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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

Persons All the Way Down Christians believe in one God and only one God. But at the heart of Christianity is the belief that this one God is three Persons, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We count only one God. But when we count divine Persons, we count *three*.*

But notice that you can't divide the one God into three more fundamental things, which make up the one God. God isn't a compound of anything more fundamental. *One* is all there is, when it comes to God.

You can't reduce the three Persons of the Trinity to some more fundamental something.

And yet you still have to count three. The three Persons of the Trinity are not *really* anything else. They aren't roles of God, or modes of God. You can't reduce the three Persons of the Trinity to some more fundamental something in order to get—at bottom—just one. In themselves, they are Persons, and there are three of them.

Some secularists suppose that *everything whatsoever* is reducible to elementary particles. For secularists, at the ultimate foundation of reality there is just the impersonal, the cold and uncaring bits of matter and energy that make up the material world.

What the doctrine of the Trinity tells us is just the opposite. At the ultimate foundation of reality, irreducible to anything else, there are the three Persons of the Trinity, who are one God.

There is a story told about an old lady who believed that the world is flat and rests on the back of a giant turtle. She was challenged with the following question, “Yes, but what does the turtle rest on?”, but the question didn't trouble her. She just replied carelessly, “Oh, it's turtles all the way down!”

She was wrong, of course, and the secularists are wrong, too. The whole cosmos rests on the loving and caring Persons of the Trinity. For Christians, it's Persons all the way down.

This is a doctrine worth celebrating.

Eleonore Stump

* The sense of '[Person](#)' here is a technical one. Traditionally, its meaning is that given by Boethius: an individual substance of a rational nature (*De persona et duabus naturis*, c. 2).

Vol 22 #22 Trinity Sunday – May 30, 2021

Schedule of Masses

Sun May 30	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	SP	Gilbert Palmer
Mon May 31	5:00 pm	St Francis DeSales Cemetery	
Tue Jun 1	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed Jun 2	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri Jun 4	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat Jun 5	8:30 am	SP	Reparation of Sin
Sun Jun 6	8:00 am	SP	Richard Stone
	11:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners

Birthdays

May 30	Fr Tom Barrett
Jun 1	Pat Kalicki
	Katie Pobst
Jun 2	Laney Slife
Jun 6	Tyler Bishop

Liturgical Ministry Schedule –		<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jun 6,	8 am	J Nelson	B Bowers	C Levesque	M McMahan
	11 am	S Widowski	Peggy Widowski	C Levesque	Steve Pobst

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING May 23, 2021

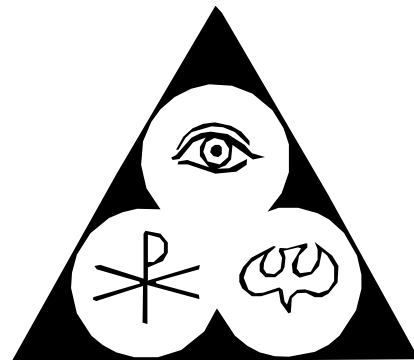
Envelope \$ 835.00 (17), Loose 20.00, Youth 20.00, Seminarian Education 280.00, Catholic Communication Campaign 25.00, Rural King Church Week 100.00

Total \$ 1280.00

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 30	The Most Holy Trinity
	Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
	Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
	(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)
Mon May 31	Memorial Mass at St Francis Cemetery....5:00 pm
Tue Jun 1	Shawnee DOC service.....9:00 am
	Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
Wed Jun 2	Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
Thr Jun 3	Shawnee DOC service.....9:00 am
Fri Jun 4	Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
Sat Jun 5	First Saturday Mass & Devotions.....8:30 am
	Jubilee Picnic Set-up.....10:00 am
Sun Jun 6	Body and Blood of Our Lord Feastday
	Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
	Liturgy Committee Mt.....9:00 am
	Outdoor Sunday Mass at SP.....11:00 am
	Fr Tom 50 th Jubilee Picnic.....Noon



PLEASE CHECK NEW LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for the month of June

MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated at St Francis DeSales cemetery on May 31, 5 pm. Please bring a lawn chair. Directions to cemetery can be found on parish website.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS will be celebrated on June 5, 8:30 am at St Paul Church.

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS (ages 18-35) are invited to join Bishop Michael McGovern for Mass at 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 6, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. After Mass, Bishop McGovern will carry the Blessed Sacrament in a traditional outdoor procession concluding with Benediction. Young adults will meet afterward for a social in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. If you plan to attend, or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003 or by e-mail: jhoffmann@diobelle.org

JUBILEE CELEBRATION 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 at 11 am outside (weather permitting) and followed by a luncheon reception. Every parish member/family is invited. If you need a ride contact Frank Dueker at 618 559 1405. Set up volunteers needed for June 5, 10 am. Consider signing up on bulletin board list.

PARISH OUTTING Parishioners are invited to take part in Miner baseball game in June. Please check bulletin board in church and indicate which dates you are available. Date (June 11 or June 25) with most choices will be date of event. Tickets will be \$5.

THANK YOU...to ladies who cleaned and organized hall kitchen and storage room.
...to Matt Slife for repair of the church AC unit.
...to donors who funded the refinishing of pews and new kneelers on the outside rows.

VOCATION CORNER This weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself is the most selfless act of love we humans perform. That raises the question - are we that giving of our spiritual selves? Today provides an opportunity for us to take a moment to reflect on how well we are fulfilling our vocation in life – ordained, married, consecrated, or single. Perhaps a prayer of recommitment is appropriate as we give thanks for those who have sacrificed so much for us.

I HEARD GOD LAUGH REFLECTION 10 - The fifth step in the "Prayer Process" in Matthew Kelly's I Heard God Laugh is "freedom". Freedom is a complex concept, especially for Americans, who live in a culture that exalts freedom as one of the highest goods. Unfortunately, "freedom" in American culture is often conveniently interpreted as "license", or the ability to pursue one's own desires as far as possible. This conflicts with the Christian understanding of freedom, which is grounded in truth ("*...and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free*", John 8:32) and our unique capacities as humans to make choices that transcend the instinct to seek pleasure and avoid pain. St. John Paul II spoke of this sense of freedom during a visit to the United States in 1995, reminding us that "every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought". This is what Kelly means by including "freedom" as a step on the path to effective prayer, asking God how we can "experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself"...doing what we ought.

Trinity Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40; Psalm 33; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

We usually take pride in our family name as we recall our ancestors and our history. The love we have for those who gave us life means that we seek to enhance, rather than tarnish, the family name. Today's readings reflect on family legacies and obligations. All believers must act upon their name -- "Christian" -- and bring honor to their Christian family.

The first part of the Deuteronomy passage is a study in the biblical theme of election. Moses asks the people of Israel to review their history from the moment of creation to recent happenings. People would have thought immediately about the Exodus, about the covenant on Mount Sinai. Even one or two moments' thought would clearly indicate God's great love for Israel. In light of this love the chosen people must give honor to their family heritage. They must acknowledge no other God. They must obey Yahweh's commandments.

In the selection from Romans, Paul defines a Christian as one led by the Spirit. As Christians we are God's adopted children. This status entitles us to address God with the same word Jesus used, namely, "Abba." This Aramaic word means "father" in a most intimate way. "Dad" or "Daddy" are closer translations.

Like Jesus, Christians are intimate heirs of God called to act on behalf of the family. In the final scene from his gospel, Matthew announces Jesus' exaltation -- his full authority over the entire universe. Next he has Jesus commission the Eleven (Judas had been the twelfth and will soon be replaced). This commissioning involves three stages: making disciples, baptizing, and teaching. Finally Jesus reassures the Eleven of his abiding presence. The disciples enjoy an intimate family relationship with Jesus.

Baptism is an awesome responsibility. By being baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we become intimate members of God's family. Baptism is a bond not only with other baptized people but also with the nonbaptized as well. Everything we do on a daily basis tests how well we live up to this responsibility. Ours is a call to give honor and glory to the name and family that are our Christian faith.

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

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – 30 May 2021

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40. Psalm 33:. Romans 8:14-17. Matthew 28:16-20.

Go! In Matthew's gospel, the last words of Jesus to the disciples before ascending have three key elements: go, baptize, I'm with you. Therefore, living after the resurrection of Jesus means three things. (1) Do not stay where it is safe; shed your doubt; go everywhere to everyone. (2) We are not alone. Matthew ends with Jesus declaring, "I am with you always" just as this gospel began with the Virgin's birth of Emmanuel (God is with us).

- ◆ What doubt do I have about God, about belief, about Church, about living in this world? Where can I turn?
- ◆ What ongoing formation in baptismal living do I need now?
- ◆ To whom am I called to "go" – someone to be with, to do for?

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – 06 June 2021

Exodus 24:3-8. Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18. Hebrews 9:11-15. Sequence – Lauda Sion / Laud, O Zion. Mark 14:12-16, 22-26.