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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  
Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst  
Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

Sundays – 10:00 am  
Weekdays – Wed 6:30 pm  
& Friday, 12 pm

**Lightening the Load** In the Gospel, Christ says that his yoke is easy and his burden is light. But how can this be true? Doesn't each Christian among us have a heavy burden to carry?

Nobody needs me to list what things make a person's burden heavy. Everyone can look at his own life and make that list. And even if there is some person who has no worries or sadness for himself, he must be a very lonely person if he is not carrying a burden for someone else whom he loves.

Everything that might be loss is turned into gift given and gift received

So, in what sense is Christ's yoke easy and his burden light?

To see why Christ's saying really is true after all, consider the condition Christ sets for getting the gift he offers to us, the easy yoke and the light burden: "Come to me," he says.

To come to someone is to be willing to be united with that person. It is to be open to him, to let his will make a difference to what you yourself will and do. This isn't safe, generally speaking.

But when the person to whom you come is Christ himself, the vulnerability which openness brings with it is more than matched by the love Christ gives. In the gift of that love, everything that might be loss is turned into gift given and gift received, to be returned again in love.

Even death is like this. You do not have to face death as if it were a depredation. Within the love of Christ, what might be only irrevocable loss of your life can become a sharing with Christ too. You can offer your life as gift to Christ, with Christ, for Christ, as you go through death to arrive at life in love in Christ.

And if even the heavy load of death can be lightened in this way, then what Christ says is true about every other heavy burden, too: in coming to him, in shared love with him, we will find that his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

Eleonore Stump

# Vol 21 #26 **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, July 5, 2020

## Schedule of Masses

Sun	July 5	10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead
Tues	July 7	11:00 am	SP	For Parishioners
Wed	July 8	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	July 10	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	July 5	10:00 am	SP	David Hannan

## Birthdays

Jul 5 Mitch Miller  
Jul 7 Madeline Palmer

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**St Paul.....July 5 – Lector:** Joe Nelson    **July 12 – Lector:** Madonna Slife

## STEWARDSHIP OFFERING June 28, 2020

**SP:** Envelope \$ 710.00 (13), Loose 40.00, Peter's Pence 185.00, Bld & Maint 10.00  
CS&MA..100.00; History Book Reimb 135.00    **Total....\$1190.00**

**SF:** Envelope \$190.00, Peter's Pence 30.00

**Total ...\$220.00**

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

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun July 5 St Paul Mass & blessing religious articles incorporated  
from St Francis DeSales.....10:00 am

Welcome social following mass.....11:00 am

(Mass will be recorded and uploaded to Youtube by 5 pm)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh6kIQloQxLwZfOXW9DIqBQ>

Tue July 7 Weekday mass SP.....11:00 am

Wed July 8 Weekday Mass SP.....5:30 pm

Merged Parish Council Mt..hall.....6:00 pm

Fri July 10 Weekday Mass SP.....12:00 pm

Sat July 11 Priesthood Ordination, Blessing of Oils...10:30 am

Sun July 12 St Paul Mass .....10:00 am

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Liturgy Committee Mt..11 am

Remember in Prayer the sick and hospitalized and recovering.



**MASS OF MERGED PARISHES - ST FRANCIS DESALES & ST PAUL** will be celebrated this Sunday. Religious articles chosen by a joint parish committee will be incorporated with a blessing into St Paul Parish at the July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass. All St Francis DeSales parishioners are welcomed to participate in the Eucharistic Celebration. A social will follow the mass.

**FOURTH QUARTER AND ANNUAL FINANCE AND BUDGET REPORT** for St Paul is included in today's bulletin after review by the Finance Council.

**MERGED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in the parish hall this Wed, July 8, 6 pm. Council members can pick up agenda at this weekend's 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](http://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.

**COMBINED 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND LITURGY COMMITTEES** will meet on July 12, 11 am following the Sunday Mass. Plans for the Sept 13, 2 pm Mass and dinner will be undertaken.

**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. Zach Garrett and Craig Levesque will be our parish representatives. The mass will also be broadcast live on EWTN television or on web at <https://www.ewtn.com/>

**LAKE GLENDALE PARISH PICNIC** is planned for Sat, July 25, beginning 11 am at Pine Point Picnic Area (East of Swimming beach). Lunch at 12 noon with Hot dogs, sausage, chips and water. Other foods welcome. Optional activities include swimming, boating, fishing, hiking and socializing. Please notify Cathy Kruep (618-304-4841) or e-mail [cathykruep@yahoo.com](mailto:cathykruep@yahoo.com) by July 22 with number of participants

**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.

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 145; Romans 8:9,11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

How often we live by "production is the name of the game" and "business is business." This ethic means that only those who meet our standards, goals, and expectations are worth our time and energy; others are expendable. This mind-set attaches very little value to compassion. Today's readings contrast pragmatic business mentality with God's goals.

The excerpt from Zechariah is often dated after the arrival of Alexander the Great in Palestine in 332 B.C. The author offers a message of consolation now that Israel is subject to yet another conqueror. The author longs for a return of the Davidic kingdom, but in the form of a humble king riding an ass (an animal linked to the anointing of kings) rather than a horse (an animal linked to warfare). Now will be a time of peace during which North and South will be unified and Israel's borders will extend to all the civilized world.

The responsorial psalm extols God for God's ongoing care. The psalmist announces that this God "is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Psalm 145:8). The words "merciful" and "compassionate" derive from the Hebrew word for womb. Divine maternal compassion lifts up the bowed down.

Matthew develops the image of Jesus after the manner of Lady Wisdom (see Proverbs 8-9). Like Lady Wisdom, Jesus invites the disciple to learn his message by accepting his person. He directs that message to the religious outcasts of his day. Jesus speaks of "rest," that is, the peace associated with the Messiah.

The opportunity for compassion is everywhere. Zechariah suggests that we break into joy only when we give over and above the minimum to the indigent. The psalmist recommends that we show maternal concern by not counting the extra cost. The Matthean Jesus urges us to make the yoke of suffering lighter by becoming involved. Compassion is the hallmark of the Christian.  
-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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## 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.

**Once Again: "Come to Me."** The gospel today is the same one heard on 19 June for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus never tires of inviting. We should never tire of hearing the invitation.

- Asked again: How will I go to Christ?
- What rest do I need?
- Whom will I bring with me?

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12 July 2020

Isaiah 55:10-11. Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14. Romans 8:18-23. Matthew 13:1-23.