

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18, 2026

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

The LORD said to me: You are my servant,
Israel, through whom I show my glory.

Now the LORD has spoken

who formed me as his servant from the womb,

that Jacob may be brought back to him

and Israel gathered to him;

and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,

and my God is now my strength!

It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant,

to raise up the tribes of Jacob,

and restore the survivors of Israel;

I will make you a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

VOCATION CORNER JANUARY 18, 2026

“When I was 6 years old, I told my mom I could never be a nun – I’d get too hot in a habit, I said, and faint. Thank God he never stops drawing our hearts to himself! The Lord led me to religious life through experiences of serving the poor with my family. My dad, an optometrist, organized annual eye care missions in underserved countries; we accompanied him several times. In middle school, I read a book about Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Her deep spirituality and witness of love and truth struck a chord in me. She became for me a model of a life wholly given to God through service to the poor. When the Lord made my call to religious life clear to me, it was to this life of love and service.”

Sister Lilia Rose – Missionaries of Charity, Kolkata (Calcutta), India.

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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers Weekdays –Thursday6:00 pm

Trustees: Steve Pobst, Matt Slife Sundays – 8:00 am



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Schedule of Masses

SUNDAY	01/18	8:00 am	Mass
THURSDAY	01/22	6:00 pm	Mass
SUNDAY	01/25	8:00 am	Mass

Liturgical Ministers

	Lector	Greeter	EM	Servers	Ushers
Jan 18	S. Widowski	B. Bowers	A. Dueker Matt Slife	C. Levesque	*Joe Nelson J. Bergmann

Gift Bearers	William & Nancy Hooks	Cantor	C. Ross
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	Lector	Greeter	EM	Servers	Ushers
Jan 25	X. Gruszczyk	K. Pobst	V. Anderson C. Kruep	M. Palmer	*Matt Slife W. Hooks

Gift Bearers	Bergmann Family	Cantor	S. Pobst
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STEWARDSHIP OFFERING	January 11, 2026
General	1345.00 (25)
Loose	85.00
Total	\$1430.00

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$150.00 (4)	
Statue Fund	\$400.00

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
Joe Nelson & Macie Zmuda

HELP NEEDED
We will be storing the Christmas decorations after mass today. Your help is welcome.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS
The Biblical Walk through the Mass will continue today after Mass in the Church hall.

THANK YOU
Dear fellow parishioners thank you for your very generous donation on January 4th of \$302 to our St. Paul Council of Catholic Women.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Our parish council meeting is this Wednesday at 6:00 pm. As we start the New Year, if you have a suggestion or concern please let one of your council members know and/ or attend the meeting as a guest. Council members contact information is listed on the bulletin board in the church entryway.

CENSUS
You will be receiving either by mail or hand delivered the Census, Save The Date for pictures and an explanation letter. Please complete the census and return to church either by mail or place in the box in the foyer. Please let us know your preferred time for pictures as it will be here soon. (Information on the explanation letter).

ST. PAUL STATUE DONATIONS
For anyone interested in donating to the purchase of the St. Paul Statue please make the checkout to St. Paul and in the memo section put Statue.

ADVANCE NOTICE
Our Catholic Women’s Club is sponsoring the 1st Annual Parish Breakfast Bake-off on Sunday, 3/1 after Mass. Award medals and cash prizes will be given for parishioner entries in two categories: Breakfast casseroles (either sweet or savory) is the 1st category. Breakfast pastries or breads will be the second category to be judged. Everyone will be welcome to come and judge the entries. More information on how to enter your entries for the bake-off will follow in Feb. 1, 2026.

THE 2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL HOPE IN THE WORLD
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

PRAYERS
Please keep the following list of Homebound Parishoneers in your prayers. George Bell (Hillview), Sandy Belski, Dick & Midge Bigler, Larry Flamm (Hillview), Gertrude Henderson, Suzanne McHugh, and Susan Ward.

LOOKING AHEAD		
January	18	A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS
January	21	Parish Council Meeting at 6 pm
January	25	A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS
February	15	A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS
February	22	A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS
February	5-7	Faith Alive

Office Hours are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory. Contact Theresa at (618) 658-4501 or via email. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions.