sending, and loving. These are real life attempts to live our belief in the Trinity. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" is the legacy and responsibility of every Christian.

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

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – 07 June 2020

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9. Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55. 2 Corinthians 13:11-13. John 3:16-18.

Come Along with Us. Moses' prayer on Mount Sinai is also our prayer: "O Lord, do come along in our company." It is a prayer that basks in covenantal fidelity and a desire to see God. We do see God – in every person within whom the Son Jesus Christ resides.

- How am I filled with grace by Jesus Christ?
- How can I love God who loves me first?
- What fellowship do I enjoy because of the presence of the Holy Spirit?

Next Sunday - 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. John 6:51-58.