

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25, 2026

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; Matthew 4:12-23

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali;
but in the end he has glorified the seaward road,
the land west of the Jordan,
the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:
for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing,
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

VOCATION CORNER JANUARY 25, 2026

Today's Gospel is the story of Jesus beginning His Church on earth. He calls Peter and Andrew to be "fishers of men." He likewise enlists James and John, Zebedee's sons, to follow Him. We are ALL called to be fishers of men, women, and children through the example of our daily lives. We are charged with "abandoning our nets" and help each other to live the vocation we've each been uniquely called to. We need to minimally pray each day for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life.



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Participate in Sacramental and Liturgical Celebrations, Serve our Community

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers Weekdays –Thursday 6:00 pm

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



Schedule of Masses

SUNDAY	01/25	8:00 am	Mass
THURSDAY	01/29	6:00 pm	Mass
SUNDAY	02/01	8:00 am	Mass

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jan 25	X. Gruszczyk	K. Pobst	V. Anderson C. Kruep	M. Palmer	*Matt Slife W. Hooks

<u>Gift Bearers</u>	Bergmann Family	<u>Cantor</u>	S. Pobst
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Feb 01	A. Dueker	L. Coleman	P. Widowski S. Widowski	A. Nelson	*Mike McMahan F. Dueker

<u>Gift Bearers</u>	Matt Slife Family	<u>Cantor</u>	J. Starratt
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STEWARDSHIP OFFERING January 18, 2026

General	733.00
Loose	69.00
Masses	110.00

Total \$912.00

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$0
Statue Fund \$1950.00

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Chuck Stone, Arnold Morse, & Ryan Weeks

WHY WE GENUFLECT

We always genuflect before entering the pew as a sign of deep reverence and adoration for Jesus Christ, who is present in the Eucharist housed in the Tabernacle. Bending the right knee towards the Tabernacle acknowledges Christ's presence. It is a physical prayer expressing that Christ, as King of Kings, is truly present, requiring deep reverence.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements are available in foyer. See Matt Slife.

VALENTINES DAY CARDS

We will be doing Valentines Cards February 4th at the Senior Center. Lunch is 11:30am and Cards at 12pm. Questions Call Cathy 618-304-4841.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

The Biblical Walk through the Mass will continue today after Mass in the Church hall.

FAITH ALIVE

St. Paul will be operating the Faith Alive Thrift store from 9 am to 3 pm Thursday Feb. 5; from 9 am to 3 pm Friday Feb. 6 and 9 am to 12 pm Saturday Feb. 7. Arlene would greatly appreciate volunteers. There is a sign in sheet in the parish foyer. Or text/ call Arlene at 618 559 7803. Thank you!

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.

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	25	A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS
February	5-7	Faith Alive
February	15	A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS
February	22	A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS

Office Hours are Wednesday 10am-1pm at the rectory. Contact Theresa at (618) 658-4501 or via email. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions.