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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 – 8:00 am, 10:00 am

Weekdays – Tue 11 am, Wed

6:30 pm & Friday, 12 pm

Who's calling? In the First reading, Samuel, who was still young, was waked up by hearing his name called in the night. He thought that the person calling him was Eli, the old priest whom Samuel served. But Samuel was wrong in thinking this. It was the Lord calling. God doesn't force monologues on the unwilling.

God had to call *three* times before the experienced old priest Eli tumbled to the fact that it was God who was calling Samuel. God had to call *four* times before Samuel finally answered by saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

Who would believe this story? Wouldn't you suppose that if God called you, you would know that something very special had happened? Who would believe that God could call you, and you wouldn't recognize that you were having a wild, spooky, religious experience? Who would believe that you could get the voice of God confused with the voice of the old guy in the neighboring room?

The answer is "Eli." In other words, in the story, it is the wise old priest who believes these things. It is Eli who understands that you can be in direct contact with God and still not know that it is God who is talking to you.

But if God's voice can be confused with some ordinary voice, how does Eli know, how does Samuel know, how does *anyone* know that it is God calling?

The answer is that you can't know until you are willing to listen. God doesn't force monologues on the unwilling. He invites to conversation. When Samuel is ready to tell God that he is willing to listen, then the real connection between God and Samuel begins.

The connection that starts with that willingness of Samuel grows into a friendship that is rightly described this way: the Lord was with Samuel. At that point, no one at all could miss the fact that it was God who had called Samuel.

And so here is one moral of the story in the First Reading. The voice of God can be anywhere, in any guise. It isn't thunder and lightning or extraordinary psychic happenings that connect a person to God. Rather, it is the willingness to listen, to trust and obey, that makes the Lord known to you.

Eleonore Stump

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Jan 17	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Kenneth Speletich
Tues	Jan 19	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Jan 20	5:30 pm	SP	Mary A Bowman
Fri	Jan 22	12:00 pm	SP	Richard Bowman
Sun	Jan 24	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Anna O'Neil

Birthdays

Jan 19 Preston Brown
 Jan 22 Macie Zmuda
 Joe Nelson
 Jan 23 Ann Stachowiak
 Julie Kolb

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector

St Paul..... Jan 17, 8 am Mary Treat
10am Steve Widowski

Jan 24, 8 am open
10 am Madonna Slife

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING January 10, 2021

Envelope \$ 1715.00.00 (21), Loose 20.00, Holyday 20.00, Dio Needy 20.00,
 Initial Offering 10.00, Mass Intentions 50.00 **Total \$1835.00**

Note: No offering basket is passed around at masses due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Instead a canister marked 'Envelopes' is on the gifts table for the collection or envelopes may be delivered through the mail. Thank you to all who have faithfully continued your envelope contributions.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Jan 17 Distribution of 2020 Contribution statements
 Affirmation Vote for New Parish Council Members
 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
 Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
 PSR Class.....11:00 am
 Council of Catholic Women Mt.hall.....11:00 am
 (Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)
 Tue Jan 19 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
 Wed Jan 20 CS&MA Board Mt...Belleville.....11:00 am
 Weekday Mass.....5:30 pm
 Parish Council Mt...in hall.....6:00 pm
 Fri Jan 22 Day of Prayer & Penance – Dignity of all Life
 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
 Sat Jan23 For reservations at Jan 24th masses,
 contact the rectory by phone or e-mail
 Sun Jan 24 Emergency Preparedness talk
 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
 Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
 PSR Class.....11:00 am



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020 are available in foyer today.. The 2nd Qtr Finance Report will be included with statements.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEE DISCERNMENT has resulted selecting the following for membership on the Parish Council: Chris Cain, Xennia Gruszczyk, and Ryan Weeks. An insert in the bulletin introduces them. An affirmation vote will be held on January 17. Council members are reminded to pick up agenda for meeting on Wed, Jan 20, 6 pm.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN have bi-monthly meeting this Sunday following the 10 am mass in the parish hall. All women of the parish are encouraged to take part. A collection will be taken up following the mass for support of their ministries.

DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE FOR REPARATION OF DIGNITY OF LIFE is requested on Friday, January 22.

PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT BOOK is I Heard God Laugh by Matthew Kelly. He offers guidance and insight on how to make daily prayer central to a person's life. Discussions by chapter are planned. A bulletin insert will be made available to guide your reflection.

RACIAL HARMONY PROGRAM The Racial Harmony Prayer Service being held on Sunday, January 17th, at 2:00 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Peter can be viewed live stream on the St. Augustine of Hippo Facebook Page at: [staugustineeaststlouis](https://www.facebook.com/staugustineeaststlouis)

THE ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE for 2021 **will be held on Thursday, January 21st at 9:30 am. It will be held virtually this year** allowing more people to participate due to safety precautions related to the pandemic restrictions. It is being sponsored by the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Catholic Diocese of Belleville and hosted by the First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville. Bishop Michael McGovern, the new bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Belleville, will be the preacher for the occasion, and Pastor Rob Dyer of First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville will be the zoom facilitator with his congregation's music ministry providing the music for the service. At least fifteen different Christian traditions or denominations from various parts of Southern Illinois will take part in this year's observance. Hold the Ctrl key and click on the below link to Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82069217952?pwd=K3NkenZVZXp5TGZCRnoyMDNKNkJKQT09>

THANK YOU.....

...to outgoing Parish Council members, Vickie Anderson, Frank Dueker and Cathy Hinton
...to all who worked to take down and store church Christmas decorations last Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 31 Liturgy Committee Mt... 9:00 am

Feb 7 Messenger Renewal Sunday

VOCATION CORNER Scripture readings today on God's ways of calling us are powerful. The great story of Samuel being called to ministry tells of his humble response - "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Gospel shows John the Baptist pointing Simon and Andrew toward Jesus. Jesus calls Simon to join him and gives him his new name of Peter. Both of these powerful calls offer us examples of how we can hopefully respond to our own personal call.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20; John 1:35-42

We appreciate interpreters of languages who tear down the walls of isolation that keep people apart. How rarely, however, do we think of ourselves as believers who interpret, not a different language but a particular dimension of our neighbor's relationship with God. Today's readings show us people searching for meaning in life and "faith interpreters" unlocking the answers to their questions.

The first reading is a scene from the eleventh century B.C. in which the power of the priest Eli passes to Samuel. The scene requires a skilled interpreter. Eli interprets for Samuel that it is the Lord who calls, and thus Eli launches Samuel on one of Israel's most significant careers.

Paul deals with Christians for whom casual sex with a prostitute poses no moral problem. For the Corinthians the body was morally irrelevant since at death it was destroyed. Thus sin existed only outside the body, in one's motive and intention. Paul had to interpret the moral consequences of Christian faith. The bodies of Christians continue Jesus' saving mission, thus we must be committed to his service.

The gospel is John's account of the call of the first disciples. In the company of two of his disciples, the Baptist interprets the person of Jesus: "Look! Here is the Lamb of God!" (John 1:36). As a result, the two disciples decide to stay, to follow Jesus; the same happens with all the rest.

Sometimes we meet people who may not be aware of their gifts. At other times, they may be too shy to use their talents. In these circumstances believers can translate the presence of gifts as an indication of their use on behalf of the community and encourage the talented to step forward.

Believers are more than the reciters of doctrines and formulas. Believers are interpreters.

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time –January 17, 2021

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19. Psalm 40:1. 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20. John 1:35-42.

Listening, Discerning and Watching, Coming, Seeing, Finding. These words indicate some continuing action. They point out good Christian behavior. Like Samuel, we want to be always listening for God's voice, even while needing the help of another for discerning it. Like the Baptist, we want to be watching for Jesus moving among us, looking for his activity in surprising ways in our midst and, perhaps, the surprising people around us.

- ◆ How am I coming closer to Jesus day by day, week by week?
- ◆ How am I seeing Jesus active in our world?
- ◆ How am I finding myself following Jesus without question?

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time –January 24, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10. Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Corinthians 7:29-31. Mark 1:14-20.