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ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020 State Rte 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

Sun - 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays – Wed 6:30 pm & Fri 12 pm

Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

Mulberry Street, Stonefort, IL – 62987

Sunday - 8:00 a.m.

& First Saturday – 8:30 am

Parish Council Chair: Mary Treat

Trustees: Myron Cole, Stan Treat

Rising to New Life- “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” Easter is the great celebration of victory of life over death.

Ours is an Easter religion. We do not deny or turn away from the evils that surround us: the wars that have killed some 100 million people in our (last) century; the poverty that grips more than half of the human race; the hunger that kills millions every year and ruins the lives of millions more; the discrimination that divides the human family into contending parties.

We do not deny these miseries, but we refuse to surrender to their power because of our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Suffering will be vindicated; death will be overcome; a new life will arise: that is the Easter message of the paschal mystery.

“Let us feast with joy in the Lord.” Just as Christ passed through death to resurrection, so too will the world pass through its suffering to the glory of a new life.

There is no room for despair: our Easter faith tells us that God will “raise us up and renew our lives.”

This is the ‘day which the Lord has made.’ Alleluia! Take fresh hope, brothers and sisters of the whole world! With Christ our Passover everything is possible! Christ goes forward in our future!

Pope John Paul II, *Easter Message*, 1991: 8.

Gerald Darring

Vol 18 # 16 **Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Apr	16	8:00 am	SFD	James M McCabe Family
			10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead
Tue	Apr	18	9, 11 am	DOC	Masses Shawnee, Vienna
Wed	Apr	19	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Apr	20	11:30 am, 1 pm	Marion	Penitentiary
Fri	Apr	21	12:00 pm	SP	Fr William Rensing
Sun	Apr	23	8:00 am	SFD	Angela Skaggs
			10:00 am	SP	Bill, Mary Anne Mudd

Birthdays:
 Apr 17 Leanne Whittington
 Apr 23 Dolly Hopkins

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Apr 16, 10 am Server: J. Bayles, R. Slife Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: Debby Brown Family Ushers: M. Palmer, P Kalicki, J. Bergmann, D. Bishop E. Minister A. Dueker D. Hopkins, V. Anderson Greeter: Janet Hacker</p>	<p>Sun, Apr 23, 10 am Server: A. Webb, B Bertran Lector:Joan Galey Gifts: Children Lit of Word Ushers: J. Slife, K. Felcyn G. Tesina, S. Hupe E. Minister S. Nelson B. Palmer, F. Dueker Greeter: Mike McMahan</p>	<p>Sun, Apr 30, 10 am Server: R. Slife, L. Slife Lector: Children’s Mass Gifts: PSR Students Ushers:C Brown D Zmuda C Zmuda, Pl Widowski, E. Minister P. Widowski M. Nelson, Md Slife Greeter: Carolyn Johnson</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, April 16: 8:00 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: M Cole, F Deaton Usher David Parks E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>	<p>Sun, April 9: 8 am Server: Logan Shaw Lector: Cecilia Parks Gifts: L Herbert, R Drone Usher: Myron Cole E. Min: Mary Treat</p>
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THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

- Sun Apr 16 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass10 am
- Easter Egg Hunt at SP.....following 10 am Mass
- Mon Apr 17 SF Parish Council Mt.....5:30 pm
- Tue Apr 18 Masses at Shawnee, Vienna DOC,9 am, 11 am
- Wed Apr19 Ministerial Alliance Mt.....12 pm
- Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- SP Parish Council Mt..hall.....7:05 pm
- Thr Apr 20 Marion BOP Masses.....11:30 am, 1 pm
- Fri Apr 21 Weekday Mass.....12 pm
- SP Finance Council Mt.....5:30 pm
- Sun Apr 23 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass & Children Liturgy of Word.10 am
- PSR Classes.....classrooms.....11 am
- Liturgical Ministry Fair...hall.....11 am



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS are included in today's bulletin. Our prayers are offered for their intentions and appreciation for the beauty of Easter flower decorations

EASTER EGG HUNT for youth will be held after the 10 am mass on the lawn around the parish center. Please gather in front of the hall entrance for directions (and an even start). Thanks to the Altar Sodality for sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR DAYSTAR & KITCHEN TABLE will be pick up for delivery on Easter Sunday. Thank you to all who shared so others may be cared.

RICE BOWLS FOR CRS Collection of Rice Bowls will take place during Holy Week and Easter. A marked container will be in the church entrance.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FAIR A special invitation to all parishioners to attend a Ministry Fair in the parish hall on Sunday, April 23rd, following the 10 am mass. Tables will be set up giving information and explanation of what is involved in serving in various liturgical ministries. Opportunity to ask questions of those involved in that ministry.

THANK YOU....to cantors, musicians, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters, servers, arts and environment team, set up and decorations for Lent and Easter.

....to Altar Sodality members who made preparations and set up for the Seder Meal and Potluck on Palm Sunday, and Matt Slife for roasting the lamb.

....to Arlene Dueker for leading the book discussions on Resisting Happiness in Lent

....to volunteers who lead the Stations of the Cross each Sunday before mass

....to Pat Kalicki, Marsha Nelson and Arlene Dueker who have led Children Liturgy

VOCATIONS CORNER Easter is our greatest feast of the Liturgical year. Our redemption has been accomplished and Jesus has overcome death. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. We must pray, encourage and work to promote more priestly vocations so that we can continue to have the opportunity of receiving Communion. Look this week to encourage a young man to consider entering the seminary to discern a priestly vocation.

MARRIAGE CHALLENGES? Retrouvaille (a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems & crises, even couples who are separated and divorced. The next program begins with the weekend of JUNE 2-4, 2017. For further information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL...join us as Partners in Hope A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have responded with a gift to The 2017 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not already done so, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed. Please consider making your gift today or at anytime you are able in the coming months. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

EASTER BLESSING–Rejoice in Jesus' Presence

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

Some see Easter merely as the harbinger of spring. We rejoice in the longer days and warmer weather. Easter is, of course, much more than another springtime.

Today's readings demand that we view Easter in terms of personal conversion. They help us understand Easter as the transformation experience of Jesus, which is to become the transformation experience of Christians. The empty tomb is the invitation to a fuller life.

Psalm 118 calls for the celebration of newness in one's life. The "I" of the psalm is quite likely a king who, having experienced some social or political upheaval, now sings of Yahweh's miraculous deliverance. Verse 22 describes the psalmist's amazement in terms of masonry. The stone rejected by the builders is nothing less than the cornerstone. The New Testament interprets this image as Jesus' exaltation. (See Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7.) Easter is the reversal of Jesus' passion and death; it is the celebration of new life.

In the second reading, Paul uses the imagery of Passover to motivate the moral behavior of the people. Passover celebrates the journey from the land of bondage to the land of freedom. Easter, the Christian Passover, also celebrates a journey: Jesus' trek from death to new life. This trek demands a radical change in the life of Christians: "Not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (vs. 8).

Easter Sunday is not intended to be a quiet reflection on the emptiness of the tomb. Rather, it is the recalling of Jesus' transformation that calls for conversion in our lives. All of us are to become cornerstones. Those who labor for the transformation of the poor, the indigent, and the disenfranchised are the new stone of the empty tomb, announcing the defeat of death and the victory of the truly human life Jesus won for us on the cross.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION What is the significance of the word "witness," in this sentence, "We are witnesses of all that he did"? Peter uses it both as a noun (meaning "observer") and a verb (meaning "corroborate," "testify"). So it is something you can be and do. Be: how are you a witness? Do: what is your action to witness to the truth?

One of Paul's last directives ([Colossians 3:15](#)) is to let the peace of Christ control our hearts. How do you do that if you're feeling confused or paralyzed with fear, or depressed? Where did the disciples find help obtaining peace? Is their source available to you?

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture. ..." And then John tells us in [Jn 20: 11-18](#), " ... she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus." Do you understand everything about the resurrection? Do you always recognize Jesus in your everyday life? Do you ask yourself at night where you might have run into Jesus (or God's love) that day?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31