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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 19 # 13 **Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	Apr 1	8:00 am	SFD	For parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Wendy Bowman
Tue	Apr 3	9am, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC	
Wed	Apr 4	5:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Apr 6	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Apr 7	8:30 am	SFD	Remission of Sin
Sun	Apr 8	8:00 am	SFD	For parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Charles & Mary Querrey

Birthdays
Apr 3 Josh Starratt
Apr 8 Kenneth Speletich

St Paul, Vienna

<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>	<p>Sun, Apr 8, 10 am Server: A Webb, C Bergmann Lector: Rhi Slife Gifts: David Zmuda Family Ushers P Widowski, Mt Slife G Tesina, S Widowski E. Minister D Bishop, S. Black, L Stoerger Greeter: Michael McMahan</p>	<p>Sun, Apr 15, 10 am Server: R Slife, M Bergmann Lector: Steve Pobst Gifts: Carlos, Cindy Baker Ushers J Bergmann, S Hupe P Kalicki, M Palmer E. Minister B Palmer F Dueker, M Nelson Greeter: H & X Gruszczczyk</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<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>	<p>Sun, Apr 8: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: M Cole, M Moore Usher: Fred Deaton E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- 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
- Tues Apr 3 DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna..9am & 11am
- RCIA Session.....7 pm
- Wed Apr 4 Weekday Mass.....5:30 pm
- Joint Partnership Parish Council Mt.....6:00 pm
- Fri Apr 6 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
- Finance Council Mt.....5:30 pm
- Sat Apr 7 First Saturday Mass & Devotion at SFD...8:30 am
- Faith Alive Board Mt.....10:00am
- Sun Apr 8 Anointing of Sick at Sunday masses
- St Francis DeSales Mass.....8:00 am
- St Paul Mass & Blood Pressure cks.....10 am
- Liturgy Planning Mt.....11 am



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

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION Collected non-perishable food items for the DayStar Food Program in Cairo will be delivered following this Sunday mass.

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.

WELCOME TO SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION Katie Pobst was welcomed into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter Vigil Service. Also parishioner, Nick Black was received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the vigil service at OLMC, Herrin. Help them to feel welcomed into our faith community.

LIVING GRACE daily scripture reflection booklets for April-June are available in the foyer this weekend for anyone willing to use them.

PARTERSHIP JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held this Wednesday at St Paul beginning 6 pm. Note that the weekday mass is rescheduled to 5:30 pm.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be offered at the parish masses next Sunday. Anyone who has difficulty standing is encouraged to sit in the front pew so the celebrant can come to you.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be provided by the Wellness Committee before and after mass next Sunday at St Paul.

LITURGY COMMITTEE will have their next meeting next Sunday, Apr 8, in the hall following Sunday mass.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS for severe weather, earthquake, fire and active intruder will be implemented beginning with training for ushers 11 am on April 15 and April 22 (choice of weekend). Guidelines for parishioners response will follow.

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER POSITION will become available beginning July 2018 at St Paul with projected 16 hrs per week. Basic computer (word processing, spreadsheet and database) and bookkeeping skills required. Inquiries for job description, pay rate, and application should be directed to parish office.

THANK YOU...to those who made memorial flower offerings (insert in bulletin)
...to leaders of Stations of Cross during Lenten season
...to musicians, song leaders and choir for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations.
...to those who supported the Community Good Friday Service with food and presence.
...to those who prepared liturgical decorations during Lent and Holy Week and Easter.
...to the Council of Catholic Women and Nelson family for sponsoring Easter Egg hunt.

BLESSINGS OF EASTER ON YOU!

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; Mark 16:1-8

The Easter readings bring us face to face with statements that seem contradictory or opposed to common sense. We are surrounded by alleluias and yet we often take the empty tomb for granted. This is the greatest solemnity of the Church year, a time to wonder at the marvelously mysterious divine paradox!

The passage from Acts is the inauguration of the mission to the Gentiles. The author, Luke, has Peter explain to Cornelius and his household that the Spirit-filled Jewish Jesus of Nazareth now embraces the Gentile community as well. The paradox in this passage is the fact that God has turned the heinous acts of Good Friday's killing into the beautiful reality of new life.

The New Testament associates Psalm 118 with the Resurrection (see Matthew 21:42). The psalm deals with the king's miraculous escape from seemingly unbeatable enemies; the New Testament focuses on God's activity for Jesus. The Jesus of Good Friday is a toppled structure; the Jesus of Easter is the cornerstone for all creation. The paradox: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone" (Psalm 118:22).

Mark's gospel passage for Easter Sunday shows the contradiction between Calvary and the empty tomb. The evangelist records the surprise of the women upon observing the stone already rolled back. The white-robed angel announces the mystery: The crucified one has been raised up. Ironically, in Mark's gospel, the women fail to share this good news. Mark implies that Christians, in spite of occasional suffering, must go boldly into the world to announce the fulfilling message of the empty tomb. Easter means the transformation of failure into success, of sorrow into joy, of death into life.

None of us has difficulty listing the less than glorious moments in our living. The empty tomb is our challenge to rebuild -- to fill the void that may still exist and move from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. That same meaning and purpose we extend to those around us. If we want to fully experience the good news of Easter, we must share it with others.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Should we witness with more than words? Peter bore witness in a different manner after the Resurrection than he did before Christ died. To what do you attribute this? Was he consumed by love for Christ and his Gospel? Is the source of strength for Peter the same source for us? One of Paul's last directives is to let the peace of Christ control our hearts. How do you do that when you're feeling confused or paralyzed with fear, or depressed? Where do you find help? What is it that allowed John to "see and believe," to have this kind of clarity? Does love give you knowledge about a person, or insights into their behavior? In John, Jesus said "Whoever loves me ... I will love him (her) and reveal myself to him (her)" ([Jn 14:21](#)). Is there a connection between Jesus' statement and John's "seeing and believing"?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31