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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

Ask in My Name

In the Gospel Reading, Christ suggests a remedy for any problem we have. The Father will give you anything you ask for, he says, if you will just ask for it in Christ's name.

But what is it to ask for something in Christ's name? It can't be a matter of simply tacking the name of Christ on to any prayer. "I would like a Porsche, please, *in the name of Christ*." Prayer isn't magic. It isn't a matter of using the right magical formulas in order to make God do what you want him to do.

It helps here to consider the homely cases in which one person asks something in the name of another. A secretary can ask for the mail in her boss's name: "I'm just here to pick up the mail for my boss!" A child can ask a neighbor for a cup of sugar in his mother's name: "Mrs. Murphy, my mother wants to know if you could lend her a cup of sugar."

In these cases, the person asking can ask in the name of another because he somehow identifies himself as in relationship with that other: *my* boss, *my* mother. Something—a connection of shared work, a family relation—binds the two of them together.

To ask in Christ's name is like this, too. You ask in the name of Christ when you are in the kind of relation to him that lets you say "*my*" with respect to him. And what would bind the two of you together in this way? What should follow that "*my*"? It shouldn't be "*my servant*," as the magician in effect says in his heart of hearts. No, not "*my servant*," but "*my Lord*."

Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own. He knows what to give to those who are *his* in answer to their prayers. So if you ask the Father for something in the name of Christ, then you are doing the opposite of what the magician does: you ask being prepared to accept what *your Lord* wants to give you. What you are given will be a good gift if it is in accord with his will, even if it isn't in accord with yours.

To ask the Father in Christ's name, then, is to trust Christ with your life as you ask.

Eleonore Stump

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Schedule of Masses

Sun May 9	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	SP	Bill Anderson
Tue May 11	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed May 12	6:30 pm	SP	Fr Dale Maxfield
Fri May 14	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun May 16	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	SP	Edward Zmuda

Birthdays

May 12 Steve Pobst
Esther Speletich
May 14 Cody Taylor
May 15 Allen Irby
Ginger Endrizzi

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Lector

May 16, 8 am
10 am

L Miller
Z Garrett

Greeter

J Galey
V Anderson

Servers

M Bergmann
M Palmer

Ushers

M McMahan
S Widowski

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING May 2, 2021

Envelope \$ 1755.00 (29), Loose 60.00, Catholic Home Missions 70.00, Votive Candle 1.00
Building & Maint 50.00 **Total \$ 1936.00**

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 May 9 Begin Baby Bottle Campaign

Mothers' recognition

Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am

Mary's May Crowning.....10:00 am

Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am

(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)

Tue May 11 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am

Ministerial Alliance Mtg.....1:00 pm

Wed May 12 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm

Thu May 13 Eucharistic Adoration.....4:30 pm-7:30 pm

Fri May 14 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm

Sun May 16 Catholic Communication Campaign

Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am

Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am

CCW Ladies Mtg.....11:00 am



SAVE THE DATE June 6, 2021 we will celebrate Father Tom's Jubilee celebration of his 50th anniversary as an ordained priest, and his retirement. The Mass will be celebrated outside (weather permitting) and followed by a luncheon reception. Every parish member/family is invited.

TIME & TALENT SURVEY The annual Time and Talent Survey was distributed last weekend, but there is still time to participate. Surveys are on table in foyer. We appreciate all our volunteers. If you signed up for a new liturgical ministry and would like training or refresher training please contact Arlene Ducker at 618-559-7803

MAY CROWNING As a devotional way of honoring Mary, a May Crowning will be celebrated before the 10 am mass today. Some of First Communion group will assist with the procession.

MOTHERS' APPRECIATION St Paul parish offers our prayer and appreciation to all mothers. A token of appreciation will be presented following Sunday masses.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN to support Hope Unlimited, an agency that provides alternates to abortion, and support for pregnant mothers and husbands, officially begins this weekend and will conclude on Fathers' Day. A suggested donation is \$30.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held Thr, May 13. 4-7:30 pm. A sign up sheet in is on BB.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN Next Sunday our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Belleville Diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gosepl message. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW) will meet in hall at 11am next Sunday.

PROJECT RACHEL For anyone who has suffered from involvement in an abortion, support and hope is available through a ministry called Project Rachel. Free confidential counseling is available at 618-722-5068 or information available at projectrachel@diobelle.org.

INTO MY VINEYARD The Belleville Diocese will be offering a six session course in Parish Administration and Management on six Saturdays in fall and spring of upcoming year. Its purpose will be to prepare more people in parishes to learn to manage temporalities. Applications will be available by mid-May, but deadline is July. If you are interested or have questions, contact Fr Tom..

THANK YOU....to CCW ladies for providing First Communion Reception last Sunday
...to catechists and PSR Students for attendance and growth in Faith during past year.

VOCATION CORNER

Mothers' Day – what a wonderful commemoration of one of the greatest vocations there is. We are inspired by the example of Mary, the Mother of God, to live by the words from the Cana feast “Do whatever He tells you”. We pray for all our Mothers today and for the families they form, nurture and love. We also ponder our own “FIAT” – our surrendering to God's plan for us.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4. 1 John 4:7-10. John 15:9-17.

God's ways are mysterious. Each of us, at one time or another, has wished for an opportunity to address a question to the Lord -- face to face. We would prefer to go right to the top and eliminate all those in the middle. Today's readings tell us that God's mind and attitude are reflected in believers. Believers are God's spokespersons.

In the Cornelius episode, Luke declares that the Christian community is for everyone and that the Gentiles need not first become Jews to enter this community. Cornelius is the first Gentile convert to the faith. Luke has Peter show that God is impartial: "but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:35).

The author of First John is concerned with the bond that unites God with the believer. This bond is love. God is love; hence love must characterize God's family. "Everyone who loves ... knows God" (1 John 4:7). The sending of the Son is the ultimate manifestation of God's love. The fact that our sins are redeemed in Jesus means that our lifestyle is part of God's plan for salvation.

The gospel passage develops the imagery of the vine and the branches. Like the second reading, the gospel speaks of the love that unites God and the believer. Jesus' fundamental command is mutual love. Jesus' love of the disciples flows from God's love of Jesus. Far from being a personal acquisition, the love of God looks to others. "I appointed you to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16).

Christianity demands that the believer not only grasp intellectually the main tenets of the faith but also act on them in daily life. Within the context of community the believer is linked to Jesus who is linked to the Father. If God is love and Jesus' self-giving is the supreme expression of that love, then we must communicate the depth of that love by the way we live in the world. We are spokespersons for God.

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9 May 2021

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4. 1 John 4:7-10. John 15:9-17.

Love, Love, Love. “Love” or “loved” is spoken seventeen times in the Bible readings today. Not a mushy Hallmark movie kind of love. But the love God has for us. The love we have for God and Christ. The love, therefore, we must have for everyone else. Strong, bold, lasting.

- ◆ How do I know I am loved? Let me count the persons and ways?
- ◆ How will I love those who are near?
- ◆ How will I love everyone else?

The Ascension of the Lord – 16 May 2021

Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9. Ephesians 1:17-23. Mark 16:15-20.