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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 – Tue 11 am, Wed
6:30 pm & Friday, 12 pm

The Rock of the Church Does God want us to be happy? How could anyone answer “no”? How could anyone suppose God is good or loving if it is not true that he wants us to be happy?

And yet look at Christ’s line in the Gospel reading. Deny yourself, Jesus tells his faithful followers; take up your cross and follow me.

What will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict others?

Denying yourself seems the very opposite of going for happiness, and the cross is an instrument of torture. Why would God want these things for his people? Does God want us to be unhappy?

A man divorcing his unaccomplished, middle-aged, dowdy wife to marry a much younger, prettier, successful woman explained his decision to his devastated wife this way. “God wants me to be happy,” he told her, “and I can’t be happy with you. I will be happy with her.”

It seems never to have crossed the mind of this husband that God might have any care for his wife’s happiness. The husband’s full view of the matter could be put this way: “God wants me to be happy, but God doesn’t care at all about you.”

This little story, common in its selfishness, shows the sickness of the post-fall human condition, so apt to privilege its own power or pleasure over any greater goods. We can’t be happy in this condition, when we are glad enough to crush others to get what we want. What is to be done with us? What will make us happy? What will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict others?

This is where Christ’s line comes in. The route to the happiness God does want for us has to go through the cross of Christ. Christ is The Way for us, and the cross is where we meet him for the road to our true happiness in love and holiness in him.

Eleonore Stump

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Aug 30	10:00 am	SP	Charles Hupe
Tues	Sept 1	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Sept 2	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Sept 4	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Sept 5	8:30 am	SP	Reparation of Sin
Sun	Sept 6	10:00 am	SP	Irene Kojder

Birthdays

Sept 4 Peggy Widowski
Lynn Stone
Sept 5 Thomas Prummer
Mary Treat
Sept 6 Mason Bishop



Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector

St Paul.....Aug 30: Joe Nelson **Sept 6:** Madonna Slife

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING August 23, 2020

SP: Envelope \$ 865.00 (16), Loose 53.00, Bld & Maint 10.00

Total....\$928.00

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Aug 30 St Paul Mass10:00 am

Sale of Parish History Books, Drawdown tickets

(Recorded Mass available on facebook on St Paul Youtube channel by 4pm)

Tue Sept 1 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am

Wed Sept 2 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm

Fri Sept 4 Weekday Mass.....12 pm

Sat Sept 5 First Saturday Mass & Devotions..... 8:30 am

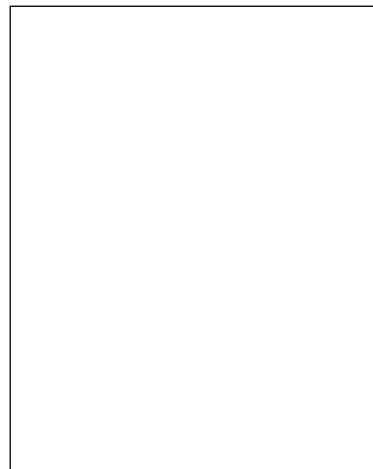
For non-standing reservations at Sept 6 mass, contact
the rectory by phone or e-mail

Sun Sept 6 St Paul Mass10:00 am

First Sunday Social in front of church...11:00 am

Remember in Prayer: All who are hospitalized and ill. Those
asked to be remembered in prayer.

If anyone has been unable to attend mass and desires to receive
communion, please contact Fr Tom for an arrangement



PARISH HISTORY BOOKS will be available for purchase at mass this weekend. The 96 page book combining parish histories of St Francis DeSales and St Paul is being offered at the subsidized price of \$5.00.

DRAWDOWN TICKETS The Drawdown fund raiser for Oct 10 will be modified this year to be held without a physical gathering for meal .Tickets that may be shared with up to ten people will be \$100 and are available after mass, or from Madonna Slife, Dolly Hopkins, Steve & Peggy Widowski, and Joe & Marsha Nelson. Gift cards are needed for prizes to replace baskets. Check list on bulletin board.

SAVE THE DATE – 125TH MASS AND RECEPTION On Sept 13, 2 pm a mass with Bishop McGovern will be celebrated at St Paul. A reception with light refreshments, slide show, bookmark, historical displays, and availability of History Book will follow mass. Beside parishioners, former pastors, staff, parishioners and families will be welcomed. Due to Covid 19 requirements, we will be asking for reservations. Please pass word onto anyone you think might be interested. A reservation sheet is posted for parishioners on the bulletin board or you may call or e-mail the rectory.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY Notice was received this week that Lifetouch, the provider of parish pictorial directories, has halted any photography for directories for an indefinite time due to Covid-19 issues. The Oct 27-8-9 sessions at St Paul are cancelled. As an alternative, if families will be willing to submit a close up high resolution digital or photographically printed family picture, or be willing to have family photographed in parish, we could still have a pictorial directory to commemorate the 125th anniversary.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION St Paul parish is committed to providing religious formation for the youth of the parish. The Diocesan Office of Education is requiring parishes to submit their plan for offering religious formation (in person sessions, on line or combination) assuring it provides for the health and safety of all participants. Parents are asked to respond to the survey to provide understanding of your preferences.

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.

THANK YOU.....to St Paul Council of Catholic Women who donated changing Station
.....to Neil Coleman for installing changing station in church ladies restroom.
.....to Frank and Arlene Dueker for donating portable serving table for Socials
.....to Craig Levesque for a \$2000.00 donation for Draw-down prizes

MARRIAGE ON TAP STL Marriage on Tap will be going virtual for our next session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7:00pm—8:00 pm! Marriage on Tap offers an evening of marriage enrichment rooted in the Catholic faith but is open to all married couples. This evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and is offered at no cost. RSVP's are required: send your names to marriageontapstl@gmail.com.

Historical droplet- When Fr Jerry Wirth was appointed pastor of St Rose and St Paul in 1975, one request of a St Paul parishioner; 'Be more involved in the mission parish'.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Has Gallup ever surveyed God's opinion? The Scripture for this weekend has to do with God's point of view. These passages respect human opinion yet challenge us to discern and act in accord with God's will.

The Jeremiah excerpt is one of the so-called "confessions." Jeremiah resents his role as messenger of exclusively bad news. He is tempted to abandon his prophetic career, but the Word of God is an all-consuming fire (see Jeremiah 5:14); thus he will continue to preach.

Paul urges the Romans to think and act beyond the world's pragmatic views: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds" (Romans 2:2). They, too, must attempt to think as God would think.

Peter, by God's revelation, understands that Jesus is the Messiah (Matthew 16:16). On the other hand, Jesus' mission as a suffering Messiah is too much for Peter to comprehend. Suffering and death should not be the path to glory. Peter suggests an easier way to fulfill God's will and thus becomes an obstacle to the mission. Jesus says, "You are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Matthew 16:23). Jesus knows that to lose oneself for God's sake is to find oneself. We are practical people. We seek the opinions of physicians, lawyers, business consultants, and friends. These are reasonable paths; clearly, God is able to speak to us through other people, especially through the Christian community. Our task is to constantly monitor God's counsel. Like Jesus, we assume that God may have a bigger and better way to accomplish God's plan!

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

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 30, 2020

Jeremiah 20:7-9. Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9. Romans 12:1-2. Matthew 16:21-27.

Overcoming Obstacles. Jeremiah complains that because of the compelling presence of God within, he cannot **not** speak God's message. Paul urges us not to conform ourselves to **this** age. And Peter, trying to protect Jesus, blurts out "God forbid" and becomes an obstacle to Jesus' mission. Baptized followers of Jesus must **deny**, take up the **cross**, and **follow**.

- In denying self, how will I attend to another's need this week?
- What is the cross I bear for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven?
- How will I follow, not the greed of this age, but the goodness of Christian life?

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 6, 2020

Ezekiel 33:7-9. Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 13:8-10. Matthew 18:15-20.