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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

There is Power in the Blood

The Second Reading says that the blood of Christ cleans our consciences from dead works.

Anybody who does laundry can tell you that one of the hardest stains to get out is blood. Why would anybody think you could *clean* things with blood?

The answer is that it depends on what you are trying to clean. The Second Reading is talking about cleaning dead works out of the conscience.

But what is a dead work?

Well, a thing that is dead just lies there, without moving. So dead works are works that don't go anywhere. And where would works be going except where the person who does the works wants them to go?

And now we have a better idea of what a dead work is, don't we? In Romans 7:15, Paul says, "I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate." Is there anyone who doesn't understand this problem? Examples of it are easy to come by. Here's one: you set out bravely to give up smoking, and day after day you smoke.

It's not hard to see why dead works stain a conscience. Whose conscience would not feel stained by endless daily failure to do what he himself wants to do?

This is what the blood of Christ cleanses us from.

Blood is the life of a thing, scripture says (Deuteronomy 12:23). If in the Eucharist the blood of Christ comes into us, then Christ's life comes into us too. By his life, we are made into one body with him, one living body, with a living Spirit, the Spirit of Christ.

What we could not do on our own, because our works are dead and our consciences are stained, the blood, the life, the Spirit of Christ can do in us.

When we are united with Christ through his body and blood in the Eucharist, our works live, too, through him. And if our works live, then our consciences are cleansed too.

In fact, it turns out that even our dirty laundry is cleaned by the blood of Christ. The saints in heaven have made their clothes white in the blood of the lamb (Revelation 7:14).

The old Spiritual hymn is right: there is power in the blood!

Eleonore Stump

Vol 22 #23 Solemnity of Body and Blood of Christ– June 6, 2021

Schedule of Masses

Sun Jun 6	8:00 am	SP	Richard Stone
	11:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
Tue Jun 8	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed Jun 9	6:30 pm	SP	Fr Joseph Thoonkuzhy
Fri Jun 11	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun Jun 13	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	SP	Teresa Rood

Birthdays

Jun 7	Mont Bishop
Jun 9	Suzanne McHugh
Jun 10	Dick Bigler
	Stan Treat
	Arlene Dueker
Jun 12	Emilia Black

Liturgical Ministry Schedule –		<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jun 13	8 am	L Miller	J Gale	volunteer	J Bergmann
	11 am	E Garrett	V Anderson	volunteer	Z Garrett

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING May 30, 2021

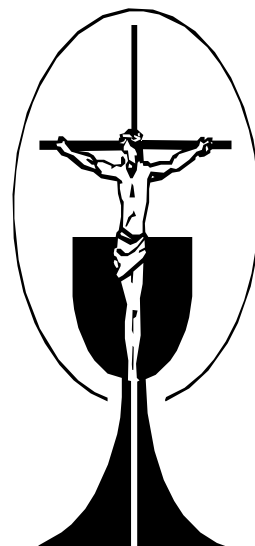
Envelope \$ 800.00 (17), Loose 66.25, Seminarian Education 45.00,

Total \$ 911.25

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 Jun 6	Body and Blood of Our Lord Feastday
	Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
	Outdoor Sunday Mass at SP.....11:00 am
	Fr Tom 50 th Jubilee Picnic.....Noon
	(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)
Tue Jun 8	Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
	Ministerial Alliance Mt.....1:00 pm
Wed Jun 9	Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
Thr Jun 10	Shawnee DOC service.....9:00 am
	South Vicariate Clergy Mt..Royalton.....12:00 pm
	Eucharistic Adoration.....4 – 7:30 pm
Fri Jun 11	Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
Sun Jun 13	Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
	Liturgy Committee Mt.....9:00 am
	Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am



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. Welcome to guests and visitors. Every parish member/family is invited.

PLEASE PICK UP A NEW LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for the month of June, or review the following week assignments listed in the bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be offered this Thursday, 4 – 7:30 pm at St Paul Church. Support this special time of adoration and prayer by signing up for a time on the bulletin board schedule.

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.

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

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN Collection continued till June 20th 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.

KING'S HOUSE RETREAT will be offered to ladies of parish on September 24-26th. 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.

OLD CHURCH PEWS Anyone interested in church pews, contact Fr Tom.

VOCATION CORNER Today we celebrate the gift of Eucharist. This gift is what truly defines us as Catholics. We rejoice that Jesus gave His Body and Blood for our redemption. This is the remembrance we commemorate during each Liturgy. This is only possible through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is celebrated by a priest. We are challenged to pray for more priests; we are challenged to encourage our youth to consider a calling to Holy Orders. Pose the question: "Have you ever considered being a priest?"

Solemnity of Body and Blood of Christ

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.

"Blood is thicker than water." We recognize that family relationships imply family loyalty. Common history and common origins mean that we share a common bond. Today's readings focus on the obligations and relationships formed because of a blood bond. To share a common history is to live a common life.

In the passage from Exodus, Moses returns from the mountain and reports God's demands for a covenant relationship with the Chosen People. Moses obtains the people's commitment and then symbolizes that bond linking Israel with Yahweh. He writes the terms of the relationship and erects an altar and twelve pillars. Only after reading the terms does Moses sprinkle the people with blood. The end result is the creation of a new family.

The only day on which the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies of the Jerusalem Temple was the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). The high priest atoned for the sins of his household by using the blood of a bullock. He atoned for the sins of the people by sprinkling the blood of both the bullock and a goat in the Holy of Holies, thus keeping alive the bond between God and Israel. The author of Hebrews sees Good Friday as the Day of Atonement. Jesus' own blood makes possible our entrance into the heavenly sanctuary. Today's gospel links Jesus' death with Israel's great feast of liberation, the Passover. At the first Passover, the blood on the doorpost prevented the death of the firstborn. The bread broken at the Last Supper symbolizes the disciples' sharing in Jesus' self-offering. Drinking from the cup of his blood creates a new and dynamic common bond.

The Eucharist is a precious experience. Its very nature implies a bond with God and with the community. Our destinies are intertwined. We cannot be loners, for blood is a common bond.

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

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Solemnity of Body and Blood of Christ – 06 June 2021

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Take. Eat. Drink. Oh, some of us still long to gather with the Church on Sunday to do Eucharist, to give thanks. Some of us still yearn to come to Mass and share in Communion. We long to both eat **and drink** the Lord Jesus Christ. This holy dining tells us who and whose we are. Soon, pray.

- ◆ If I can come to the church on Sunday, for what do I give thanks?
- ◆ How can I help those who still cannot come because of COVID 19 mitigations?
- ◆ If I cannot come to the church on Sunday, how will I still choose to give thanks?

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 13 June 2021

Ezekiel 17:22-24. Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16. 2 Corinthians 5:6-10. Mark 4:26-34.