

## Fourth Sunday of Easter –May 8, 2022

Acts 13:14,43-52; Psalm 100; Revelation 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30

Today's account from the Acts of the Apostles paraphrases Isaiah 49:6, "I have set you to be light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47). Originally spoken about the promised Messiah, these words apply equally to Paul and all who preach the Word. Discipleship guarantees both success and failure. Failure, in this passage, is Paul and Barnabas being expelled by the Jews; success is their disciples' experience of being filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Book of Revelation speaks of Christians who know rejection in the form of persecution. Today's verses promise triumph to those who persevere. "They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat ... God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:16-17).

In the gospel, when Jesus describes God as greater than all, he is declaring that his leadership does not rely on political strength but rather on faith in God and God's Word. The bond between Jesus and the Father is so strong that no one will ever be able to snatch his sheep out of his hands.

The modern Christian must allow the Word of God to impact daily living. God's Word is reflected in words of support between friends, in words of fidelity between husband and wife, in words of honesty between business associates. Our words join today's Scriptures in calling us to be a light to the nations.

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

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**Hearing the Voice of the Shepherd.** Oh, to hear the voice of the One who keeps us safe. The One who protects us all. The One who leads us to the Father. We do know and believe that this shepherd still speaks today – often very softly.

- ◆ How will I listen for the voice of the Shepherd every day?
- ◆ How will I choose to follow the voice of this Shepherd and not other voices?
- ◆ How can I help others to listen to this voice? And follow?

## Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15, 2022

Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35



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### **ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2020 State Rte. 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

Sundays – 8:00 am  
Weekdays –Fri 6:00 pm



Congratulations Ruby Widowski, Nathan Zmuda, Macie Zmuda and Carter Bergmann on your 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, May 1, 2022

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Schedule of Masses

Sun May 8 8:00 Mass Gloria Arado

Fri May 13 6:00 pm Mass Pat Kinkead  
Sun May 15 8:00 am Mass Heather Fred

Birthdays	
May 12	Steve Pobst Esther Speletich
May 14	Cody Taylor

Liturgical Ministers

May 8	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	M Slife	P Widowski	A Dueker	M Palmer C Bergmann	* S Widowski, J Slife
			<u>Cantor</u>	J Starrett	
May 15	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	E Garrett	K Pobst	M Nelson	Vol.	*F Dueker, J Bergmann
			<u>Cantor</u>	Z Garrett	

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING May 1, 2022  
Envelope (25) \$1625.00  
Loose \$189.00  
Catholic Home Mission (1) \$50.00  
CSMA (2) \$225.00  
CRS Rice Bowl \$465.00  
Donation \$130.00  
Total: \$2214.00

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun May 8 8:00 am Mass  
9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
Fri May 13 6:00 pm Mass  
Sun May 15 8:00 am Mass  
9:00 am CCW Meeting

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

THANK YOU BETH PALMER FOR INSTRUCTING OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNICANTS.  
And thank you St. Paul CCW for hosting the breakfast last Sunday

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY FOR HOPE UNLIMITED  
Your donations support the pregnancy support center in Metropolis, Il

MAY CROWNING IS TODAY.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY TO THANK FR. SAL GONSALEZ, OMI, FROM  
KINGS HOUSE BELLEVILLE .Fr. Sal provided our three Parishes with a  
recent March Three Day Mission for Lent. We Want to Show Our Gratitude. Please Be  
Generous.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IS MAY 8.  
Please join our diocese and country in praying for more vocations.

IMPORTANT DATES:  
--Sunday May 15 St. Paul Council of Catholic women meeting following Mass. All women  
invited.  
--Wednesday May 18 Parish Council  
--Saturday May 21 Pat Kinkead funeral mass at 1 pm. All parishioners invited  
--Thursday thru Sat June 2-4 Faith Alive Thrift store workers for St. Paul needed

VOCATION CORNER MAY 8:  
Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for  
Vocations** is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send  
laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually  
offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns  
vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the  
Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the *ordained ministries*  
(priesthood and diaconate), to the *Religious life* in all its forms (male and female,  
contemplative and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institutes* in their  
diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of  
*mission "ad gentes"*. (From the USCCB website)