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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

St Paul parish welcomes young members as they celebrate their First Holy Communion

Peter
Garret



Aiden
Nelson



Nolan
Zmudd



Vol 22 #18 **Fifth Sunday of Easter** May 2, 2021

Schedule of Masses

Sun	May 2	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Chris Ray
Tue	May 4	11:00 am	SP	General Intention
Wed	May 5	6:30 pm	SP	Fr Dale Maxfield
Fri	May 7	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	May 9	8:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Bill Anderson

Birthdays

May 2 JoAnn Brown
 May 4 Erin Garrett
 Lonnie Hinton

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Lector

May 9, 8 am
10 am

J Nelson
 S Widowski

Greeter

B Bowers
 P Widowski

Servers

M, C Bergmann
 M Palmer

Ushers

J Bergmann
 J Slife

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING April 25, 2020

Envelope \$ 1770.00 (19), Loose 45.00, Catholic Home Missions 215.00, Rice Bowl 16.08,
Total \$ 2046.08

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 May 2 First Communion/Mass.....8:00 am
 Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am
 Reception/Parish social following both Masses
 (Recorded Mass available on facebook, St Paul Youtube channel)

Tue May 4 Weekday Mass..... 11:00 am
 Wed May 5 Weekday Mass.....6:30 pm
 Thu May 6 National Day of Prayer
 Fri May 7 Weekday Mass..... 12:00 pm
 Sun May 9 Begin Baby Bottle Campaign
 Mothers' recognition
 Sunday Mass at SP.....8:00 am
 Mary's May Crowning.....10:00 am
 Sunday Mass at SP.....10:00 am



FIRST COMMUNION The occasion to welcome young members to share in Holy Communion should be an opportunity for each of us to value Jesus' gift of continued presence. A reception to welcome Peter Garrett, Aiden Nelson and Nolan Zmuda will be held after both masses this Sunday.

TIME & TALENT SURVEY The annual Time and Talent Survey was distributed last 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. Please return forms to box in foyer.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES from the April 21st Mt are available on the bulletin table.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for May is available on bulletin table.

MAY CROWNING As a devotional way of honoring Mary, a May Crowning will be celebrated before the 10 am mass on May 9th.

THANK YOU..."once again, thank you for all the positive vibes and prayers you sent our way. Harry came home from the hospital on Wednesday." Xennia Gruszczyk
...to Marsha Nelson who has served as catechist for First Communion preparation.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held Thr, May 13. A sign up sheet is on BB.

INTO MY VINEYARD The Belleville Diocese will be offering a six session course in Parish Administration and Management on Saturdays in fall and spring of upcoming year. Its purpose will be to prepare more people in parishes to learn to manage temporalities. Applications will be available by mid-May, but deadline is July. If you are interested or have questions, contact Fr Tom..

VOCATION CORNER "As a teenager, I struggled to find my identity and purpose. I had a loving family and great friends, and I was a motivated student, yet I felt lost and empty. I had this gnawing desire to be whole. Everything changed when I encountered the Lord at a confirmation retreat. He spoke to my deepest desires, and for the first time, I felt at home with myself and the world. At the foot of the cross, I discovered that I am loved and known from all eternity. That same gaze of Christ crucified now calls me to respond to his love with love through the path of the holy cross."
Sr. Viet Oanh Nguyen; Lovers of the Holy Cross; Columbia Magazine, December 2020

I HEARD GOD LAUGH # 8 Reflection: The third step in the "Prayer Process" in Matthew Kelly's I Heard God Laugh is "significant moments": a reflection on how God communicates to us through the events of our lives. A lamentable outcome of our culture's attitude toward the supernatural is that we are pressured to live lives of "practical atheism", or living as if God is not real while professing that He is, even while intellectually affirming His reality. When we live this way, we are blind toward God's work in the world. As Catholics, we believe that the created world is infused with God's action and God's intention, and these actions and intentions are not only reflected in major world events, or the influences of the great human powers and principalities. God also acts in our own moments, and it often takes an act of intentional reflection to see the hand of God at work. This step invites us to draw connections between our experiences and God's messages to us. Through this contemplation, we resist a worldview that dissolves the links between God and our lives.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

The word "Christian" generally brings warmth and good feeling to members of our Church. There are memories of first Communion and confirmation, there is commitment in adulthood to the sharing of the faith that was so generously given to us. Today's readings reflect the obligations inherent in the reception of baptism. Christianity demands productivity.

The passage from Acts shows how the Jerusalem community found it difficult to imagine that Saul had actually become a Christian. Saul's vision of the risen Lord led to his fearless proclamation of the Christian message in Damascus. The persecutor became a productive believer.

In the second reading the author of First John accentuates the positive. He points out that love must show itself in action. The community will receive from God whatever they ask because they are keeping God's commandments and doing what is pleasing in God's sight. The Christian is motivated by two realities: Jesus' divine sonship and the family relationship of all believers because of that sonship.

As the real vine, Jesus brings true life from God. The failure to bear fruit is the failure to share in divine life. Sharing in the vine is a commitment to give to others. The Christian's response is to live in Jesus and hence to be productive. To not live in Christ is to be a withered branch.

The Christian life is practical. In loving ourselves, our neighbors, and our God, we profess that God is love. In reaching out to the oppressed, we announce that God is the champion of the poor. In promoting honesty in government, we proclaim that God is the God of justice. In comforting the sorrowful, we state that God is the source of all consolation.

Each of these actions springs from baptism. Only those willing to live out the implications of baptism truly merit the title of Christian.

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

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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.

Bearing Much Fruit. It is the start of May and, in the northern hemisphere, some of us are about spring planting. The tasks today look to future fruit and vegetables. By analogy, God is the gardener. We are the branches, the seeds, the fruit. To be healthy, we let ourselves be tilled around, watered, weeded.

- ◆ Because of how I behave now, how will I be tomorrow and in the future?
- ◆ What tending work will I let God do to me?
- ◆ What can I do to be a more fruitful Christian?

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9 May 2021

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4. 1 John 4:7-10. John 15:9-17.