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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

Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

Sundays – 8:00 am, 10:00 am

Weekdays – Tue 11 am, Wed

6:30 pm & Friday, 12 pm

**The Small Things and the Great King** In the Gospel, Jesus is acclaimed as King of Israel by a crowd of people as he rides to Jerusalem on a donkey. It is a great triumphal parade, a high point of local fame and popular success for Jesus.

But I want to ask about the donkey.

It's not Jesus' donkey. How did he get it?

The Gospel says Jesus sent his disciples to a neighboring village to untie it and take it away. But why would anyone let the disciples of Jesus simply make off with somebody else's donkey? As far as that goes, how did Jesus even know a donkey was there in that village?

Here's one possible answer. The Gospel says that Jesus was near Bethany when he sent his disciples to get the donkey. So maybe that donkey was in Bethany. Bethany is the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Like the donkey, which is a humble beast, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are small and ordinary people. Nobody would acclaim them in great parades. But they are nonetheless the particular friends of Jesus. Maybe the donkey belongs to them or to their friends. Maybe Jesus knows exactly where that donkey is because he has seen it when he was visiting Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Maybe the villagers are so ready to let the disciples of Jesus take the donkey because they know and trust Jesus.

On this way of reading the story, with the people shouting and acclaiming him King, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the small beast which comes from the village of his particular friends, two ordinary women and their equally ordinary brother.

And here's the sequel. The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his crucifixion. That's how much fame and popular success are worth. And here's what particular friendship with the Lord is worth. When Jesus ascends to God the Father, do you know what place he chooses as the site for his ascension? It's Bethany ([Luke 24:50](#)), where his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus live.

And so in his royal procession, on that little donkey, our Lord shows us what is truly worth caring about, the small things, the particular things so dear to us and to our great King.

Eleonore Stump



**Vol 22 #13 Palm Sunday**    March 28, 2021

## Schedule of Masses

Sun	Mar 28	8:00am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Billie Anderson
Tues	Mar 30	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Mar 31	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Apr 1	7:00 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Fri	Apr 2	7:00 pm	SP	Good Friday Service
Sat	Apr 3	8:00 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Apr 4	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Kenneth Speletich

## Birthdays

Mar 28 Lynn McMahan  
Mar 30 Curtner Bergmann  
Apr 3 Josh Starratt

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector

**St Paul..... Mar 28, 8 am Leslie Miller**

**10 am** Steve Widowski

**April 4, 8 am**

10 am

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING March 21, 2021**

Envelope \$ 1025.00 (21), Loose 5.00, Catholic Relief Services 20.00 Mass Int 25.00,

**Total \$ 1075.00**

Note: No offering basket is passed around at masses due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Instead a canister marked 'Envelopes' is on the gifts table for the collection or envelopes may be delivered through the mail. Thank you to all who have faithfully continued your envelope contributions.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Mar 28 Stations of the Cross 20 min. before Mass

Palm Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am

Palm Sunday Mass at SP..... 10:00 am

PSR Class.....11:00 am

(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)

Tue Mar 30 Chrism Mass & Blessing of Oils.Cathedral...2 pm

## Wed Mar 31 Deadline for Flower Memorials

Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm

Thu Apr 1 Holy Thursday Mass.....7:00 pm

Fri Apr 2 Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Community G F Service in Vienna Park..12:10 pm

Good Friday Service.....7:00 pm

Collection for Holy Land

Sat Mar 27 Easter Vigil Service and Mass.....8:00 pm

Sun Mar 28 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am

Sunday Mass at SP..... 10:00 am

Easter Egg hunt (weather permitting) ... 11:00 am





**PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK** We are being required to make adaptations to this year's celebrations. The traditional procession with palm will be replaced with receiving palm without procession as you enter church on Palm Sunday. Washing of feet and transfer of Eucharist on Holy Thursday is suppressed, but blessed oils from Chrism mass will be received for parish use at the beginning of the mass. A time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will be offered at the end of the mass. Reverence of cross on Good Friday will be limited to communal act from pews. The proclamation of the Passion, Universal Prayers, and Communion Service will be as normal. The Easter Vigil procession with candles isn't permitted, but service will begin with the Easter Proclamation and extended scripture readings. Seating space is limited on Easter Sunday and is available by reservation only. An outdoor Easter Sunday egg hunt is planned.

**REMINDER OF LENTEN INITIATIVES:** **Food Collection for Daystar** will continue through Easter Sunday; **Rice Bowls** to share our sacrifices with providing food for others will also continue through Easter. A collection basket is provided in foyer for returns; Good Friday Collection for Holy Land will be taken up April 2.

**CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL.** Some parishioners have reported they did not receive information on agencies supported by CSMA or an accompanying pledge card in the mail. Extra sheets will be available by the bulletins. Please assist with reaching our goal if you have not participated. Extra pledge envelopes are in church foyer.

**PARISH FISH FRY REPORT** After all bills paid and donations noted, the profit from the two parish fish fries is \$1773.57. That amount will be distributed equally among Heather Treat Memorial Fund (Cancer Assistance), Blessings in A Backpack, and Vienna Baptist Food Pantry. Thank-You to all who donated food, supplies, labor, and support.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ...April 8...Eucharistic Adoration 4 -7:30 pm. Sign up sheet on bulletin board
- ...April 10...Spring CCW Vicariate Mt at St Joseph, Marion 9am- 1 pm
- ...April 10...Retreat/preparation for First Communicants...5-7 pm
- ...April 11...Divine Mercy Sunday – commemoration of grace of reconciliation
- ...April 11...Liturgy Committee Meeting at 9 am planning Easter Season
- ...April 22-24...St Paul Parish volunteers operates Faith Alive Thrift Store

**PARENTAL NOTIFICATION ACT** of minors seeking an abortion is being challenged in state legislature by House Bill 1797 and Senate Bill 2190. People are being urged to contact elected representatives and senators to oppose revocation. More information can be obtained at [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org)

**CHURCH WEEK,** Supporting Christian Organizations. Rural King will donate 10% of purchases made there between March 14 and March 27<sup>th</sup> to the Christian Organization of your choice (consider St Paul). Receipts must be uploaded to [www.ruralking.com/churchweek](http://www.ruralking.com/churchweek) by April 1, 2021. (You may also deliver receipts to St Paul to be uploaded). .

**VOCATION CORNER** “I grew up in Haiti as the first child in a family of cradle Catholics. I heard stories about how my dad discerned the priesthood before he married my mom, and I witnessed the humanity of the religious sisters who taught me in school. This faith-filled environment sowed the seeds of my religious vocations, and as a young girl I believed I was called to be a sister. Years later, after my family settled in the United States, I became a lost sheep on a college campus. In 2008, I began to go to daily Mass, participated in Eucharistic adoration, and found a spiritual director. My discernment journey took me to many communities until, in 2010, I knew that the Lord was asking me say “yes” to him through the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church.”

Sister Christiana Marie Rene; Sisters of Mary, Spokane Wash. Columbia November 2018



## Passion (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).

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

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## Palm Sunday – 28 March 2021

Isaiah 50:4-7. Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24. Philippians 2:6-11. Mark 14:1–15:47. **Entering and Dying.** This Holy Week begins with a festive entry into Jerusalem with cloaks spread around, with leafy branches waving, and with “Hosannas” crying out. But this all ends with suffering and death.

- How will spend this day and this week emptying myself as Jesus did?
- How can I, like Jesus, be more humble?
- How will I be obedient?

## Easter Sunday – 04 April 2021

Acts 10:34a,37-43, Psalm 118, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9