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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

Making Peace Possible An ancient tradition says that Jerusalem means City of Peace. Through the centuries Jerusalem has been anything but a city of peace. It has been attacked, destroyed, and plundered on numerous occasions. Today it is the eye of a storm that is causing death and destruction.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem to become its messiah. He came not at the head of a conquering army but riding on a donkey, the animal we refer to as an ass. He came not to play God but to “empty himself and take the form of a slave.” He came to face rejection: “With that, all deserted him and fled.” Mark’s picture of Jesus’ rejection is bleak. There are no disciples around at the end, no relatives, not even God: “Why have you forsaken me?”

What will it take for us to understand the meaning of the cross, how Jesus made peace possible by his own suffering and dying? We keep thinking that we will bring peace by killing others in war; Jesus showed us that we bring peace by dying for others.

That earthly peace which arises from love of neighbor symbolizes and results from the peace of Christ who comes forth from God the Father. For by His cross the incarnate Son, the Prince of Peace, reconciled all men with God. By thus restoring the unity of all men in one people and one body, He slew hatred in His own flesh. After being lifted on high by His resurrection, He poured the Spirit of love into the hearts of men. For this reason, all Christians are urgently summoned ‘to practice the truth in love’ ([Eph. 4:15](#)) and to join with all true peacemakers in pleading for peace and bringing it about.

[Vatican II, Church in the Modern World, 1965: 78](#)

Gerald Darring

Vol 19 # 12 **Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Mar 25	8:00 am	SFD	Britney Deaton
		10:00 am	SP	Philip & Leola Barrett
Tue	Mar 27	11:30 am	Chrism Mass, Belleville	
Wed	Mar 28	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Mar 29	5:00 pm	SFD	For parishioners
		7:00 pm	SP	For parishioners
Fri	Mar 30	GF Service	3 pm at SFD	7 pm at SP
Sat	Mar 31	8:00 pm	SP	New members of Church
Sun	Apr 1	8:00 am	SFD	For parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Wendy Bowman

Birthdays
 Mar 28 Chris Deaton
 Lynn McMahan
 Mar 31 Curtner Bergmann

St Paul, Vienna

<p>Sun, Mar 25, 10 am Server: A Webb, B Bertram Lector: J Nelson, + passion Gifts: D & A Zmuda Family Ushers M Palmer, D Zmuda L Stoerger, R Stoerger E. Minister B Palmer M Nelson, P Kalicki Greeter: Sandy Belske</p>	<p>Sun, Apr 1, 10 am Server: R Slife, B Bertram Lector: Sabra Moore Gifts: P & A Widowski Ushers: J Nelson, D Bishop L Hinton, M McMahan E. Minister S Black V Anderson, L Stoerger Greeter: Janet Hacker</p>
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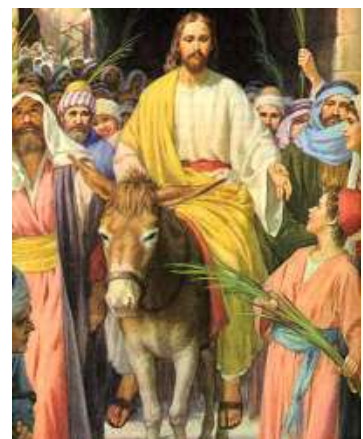
St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Mar 25: 8 am Server: Christine Deaton Lector: C Parks, L Herbert Gifts: M Moore, M Hustedde Usher: Myron Cole E. Min: Mary Treat</p>	<p>Sun, Apr 1: 8:00 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: L Herbert/R Drone Usher Stan Treat E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>
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<p>Thr, Mar 29, 7 pm Server: R Slife, L. Slife Lector: Sarah Black Gifts: Volunteers E. Minister S Moore, P Widowski</p>
<p>Fri, Mar 30, 7 pm Server: A Webb, B Bertram Lector: J. Nelson, S Pobst E. Minister M Nelson Ushers: Mt Slife, F Dueker L Hinton, P Kalicki</p>
<p>Sat, Mar 31, 8 pm Server: R Slife, L. Slife Lector: Arlene Dueker E. Minister P Kalicki, F Dueker</p>

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun Mar 25 Stations of the Cross 20 minutes before masses
 St Francis DeSales Mass.& Palm Procession.8:00 am
 St Paul Mass & Procession with palm.....10 am
 Easter Choir practice at St Paul.....11 am
 PSR Classes.....11 am
- Tues Mar27 Chrism Mass at Cathedral, Belleville.....11:30 am
 RCIA Session.....7 pm
- Wed Mar28 Deadline – Easter Memorial flowers; April calendar
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at SP.....6 pm & 7 pm
 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Mar 29 Holy Thursday Masses.....SF..5 pm.....SP...7 pm
- Fri Mar 30 Community Good Friday Service at SP.....12:10 pm
 Good Friday Services.....SFD...3 pm.....SP.....7 pm
- Sat Mar 31 Easter Vigil Service and Mass at SP.....8 pm
- Sun Apr 1 St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
 Easter Choir practice at St Paul.....8:45 am
 St Paul Mass10 am
 Children Easter Egg hunt.....11am



EASTER CHOIR All who interested in participating in an Easter Choir is asked to join practices in church Mar 25, 11am and Apr 1, 8:45am.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION This Sunday we begin Holy Week with a blessing and procession with palm branches before the mass from the parish center.

HOLY WEEK INSERT is provided to better appreciate the most important week of year

CHRISM MASS Oils used for sacramental celebrations will be blessed at Chrism Mass at 11:30 am Tuesday. Any parishioner(s) willing to receive oils for parish, contact Fr Tom.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS The deadline for including flower memorials into the bulletin insert on Easter will be March 28th.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be available 6 pm Wed and following mass

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION A container is in the foyer to collected non-perishable food items for the DayStar Food Program in Cairo.

RICE BOWLS will be collected in container during Holy Week. Still time to share the fruits of Lenten fasting in a tangible support of those in need of assistance.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be hosted at St Paul Church, March 30, 12:10 pm. Providing hospitality, a gathering with light refreshments will follow the service.

GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY LAND COLLECTION A collection to support the Shrines in the Holy Land and to support the ministries of the church there will be taken up at the parish Good Friday services.

WELCOME TO SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION Katie Pobst will be welcomed into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter Vigil Service, Saturday beginning 8 pm. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

EASTER EGG HUNT will be provided for children following the Easter Sunday mass at St Paul.

CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL This annual collection supports 18 ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. Our parish goal for the appeal is \$2900.00, asking everyone to help as you are able.. No gift is to great or small. So far 20 households have pledged \$6230.00. If you did not receive a pledge card, please use one of the envelopes on the table by the entrance to church.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Mar 25, Palm Sunday 10am; Mar 27, Chrism Mass (at Belleville) 11:30am; Mar 29, Holy Thursday, 5 pm at SFD, 7 pm at SP; Mar 30, Good Friday, Community Good Friday Service at SP, 12:10pm, Good Friday Service 3 pm at SFD, 7 pm at SP; Mar 31, Easter Vigil Service + Mass at SP, 8 pm; Apr 1, Easter Sunday Mass, 8 am at SFD, 10 am at SP.

Respect Life Corner-Holy Week Is Here - If your Lenten journey has been difficult, remember that it's meant to be that way. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Lent officially ends as the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins. Plan to participate in the moving liturgies of the Triduum in your parish. The summit of the liturgical year, the Easter Triduum begins Holy Thursday and continues into the evening of Easter Sunday. While chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philemon 2:6-11; Mark 14:1--15:47

Success means a lot to us. We measure success in mostly tangible, visible ways -- through achievements, bank balances, and real estate holdings. Are admiration, power, and authority meaningful criteria? Today's readings suggest that we opt for another norm -- one that is more objective. They maintain that the proper gauge of achievement is service to others.

The first reading is part of the third suffering servant song (Isaiah 50:4-9). Spoken toward the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, this song reveals Israel as a prophetic figure obedient to the Word of God. Many rejected this message and abused the prophet who spoke the words. Nevertheless, the prophet affirms God's support and sees mistreatment as a measure of his dedication.

Adapting a Jewish-Christian hymn, Paul sings of humanity as God intended it. Jesus put aside the privileges of divine honor and embraced a life of pain and frustration. But death did not have the last word. By emptying himself, Jesus fulfilled himself. "Whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all" (Mark 10:44). The passion narrative unfolds this startling paradox. The Jewish trial establishes not guilt but dignity, yet the result is abuse. The Roman trial proclaims Jesus as King yet leads only to disgrace. Jesus seems to die alone, abandoned by even his closest followers. Yet the centurion confesses, "Truly, this man was God's Son!" (Mark 15:39). Easter celebrates self-giving as the ultimate measure of success.

The cross is the test of achievement. The crucified Jesus directs our attention toward a hurting world. To be Christ's follower, one must show concern for his family -- the needy people of our world. The titles of Jesus have meaning because he gave his life "a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

We see Jesus as the subject of this reading. Could it apply to others too? Name some people who have spoken on God's behalf and have "set their faces like flint" when confronted by injustice. What injustice do you feel strongly about? What can you do to help make it right? "Agape" love is selfless and free from self-concern and self-preoccupation. It includes conversion, vulnerability, search for justice, and suffering. Explain Jesus' love for us in terms of *agape*. How does it help redeem the world?

The woman in this passion reading was "wasting" expensive perfumed oil on Jesus. Does this relate to God's self-wasting love on humankind? How is the Eucharist a continuation of Christ's self-giving love for us? Does your busy schedule allow time to "waste" on love?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9