

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15, 2026

Sirach15:15-20; Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;
if you trust in God, you too shall live;
he has set before you fire and water
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.
Before man are life and death, good and evil,
whichever he chooses shall be given him.
Immense is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power, and all-seeing.
The eyes of God are on those who fear him;
he understands man's every deed.
No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin.

VOCATION CORNER FEBRUARY 15, 2026

“When I was little, I remember a teacher asking me, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Right away, I envisioned myself drawing buildings and houses. I want to become an architect. That dream became real but in a different way, for God had another blueprint for my life – to help build his kingdom. When I was 25 years old, I attended a “Come and See” retreat with the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, not knowing what to expect. During that retreat, I realized I liked living in community, and I also love centering everything around the Eucharist. Letting go of my dreams of becoming an architect and of getting married was difficult, but I sensed a deep fire within me that could not be contained. I thought, “This is something I could happily see myself doing.” Now, 20 years after joining the congregation, I’m blessed to serve as vocations director and a spiritual director. In this way, I firmly believe I am building God’s kingdom as an architect for the Lord.”
Bro. Lucio Galicia;Missionaries of the Holy Spirit; *Columbia Magazine, Sept 2025.*

MEDIA CORNER

Ascension Press is offering their Podcast program for Lent 40 **Podcasts for 40 Days**. In the first few days of podcasts, Fr. Mike teaches us the [purpose of Lent](#) while Dr. Edward Sri guides us through the [important practices](#) we should implement during this time. You’ll learn tips on [strategizing your 40 days](#) from Jeff Cavins and six ideas for you to have the [best Lent ever](#) from Danielle Bean. You can access these podcasts at <https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/40-podcasts-for-40-days> . If you have Spotify on your tablet, phone or computer they will provide you with the link to the full 40 days of podcasts. Or scroll down their web page and link to each day for Lent separately. This is a rebroadcast from 2023 that matches our current liturgical year.

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

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| SUNDAY | 02/15 | 8:00 am | Mass- <i>Pat & Bill Kinkead/ Josh Anderson</i> |
| WEDNESDAY | 02/18 | 6:00 pm | Mass- <i>Ash Wednesday</i> |
| THURSDAY | 02/19 | 6:00 pm | Mass |
| SUNDAY | 02/22 | 8:00 am | Mass- <i>Richard & Evelyn Ross/ William Anderson</i> |

Liturgical Ministers

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

Gift Bearers Charlie Koester & Ken Retz Cantor S. Pobst

| | <u>Lector</u> | <u>EM</u> | <u>Servers</u> | <u>Gift Bearers</u> |
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| <i>Feb 18</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> | J. Nelson | P. Widowski B. Palmer | C. Levesque | Frank & Arlene Dueker |

| | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Greeter</u> | <u>EM</u> | <u>Servers</u> | <u>Ushers</u> |
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| <i>Feb 22</i> | L. Slife | P. Widowski | V. Anderson A. Dueker | M. Palmer | * Matt Slife J. Bergmann |

Gift Bearers Steve & Katie Pobst Cantor J. Starratt

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING February 08, 2026

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| General | \$1385.00 | (20) |
| Loose | 10.00 | |
| Messenger | 45.00 | |
| Total | \$1440.00 | |

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$125.00 (4)

STATUE FUND: \$450.00

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lynne Stoeger & Jared Bergmann

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Due to conflicts of scheduling the February Parish Council Meeting is being cancelled any immediate needs will be handled without a full meeting as needed.

BIBLICAL WALK

Biblical Walk will be after mass.

DISASTER TALK

Mike McMahon will present the quarterly disaster talk on Fire *after mass today*.

THE MESSENGER RENEWAL

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. Make out checks to St. Paul church with Messenger on memo line. Thank you.

ST. PAUL MENS CLUB

There will be a *St. Paul Men's Club Meeting Sunday February 22nd at 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

CCW sponsored Bake-Off with prizes and medals for the two categories to enter: Breakfast Casseroles/ Sweet or Savory or Breakfast Breads/Pastries. A signup sheet is posted on the church bulletin board. Entries are needed by Feb. 22. Our ovens at the Parish Hall will be set to keep any entries warm that are needed before March 1 Mass.

PRAYERS

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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| February | 15 | A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS |
| February | 18 | Ash Wednesday /Parish Council Meeting at <i>6pm</i> |
| February | 22 | A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS |
| March | 07 | CCW Breakfast Meeting, Vienna Diner after Mass |
| March | 13 | Fish Fry <i>4:30-6:30 pm</i> |
| March | 19 | Pro-Life March in Springfield |
| March | 27 | Fish Fry <i>4:30-6:30 pm</i> |

****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.****