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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020 State Rte 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995
Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst
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Sundays – 10:00 am
Weekdays – Tue 11 am, Wed
6:30 pm & Friday, 12 pm

The Bread of Life In the First Reading, God promises that he will feed his people well. Given this promise, the story in the Gospel Reading makes perfect sense: Jesus feeds the people who come to him with bread, the kind of ordinary bread that a person needs for his body to live.

But pause here a minute: how many of God’s people go without food every day in this world? Where is the promised feeding of God?

The bread Christ offers stills the deepest hunger of all, and the life that Christ gives conquers all death.

In fact, look at the list of things in the Second Reading that Paul says cannot separate us from the love of God. Famine is on Paul’s list, and so is every other kind of suffering. Why do we have to be told that hunger won’t separate God’s people from God? What happened to God’s promise that he will feed his people?

As far as that goes, in the First Reading, God says to his people, “Come to me that you might have life.” But even death is on Paul’s list of things that cannot separate us from the love of God. Why should Paul have to tell us that death won’t separate us from God if God has promised to give us life instead of death?

If God’s promises to feed us and to give us life mean that some of us will suffer famine and all of us will die, what good are these promises? What do they mean? What are we to hope for in God’s promises?

Here we should remember what Christ says about food and life: “I am the bread of life. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” (John 6:35, 51).

There are different kinds of hunger and different kinds of life, aren’t there? The bread Christ offers stills the deepest hunger of all, and the life that Christ gives conquers all death.

So the sufferings of this world—hunger, death—remain. But the Second Reading is right to say that they cannot separate us from the love of Christ. The promises of God, that he will feed us and we will live, are fulfilled in the bread of life that is the Lord.

Eleonore Stump

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Aug 2	10:00 am	SP	Pat Cooney
Tues	Aug 4	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Aug 5	6:30 pm	SP	Carolyn Barrett
Fri	Aug 7	12:00 pm	SP	Fr Roger Karban
Sun	Aug 9	10:00 am	SP	Ken Dennison

Birthdays

Aug 3 Talon Bishop
Melanie Knupp
Aug 7 Emma Hustedde
Aug 8 Patsy Bishop

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

St Paul.....Aug 2: Leslie Miller **Aug 9:** Steve Widowski

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING July 26, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Aug 2 St Paul Mass10:00 am
After Mass Social (in front of church)....11:00 am
Tue Aug 4 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
Wed Aug 5 Catholic Service & Ministry Bd Mt.Bville.1:00 pm
Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
Fri Aug 7 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
Sat Aug 8 Bishop McGovern mass in South Vicariate..5:00pm
For non-standing reservations at Aug 9 mass, contact
the rectory by phone or e-mail
Sun Aug 9 St Paul Mass10:00 am



Remember in Prayer the sick and hospitalized and recovering.

SAVE THE DATE – Photography for new pictorial directory will be Oct 27, 28, & 29, 2-9 pm at St Paul Parish Center. Schedule for appointments will be held in Sept.

AFTER MASS SOCIAL will be offered in front of church following this Sunday's mass.

BISHOP MCGOVERN VICARIATE VISIT Bishop McGovern will celebrate Mass at St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Ridgway, at 5pm on Saturday, August 8th. It is understood that seating is limited as always, but I would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the vicariate who wishes to attend the Mass. Our sign-up facility is here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044DADAB23A1FB6-stkateri9> (Note: Bishop McGovern will also be the celebrant of the 125th Anniversary Mass at St Paul on Sept 13, 2 pm).

BELLEVILLE DIOCESE MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate a special "Mass for Young Adults" on Sunday, August 9, at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. All young adults, from high school graduates through age 35, are invited to attend, and meet the new Bishop. A light reception with cold drinks will be held after the Mass. This is a good opportunity for Catholic young adults to pray together with Bishop McGovern and to meet other young adults from the diocese.

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. Individual Sunday or Standing reservations may be made at the church office for those intending to participate weekly in mass.

RURAL KING CHURCH WEEK During Church Week, Aug 2-Aug 15, purchases at Rural King can earn 10% of receipts (less tax) for a registered 501(c)3 Christian organization. St Paul has been registered. Customers can choose a registered organization to donate to and upload their receipts to www.ruralking.com/churchweek by Sept 1, 2020.

FAITH ALIVE VOLUNTEERS St Paul Parish will operate the Faith Alive Store on August 13-15th. A list is on the bulletin board inviting parishioners to volunteer.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Beginning August 13, the opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration will again be offered at St Paul on the 2nd Thursday, 4-7:30 pm. A sign-up schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER-“They all ate and were satisfied.” In Matthew’s Gospel account (MT 14:13-21), we learn that Jesus’s first apostle, the one who leaped for joy in the womb during His mother Mary’s visit-had been beheaded and Jesus was filled with grief. The news of the death of John the Baptist sent Christ to seek out a deserted place -alone-to think about his cousin and beloved friend. But Jesus’s solitude was short-lived. Even in his deep anguish, He recognized the needs of others over His own as villagers from all over followed Him from several towns. Christ had pity for those who needed Him. He cured the sick. He fed those who came to Him spiritually and physically through the loaves and fishes miracle. Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-Who is hungry for God’s goodness and love –right in your midst? Is it someone in your own family: a child, a spouse, a parent? Is it someone sitting in a pew at the same Mass you attend? Let’s pray for wisdom, charity and compassion this week to see the needs of others that may not be readily apparent. By seeing others with the eyes of Christ, we can see the individual beauty and dignity that is stowed on all people. We can work to be Christ to one another!

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145; Romans 8:35,37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Gospel values do not allow the luxury of island living. Genuine disciples do not isolate themselves from the needs and concerns of others. Jesus is about relationships. To reach our God is to reach our sisters and brothers. Humans are not obstacles to union with the divine but rather the condition for that union. People are the barometers of our relationship with God: Your problem is my problem; no one is an island.

The words in today's first reading were written around 540 B.C. to people in exile, people doubting God's concern. Second Isaiah speaks of Yahweh as life-giving, committed to the covenant.

In the ancient Near East, the king sought to alleviate the suffering of the poor. The psalm praises God for taking this regal charge seriously. God gives food to the people; God has an open hand; God raises up the bowed down.

In the gospel scene of Jesus feeding the multitudes, Matthew emphasizes Jesus' sense of involvement. The Lord is the new Moses providing bread in the desert, the new messianic king hosting a banquet. Matthew enhances the picture of a Jesus who believes that "your problem is my problem."

How well do we love? If we love our God in and through love for one another, then we must examine our openness to society's outcasts, to those made invisible by indifference. How have we imitated Jesus in providing the poor a place at our table?

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

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 02 August 2020

Isaiah 55:1-3. Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18. Romans 8:35, 37-39. Matthew 14:13-21.

Nothing Can Separate Us! The first reading speaks of comfort foods. The second declares nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. The gospel shows that Jesus' need for quiet prayer can be interrupted by his pity on others' needs. He put the disciples to work in providing needed and satisfying food. In this pandemic, some may still be separated from the Sunday assembly, from Eucharist and Communion, but never from Christ Jesus.

- How can I take comfort in knowing Christ is near?
- As a baptized disciple, whom can I comfort with a phone call, letter, or errand?
- How will I trust that **nothing** will separate me from Christ and from all those he loves?

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 09 August 2020

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a. Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14. Romans 9:1-5. Matthew 14:22-33