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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

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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Wed 6:30 pm

Shepherding

The Lord is my Shepherd, [Psalm 23](#) says, but there are human shepherds, too.

In the [First Reading](#) God thunders against the human shepherds who are failures at shepherding. Who are these miserable shepherds, these failures, with whom God is so indignant? Well, you can tell who they are by what God is angry at in them. They are the human beings who have not cared for the sheep, and those sheep are God's people.

Well, what did the shepherds fail to do when they failed to care for the sheep?

They didn't help the sheep get nurture; they drove the sheep away. They led the sheep in wrong directions. They scattered the sheep, so that instead of being one flock, the sheep were divided against each other into diverse small groups.

So think about it this way.

Do you lust for someone who is not your spouse? Do you think you are caring for one of God's children when you do? Do you smoke and overeat? What impact do your bad habits have on God's children? Is there no one of God's people who will grieve over you when you get sick? Do you laze around and waste your gifts by doing nothing? Do you spend your time on foolish, frivolous things that help nobody? Do you think you are caring for God's people when you do? Do you gossip and undermine the reputation of others? Do you sow discord in your neighborhood, in your church, in your family? Are you a divisive presence in your community? Do you think you are caring for God's children when you are?

Surely no one of us is so benighted as to suppose that God's thundering against miserable shepherds is meant only for priests who aren't good enough. That thundering is a warning for each one of us. Every person has many of God's children in his care. The woman who empties your trash at work, the child in the row behind you who kicks your seat on the plane, the annoying non-stop talker at your dinner table, your old and highly inadequate mother, your very imperfect spouse—each of these is one of God's children, and each of them is in your care—a little or maybe even a lot.

All these are people that we ourselves shepherd—always with our Shepherd, whose grace we need to do it well.

Let us be careful not to be miserable shepherds for him. ----Eleonore Stump

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Schedule of Masses

Sun	Jul 18	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Gilbert Palmer
Tue	Jul 20	6:30 pm	SMH	General Intention
Wed	Jul 21	8:00 am	SME	General Intention
Thr	Jul 23	8:00 am	SMH	General Intention
Fri	Jul 23	8:00 am	SME	General Intention
Sun	Jul 25	8:00 am	SP	Emma Kinhead

Birthdays

Jul 23 Harper Widowski

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Greeter	EM	Servers	Ushers
July 18 8 am	M Treat	B Morse	vol	vol	M McMahan, R Weeks
10 am	E Garrett	M Querry	B Palmer	vol	D Zmuda, F Dueker
July 25 8 am	L Miller	B Bowers	V Anderson	vol	J Bergmann, M Miller

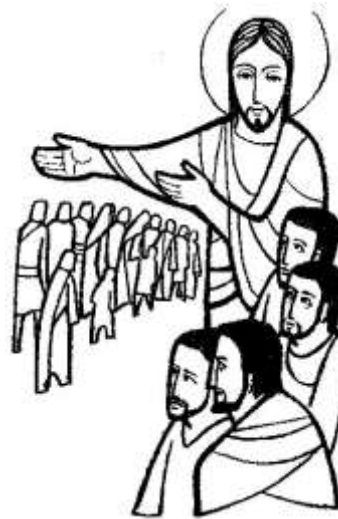
STEWARDSHIP OFFERING July 11, 2021

Envelope \$ 1375.00 (24), Loose 150.00 Bld & Maint 300.00 Masses 25.00 P Pence 30.00
Total \$ 1880.00 (collection counters are needed to continue this church ministry – see Laurie Coleman)

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Jul 18 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
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(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)
Mon Jul 19 Blood Drive at Fellowship Baptist Hall 12:00 pm-6 pm
Tue Jul 20 Fr. Christian Iwaugwu effective appt. to St. Paul
Sun Jul 25 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
Grandparents Day commemoration

To express the closeness of God and of the church to every older person, Pope Francis has chosen “I am with you always” from the Gospel of Matthew as the theme for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on July 25, chosen because of the proximity to the feast of Jesus’ grandparents, Joachim and Anne. “I am with you always” is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith,”



BLOOD DRIVE is Monday July 19, 12 – 6 pm at Fellowship Baptist Church Hall on Senior Dr in Vienna.. Donors are very much appreciated.

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 office.

NEW PASTORAL APPOINTMENT Bishop McGovern has appointed Rev Christian Iwaugwu as administrator of St Paul, Vienna, St Mary, Eldorado, and St Mary, Harrisburg. The appointment is effective July 20, and is for a term of three years. A fuller biography of Fr Christian is an insert in this weekend's bulletin. Contact with Fr Christian for urgent needs is phone 618-303-4997 or the parish office at Harrisburg, 618-253-7408. The phone in the office at St Paul 658-4501 will also be monitored for messages or requests or e-mail spccil@frontier.com can be used. The weekday mass schedule is still being determined.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE Thanks to the Wellness Committee and SIH, an AED has been installed in church for emergencies. The next Committee Mt will be Tuesday July 27 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall

FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL The Parish Council has volunteered to host the August 1 Social and visiting with Fr Christian. . Cathy Kruep has prepared a sign up sheet on the church bulletin board for future First Sunday Social hosts.

SACRISTAN VOLUNTEERS FOR A MONTH to open and close church and set up for Mass are urgently needed. Training can be provided. We need only 12 volunteers. Craig Levesque can help out some Sundays but will only know the Friday before. Please contact Arlene Dueker. We are covered thru August 2021 only.

INTO MY VINEYARD Zach Garrett has expressed an interest in the a six session course in Parish Administration and Management on Saturdays in fall and spring of upcoming year offered by the diocese. Its purpose will be to prepare more people in parishes to use skills of management, accounting, planning and decision making. Applications are available and deadline is July. If others are interested or have questions, check with Zach. Frequently Asked Question and Answer sheet is on the bulletin board.

MASS FOR MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL WORKERS – Bishop Michael McGovern is inviting paid and volunteer maintenance and custodial personnel to attend a special Mass to mark the Year of St. Joseph. Mass will be celebrated-Sunday, August 29, 5 p.m. at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Church in Mt. Vernon. A reception will follow each Mass. If you are able to attend please contact the parish office **as soon as possible** to make reservations for you and your family or contact directly the diocesan Office of Worship at (618) 722-5040 or email: dclark@diobelle.org

Fr Tom Contact Info In the future, Fr Tom's address will be 595 Country Acres Ln, Eldorado, IL 62930 and his phone remains 618-759-1707 or e-mail tmbarrett1@juno.com

VOCATION CORNER Mark's Gospel recounts the return of the Twelve, having been sent two by two, without money, food nor second tunic. He encourages them to rest awhile. Jesus demonstrates the value of taking some quiet time to reflect on all the activity in one's life. It is in this reflection that a young person can "hear" the call of God and what their true vocation in life is. Try this week to find some quiet time to "listen for" the Lord's call.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 July 2021

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

If I see myself as the central focus of the world and if everything's worth is measured only according to my personal gain, then my vision is poor. If we fall into this kind of selfish attitude then others are not people but things intended to satisfy needs or pleasures.

Today's readings tell us that self cannot be the exclusive condition for relationships. The shepherd is the model showing us that personal growth comes from communal concern.

In the ancient Near East, the titles "king" and "shepherd" were nearly synonymous. The image of shepherd captured the ideal relationship between a head of state and his subjects. The style was one of providing and caring for others. The kings of Israel and Judah generally did not measure up to this lofty ideal. Jeremiah illustrates Yahweh as a shepherd/king. The Lord brings home the exiles and appoints worthy shepherds. He will raise up a Davidic king who will "execute justice and righteousness in the land" (Jeremiah 23:5).

The psalmist uses action verbs to define pastoral concern: giving repose, leads, refreshment, and guidance. Pastures and waters evoke a God who is provider and sustainer. The shepherd's rod defends, and his staff guides. The sheep are without fear.

The gospel passage is Mark's prelude to the feeding of the five thousand (Mark 6:34-44). Jesus sees that the crowds need rest. Mark links Jesus' compassion to Yahweh's care of the Israelites during their desert wandering. For Mark it is clear that Jesus, having perceived the need, immediately prepares to respond by teaching and subsequently multiplying the loaves and the fish. The needs of the others must have struck a chord in Jesus, and such needs must do the same for us. Each of us is called to provide pastures and waters for one another.

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

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Hard Work Requires Rest. After all the traveling light last week to do ministry, Jesus tries to take the apostles away for some rest. But the people see them go, discover where they are headed, and get there first. Oh, my! So, Jesus ministers to them by teaching many things. After we work hard at mercy works, sometimes we can rest. Sometimes not.

- ◆ How can I find some rest from work in the quiet place of prayer?
- ◆ How can my restful prayer strengthen me to do more?
- ◆ What will I do next?

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 July 2021

2 Kings 4:42-44. Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18. Ephesians 4:1-6. John 6:1-15.