

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 1, 2026**

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-3 Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth,  
who have observed his law;  
seek justice, seek humility;  
perhaps you may be sheltered  
on the day of the LORD's anger.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst  
a people humble and lowly,  
who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD:  
the remnant of Israel.  
They shall do no wrong  
and speak no lies:  
nor shall there be found in their mouths  
a deceitful tongue;  
they shall pasture and couch their flocks  
with none to disturb them.

**VOCATION CORNER FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Candlemas Day). Let us make it a point to begin saying "THANK YOU" to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God's call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

**MEDIA CORNER**

Our Carbondale Newman Center recommended this weekly podcast: **Pints with Aquinas**  
Pour yourself a pint and settle in with Matt Fradd for long-form theological conversations about our Catholic Faith. Whether searching for Biblical proof of the Immaculate Conception or discussing existential threats of artificial intelligence to the dignity of the human person, Pints with Aquinas is your hub for orthodox debates, conversations, and answers to your most common questions. You can access it at this weblink: [www.dailywire.com/show/pints-with-aquinas](http://www.dailywire.com/show/pints-with-aquinas), or [www.youtube.com/@PintsWithAquinas](https://www.youtube.com/@PintsWithAquinas)  
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**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



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Schedule of Masses

**SUNDAY** 02/01 8:00 am Mass- *Bill Anderson*  
**THURSDAY** 02/05 6:00 pm Mass  
**SATURDAY** 02/07 8:30 am Mass- *First Saturday Mass*  
**SUNDAY** 02/08 8:00 am Mass- *Clem & Helen Kubian/Elise Anderson*

**Liturgical Ministers**

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

**Gift Bearers** Matt Slife Family **Cantor** J. Starratt

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<i>Feb 08</i>	PSR Students	PSR Students	B. Palmer X. Gruszczyk	Curtner Bergmann Carter Bergmann	*Alan Irby W. Hooks

**Gift Bearers** PSR Students **Cantor** C. Ross

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING** January 25, 2026

General  
Loose  
Masses **\*\* NO MASS OR COLLECTON DUE TO SNOW\*\***  
**Total**

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

*Susan Ward, Ron Beanland, & Kenneth Retz*

**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.

**A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS**

The Biblical Walk through the Mass will continue *February 8<sup>th</sup>* after Mass in the Church Hall.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

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

**UPGRADE TO THE MUSIC MNISTRY**

You will soon notice an upgrade to our music ministry! *Parishioners Cody, Nicole, Tommy, Cole, JD, Lucas, and Marcus Waters* have gifted our parish with a brand new digital piano. In addition, from time to time, Nicole will join our music team. Thank you, Waters family, for your generosity.

**VALENTINES DAY CARDS**

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for *St. Paul Faith Alive workdays on February 5-7*. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board to volunteer. Or contact **Arlene Dueker at 618-559-7803** by text if you can volunteer. A half day is appreciated.

**FAITH ALIVE DINNER**

The *Faith Alive Volunteer Appreciation Dinner* will be at **Shawnee Worship Center on 2/23**. All of St. Paul Faith Alive volunteers are welcome to come and bring their families, including children/grandchildren. *RSVP to Arlene by phone or text at (618) 559-7803 by 2/19 please.*

**CCW 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BREAKFAST BAKEOFF**

The CCW sponsored event takes place on *March 1<sup>st</sup>*. *Parishioners can enter a Breakfast casserole either sweet or savory; or Breakfast Bread or Pastry.* Everyone, including children coming to this event will get to taste & vote for each category. Votes will be color coded for the two entries. **Cash prizes & award ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Drinks will be provided. Oven will be warm & ready for your entry before Mass on 3/1 if needed. *Please sign up to participate between 2/1-2/22 after Mass. A sign-up sheet for participants will be on the bulletin board in the foyer.*

**SAVE THE DATE**

Fish fry's will be *March 13<sup>th</sup> & March 27<sup>th</sup>.*

**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**

**February** 5-7 Faith Alive  
**February** 08 A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS  
**February** 15 A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS  
**February** 22 A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS  
**March** 07 CCW Breakfast Meeting, Vienna Diner after Mass  
**March** 13 Fish Fry 4:30-6:30 pm  
**March** 27 Fish Fry 4:30-6:30 pm

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