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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

**Doctor without borders** - The international aid organization Doctors Without Borders has 27,000 medical personnel in 60 countries, and they bring essential medicines and medical care to very many people who otherwise would go without.

The medical science they use comes from the Western industrialized countries. But no one supposes that there is something exclusivist or arrogant or intolerant about Doctors Without Borders for bringing this medical care from the West to the poor and sick in third-world countries. On the contrary, in 1999 Doctors Without Borders won the Nobel Peace Prize for its work with the world's needy.

There is an objective truth about what will heal people, and the fact that modern medicine comes from the industrialized West doesn't alter this truth. Western medicine is prized around the world because it has a power to heal which nothing else does.

What Peter says about Christ in the First Reading is a little like this. There is a sickness of the spirit as well as of the body, and it can lead to death too, a death of the spirit rather than the body. There is healing for this spiritual sickness. But, Peter says, it comes only from Christ. Christ has a power to heal that nothing else does.

That is a lesson that the First Reading teaches. To some people, this lesson is worrisome, or worth rejecting. They think it is disrespectful to other cultures and religions.

But notice what Christ adds to this lesson in the Gospel. He has more than one fold of sheep, he says. In their varying countries, cultures, and ethnicities, all those who hear his voice and are glad of it form the different folds of sheep for whom Christ is the good Shepherd. All these differing folds together make up the one truly world-wide flock of the Lord.

And so there is one objective truth about what heals, whether the healing is medical or spiritual; and there is only one source for this healing. But, unlike modern medicine, the healing of Christ is not another monopoly of the Western industrialized nations. Whatever his social or ethnic group, whatever the way in which Christ's voice comes to him and moves him, each person whose heart is stirred by the voice of the Lord is included in Christ's one flock.

The ultimate doctor without borders is Christ.

Eleonore Stump

# Vol 22 #17 **Fourth Sunday of Easter** April 25, 2021

## Schedule of Masses

|            |          |    |                      |
|------------|----------|----|----------------------|
| Sun Apr 25 | 8:00 am  | SP | For the Parishioners |
|            | 10:00 am | SP | Jacob Overby         |
| Tue Apr 27 | 11:00 am | SP | General Intention    |
| Wed Apr 28 | 6:30 pm  | SP | General Intention    |
| Fri Apr 30 | 12:00 pm | SP | General Intention    |
| Sat May 1  | 8:30 am  | SP | Reparation for Sin   |
| Sun May 2  | 8:00 am  | SP | For the Parishioners |
|            | 10:00 am | SP | Chris Ray            |

## Birthdays

Apr 28 Xennia Gruzczyk  
Apr 29 John Zawacki  
Melanie Hustedde  
May 2 Jo Ann Brown

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Lector

**May 2, 8 am** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
**10 am** Arlene Dueker

## Greeter

Joan Galey  
X Gruszczyk

## Servers

M, C Bergmann  
C. Levesque

## Ushers

M McMahan  
S Widowski

## STEWARDSHIP OFFERING April 18, 2020

Envelope \$ 1745.00 (22), Loose 148.00, Mass Int 50.00,

**Total \$ 1943.00**

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 Apr 25 Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Emergency Preparedness Talk-Earthquake

Liturgical Ministry information session

Time & Talent Survey

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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 27 Weekday Mass.....11:00 am

Wed Apr 28 Weekday Mass.....5:30 pm

Fri Apr 30 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm

Sat May 1 First Saturday-St Joseph Feastday Mass.....8:30 am

Sun May 2 Sunday Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Celebration...8:00 am

1<sup>st</sup> Communion reception following mass

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

PSR Classes.....11:00 am



**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL** is today. Over 40% of the dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions)

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE** To open opportunity for additional ministers and to improve predictability, a liturgical minister schedule has been made for May. Please check for your assignment and take a copy of schedule from bulletin table as a reminder.

**WANTED AND NEEDED** A few more parishioners to volunteer for service as Liturgical Ministers. Ushers, Lectors, Cantors and Musicians we have now, but we could use more. Craig Levesque is our sacristan but we need an alternate sacristan when he cannot serve. Please stop by the Parish Hall and learn more on ways you might serve.

**TIME & TALENT SURVEY** In conjunction with the ministry information event, the annual Time and Talent Survey is being distributed this weekend. Everyone is encouraged to review the variety of services that foster the life of the parish and check those that you might be interested in. Results allow committee, parish organizations and pastor to extend invitation when those ministries are needed. Forms can be returned to box in foyer.

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** has been declared by Pope Francis to deepen our appreciation of his modeling fatherhood and the value of family life. St Paul will begin this commemoration with the feast of St Joseph, the Worker, on Saturday, May 1 with the 8:30 am mass. Participants are encouraged to bring statues of St Joseph or Holy Family for blessing

**FIRST COMMUNION** will be celebrated at the 8 am Sunday mass at St Paul on May 2. Three young members of our parish, Peter Garrett, Aiden Nelson and Nolan Zmuda, will receive Eucharist with their families. A reception will follow the mass for family and parishioners. A reminder that reservations are still required. Please support them in your prayer.

**THANK YOU....**to volunteers who staffed the Faith Alive Thrift Store last week  
...to Madonna Slife who enlivened the Marian Statue surroundings with flowers  
...to Cathy Kruep for preparing special occasion cards for Autumn Ridge and Hillview residents  
...to Arlene Dueker for preparation of worship aides and bulletin preparation.  
...to Mike McMahan for the quarterly reviews of emergency preparedness

**VOCATION CORNER** Today we acknowledge the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. We implore our Blessed Mother to intercede for us, asking the Lord to grant us more men and women who answer the call to a religious vocation. To quote Pope Francis, “Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration – in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now.”

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

Every day we hear of personal happiness and tragedy, of great feats and failures. Our tendency is to accept all of these without reflecting on their meaning, without understanding their significance. Today's readings are a study in understanding. They challenge us to not only tabulate the facts but to uncover the meaning of those facts. Believers are people who look to the deeper dimensions of life. The scene in Acts has Peter addressing the highest Jewish authority, the Sanhedrin. The passage moves immediately beyond observation of physical facts to understanding. The cure of the sick man is a fact, the key issue is the meaning of that cure. Restoration of health is secondary to the salvation realized. The sick man enjoys good health because the Jesus who was rejected has been raised by God.

Psalm 118 is a psalm of thanksgiving for the king's miraculous escape from seemingly unbeatable enemies. The psalmist tells us that when the people see this radical turn of events they must understand it as God's doing.

The gospel atmosphere is charged with conflict. The author contrasts Jesus with Israel's leaders. Jesus, the ideal shepherd, does not hesitate to lay down his life for the sheep. It is the self-giving of Jesus that is at the heart of the Gentile mission.

The modern believer must react to the evil in society. Exploitation, oppression, and abuse of power are not accidents of nature. Believers must interpret that the power of Jesus' dying and rising has yet to penetrate these situations. Believers see this and take action.

By the same token, the believer reacts to the good in society. We affirm and applaud those who stand for truth, justice, and charity. Human gifts are held in high regard, especially when shared with all God's people.

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

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## **Fourth Sunday of Easter – 25 April 2021**

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

**Being Good.** Jesus is good. He is the best of shepherds. He knows and protects, leads and loves. He offers himself as a pattern for our own living.

- ◆ Who needs my guidance?
- ◆ Who needs my love and protection?
- ◆ How will I be good today, this week, this Easter Time?

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2 May 2021**

Acts 9:26-31. Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32. 1 John 3:18-24. John 15:1-8