



**Sunday, August 23,
2026**

Mass Intentions



Monday, August 24th

7:30AM OSF with Fr. Deus

Tuesday, August 25th

8:00AM For Hilario by Romeo Nguyen

Wednesday, August 26th

9:50 AM **At North Campus** for Armand and Mildred Stella by Ken and Cindy Stella

Thursday, August 27th

1:00 PM **With South Campus** for Isidro Misterio by Barcenilla family

Friday, August 28th

8:00AM For JT Watts by Patrick and Karen McDowell

Saturday, August 29th

5:30PM For The People

Sunday, August 30th

7:30AM For the deceased members of the Loucks Family by Matt and Cathy Rademacher

10:00AM For Bob Sermersein by Maureen Askins

Prayer Devotions

Rosary

Monday 6:30 PM at Holy Family for cancer patients

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Church Open for Prayer

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

In his letter to the Cardinal, Pope Leo XIV highlighted that “in the martyrdom of Saint Agatha, an illustrious example of fidelity to Christ and of love expressed through the complete gift of self, the ecclesial community contemplates the victory of grace over violence, of faith over fear and of charity over death.”

All Motsett Center meetings and requests must be made through the parish office. Please call Kari at 217-442-5313 or e-mail your request to office@stpauldanville.org. Office hours are Mon-Wed 9am-1pm.

Food Pantry: Needs: We are in need of mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, and tuna. **Wants:** We could use cereal, ramen noodles, and macaroni & cheese

Thanks to your generous donations, we are able to help many families in our community every week. Also, thank you to our volunteers who make it all happen!

Sunday Collection for Sunday, August 16, 2026



Sunday Collection \$7,419.00

Online Giving \$2,322.00

Total \$9,741.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Remember our Sick & Homebound † Father Bo Schmitt, Jamie Raiper, Joyce Melton, Sissy Romack, Nyla Neal Hicks, Rowan Huffman, Taylor Huffman, Hart Williamson, Libby Beninati, Christy Lowery, Donna Kennedy, Jayne Donahue, Lily Harden, Karen Selvin, Carol Koebrich, Neil Newman, Faye Williamson, Keaton Wilkerson, Ron Masengale, John Beninati, Briget Kleiss, Pam Lane, Jim Reuther, Francis Lane, Janet Elliott, Mike Roark, John Roark, Jeffery Sparks, Bill Dressler, Michael Miller, Lincoln Downing, Scott Burgess, Mary Ann Merchen, Harvey Bryant, Pieterella Jenkins, Traca Shahan Zorns, Chase Rouse & family, Jay Huffman, Vicky Simons. **Contact the office to be placed on this list. To add someone other than yourself, please ask permission of the person or their family.**

Our condolences to the family and friends of John Charles Wonderlin.

"You Will Be My Witnesses." (Acts 1:8) Annual

Diocesan Appeal Kickoff August 29-30, 2026.

Next weekend, our parish will begin the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal. This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing with information about the Appeal, including a pledge card and return envelope. You may make a one-time gift or spread your pledge over eight months. Pledge cards will also be available in the pews next weekend. Your generosity helps proclaim the Gospel throughout central Illinois by supporting ministries that form disciples, care for those in need, encourage vocations, and strengthen our Catholic schools and parishes. Thank you for your faithful support of our parish, our Diocese, and the mission of the Church throughout the world.

Volunteers: Thank you for dedicating your time to your parish. Church volunteers often do most of the work and set the tone. Myself, and the office staff, want to be able to communicate with you easily as things come up. Please call or email the parish office if you do any kind of volunteer work for the parish. We are compiling an accurate list and would like to have your name, phone number, and e-mail address so we can better serve you.





Saint Zachary and Saint Elizabeth were the father and the mother of Saint John the Baptist, the last and the greatest of the prophets and the precursor of Our Lord. Saint Zachary's story is beautifully told in the first chapter of Saint Luke. Saint Zachary spoke one of the three canticles of the New Testament, which is known as the *Benedictus*. It is recited in the prayers of priests as part of their liturgical worship. Saint Zachary was inspired by God through an angel to give Saint John the Baptist his name. Saint Zachary was martyred in the Temple of Jerusalem by the Jews. The martyrs of the Old Testament run from A to Z, from Abel, the son of Adam and the first martyr that ever was, to Zachary, the father of John the Baptist and the last martyr of the Old Testament.

Saint Elizabeth was the cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was to her that Mary went in haste after she had conceived her Child, and after she learned that Elizabeth had conceived hers. The second phrase in the *Hail Mary*, "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit

of thy womb," was given us by Saint Elizabeth. And so, her memory is beautifully kept in the Rosary, where this phrase is mentioned fifty-three times. Saint Elizabeth's first greeting to Our Lady, when she saw her standing in her doorway was: "Whence is this to me that the Mother of my Lord should come to me!" This was a sheer and unequivocal way of proclaiming Mary, her own cousin, to be the Mother of God.

With Elizabeth's as the central greeting, the Angel Gabriel's as the first and that of the Council of Ephesus as the last, this is the full *Hail Mary*:

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Parish, in collaboration with Hallow, will be offering a Parish Mission Retreat at St. Paul on October 24th–26th. Deacon Mark Danis will be leading the program by speaking at the masses on Oct 24th and 25th. He will also have evening meetings at 5:00pm on Oct. 25th and 6:00pm on Oct. 26th where refreshments will be served.

Deacon Mark Danis is the Director of Stewardship for the St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes. He is also the Family's Leader for the Beacon Pathways initiative, a Archdiocesan wide program to align parishes into Families, and to enhance their growth and vitality. Prior to his current responsibilities, Deacon Mark was Director Spirituality for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Dayton, OH. In that role, he oversaw the activities of more than twenty multi-denominational ministries serving the spiritual needs of individuals in the homeless shelters. He also previously served part time as the Archdiocese of Cincinnati minister to the Dayton Correctional Institute, a high security woman's prison. Before entering into fulltime ministry, Deacon Mark spent 10 years as an officer in the United States Air Force followed by twenty three years as a Partner in various management consulting businesses.

Deacon Mark is a member of the Secular Order of the Carmelites, and he is a national retreat leader in contemplative prayer and Carmelite Spirituality. For six years, he was the co-host of the radio program Carmelite Conversations, broadcast on the international radio station, Radio Maria. The programming is currently available as a podcast. Deacon Mark is author of the book, *A Family's Journey Back to Union*, a story and collection of reflections on multi-generational family prayer. He is also an adjunct instructor for the Mount St. Mary's Seminary, in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Deacon Mark and his wife Becky are the parents of six children and grandparents of thirteen grandchildren. He grew up in Vermont where he did his undergraduate study in literature at St. Michael's college. He later earned his master's degree in theology from Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Conn.



At the heart of today's Gospel lies the question that Jesus asked his disciples. Today he asks us that same question, challenging us to examine whether our faith life retains its energy and vitality, and whether the flame of our relationship with the Lord still burns bright: "Who do you say that I am?" (Mt 16:15). Every day, at every moment in history, we must always take this question to heart. If we want to keep our identity as Christians from being reduced to a relic of the past, as Pope Francis often reminded us, it is important to move beyond a tired and stagnant faith. We need to ask ourselves: Who is Jesus Christ for us today? What place does he occupy in our lives and in the life of the Church? How can we bear witness to this hope in our daily lives and proclaim it to those whom we meet? Brothers and sisters, the exercise of a discernment born of these questions can enable our faith and the faith of the Church to be constantly renewed and to find new paths and new approaches to preaching the Gospel. This, together with communion, must be our greatest desire. (Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 29 June 2025)

You will be my Witnesses
Annual Diocesan Appeal 2026

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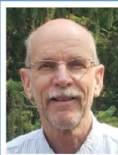
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY
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Our Lady of The Lake, Mahomet

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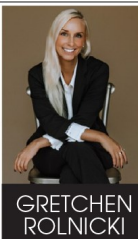
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