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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

**Walking on Water** In the Second Reading, Paul enumerates the many blessings God gave his people in the time of the Law and the Prophets: the adoption as children of God, covenants, commandments and an order of worship. They had God's promises, and the promise of glory was among them. But Paul makes the list of these blessings with great sorrow, as he says, because it is hard for him to see any of the promised good things in the current state of God's people.

As long as he has faith and doesn't look down, Peter comes to the Lord, walking on water.

It can certainly seem to a Christian as if the same list and the same sorrow are suitable for Christians now.

Christians are also promised adoption as children of God. They have a covenant, a new covenant, with God, and a new worship to go with it. They are promised glory too, the glory of holiness and union with the Lord.

But, for Christians now as for God's people then, it is often very difficult to see the fulfillment of these promises in one's own life. Does anyone have even one day in which he feels that his life has shown the fruit of these promises on that day?

So, for every Christian, there is a sorrow of the sort Paul expressed, because the sins and failures of one's life can seem so hard to square with the promises of God. Where is the adoption and the glory?

What are God's people to do in this condition and its sorrow?

The Gospel gives us a picture for an answer: as long as he has faith and doesn't look down, Peter comes to the Lord, walking on water.

No matter how sorrowful a person's failures, he can nonetheless come to the Lord. Doing so may feel like walking without any solid ground under foot. But faith is a kind of walking on water, too, isn't it? As long as one doesn't look down, as long as one keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus in faith, even walking on nothing in order to come to him is possible. All the promises of God are fulfilled in Him.

Eleonore Stump

**Schedule of Masses**

Sun	Aug 9	10:00 am	SP	Ken Dennison
Tues	Aug 11	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Aug 12	6:30 pm	SP	Fr Roger Karban
Fri	Aug 14	12:00 pm	SP	Fr Ken Schaefer
Sat	Aug 15	6:30 pm	SP	For parishioners
Sun	Aug 16	10:00 am	SP	Carolyn Barrett

**Birthdays**

Aug 10 Joan Galey  
Aug 12 Emily Taylor

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

**St Paul.....Aug 9:** Steve Widowski      **Aug 16:** Arlene Dueker

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING August 2, 2020**

SP: Envelope \$ 1110.00 (17), Loose 20.00, History book 5.00

**Total....\$1135.00**

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

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Sun Aug 9 St Paul Mass .....10:00 am  
(Recorded Mass available on facebook or St Paul Youtube channel by 4pm)  
Tue Aug 11 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am  
Wed Aug12 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm  
Thr Aug 13 Eucharistic Adoration at St Paul.....4:00-7:30pm  
Thr-Fri FaithAlive Thrift Store staffed by SP ....9-3:00 pm  
Fri Aug 14 Weekday Mass.....12 pm  
Sat Aug 15 FaithAlive Thrift Store staffed bySP.....9-Noon  
Assumption Holyday Mass at SP.....6:30 pm  
For non-standing reservations at Aug 16 mass, contact  
the rectory by phone or e-mail  
Sun Aug 16 St Paul Mass .....10:00 am



**Remember in Prayer:** Charles Hupe, father of Steve Hupe, who died August 8. All who are hospitalized and ill.

**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.

**DRAWDOWN TICKETS** The Drawdown fund raiser for Oct 10 will be modified this year to be held without a physical gathering for meal and drawing. A drawing will be aired over social media and prizes will be readily deliverable by pick-up and mail. Other aspects will remain the same with \$4,000 grand prize, 10 \$100 drawings and a prize for every participant. Tickets that may be shared with up to ten people will be \$100 and are available after mass this weekend, or from Matt Slife, Dolly Hopkins, Steve & Peggy Widowski, Joe & Marsha Nelson.

**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** –St Paul was unable to be registered as recipient agency.

**FAITH ALIVE VOLUNTEERS** St Paul Parish will operate the Faith Alive Store on August 13-15<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 9am – 3 pm on Thursday and Friday; 9am – 12 Noon on Saturday. A list is on the bulletin board inviting parishioners to volunteer.

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

**HOLYDAY, ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,** is Saturday, August 15. Because of its falling on Saturday, it is not an obligatory holyday. The holyday mass is scheduled for 6:30 pm on Saturday, Aug 15 at St Paul

**SAVE THE DATE – 125<sup>TH</sup> 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 will be posted for parishioners. History books will go on sale beginning August 30<sup>th</sup> (\$5.00 per book)

**ANNUAL ADULT CHILD PROTECTION REFRESHER COURSE** for 2020-21 is now available at <https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org> Anyone with regular contact with children in ministry who seeks to be certified may now participate in the initial Child Protection training online. Please contact Fr Tom for details.

**THANK YOU...**to greeters, ushers, and sanitation volunteers who have made possible our return to Sunday mass gatherings in church.

**VOCATION CORNER** The leap of faith we see from Peter in the Gospel invites us to look beyond the stormy seas or the blowing winds keeping us from trusting and following Jesus. A vocation is often filled with obstacles, but at the same time, our persistence through difficulties are what makes us true disciples. “Don't be afraid” is what we often hear in Scripture when a person is called to vocation, and so we need to pray for the grace and courage to find and follow Jesus within the difficulties.

## **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 19:9,11-13; Psalm 85; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Today's readings focus on people filled with fear. The common antidote for these encounters with fear is the divine presence. The healing presence of God routs despair and dispels discouragement.

Around the middle of the ninth century B.C., the prophet Elijah incurred the wrath of Queen Jezebel. He fled in fear to Sinai (Horeb) where Elijah experienced God's covenant presence in a special manifestation; not wind or fire but a tiny whispering sound. Elijah was then commissioned to resume his prophetic career by the proclamation of God's Word, a word that will overcome fear.

Paul, in the verses from Romans, anguishes over the fact that Israel did not enter the Christian community. Paul notes Israel's privileges: covenants, lawgiving, worship, and so forth. This culminates in the human origin of the Messiah, and sadly he was not recognized. Ironically, the Gentiles did recognize Jesus and thus enjoy the destiny originally set aside for Israel.

Matthew uses images from Hebrew Scripture: God walks on the waters of chaos (see Job 38:16), rescues humans captured in the flood waters of death (see Psalm 18:16-17), and indicates God's presence and willingness to save (Isaiah 45:18). Peter symbolizes the fearful Christian hovering between faith and doubt; Jesus offers his hand and enters the boat. God depends on human beings to help realize God's plan for the world. Believers are challenged to radiate God's comforting presence and thus offset the fear that plagues the world.

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

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## **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.

**Jesus Shows Us God.** In his time of trial, Elijah is looking for the LORD to save him. The psalmist pleads for God's salvation. Paul recounts the covenantal bond between God and all the People of God. And Jesus. Jesus feeds those who hunger. Jesus tries (again!) to go off and pray. But he sees his disciples in peril and walks on troubled water to offer courage and safety.

- How will I keep looking for God in this troubled time?
- How will I act because God choose me – and us?
- How will I take courage and not be afraid trusting in Jesus' power to save?

## **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16 August 2020**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. Romans 11:13-15, 29-32. Matthew 15:21-28.