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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

The Love of the Lord In the Gospel Reading, Jesus seems to recommend an inhuman attitude: you are not to love your mother or father or your child more than Jesus. In fact, you are not to love your own life more than Jesus. If you do, you will lose what you love.

What does it even mean to compare loves in this way? If you have more than one child, you can love each one equally, can't you? Why think that your love of your child is in competition with your love of Jesus? But if it is, honestly, why wouldn't you love your child more?

The good news is that if you do love the Lord, then you will be united with him.

Well, think about it this way. To love someone is to want to be united with that person somehow. If your mother sends you lots of gifts but never cares to be near you, you wouldn't think she loved you, would you? More than that, if, when your mother came to visit you, she constantly opposed everything you yourself value, you would have a sense of your distance from her; and that distance would make you feel lonely with respect to her even while she was there visiting you.

And now you can see how loves can be in opposition to each other. If your adult son is selling drugs to teenagers, you can be at one with your son only if you no longer care about those teenagers. But then you will be at a distance from the Lord because the Lord cares about each one of his people. So in wanting to be united with your drug-dealing son, you would be willing to be separated from the Lord. And then you would not be worthy of the Lord, would you?

The good news is that if you do love the Lord, then you will be united with him; and in being united with him, you will also be united with everyone else united with the Lord. The love you have for your child, the love you have for your mother or father, have their full home in your shared love of the Lord. And that is why the Lord says that a person who loses his life for the Lord will find it. Real union, and the real love, peace, and joy that union brings, are possible only in the love of the Lord.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 21 #25 **Thirteenth Sunday of the Year**, June 28, 2020

Schedule of Masses

Sun	June 29	8:00 am	SFD	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Pat Cooney
Tues	June 30	11:00 am	SP	For Parishioners
Wed	July 1	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	July 3	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	July 4	8:30 am	SP	Reparation of Sin
Sun	July 5	10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead

Birthdays
Jul 2 Russell Drone
Jul 4 Sheila Maier
Karen Cole
Jul 5 Mitch Miller

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

St Paul.....June 28 – Lector: Arlene Dueker..... **July 5 – Lector:** Joe Nelson
St Francis DeSales Lector: Mary Treat

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING June 21, 2020

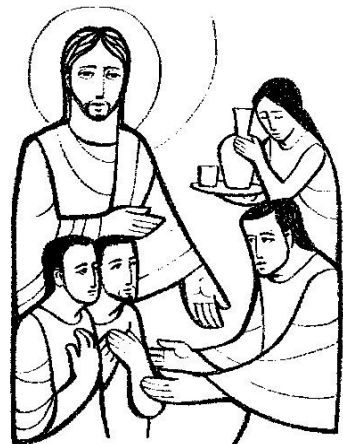
SP: Envelope \$ 1340.00 (14), Loose 60.00, Diocesan Col 120.00, Bld & Maint 270.00
Total....\$1790.00

SF: Envelope \$225.00, Loose 20.00, Peter’s Pence 100.00
Total ...\$345.00

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

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Jun 29 St Francis DeSales Last Mass.....8:00 am
 St Paul Mass10:00 am
 (Mass will be recorded and uploaded to Youtube by 5 pm)
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh6kIQloQxLwZfOXW9DIqBQ>
 Tue Jun 30 Weekday mass SP.....11:00 am
 Wed July 1 Weekday Mass SP.....6:30 pm
 Fri July 3 Weekday Mass SP.....12:00 pm
 Sat July 4 First Saturday Mass SP.....8:30 am
 Sun July 5 St Paul Mass & blessing religious articles incorporated
 from St Francis DeSales.....10:00 am
 Welcome social following mass.....11:00 am



Remember in prayer...Dolores Brown who was hospitalized with a stroke; Laurie Coleman, recovering from knee surgery, Preston Brown, returning from convalescence home, Kathy Hupe undergoing tests.

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

ST FRANCIS DESALES CLOSING MASS will be celebrated this Sunday. The Resolution for return to profane (non exclusive spiritual) use of the church has been previously officially declared effective June 30th. The Blessed Sacrament will not be retained in the church after this Sunday's mass. Religious articles were chosen by a joint parish committee to be incorporated into St Paul Parish at the July 5th Sunday Mass. All St Francis DeSales parishioners are welcomed to participate in the Eucharistic Celebration. A social will follow the mass. Copies of the parish history book are still available for \$5.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AND DEVOTIONS will continue to be offered at St Paul on the first Saturdays of each month at 8:30 am.

COVID 19 REQUIREMENTS Illinois Phase 4 directives don't change church gatherings, since exception had been granted earlier for 50 or fewer people to gather indoors with proper social distancing. Reservations for Sunday are still required to assure no more than maximum limit is permitted, but also to implement contact notification in case of exposure to a positive case. Standing reservations may be made at the church office for those intending to participate weekly in mass.

HOPE UNLIMITED VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN The annual Baby Bottle collection from Mothers Day to Fathers Day wasn't permitted this year. In its place a Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign is initiated to sustain operation of Hope Unlimited in Metropolis and Paducah providing pregnancy care and family support. They are requesting \$30 donation. You may text 'Bottle' to 270-398-9995 or donate on line at www.hopeunlimitedfcc.org or mail check to Hope Unlimited, 1101 Jefferson St, Paducah, KY 42001.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION Three young men, Nicholas Fleming, Carl Schrage, and Joel Seipp, will be ordained priest on Sat, July 11, 10:30 am. The mass will not be open to public attendance, but will be livestreamed at <http://www.cathedralbelle.org/> Please support them in your prayer.

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 television or on web at <https://www.ewtn.com/>

THANK YOU....To volunteers who staffed the Faith Alive Thrift Store this week.
....to the old and new volunteers ushering and disinfecting at our Sunday mass
....to those who have served and supported St Francis DeSales during its 141 yr history.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

.....Parish Council Mt at St Paul.....Wed, July 8, 6 pm
.....Finance Council Mt at St Paul.....Fri, July 10, 5:30 pm
.....125th Committee & Liturgy Mt...parish hall.....Sun, July 12, 11 am
.....Msgr Joe Lawler will be celebrant for Mass Sun, July 19, 10 am
.....Parish Picnic at Lake Glendale.....Sat, July 25, 11 am

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16; Psalm 89; Romans 6:3-4;8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

Human judgment about the value of an individual is not necessarily God's judgment. Sometimes we look at others in terms of what they have accomplished or in terms of what they are able to accomplish for us. Today's Scripture readings give a different measure, a measure of divine priorities.

Elisha was a prophet in the ninth century B.C. The wealthy woman from the town of Shunem in the northern kingdom of Israel discovers more than a great personality in Elisha. She describes him to her husband as a holy man of God. She sees beyond externals to detect the presence of God. The guest room symbolizes this perception. Elisha is God's emissary and so is worthy of respect and charity.

Paul emphasizes the transformation experience of death and resurrection. Through baptism, the Christian dies with Christ and is buried with him. The Christian also shares in Jesus' Resurrection, since, as a result, the Christian is called upon to live a new life. At the same time the Christian looks forward to the Parousia, the Second Coming. For Paul this transformation means that the person is nothing less than a new creation. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.) All distinctions based on race, social status, and sex are leveled. (See Galatians 3:27-28.) To appraise a Christian is to measure that person's overwhelming dignity. God is the measure of values.

Matthew concludes his missionary discourse by lining up the members of his community: apostles, prophets, holy people, and lowly ones. To accept any one of these is to accept Jesus. Their value derives from Jesus. Thus, even a glass of cold water has great value because the giver recognizes the dignity of the person.

The emancipation proclamation of Paul is challenging. We must not evaluate people on the basis of ethnic origin, social status, or gender. The nondiscriminatory message of Matthew's Jesus may upset us. The modern versions of "lowly ones" are not always high on our list of preferred associates. Our God's criteria for value must be our measure, a message as revolutionary today as it was in Jesus' time.

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

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28 June 2020 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a. Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19. Romans 6:3-4, 8-11. Matthew 10:37-42.

Being a Worthy Disciple. We hear in Romans 6 today what we also read during the Easter Vigil (even if we could not attend this year). We hear this: death and burial with Christ in Baptism is all about newness of life. It is about living the Christian life. This discipleship is not a hobby. It is a challenging way of life requiring art and skill and diligence.

- What is my baptismal duty for this week?
- How will I follow after Christ?
- To whom will I offer a "cup of cold water" or some other mercy work?

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 05 July 2020

Zechariah 9:9-10. Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14. Romans 8:9, 11-13. Matthew 11:25-30.