

## ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Weekdays – Thursday 6:00 pm Sundays – 8:00 am

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SUNDAY 03-22 8:00 am Mass- *Victoria Koval*  
THURSDAY 03-26 6:00 pm Mass  
SUNDAY 03-29 8:00 am Mass- *John Koval*

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### *March 22*

Lector Steve Pobst  
Greeter Katie Pobst  
EM Cathy Kruep & Marsha Nelson  
Servers Maddie Palmer  
Ushers \***Matt Slife** & Steve Widowski  
Gift Bearers Laurie Coleman & Carolyn Johnson  
Cantor Christine Ross

#### *March 29- Palm Sunday*

Lector Steve Widowski & Joe Nelson  
Greeter Becky Bowers  
EM Beth Palmer & Xennia Gruszczyk  
Servers Aiden Nelson & Carter Bergmann  
Ushers \***Mike McMahan** & William Hooks  
Gift Bearers Geri Tesina & Janet Hacker  
Cantor Steve Pobst

### LOOKING AHEAD

March 27 Fish Fry 4:30 pm -6:30 pm  
March 31 Chrism Mass in Belleville Mass 11:30 am  
April 02 Holy Thursday Mass 6 pm  
April 03 Good Friday Mass 6 pm  
April 04 Holy Saturday Mass 8 pm  
April 05 Easter Sunday Mass 10 am

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#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45*

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

### **VOCATION CORNER**

Today's Gospel recounts the death and rising of Lazarus. Wow! Who gets a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to live their life? But how did this come to be? It was because of the power of God Almighty that Lazarus got another chance to follow the Lord and proclaim His goodness. We won't get a second chance to follow the "call" of God in our lives like Lazarus. So, we need to be attentive now to the call from within our hearts to become who we've been called to be. Roll away the stone and hear what the Lord wants us to be – maybe even a priest, sister, or brother.

### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

March 25th marks the anniversary of the papal encyclical [\*Evangelium vitae\*](#) (*The Gospel of Life*). Written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995, this document on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. It reaffirms the "greatness and the inestimable value of human life" (EV 2) and addresses present-day legal, ethical, and moral threats to life. <https://www.respectlife.org/gospel-of-life>

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING** March 15, 2026

General	\$1175.00	(23)
Loose	325.00	
CSMA	975.00	CSMA
Dio Collection	385.00	CRS (9)
Flowers	50.00	
Fish Fry	2182.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5092.00</b>	

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$120.00****TOTAL \$120.00****BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

NONE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****PALM DISPOSAL**

There will be a basket in the foyer to return last year's palm for proper disposal.

**FISH FRY**

Thank you to all who supported our Fish Fry on the 13th. We exceeded the numbers served from last year. **Our final Fish Fry is March 27th from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.** Please come and spread the word. If you can volunteer or provide a dessert, it's helpful if you sign up today on the sheet posted on the entry way bulletin board.

**THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL**

Each year, through our prayers and gifts to the Appeal, diocesan ministries continue to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the sick and elderly, educate children, reach out to the youth, train lay ministers and catechists and so much more. Your contribution will touch the lives of thousands of people throughout Southern Illinois; on behalf of each of them, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEM DRIVE FOR DAYSTAR**

This collection will run through April 5th, items needed as in the past, *paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, Clorox wipes, etc.* thanks for your generosity. **If there are any questions contact Peggy Widowski.**

**RICE BOWLS**

**CRS Rice Bowls** are the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, supported by the U.S. Bishops and embraced by families across the country. *Thanking you in advance for your generosity.* If you haven't got one yet they are located in the back of the church.

**CHRISM MASS**

Father encourages parishioners to attend the **11:30 am Chrism Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Belleville on Wednesday, March 31.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There will be an opportunity to pray the *Stations of the Cross at 7:40 a.m. each Sunday in Lent.* We use our **One in Faith Mass books starting on page 335.**

**EASTER MASS**

**St. Paul will not be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt, Easter morning.** Easter treat bags for all parishioner's children or grandchildren will be available following Easter morning services. If your children or grandchildren will be coming with you on Easter please let **Arlene Dueker know by Palm Sunday at (618) 559- 7803** so that we will have enough Easter treat bags for them. Thank you.

**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, Susan Ward, Dolly Hopkins & Peter Vanes (Hillview)*

**\*\*Office Hours are Wednesday 10 am-1 pm 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.\*\***