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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

True 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 [our house] St. Mary of the Angels, 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, S. J. at Easter “the cross and passion past, dark night is over, bright morning comes at last!”** When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear him 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

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Schedule of Masses

Sun	Apr 4	8:00 am	SP	Kenneth Speletich
		10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
Tues	Apr 6	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	Apr 7	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri	Apr 9	7:00 pm	SP	Good Friday Service
Sun	Apr 11	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Theresa Rood

Birthdays
Apr 9 Rhi Slife

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Lector

St Paul..... April 4, 8 am Joe Nelson
10 am Arlene Dueker

April 11, 8 am
10 am

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING March 28, 2021

Envelope \$ 1695.00 (20), Loose 30.00, Holy Land 25.00 Mass Int 10.00,

Total \$ 1760.00

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 4 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
Sunday Mass at SP..... 10:00 am
Easter Egg hunt (weather permitting) ... 11:00 am
(Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)

Tue Apr 6 Faith Alive Board Mt.....10:00 am
Weekday Mass.....11:00 am

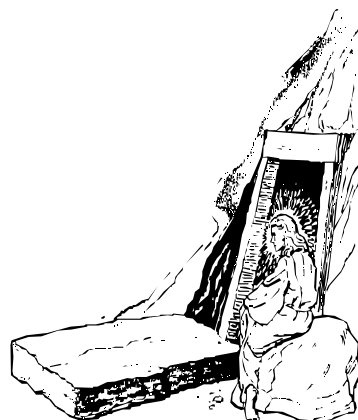
Wed Apr 7 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm

Thu Apr 8 Eucharistic Adoration.....4 - 7:30 pm

Fri Apr 9 Weekday Mass.....12:00 pm
Finance Council Mt.....5:30 pm

Sat Apr 10 South Vicariate CCW Spring Mt.Marion.9am-12pm
Retreat for 1st Communicants....hall....5-7:00 pm

Sun Apr 11 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
Liturgy Committee Meeting9:00 am
Sunday Mass at SP..... 10:00 am
PSR Classes.....11:00 am



EASTER BLESSINGS ON ALL!

EASTER EGG HUNT will held following 10 am mass (weather permitting) on the parish hall lawn for children. Follow directions for section by age group. Our Thanks to the Council of Catholic Women for sponsoring this event.

HOLY WATER Since holy water is still not allowed in the fonts, individual containers of water blessed at the Easter Vigil are available for people to take for personal use.

REMINDER OF LENTEN INITIATIVES: **Food Collection for Daystar** will continue through 2nd Sunday of Easter; **Rice Bowls** to share our sacrifices with providing food for others will also continue through Easter Sunday. A collection basket is provided in foyer for returns.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be provided on Thursday, April 8, 4 pm to 7:30 pm. Participants are encouraged to sign the schedule on the bulletin board.

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT for three young members of our parish will be offered April 10th, 5-7 pm in the parish hall. Please remember them in your prayer.

SOUTH VICARIATE CCW MEETING will be held Saturday April 11 at St. Joseph Parish, Marion Illinois from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All ladies of the diocese are invited to attend. You will get to enjoy the fellowship of other Catholic women, learn more about Catholic Charities in Southern Illinois and participate in a spiritual reflection on St. Joseph. A box lunch will be available for purchase for \$10 for those who would like to stay for lunch. An rsvp sign up sheet is posted in the church foyer and carpooling is available. Or call Pam Shallenberger at 217-714-4568

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is commemorated on the 2nd Sunday of Easter with the scriptural message of mercy and reconciliation. It offers an appropriate opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation if Lent slipped by without that opportunity.

MINUTES Copies of the last Parish Council Mt and CCW Mt minutes are available on the table with the mass programs.

THANK YOU....to those who provided Easter Flowers through Flower Memorials
...to Liturgical Ministers, Cantors and musicians, liturgical decorators for Easter

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.

CHURCH WEEK, Supporting Christian Organizations. Rural King will donate 10% of purchases made there between March 14 and March 27th to the Christian Organization of your choice (consider St Paul). Receipts must be uploaded to www.ruralking.com/churchweek by April 9, 2021. (You may also deliver receipts to St Paul to be uploaded). .

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

The Easter readings bring us face to face with statements that seem contradictory or opposed to common sense. We are surrounded by alleluias and yet we often take the empty tomb for granted. This is the greatest solemnity of the Church year, a time to wonder at the marvelously mysterious divine paradox!

The passage from Acts is the inauguration of the mission to the Gentiles. The author, Luke, has Peter explain to Cornelius and his household that the Spirit-filled Jewish Jesus of Nazareth now embraces the Gentile community as well. The paradox in this passage is the fact that God has turned the heinous acts of Good Friday's killing into the beautiful reality of new life.

The New Testament associates Psalm 118 with the Resurrection (see Matthew 21:42). The psalm deals with the king's miraculous escape from seemingly unbeatable enemies; the New Testament focuses on God's activity for Jesus. The Jesus of Good Friday is a toppled structure; the Jesus of Easter is the cornerstone for all creation. The paradox: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone" (Psalm 118:22).

Mark's gospel passage for Easter Sunday shows the contradiction between Calvary and the empty tomb. The evangelist records the surprise of the women upon observing the stone already rolled back. The white-robed angel announces the mystery: The crucified one has been raised up. Ironically, in Mark's gospel, the women fail to share this good news. Mark implies that Christians, in spite of occasional suffering, must go boldly into the world to announce the fulfilling message of the empty tomb. Easter means the transformation of failure into success, of sorrow into joy, of death into life.

None of us has difficulty listing the less than glorious moments in our living. The empty tomb is our challenge to rebuild -- to fill the void that may still exist and move from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. That same meaning and purpose we extend to those around us. If we want to fully experience the good news of Easter, we must share it with others.

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

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Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021

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“Clear Out the Old Yeast.” St. Paul speaks these words to us today. Get rid of old yeast to make a fresh batch of dough. Shed, he says, the old yeast of malice and wickedness and use, he says, the new yeast of sincerity and truth. For Christ is risen.

- ◆ What do I need to shed?
- ◆ What truth will I tell – kindly yet boldly?
- ◆ My new yeast will be _____?

Second Sunday of Easter –April 11, 2021

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31