

## 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023

Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Gospel values do not allow the luxury of island living. Genuine disciples do not isolate themselves from the needs and concerns of others. Jesus is about relationships. To reach our God is to reach our sisters and brothers. Humans are not obstacles to union with the divine but rather the condition for that union. People are the barometers of our relationship with God: Your problem is my problem; no one is an island.

The words in today's first reading were written around 540 B.C. to people in exile, people doubting God's concern. Second Isaiah speaks of Yahweh as life-giving, committed to the covenant.

In the ancient Near East, the king sought to alleviate the suffering of the poor. The psalm praises God for taking this regal charge seriously. God gives food to the people; God has an open hand; God raises up the bowed down.

### VOCATIONCORNER MAY 7, 2023

Today our reading from the Act of the Apostles declares the institution of the Diaconate ministry. This event calls forth seven men to assist the Apostles in spreading the Kingdom of God. We are blessed in this Diocese to have so many men who have accepted the call to the Diaconate. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Diaconate Class of 2023 will be ordained. "Whenever a person is ordained, he is to serve the diocesan Church. Deacons are no different in this regard: they are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister under the immediate supervision of the pastor. (USCCB)"



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### **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: Steve Pobst, Jared Bergmann



*Congratulations on Confirmation  
Mady Bergmann & Laney Slife.*

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**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Schedule of Masses**

**May 7** 8 am Mass- *Seminarian Education Drive*  
**May 12** 6 pm Mass  
**May 14** 8 am Mass- *Mothers Day*

**BIRTHDAYS**

Steve Post 5/12  
 Ester Speletich 5/12  
 Cody Taylor 5/14

**Liturgical Ministers**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Server</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>May 07</b>	S.Pobst	K. Pobst	X. Gruszczyk M. Nelson V. Anderson	M. Palmer E. Zmuda	* <b>Joe Nelson</b> S. Widowski

**Gift Bearers** Donna & Alan Irby **Cantor** S. Pobst

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>May 14</b>	E. Garrett	L. Coleman	B. Palmer P. Widowski S. Widowski	VOL	* <b>Matt Slife</b> R. Weeks

**Gift Bearers** C. Koester & R. Weeks **Cantor** J. Starratt

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING** *April 30, 2023*

General (20)	\$1285.00
Loose	\$15.00
Dio Collection	\$230.00 (Cath. Home Mission) (8)
	\$250.00 (CSMA) (2)
Other	\$71.50 (Fish Purchase)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1851.00</b>

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**SUN MAY 7** 8 AM Mass- *Seminarian Education Drive*  
**FRI MAY 12** 6 PM Mass  
**SUN MAY 14** 8 AM Mass- *Mothers Day*

**RECEPTION BREAKFAST**

Please join our St. Paul Church Family in the parish hall after Mass this morning for a Breakfast Reception. Honoring our confirmed *Mady Bergmann, Laney Slife*, and their Confirmation teacher, *Marsha Nelson*.

**SEMINARIAN EDUCATION DRIVE**

There will be a collection on May 7<sup>th</sup> for the *Seminarian Education Drive*.

**WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wellness Committee meeting Tuesday May 16 at 6pm Parish Hall.

**THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL**

***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15***

A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported ***The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal*** – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and clicking on "Giving". Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on YOU. Please make your contribution today.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**May 7** *Seminarian Education Drive*

**May 7** *Reception Breakfast for Mady Bergmann & Laney Slife (after Mass)*

**May 16** *Wellness Committee Meeting* 6 pm

**\*\*Office Hours to contact Theresa are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory (618) 658-4501 or via email [spccil@frontier.com](mailto:spccil@frontier.com). Wednesday by 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions. Wednesdays Theresa will be at the rectory 11am- 1pm.\*\***