

4th Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Looking Into the Heart

The prophet Samuel comes to Bethlehem to choose a new king from the family of Jesse. He rejects Jesse's oldest son because "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." With this single statement, the Word of God un.masks much of the world's blindness.

We look at poor people and see nothing other than rundown houses and littered streets. We look at the homeless and see nothing other than dirty faces and ragged clothes. We look at people who are different from us and we see nothing other than the color of their skin or the way they manipulate their bodily limbs.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, the light of the world, takes away the man's blindness. This wonderful story challenges us to "live as children of light."

Our Lenten prayer and sacrifice should serve to take away our blindness so that we can look into the hearts of others and love them as brothers and sisters. It "should turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life." It should enable us to say with the blind man: "I can see and I believe in God."

God's word proclaims the oneness of the human family—from the first words of Genesis, to the 'Come, Lord Jesus' of the Book of Revelation. God's word in Genesis announces that all men and women are created in God's image; not just some races and racial types, but all bear the imprint of the Creator and are enlivened by the breath of his one Spirit.

Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Website

VOCATION CORNER MAR 19, 2023

Today (March 19) is the feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." (Matt 1:24) "It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel's Messiah. It's the same grace that empowers us to accept God's call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph's yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don't know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a "doer of the word" (James 1:22)."

The Word Among Us



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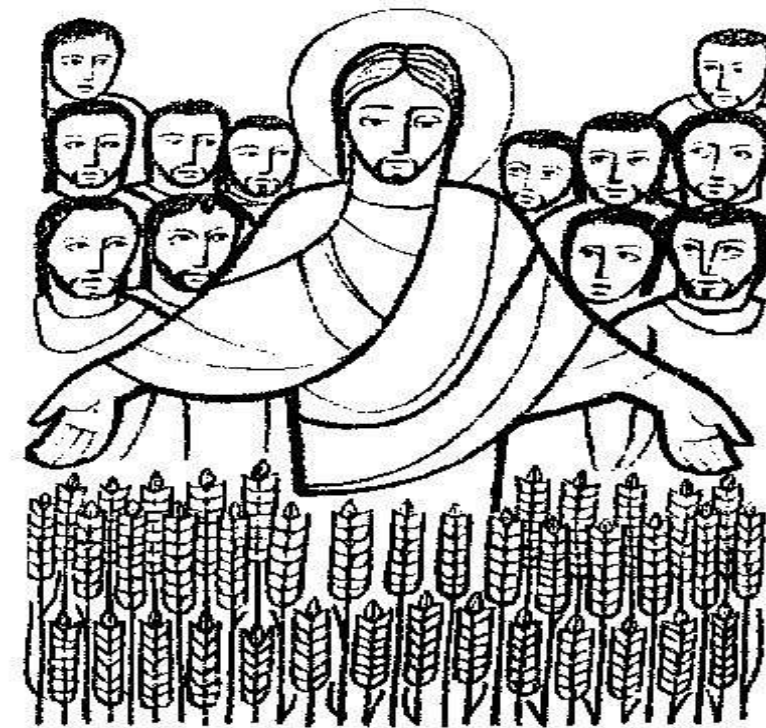
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Sundays – 8:00 am

Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann



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BIRTHDAYS
No Birthdays this week

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Schedule of Masses

Sun Mar 19 8:00 am Mass -*Shaun Saltzman & Kristin Morgan*
Sun Mar 26 8:00 am Mass

Liturgical Ministers

Mar 19 **Lector** **Greeter** **EM** **Servers** **Ushers**
S. Widowski L. Coleman P. Widowski M. Palmer ***Mike McMahan**
E. Zmuda R. Weeks

Gift Bearers Joe& Marsha Nelson **Cantor** Z. Garrett

Mar 26 **Lector** **Greeter** **EM** **Servers** **Ushers**
Joe Nelson B. Bowers V. Anderson Vol ***Alan Irby**
D.Zmuda Sr.

Gift Bearers Matt Slife Family **Cantor** C. Ross

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING *Mar 12, 2023*

General (22) \$1950.00
Loose \$150.00
Dio Collection \$28.00 (CSMA)
Donations \$200.00 (LED Sign)
Total \$2328.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (6) \$115.00

Total \$115.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN MAR 19 7:30 AM *Stations of the Cross*
SUN MAR 19 8AM *Mass- Shaun Saltzman & Kristin Morgan*
SAT MAR 25 10:30AM *CCW South Vicariate Meeting (St. Paul Hall)*
SUN MAR 26 7:30 AM *Stations of the Cross*
SUN MAR 26 8AM Mass

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH SUNDAY

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all volunteers who worked at *St. Pauls Faith Alive Weekend*.

Also thank you to the volunteers who came Saturday for *Parish Work Day*.

Thank you to all who helped with the *Fish Fry*.

ST. PAUL FISH FRY

March 31 4:30-6:30 pm

Place your CarryOut / Dine-In Order Reservations the Thursday before. Call **217-714-4568 or 618-697-1694**

Hand battered fish, baked potato, vegetarian baked beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert & drink \$12

Children 8 years and under (**children under 3 eat free**) *Fish, bag of chips, drink & dessert or grilled cheese w/ bag of chips, drink & dessert \$5*

PRAYERS NEEDED

Cathy Kruep cannot do any weight bearing on one leg for the next five weeks or so.

Kathy Hupe is undergoing chemotherapy up in St. Louis for a few weeks. Keep them in prayer, and send them some cheer if you can to:

Cathy Kruep can be reached at *180 State Hwy 145 S Golconda, IL 62938*

Kathy Hupe can be reached at *1 Parkview Place St. Louis, MO 63110 (Attn: Kathy Hupe Rm 10827)*

CCW FEAST

St. Paul CCW will host the ladies South Vicariate CCW gathering "Saying Yes to God" on Saturday 3/25/23 *Feast Day of the Annunciation* from 10:30AM–2PM. We will hear from our fellow catholic women on how they have said "**Yes**" in their own lives. We will pray *Mary's Way of the Cross*, have a short business meeting and enjoy lunch together. Cost for the program is \$5. Please text or call **Pam** if you can attend at **217-714-4568**. Feel free to bring a friend. If you have an interest in preparing a recipe featured on the Rice Bowl to share for lunch, please let me know that as well.

PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development in the Diocese of Belleville is looking for an active, practicing Catholic in the southern part of the diocese to serve part-time as an intern. This internship begins in June 2023 and ends May 2024. Hours are flexible and no more than 20 hours per week. This intern will assist with community and economic development projects, including grocery and childcare cooperatives, facilitating groups, and promoting diocesan fundraising efforts. If you're interested, please contact Cheryl Sommer by email at **cherylsommer@yahoo.com** or by phone at **(618) 624-2838**.

HELP IF YOU CAN

Cairo Daystar Food Pantry begins 2/22- 4/9. Daystar is asking for household supplies such as paper towels, laundry and dish detergents, sponges, toilet paper, etc. **There will be a tub in the entryway.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 25 CCW South Vicariate Meeting (St. Paul Hall) 10:30 am-2 pm
Mar 30 Reconciliation 6pm
Mar 31 Fish Fry at St. Paul 4:30-6:30 pm

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