

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2026

Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Thus says the LORD:

Share your bread with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;
clothe the naked when you see them,
and do not turn your back on your own.
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed;
your vindication shall go before you,
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,
you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!
If you remove from your midst
oppression, false accusation and malicious speech;
if you bestow your bread on the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted;
then light shall rise for you in the darkness,
and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

VOCATION CORNER FEBRUARY 8, 2026

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate World Marriage Day on this Sunday, we realize that no matter what our station in life - married, single or religious - we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant.

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, or www.youtube.com/@PintsWithAquinas
If you use Apple podcast just google for Pints with Aquinas and the latest episode will come up. Apple podcasts are audio only.

HOLY WATER- *The Holy Water* in front at the entrance of Church serves as a reminder of baptism. marking the transition from the secular world into the sacred space of the Church to worship. By dipping your fingers in the Holy Water and making the Sign of the Cross, Catholics renew their Baptismal covenant, symbolically purify themselves, and acknowledge the presence of God.



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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Council Chair: Marsha Nelson Weekdays –Thursday 6:00 pm
Trustees: Steve Pobst, Matt Slife Sundays – 8:00 am

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SUNDAY 02/08 8:00 am Mass- *Clem & Helen Kubian/Elise Anderson*

THURSDAY 02/12 6:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY 02/15 8:00 am Mass- *Pat & Bill Kinkead/ Josh Anderson*

Liturgical Ministers

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

Gift Bearers PSR Students

Cantor C. Ross

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Feb 15	K. Pobst	C. Johnson	M. Nelson Matt Slife	C. Levesque	*Steve Widowski J. Nelson

Gift Bearers Charlie Koester & Ken Retz

Cantor S. Pobst

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING February 01, 2026

General \$1950.00 **(25)**

Loose 83.00

Masses 75.00

Messenger 120.00

Total \$2228.00

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$305.00 (9)

STATUE FUND : \$450.00

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Madonna Slife

THE MESSENGER RENEWAL

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Week-end is Feb. 7-8th. You can stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to the Messenger Catholic newspaper. Payments can be made with your Messenger envelope in your My Offering Box. Thank you.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

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

DISASTER TALK

Mike McMahon will present the quarterly disaster talk on Fire *Sunday February 15th.*

ST. PAUL MENS CLUB

There will be a *St. Paul Men's Club Meeting Sunday February 22nd 9:15am after mass, at the Vienna Diner.* Meal will be Dutch treat. All men are invited. **Call Frank Dueker 618-559-1405 for questions.**

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 1ST ANNUAL BREAKFAST BAKEOFF

March 1st. Parishioners can enter a Breakfast casserole sweet/ savory; or Breakfast Bread/Pastry. Everyone, attending 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 1st, 2nd & 3rd.** 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.***

REMINDER

Please remember to return the census and schedule pictures for the pictorial directory.

DONATIONS

We are currently at **64% with \$3700 of the \$5800** needed. Any amount will help us reach our goal. Thank you in advance.

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 15 A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS

February 18 Ash Wednesday /Parish Council Meeting at *6pm*

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 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions.****