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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

### **What are we supposed to do?**

Once, in perplexity, people asked Jesus, “What are we supposed to do?” (John 6:28). The Second Reading raises this question for us too. The Second Reading says that if you don’t keep God’s commandments but say that you know the Lord, you are a liar.

Being a liar is bad enough. But the Second Reading also says that if you don’t keep the Lord’s commandments, you don’t know the Lord.

That is the worst, isn’t it? Especially because the test for whether or not you know the Lord is not whether you have fervent prayer or sweet religious experience. No, the test is just whether you keep the Lord’s commandments. That is why you lie if you don’t keep the Lord’s commandments but still try to tell yourself and others that you know the Lord.

In another passage, this same Epistle (1 John 1:6-8) claims that if you say you have no sin, you are a liar, too.

And now we have a real puzzle, don’t we? To avoid the sin of lying, you have to confess that you do sinful things. But then you are confessing that you aren’t keeping the Lord’s commandments, aren’t you? And in that case, you are a liar, and you don’t know the Lord.

Well, then, what are we supposed to do?

The answer is in what Jesus told the people when they asked him that very question. Jesus said, “Believe on the one whom God has sent.”

Notice that this is a command.

And here is what it means. We can tell the truth: that we are sinful. But it doesn’t follow that we don’t keep God’s commandments. If we believe that Jesus is the Savior, sent by God to save us from our sins, then, sinful as we are, we are in fact keeping the commandment the Lord gave the people when they asked him what they were supposed to do.

And if we keep his command, then it is also true that we know him. We know him as the Christ, sent by God to save us from our sins.

Eleonore Stump

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## **Schedule of Masses**

Sun Apr 18	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	SP	Bill Kinkead
Tue Apr 20	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed Apr 21	5:30 pm	SP	Barrett-Waltz Family
Fri Apr 23	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun Apr 25	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	SP	Jacob Overby

## **Birthdays**

Apr 23 Donna Irby  
Dolly Hopkins  
Apr 24 Tom Kruep  
Dale Bishop

## **Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector**

**St Paul..... April 18, 8 am** Leslie Miller **April 25, 8 am**  
**10 am** Zach Garrett **10 am**

## **STEWARDSHIP OFFERING April 4, 2020**

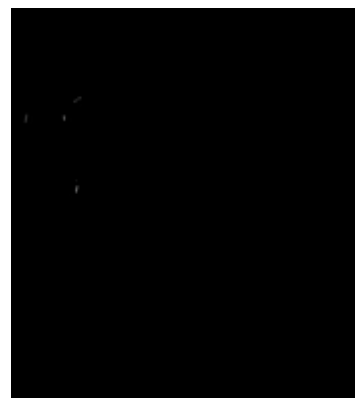
Envelope \$ 3340.00 (25), Loose 20.00, Holy Land 25.00, Mass Int 40.00, Easter 25.00, CRS Rice Bowl 278.33, Bld & Maint 328.00

**Total \$ 4056.33**

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 Apr 18 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am  
Sunday Mass at SP..... 10:00 am  
PSR Classes.....11:00 am  
(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)  
Tue Apr 20 Weekday Mass..... 11:00 am  
Wed Apr 21 Weekday Mass.....5:30 pm  
Parish Council Mtg.....6:00 pm  
Thr-Sat Faith Alive Thrift Store staffed by St Paul...9-3 pm  
Thu Apr 22 So. Vicariate Clergy Mtg.....12:00 pm  
Fri Apr 23 Weekday Mass..... 12:00 pm  
Sun Apr 25 Catholic Home Mission Appeal  
Emergency Talk-Earthquake  
Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am  
Liturgical Ministry information session  
Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am  
PSR Classes.....11:00 am



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** Agenda and minutes for the Parish Council Mt this Wednesday are available for council members in the foyer.

**FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE** will be operated by volunteers from St Paul this Thursday & Friday, 9am to 3 pm, and Saturday, 9 am to Noon. Assistance is needed to check out, stock shelves and sort clothing. If you can help, there is a sign-up list on the bulletin board or you may contact Arlene Dueker 559-7803 or Madonna Slife 967-5164.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL** Next weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of the dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**LITURGICAL FAIR** Opportunity to learn about ministries of Liturgical Service with information of training will be offered following masses next weekend.

**REFINISHED CHURCH PEWS** have been put in place in church. Kneelers and anchors still need to be completed. Thank you for special donations by Pam Shallenberger, Becky Bowers, and Craig Levesque. Anyone else wishing to contribute can mark Bld & Maint Env

**ST PAUL WELLNESS COMMITTEE** is offering an additional means of communicating with members. They now have a dedicated e-mail at [spwellness@frontier.com](mailto:spwellness@frontier.com)

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** **Richard Stone**, father of Chuck Stone, who passed away.

**PROJECT RACHEL** There is hope. There is help. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, please contact Project Rachel through the Diocese of Belleville in Illinois at 618-722-5068. The help line is answered live Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 am – 4:30 pm and Thursdays, 8 am – noon. If you reach the voicemail, please leave a message and we will call you back when it is a good time for you.

**The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal** *Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do....-John 14:12* “With confidence in the Lord, I am turning to you today asking for your support of this year’s Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. My hope is that your generous response will help our ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities.” -Bishop Michael McGovern If you haven’t, please consider making your gift today!

**VOCATION CORNER** “I was 7 years old when I first thought about becoming a priest. But by the time I moved to the United States from Mexico at age 15, the priesthood was not in my plans. ..I pursued a career in criminal justice instead. God had other plans for me, though. The decision to enter seminary was not an easy one. I struggled with my own desires and with what other people thought would be best for me. Ultimately, I ran out of excuses and could no longer ignore the call that God had planted in my heart. If I had to do it all over again, I would answer the call without a doubt in mind.” *Fr. Francisco Javier Onate Vargas; Diocese of Charleston, S.C.* Columbia Magazine September 2019

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

All too often we fester in our own hurt, even when others turn to us for forgiveness. We may judge that it is better to preserve our sense of hurt than to free a repentant sister or brother from the heavy burden of guilt. Today's readings show us that the graciousness of pardon outweighs the enormity of sin. They challenge the modern believer to focus on repentant sisters and brothers, not on the lingering malaise of personal hurt.

The passage from Acts is part of Peter's Temple sermon. The audience's sin is that they were responsible for Jesus' death. In calling for conversion, Peter refers to the ignorance of the audience. They are to turn aside from their evil way and turn toward God. Though the killing of Jesus is a serious sin, it can yet be forgiven.

The passage from John's first epistle shows that the secessionists (those who have broken away from the author's community) have falsely claimed a communion with God, in spite of the fact that they walk in darkness. They deny their sin. The author replies that his community walks in the light and publicly confesses the likelihood of sin. Communion with one another means that the community experiences the cleansing from sin that Jesus has made possible.

The gospel passage is part of Luke's account of the appearance of Jesus to the apostolic circle. It consists of an appearance and an instruction. In the appearance scene the household meal is linked to those meals where Jesus' forgiveness played a central role. In the instruction scene, Jesus preaches penance and forgiveness.

As Christians, we are not isolated individuals. Our calling is to imitate Jesus. To say "I forgive you" is to say "I love my community and, therefore, I love you." To reconcile is to profess that the Christian community is a forgiving community.

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

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## **Third Sunday of Easter – 11 April 2021**

Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

**Have You Anything to Eat?** We long to be fed at the table of the Lord. We hunger to eat and drink his Blood and Body. If we can go to the church this day – what a joy! If we can't, we can still follow the gospel injunction: Look and touch. We can look for Jesus everywhere – because that is where he is. We can still touch Jesus in the persons who are near – because that is also where he is.

- ◆ How will I look for and see Jesus every day?
- ◆ How will I touch Jesus, either really or virtually, in touching another?
- ◆ How will I do these mercy works: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty?

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter – 18 April 2021**

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18