

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 July 2021

2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Signs are all around us. There are signs of affection from loved ones, tokens of appreciation from the grateful, pats on the back from well-wishers. We all too easily become immune to signs, failing to recognize their deeper meaning.

This weekend's sacred Scriptures teach us that signs are personal demonstrations of God's concern. Signs, by their very nature, evoke awe, gratitude, and praise. Signs are actually a reflection of God's involvement in our living.

Elisha was a great prophetic figure of the ninth century B.C., a successor of the mighty Elijah (see 2 Kings 2:1-18). While Elijah was a solitary figure, Elisha was a colorful leader with a dynamic personality. Elisha had twenty barley loaves and a group of a hundred to feed. In spite of the disproportion between supply and demand, there was food remaining. The leftovers demonstrate Elijah's concern and the fidelity of the Lord's word.

Psalm 145 invites all of creation to extol the Lord for his ongoing concern. This call to praise presupposes that God's actions are individual exhibitions of profound love. The passage focuses on God's open hand, a gesture that satisfies the desires of all living things. The Lord is near to all; Yahweh is an involved Creator/God.

Like Moses on Mount Sinai, Jesus is on the mountain. Like Moses, who is concerned about the availability of food, Jesus must entertain Philip's observation about insufficient funds to buy food for so many. Yet the multitude fails to see Jesus as the sign of God's presence. Instead, they see only the miracle and want to make him king.

Who are the people we take for granted and hence who are our possible "sign" people? Our loved ones, our friends, our public officials, and many others reveal the presence of a concerned God.

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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.

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

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 01 August 2021

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15. Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54. Ephesians 4:17, 20-24. John 6:24-35.



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## 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

Weekdays – Wed 6:00 pm,  
Fri 6:00 pm

## **Feeding the Hungry**

The prophet Elisha fed a hundred people with twenty barley loaves, and there were leftovers. Jesus fed about five thousand with five barley loaves and a couple of dried fish, and there were leftovers. That is God's desire for us: everyone should find food in abundance.

Today's reality is different. Every three days more people die from malnutrition and disease than from the bombing of Hiroshima, and every year more people die from preventable hunger than died in the Holocaust, even though we grow enough grain in the world to provide every man, woman, and child with a satisfactory diet of 3000 calories.

The [Second Reading](#) from Ephesians tells us to “make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force.” The problem with the world is its fragmentation; it lacks unity and peace.

The problem is not with God's providence, for God has provided us with enough food for everyone, and then some.

The problem is the divisions in the world that prevent food from getting to people or keep people away from the food.

God has given blessings to the world: if only we could learn to use those blessings for the benefit of all.

Since there are so many people in this world afflicted with hunger, this sacred Council urges all, both individuals and governments, to remember the saying of the Fathers: *“Feed the man dying of hunger, because if you have not fed him you have killed him.”* Vatican II, [Constitution on the Church in the Modern World](#), 1965: paragraph 69.

--Gerald Darring

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Jul 25	8:00 am	SP	Emma Kinkead
Sun Aug 1	8:00 am	SP	Billie Anderson

Birthdays

Jul 26 Chuck Querrey,  
Steve Widowski  
Jul 29 Riley Slife  
Jul 30 David Zmuda, Sr

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Greeter	EM	Servers	Ushers
July 25 8 am	L Miller	B Bowers	V Anderson	vol	*J Bergmann, M Miller
Aug 1 8 am	J Nelson	B Bowers	L Miller	M Palmer	*M McMahon, D Zmuda

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING July 18, 2021

Envelope \$ 798.00 (19), Loose 182.00 Bld & Maint 15.00  
Total \$ 995.00 (collection counters are needed to continue this church ministry – see Laurie Coleman)

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Jul 25 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am  
Grandparents Day commemoration  
(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)  
Tue Jul 27 Wellness Committee, Parish Hall.....6:00 pm  
Sat Jul 31 Lake Glendale Parish Outing.....11 am  
Sun Aug 1 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am



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,”

**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 on bulletin board.

**NEW ST. PAUL CONTACT INFORMATION**  
Contact with Fr Christian for urgent needs is phone 618-303-4997 or the parish office at Harrisburg, 618-253-7408 after July 25. The phone in the office at St Paul 658-4501 will also be monitored for messages or requests, or e-mail [spccil@frontier.com](mailto:spccil@frontier.com) can be used.

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

**FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL** The Parish Council and CCW have 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. Please contact Arlene Dueker 618 559-7803 (text or voice) We are covered thru August 2021 only.

**INTO MY VINEYARD** Zach Garrett has expressed an interest in the 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](mailto:dclark@diobelle.org)

**THANK YOU FATHER TOM** for your faithful and loving service to St. Paul Parish, Vienna. Our prayers for your safe and enjoyable visit to Iceland on July 26 and a happy retirement. We were blessed to have you as our pastor.

**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](mailto:tmbarrett1@juno.com)

**VOCATION CORNER** Today’s miracle of the fishes and loaves is a powerful message for all of us. The Lord challenges our faith to know that, through Him, all things are possible. Jesus takes a “little” and makes it “a lot”. He calls us, through this example, to “feed his people”. We might think we are too “little” to handle these things but He can make it “a lot” if we respond. Encourage those around you to consider being one those who will “feed the people” and the Lord work his miracle in us.