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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

Trustees: Myron Cole, Stan Treat

Easter Joy The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Above all days, Easter is a day of joy.

But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, “When we come to St. Mary of the Angels [our house], soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: ‘Who are you?’ And we say: ‘We are two of your brothers.’ And ... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!”*

Whatever we may think of St. Francis’s explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis’s kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, SJ, at Easter there is only “the cross and passion past; dark night is done, bright morning come at last!”** When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear the Lord say, “Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth” (Song of Songs 2:10-12). In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. That will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 20 # 16 **Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019**

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Apr 21	8:00 am	SFD	Marietta Moore
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead
Tue	Apr 23	9, 11 am	Shawnee, Vienna DOC Masses	
Wed	Apr 24	11:30 am, 1 pm	Marion Penitentiary Masses	
		6:30 pm	SP	Fr Steve Humphrey
Fri	Apr 26	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	Apr 28	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Inez Ross

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Birthdays

Apr 22	Dylan Givens
Apr 23	Dolly Hopkins
Apr 24	Tom Kruep
	Dale Bishop
Apr 28	Xennia Gruszcyk

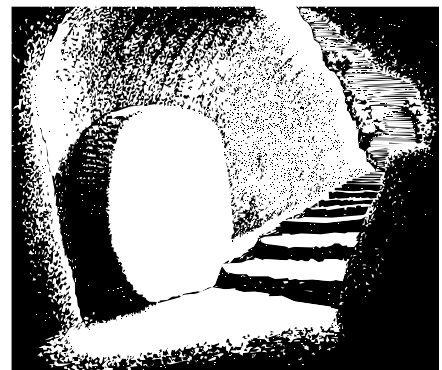
<p>Sun, Apr 21, 10 am Server: Riley Slife Lector: Joan GaleY Gifts: Chuck, Lynn Stone Usher:*J Nelson S Pobst P Widowski, J Bergmann E. Minister V Anderson P Kalicki, S Widowski Greeter H & X Gruszcyk</p>	<p>Sun, Apr 28, 10 am Server: M, C Bergmann Lector: PSR Gifts: PSR Usher:*Mt Slife, R Beanland S Widowski, M Palmer E. Minister C Kruep S. Belske, L Stoerger Greeter Vickie Anderson</p>	<p>Sun, May 5, 10 am Server: Laney, Riley Slife Lector: Zach Garrett Gifts: E Taylor, G Tesina Usher:*M McMahan, P Kalicki L Hinton, L Givens E. Minister B Palmer A Dueker, Md Slife Greeter Bill, Billie Porter</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, Apr 21: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Laverne Herbert Gifts: Hustedde Family Usher: David Parks E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>	<p>Sun, Apr 28: 8:00 am Server: Brenda Morse Lector: Mary Treat Gifts: Deaton Family Usher Myron Cole E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sat Apr 20 Easter Vigil Service and Mass.....8:00 pm
- Sun Apr21 St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass10:00 am
- Easter Egg Hunt...after mass.....11:00 am
- Tues Apr 23 Mass at Shawnee and Vienna DOC.....9.& 11 am
- Wed Apr24 Masses at Marion BOP.....11:30 am, 1 pm
- Weekday mass.....6:30 pm
- Thr Apr 25 May calendar info deadline
- Fri Apr 26 Weekday Mass at...SP.....12:00 pm
- Sat Apr 27 Ladies Luncheon at St Paul.....11am-1 pm
- Sun Apr28 Catholic Home Mission Appeal
- St Francis DeSales Mass8:00 am
- St Paul Mass & Closing PSR celebration..10:00 am
- Emergency Plan review- Earthquake
- PSR & Parish Picnic.....11:00 am



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL INSERT recognizing and praying for those in whose name Easter Flower were donated is in today's bulletin. Thank you to all contributors.

EASTER EGG HUNT will be provided for children following the Easter Sunday Mass at St Paul on the parish center lawn, weather permitting.

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION for DayStar in Cairo will conclude with Easter Sunday.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICEBOWLS invite our support of those in need by contributing from our Lenten fasts. Rice bowls should be returned by Easter to the designated basket in the church entrance..

LADIES LUNCHEON will be hosted at St Paul Parish Hall on Sat, April 27th, 11 am – 1 pm. All ladies of St Paul and St Francis DeSales and guest (14 yrs & older) are welcome. Meal, special fashion show, and scarf decorating on agenda. RSVP to Madonna Slife, 967-5164 by Apr 22.

MAY CALENDAR INFO is due to the office by Thursday of this week.

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Bishop Braxton wishes to invite all married couples celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and above anniversaries to a special mass on June 2. To assure that all potential couples are invited, please notify Fr Tom of your anniversary.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL will be taken up next Sunday. Now over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.

CLOSING PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION MASS AND PICNIC The formal religion classes will conclude this year with youth participation in the liturgical ministries at next Sunday's mass, followed by a picnic for youth and all parishioners. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

EMERGENCY PLAN REVIEW-EARTHQUAKE held at end of mass next Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS.....Sacrament of Confirmation, April 29, 7 pm at OLMC, HerrinMinistry Fair & Social at SP May 5th, 11 am
...Time & Talent Survey on weekend of May 5th
...First Communion Celebration at SP...May 12

THANK YOU.....

...to leaders of Stations of the Cross during the season of Lent
...to members of Liturgy Committee who prepared Sunday banners in Lent
...to Joan Galey, catechists and students, Madonna, Matt Slife, Altar Sodality and participants involved in the Seder Meal.
...to all who made flower donations in memory of family and loved ones.
.... to musicians, cantors and liturgical ministers who've served in Lent and Holy Week.
...to Altar Sodality, Arlene Dueker, Cathy Kruep and helpers for Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER BLESSINGS OF RISEN LORD ON ALL

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; Luke 24:1-12

Today we hear stories of the Resurrection from Acts and from the Gospel of Luke. Both are told not only so that we will believe that Jesus has been raised and is living but, even more, that he is the one sent by God who can forgive all our sins. If our sins are forgiven in Jesus, what can keep us from our Christian goal of life in full union with God?

People were first urged to believe because they were told by eyewitnesses to the empty tomb and the appearances of the risen Jesus. These were experienced facts, demonstrating beyond a doubt that Jesus was alive. We strengthen our own belief by pondering these reports again now.

Paul gives us our next step. We respond to our belief in Jesus by fastening our intention on things above rather than on things of earth. If we believe deeply in the Resurrection, we will understand that we have died with Jesus, that the world can no longer hold us. Therefore, we can focus our whole life on our risen Lord and his life within us.

Choose one area of your life in which you are intent on things of earth. Invent a way to turn that into its opposite: focus on Christ. Make it your heart's offering to God.

-- Marilyn Gustin

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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? Could the source of strength for Peter be the same source for us?

"Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above." (See later in Colossians 3 for Paul's meaning of "above"). He says that we should put on heartfelt compassion. What does compassion look like in our immediate world and in the larger one? 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 5:12-16; Psalm 118; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31