

### 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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Mission: Live Catholic Teachings,  
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 –Thursday6:00 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>
<b>Jan 25</b>	X. Gruszczyk	K. Pobst	V. Anderson	M. Palmer	*Matt Slife
			C. Kruep		W. Hooks

**Gift Bearers** Bergmann Family

**Cantor** S. Pobst

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>Feb 01</b>	A. Dueker	L. Coleman	P. Widowski	A. Nelson	*Mike McMahan
			S. Widowski		F. Dueker

**Gift Bearers** Matt Slife Family

**Cantor** J. Starratt

**STEWARSHIP OFFERING** January 18, 2026

General	733.00
Loose	69.00
Masses	110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$912.00</b>

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 *1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Parishioners in your prayers. *George Bell (Hillview), Sandy Belski, Dick & Midge Bigler, Larry Flamm (Hillview), Gertrude Henderson, Suzanne McHugh, and Susan Ward.*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>January</b>	25	A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS
<b>February</b>	5-7	Faith Alive
<b>February</b>	15	A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS
<b>February</b>	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.\*\***