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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

### **The Kingdom of God is Within You**

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus says that the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. When it is sown in the ground, it is the smallest of seeds; but it can grow to become the largest of plants. So, the kingdom of God can be very small, or it can change its size and become very big. But why wouldn't the kingdom of God always be the same size?

To see the answer, you have to recognize that the kingdom of God isn't a peculiar kind of country. God's kingdom isn't a place at all. It's a condition, the condition of God's ruling as king. But, we might think, even so, God's kingdom can't shift sizes. God's rule is always the same size: it's everywhere.

And yet this can't be right either. What is ruled by a king is governed by the will of the king. But how much of God's will does any Christian fulfill? Everything is subject to the will of God the King, for sure, but not every Christian who counts as being in the kingdom of God fulfills God's will completely now.

So *this* is the way in which God's kingdom can change size. When a Christian does what is against God's will, to that extent the will of God is not fulfilled in her. And so, to that same extent, the kingdom of God is small in her too. On the other hand, the more a Christian fulfills God's will in her life, the greater the kingdom of God in her is.

This is one way we can understand Christ's parable of the mustard seed, then. When a Christian first opens himself up to receive God as Lord, the Lord rules very little of him. And so the kingdom of God is like the littlest seed in the ground of his heart. But if only he lets that seed grow in him, if only he doesn't give up on himself as fruitless and despair of himself, then that littlest seed of God's kingdom will grow and grow in him till it becomes like a great tree in him. In the end, though, here is the most important thing to see. If you have even just a mustard seed's worth of faith and obedience, you still have the kingdom of God within you.

.Eleonore Stump

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## Schedule of Masses

Sun Jun 13	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	SP	Teresa Rood
Tue Jun 15	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed Jun 16	5:30 pm	SP	Fr Joseph Thoonkuzhy
Fri Jun 18	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun Jun 20	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	SP	Magdalen Warner

## Birthdays

Jun 14 David Parks  
Jun 15 Minnie Skaggs  
Jun 18 Neil Coleman

Liturgical Ministry Schedule –		<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>Jun 13</b>	<b>8 am</b>	L Miller	J Galey	Volunteer	J Bergmann
	<b>10 am</b>	E Garrett	V Anderson	Volunteer	Z Garrett
<b>Jun 20</b>	<b>8 am</b>	J Galey	B Bowers	Volunteer	Joe Nelson
	<b>10 am</b>	M Slife	X Gruszezyk	Volunteer	Jon Slife

## STEWARDSHIP OFFERING June 6, 2021

Envelope \$ 1900.00 (28), Loose 20.00

**Total \$ 1920.00**

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Jun 13	Sunday Mass at SP.....	8:00 am
	Liturgy Committee Mt.....	9:00 am
	Sunday Mass at SP.....	10:00 am
	(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)	
Tue Jun 15	Shawnee DOC Service.....	9:00 am
	Weekday Mass.....	11:00 am
	Wellness Committee Mt..hall.....	6:00 pm
Wed Jun 16	Weekday Mass.....	5:30 pm
	Parish Council Mtg.....	6:00 pm
Fri Jun 18	Weekday Mass.....	12:00 pm
Sun Jun 20	Fathers' Day Recognition	
	Sunday Mass at SP.....	8:00 am
	Sunday Mass at SP.....	10:00 am
	Closing of Baby Bottle Campaign	



**PHASE 5 LITURGY RELATED COVID GUIDELINES** Summary of new diocesan guidelines are below. Full document may be found on bulletin board, website or facebook  
100% capacity allowed, Pews on the right side wall will be reserved for those who still choose to practice social distancing. Masks are permitted, but not required. Worship books will be used to be picked up on entering church. Holy Water will be available in the font Non-vaccinated individuals are requested to wear masks. Collection will be taken up at the Preparation of Gifts. Members of congregation will present gifts of bread and wine. Hand sanitizing before communion will be practiced as ushers direct movement of communicants. Communion from cup still suspended. Communion ministers are to still wear masks. Recessional hymn and procession will be reinstated and ushers will no longer dismiss participants. Parishioners who have fever or feeling sick should refrain from attending services. High use areas will be disinfected after each service

**LITURGY COMMITTEE** will have meeting this Sunday at 9 am in the hall. All members encouraged to attend.

**ST PAUL WELLNESS COMMITTEE** will meet in the hall on Tuesday, June 15, 6 pm.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in the hall on Wednesday, Jun 16 6 pm. Parish Council members are asked to pick up agenda in the foyer this weekend.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** Collection continued till June 20<sup>th</sup> using baby bottles to help fund Hope Unlimited which provides services for pregnant mothers, natal supplies for new mothers, education and counseling for parents, and food and clothing for those in need. Bottles may be returned to basket in foyer, or donations may be made in the large baby bottle in the church entrance.

**PARISH OUTTING** Parishioners are invited to take part in Miner baseball game on June 25, which was the most popular date. Please check bulletin board in church and indicate if anyone else wants tickets. Tickets will be \$5. Deadline to order tickets is June 21.

**FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for June 24-26. A sign up sheet is on the church foyer bulletin board. Or contact Arlene Dueker at 618-559-7803, or Madonna Slife at 618 967 5164 if you can help.

**KING'S HOUSE RETREAT** will be offered to ladies of parish on September 24-26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested or with questions are asked to contact Vickie Anderson 579-3748 asap.

**INTO MY VINEYARD** The Belleville Diocese will be offering a six session course in Parish Administration and Management on Saturdays in fall and spring of upcoming year. Its purpose will be to prepare more people in parishes to learn to manage temporalities. Applications are available and deadline is July. If you are interested or have questions, contact Fr Tom. Frequent Asked Question and Answer sheet on the bulletin board.

**THANK YOU...**for the attendance at the Jubilee Mass, welcome to family, visitors and other parishioners, the delicious meal, the decorations, registration book, many cards and notes of remembrance, storage box, the photos taken and DVD prepared, all the efforts of planning, invitations, cleaning, set up, food preparation, serving and clean-up, and for all of your efforts—I'm most grateful for making it a very memorial day Fr Tom

**VOCATION CORNER** Today's parable of the sower invokes an image of how parents can "plant the seed" of a vocation in their own family. We are all called as the Church to spread the Word of God through our "sowing" the seed of our faith and sharing it with others. Hopefully, our personal mustard seed with blossom into the "largest of plants" as we live out our own vocations – Priest, sister, parent, single person.

## **Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time – 13 June 2021**

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

Give God a chance. Today's readings see God not as an impersonal, aloof spectator, but as a personal, interested collaborator. They see life, not as a power struggle to attain fame and fortune, but as a challenging enterprise to acknowledge gifts and graces. They urge the worshipping community to give God a chance.

During the exile in the sixth century B.C., a group of Ezekiel's disciples spoke about the issue of despair. The Temple in Jerusalem lay in ruins. No Davidic king occupied the throne. Their solution was a prediction -- the restoration of God's people under a king from David's line. Yahweh would revive the Davidic dynasty. All God required was a chance to triumph.

Psalm 92 is a psalm of declarative praise extolling God's providence. It acquired a significant place in the Jewish sabbath liturgy as the people rested with God on the seventh day. God had conquered the forces of evil and met the needs of the people. Fear is meaningless because Israel's God is the rock of order.

In the parable of the seed growing of itself (see Mark 4:26-34), Mark contrasts the relative inactivity of the farmer with the assurance of the harvest. Jesus reassures the crowd that growth will come; it is only at the harvest that the farmer reappears. Since the harvest symbolizes the last judgment, it is likely that the parable addresses the burning issue of slow progress in the growth of God's kingdom. Patience is called for in the face of humble beginnings. All that is required is giving God a chance. Today's passages call us to reassess those areas where we like to have total control. If we are able to make God a partner, then we are also able to enroll those around us in our life ventures. This reverence for others will promote hope, growth, and new life.

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

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**This Is How It Is.** Two parables about seeds today. The first one is about the secret growing from seed to harvest. The second is about the smaller seeds growing large. This is how it is with God's kingdom, God's rule. It is growing among us now. It is present with us today. But it is not yet finished. God still has much to do. So do we.

- ◆ What is my part today, this week, to build up God's kingdom, God's rule?
- ◆ What little thing can I do – think like Saint Thérèse of Lisieux – that will benefit someone else in a (surprisingly?) big way?
- ◆ How can I care for the earth so seeds and plants can prosper?

## **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20 June 2021**

Job 38:1, 8-11. Psalm 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31. 2 Corinthians 5:14-17. Mark 4:35-41.