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Mission: Live Catholic teachings,

Participate in Sacramental and Liturgical Celebrations, Serve our Community

ST. PAUL 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: Lee Givens

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 21 #15 Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Apr 12	8:00 am	SFD	No Service
		10:00 am	SP	For Parishioners
Tues	Apr 14	11:00 am	SP	For Parishioners
Wed	Apr 15	6:30 pm	SP	For Parishioners
Fri	Apr 17	12:00 pm	SP	For Parishioners
Sun	Apr 19	8:00 am	SFD	No Service
		10:00 am	SP	For Parishioners

Birthdays

Apr 17 Leeanne Whittington

Liturgical Ministry Schedule is suspended until public mass is resumed.

SP STEWARDSHIP OFFERING April 5, 2020

Envelope \$910 (10), Easter \$250.00, Holy Land 20.00, Daystar Food 40.00, Mass 20.00

Total....\$1240.00

(Note: Many people have been affected economically by the 'shelter in place' directives due to the spread of the corona virus. If you are able to continue your support of the parish, it is needed to meet budgetary expenses even when there are not regular religious services. Contributions can be made by mail, sent through BillPay by bank, or dropped off at the parish office.) Thank you to all who have continued your envelope contributions.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun	Apr 12	Easter Sunday	
		St Paul Mass(private).....	10:00 am
Tue	Apr 14	Food Collection delivery to Daystar in Cairo	
		Weekday mass SP.....	11:00 am
		R.C.I.A session...(by Skype).....	5:00 pm
Wed	Apr 15	Weekday Mass SP.....	6:30 pm
		Merged Parish Council Mt (postponed)	
Fri	Apr 17	Weekday Mass SP.....	12:00 pm
Sun	Apr 19	Divine Mercy Sunday	
		St Paul Mass(private).....	10:00 am

While public gatherings are restricted, spiritual or physical needs may be assisted on an individual basis with proper precautions. Contact the parish office for any requests.



EASTER BLESSINGS

In some ways, ‘absence makes the heart grow fonder’ . The absence of the parish community for Eucharistic celebrations creates a longing to have all together. It also challenges any habits of taking people for granted. But in the more available time for thought and reflection, members are called to mind one by one with prayer and concern. It might not be a cause to celebrate, but during St Paul’s 125 anniversary year, we will remember how this year has stood out for unprecedented happenings.

As the resolutions posted on the cross at Ash Wednesday mass were removed to prepare the Easter decorations, it was an occasion to express gratefulness for everyone’s sacrifices and efforts to know and serve the Lord. May this Easter offer you hope though Jesus’ promise of resurrection.

Any other updates will be posted on the homepage of St Paul Website www.stpaulvienna.org

FLOWER MEMORIALS Church has been decorated more simply with mostly greens for now with the opportunity of adding flowers later in the Easter Season. Those whose intentions flower memorials were made are recognized here and included in the intentions on Easter. **For St Paul:** Wm Anderson, Cecchi Family, Dolly Hopkins Family, Pat Kinkead Family, Retz family, Agnes & Delmar Schwartz, Olga V Schwartz, and Zmuda Family. **For St Francis DeSales:** Deaton Family, McCabe Family, Skaggs Family

WORDS OF GRACE daily scripture reflections for April;-June have arrived. Copies will be left in the prayer room to the left of the hall entrance for pick-up at any time along with printed copies of the bulletin.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR DAYSTAR In the midst of much shutdown, the need of food assistance has increased. If you are able to assist with non-perishable food, it may be left in the hall prayer room or call the rectory. Food will be delivered to Daystar on Tues.

FISH FRY with all bills accounted for, the net profit for the 1st Fish Fry is \$625.13. Subject to final approval of parish council, profit will be evenly distributed to Vienna Food Pantry, Heather Treat Memorial Fund and School Backpack program.

RICE BOWL collection may be made more difficult to return. You may drop them off or continue to share empathy with those in need and return them when restrictions are lifted.

PSR Since regular sessions of the Parish School of Religion for youth has been halted by requirements of social distancing, parents are asked to continue lessons at home. A reminder that. Lesson plans for parents can be accessed on the Our Sunday Visitor website <https://calltofaith.osv.com/parish> clicking on Call to Faith at Home then choosing the desired grade level and lesson #. The website also offers a variety of supplemental options like lesson and unit quizzes, family activities and the Sunday scripture readings and reflections on the readings

VOCATION CORNER Hallelujah!! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! We need to share this Redemption story with others – our Calling as Catholics. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. We need to witness to this fact through our daily lives – talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation - a Call to Holiness

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 Easter Sunday –April 12, 2020

Acts 10:34a, 37-43. Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9.

Acts of the Apostles. All during Easter Time, we read and hear the Acts of the Apostles. Those many acts are not mere history. They launch us into Church life today. This Risen Lord, present among us, is so astounding, we cannot remain our old selves. We, too, are new – because of Baptism, because of this new Easter Day, because Christ is within and around us. We, too, act in new ways.

- ◆ How will I shine new life into another's life today?
- ◆ How will I bear witness to Christ among us by some word or deed?
- ◆ How will I rejoice?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) – April 19, 2020

Acts 2:42-47. Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. 1 Peter 1:3-9. John 20:19-31.