

## **Palm Sunday April 2, 2023**

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Phillipians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

### **Suffering**

Today we celebrate Jesus, the suffering Messiah. He is the one of whom Isaiah foretold: “My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. He is the Christ who took the form of a slave, ... obediently accepting even death, death on a cross.” He is the savior who “suffered willingly for sinners” and whose suffering makes us pleasing to God.

We all suffer in our own way. We experience physical pain and hardship. We suffer watching our friends and relatives suffer. We are often offended or abandoned by others, and we add to our suffering by our own sinfulness.

The world around us is filled with suffering: the victims of war and poverty; people living in streets or in shantytowns; starving children; lonely elderly; people dying of AIDS, cancer, or some other disease.

Today’s liturgy teaches us “to welcome our suffering,” to bear witness to God by following Christ’s example of suffering. We pray that the world “united with him in his suffering on the cross may share his resurrection and new life.”

Had Jesus merely said that his mission was to set people free from sin and all forms of oppression, his words would have fallen on deaf ears. He had to work at this task of liberation. He not only talked about freeing the poor and oppressed but, undeterred by criticism, actually welcomed the poor and sinners to share at his table. Like Jesus, we must be able to accompany others in their suffering and be willing to suffer with them.

*From SLU Sunday Website*

*Gerald Darring*

### **VOCATION CORNER APRIL 2, 2023**

“I attended Catholic school in Guiana and the missionary priests there were my role models. Their authentic joy and unconditional love attracted me to religious life. As I continued my studies and began my career as a teacher, I made time to pray and attend daily Mass. Still, I ask myself “What next? What am I to do with my life now?” One day, I was meditating on the verse: “For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jer 29:11). I began corresponding with the vocations director. Despite the long distance, I felt in inner peace and happiness..”

*Sister Mary Pauline Tamakloe; Oblate Sisters of Providence; Columba Magazine Jan 22*



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Liturgical Celebrations, Serve our  
Community



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

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

Sundays – 8:00 am

Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann



*So. Vicariate CCW Meeting on 3/25/23 hosted by St. Paul CCW*

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the *Fish Fry*.

### **EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Easter Flower Memorials are in your boxed envelopes in the March 19th section.

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 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**BIRTHDAYS**

Josh Starratt 4/3  
 Rhiannon Slife 4/10

**Schedule of Masses**

**April 2** 8 am Mass- *Palm Sunday- Mady Bergmann & Laney Slife*  
**April 6** 7pm Mass- *Holy Thursday Institution of the Eucharist*  
**April 7** 7pm Mass- *Good Friday Liturgy*  
**April 8** 8pm Mass- *Easter Vigil*  
**April 9** 10am Mass- *Easter Sunday*

**Liturgical Ministers**

	<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>Greeter</u></b>	<b><u>EM</u></b>	<b><u>Servers</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
<b>Apr 2</b>	Z. Garrett	X. Gruszczyk	M. Nelson	M. Palmer	* <b>Joe Nelson</b>
	S. Widowski			E. Zmuda	R. Weeks

**Gift Bearers** Arnold & Brenda Morse      **Cantor** C. Ross

	<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>EM</u></b>	<b><u>Servers</u></b>	<b><u>Gifts</u></b>
<b>Apr 6</b>	S. Post	P. Widowski	M. Palmer	Jon & Madonna Slife
			E. Zmuda	

	<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>EM</u></b>	<b><u>Servers</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
<b>Apr 7</b>	J. Nelson	M. Nelson	C. Bergmann	* <b>Jon Slife</b>
	S. Widowski		M. Bergmann	F. Dueker

	<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>EM</u></b>	<b><u>Gifts</u></b>	<b><u>Server</u></b>
<b>Apr 8</b>	M. Slife	A. Dueker	Vol	Vol

	<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>Greeter</u></b>	<b><u>EM</u></b>	<b><u>Servers</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
<b>Apr 9</b>	E. Garrett	B. Porter	M. Slife	C. Bergmann	* <b>Jon Slife</b>
				M. Bergmann	M. Slife

**Gift Bearers** Harry & Xenia Gruszczyk      **Cantor** S. Pobst

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING** Mar 26, 2023

General (18)	\$1579.00
Loose	\$45.00
Dio Collection	\$30.00 (MESSENGER)
CRS (2)	\$1179.00
Easter Flowers (10)	\$305.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2034.00</b>

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE (1)** \$20.00  
**Total** \$20.00

**THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8 AM</b>	Mass- <i>Palm Sunday-Mady Bergmann &amp; Laney Slife</i>
<b>THU</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	Mass- <i>Holy Thursday Institution of the Eucharist</i>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	Mass- <i>Good Friday Liturgy</i>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8PM</b>	Mass- <i>Easter Vigil</i>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	Mass- <i>Easter Sunday/Egg Hunt</i>

**JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE RETREAT**

**4/22/23 9am-2:30 pm**

(Continental Breakfast Available at 8:30 a.m.) **Cabrini Hall Family Room** 104 N 17th St., Herrin

Developed by the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*, Sponsored by the *Belleville Diocesan Racial Justice and Equity Committee*

**Cost: \$15 (Includes Lunch and Continental Breakfast)**

**HOST & WINE**

The bishop has opened up being able to receive communion in both species (Host & Wine) Fr. Christian has asked for parishioners to share if they want both Host/Wine or to continue with host only. You can tell him directly or vote using suggestion box.

**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](mailto: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**

<b>April 6</b>	<i>Holy Thursday Institution of the Eucharist</i>	7:00 pm
<b>April 7</b>	<i>Good Friday Liturgy</i>	7:00 pm
<b>April 8</b>	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	8:00 pm
<b>April 9</b>	<i>Mass- Easter Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt After Mass</i>	10:00 am
<b>April 15</b>	<i>CCW Outing at Hog Hollow Winery</i>	
<b>April 28-29</b>	<i>Kings House Retreat</i>	
<b>April 22</b>	<i>Journey to Justice Retreat</i>	9 am- 2:30 pm
<b>April 30</b>	<i>Confirmation at St. Kateris</i>	12:00 pm

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