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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 Check is in the Mail**

In the [Second Reading](#), Paul says that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing and chosen us to be holy and without blemish before him.

These are wonderful words, aren't they? I'm not sure I know the names of every spiritual blessing in the heavens, but here are some of them: love, joy, peace, patience, long-suffering. Not only are we blessed with all of these, according to Paul, but there's also being holy and without blemish!

And now could we have a reality check? Is there anyone who supposes he is without blemish? And what about holy? Even to ask the question is to risk laughter, isn't it? And then there's love, joy, peace, patience, and the rest. What would you give for just an hour of these blessings in any day of your life?

So what does Paul mean by saying that God has blessed us with all these good things?

To see the answer, imagine that you are desperately poor, unable to pay the medical bills, worried about the mortgage, afraid the car will give out, anxious about the school costs for the children. And then you get a phone call: you have won the lottery. No, no, the caller says, it's really true! You have won *millions* in the lottery. The state administrators of the lottery are now doing the paperwork, and by the end of next month the check will be in the mail.

Now what? Well, you still can't pay the medical bills this month, and all the other bills are going to be a big problem, too. You are still desperately poor—*this month*. But you will face your poverty very differently once you know you have won the lottery, won't you? The problems are all still exactly the same, except that you know you have won the lottery. Your problems are not going to last. The check is in the mail.

*This* is what Paul is talking about. We are what we are now, but we have won the lottery of life. God's grace works its way slowly in our lives, but his blessings are promised and sure. And so our struggle with our sins and failures is not desperate, but hope-filled.

Hope is itself one of God's spiritual blessings to us.

Eleonore Stump

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## Schedule of Masses

Sun Jul 11	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	SP	Special Intention
Tue Jul 13	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed Jul 14	5:30 pm	SP	General Intentions
Fri Jul 16	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun Jul 18	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	SP	Gilbert Palmer

## Birthdays

Jul 13	Zachary Kolb Theo Widowski
Jul 14	Joseph Bowers Cathy Kruep
Jul 15	Edna Goddard

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>July 11 8 am</b>	C Deaton	J Galej	vol	vol	J Bergmann, M Miller
<b>10 am</b>	A Dueker	X Gruszezyck	M Nelson	vol	Je Nelson, Jo Nelson
<b>July 18 8 am</b>	M Treat	B Morse	vol	vol	M McMahan, R Weeks
<b>10 am</b>	E Garrett	M Querry	B Palmer	vol	D Zmuda, F Dueker

## STEWARDSHIP OFFERING July 4, 2021

Envelope \$ 1795.00 (26), Loose 244.00 Mass Int 100.00 Peter Pence 50.00

**Total \$ 2189.00**

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Jul 11	Emergency Talk-Armed Intruder
	Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
	Liturgy Mtg.....9:00 am
	Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
	CCW Mtg.....11:00 am
(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)	
Tue Jul 13	Shawnee DOC Service ..... 9 am
	Weekday Mass.....11:00 am
Wed Jul 14	Weekday Mass.....5:30 pm
	Parish Council Mt in hall.....6:00 pm
Thr Jul 15	Shawnee DOC Service.....9:00 am
Fri Jul 16	Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
Sun Jul 18	Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
	Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am



**Note:** The time of mass is being reviewed by representatives of all three parishes and may be subject to change. Publication will be made as soon as decided.

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES (June 16<sup>th</sup> Mt)** are available for pick up on the bulletin bench this weekend.

**PARISH COUNCIL MT** Fr Christian requested an opportunity to meet with the Parish Council before the assignment is formal. Council Members have agreed to reschedule meeting to this Wednesday 6 pm in the parish hall. Members are reminded to pick up copy of agenda at this weekend masses. The Wednesday mass is moved to 5:30 pm.

**ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT** The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financial and budget report with the annual totals are available in the bulletin this weekend. Any questions should be directed to trustees, Matt Slife or Jared Bergmann, or Fr Tom

**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:00 AM TODAY.** We will be learning how to open church and set up for Mass for our new Pastor, Father Christian Iwaugwu and recruit volunteers for July 25 thru August.

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW) WILL MEET AT 11:00 TODAY** in the Parish Hall. As is custom, an offering will be taken at church entrance for support of their ministries.

**LAKE GLENDALE PARISH OUTING** will be Saturday, July 31 beginning at 11 am for outdoor parishioner enjoyment of time together over picnic meal and variety of options (swimming, canoeing and boating, and walking trails. See sign up sheet at the parish bulletin board

**LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST** Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, July 18, 2021. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at St. Mary Parish in Carlyle. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin at 5:00 pm with Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation. This is a terrific opportunity for hearing some of our seminarians speak about preparing for the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Steven Beatty, Vocation Director. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Patti Warner in the Vocations Office at (618) 722.5043, or email to: [pwarners@diobelle.org](mailto:pwarners@diobelle.org). St. Mary Parish is located at 1171 Jefferson Street in Carlyle, IL.

**BLOOD DRIVE** will be held Monday July 19 at Fellowship Baptist Church. Donors are very much appreciated. Appointments can be made in advance by contact Red Cross.

**THANK YOU....**to those who support the church and parish at Eucharistic Adoration  
....to Megan Cain who is serving as parish bookkeeper, for mastering our unique situation.  
....to supporters of the parish who kept the General Fund deficit to 1548.93 in a trying year

**VOCATION CORNER** “As an adolescent, I was fortunate enough to meet our order’s founder, Mother Martha Maria Ramirez Mora. She helped me see the Word of God as a Living Word, addressed personally to me. I began to regularly read the Good News, pray the rosary, visit the Blessed Sacrament, receive daily Communion and practice acts of service.

I give thanks to the Holy Trinity for creating me to be a part of this religious family. I pray for all those who have a religious vocation....” *Sister Martha Patricia Malacara Martinez; Allied Discalced Carmelites; Columbia Magazine August 2017*

## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –July 11, 2021**

Amos 7:12-15. Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14. Ephesians 1:3-14. Mark 6:7-13.

Most people love competition. We relish sports contests, beauty pageants, cards, and board games. The winners gain our admiration. Rarely would we imagine that the winners owe any debt to us; their selection means personal advancement and not much more. Today's Scriptures see selection in a different light, in the context of community. The victors are not those who achieve for self but those who will achieve for others. Selection means service.

Amos was chosen around the year 760 B.C. He was a shepherd and a dresser (caretaker) of sycamores. God sent this man from simple roots to deliver a most unwelcome message to the prosperous northern kingdom of Israel: "Fallen, no more to rise, is maiden Israel" (Amos 5:2). God selected Amos to speak for the poor who were being mistreated by the wealthy minority.

The author of Ephesians begins with a hymn praising God's plan of salvation. God chose certain people for the purpose of genuine Christian living. Their selection meant they were to offer praise, "to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved" (Ephesians 1:6). Election also grants liberation that empowers the faithful to provide hope for a divided world and bring creation out of chaos.

Mark sees the teaching and work of the apostles as an extension of Jesus' teaching and work. The missionary charge of the Twelve focuses on the needs of the community. Disparaging provisions for emergencies and rejecting the best accommodations, the missionary resolutely pursues the proclamation of a complete and radical change. Sometimes people reject missionaries. In those cases, missionaries must shake the dust from their feet and move on.

While baptism makes us members of God's elite, it also commissions us to think and act in terms of service to the community. By its very nature, selection means service.

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

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**Travel Light.** To do ministry – that includes every one of us who is baptized – the gospel, Jesus, really, tells us to travel light. No cane, food, suitcase, money. Just go and do.

- ◆ What encumbers me from doing what I am called to do, from doing good work?
- ◆ What food and drink can I give away (mercy work) to help others do good work?
- ◆ What money can I donate to worthy, needed causes?

## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –July 18, 2021**

Jeremiah 23:1-6. Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6. Ephesians 2:13-18. Mark 6:30-34.