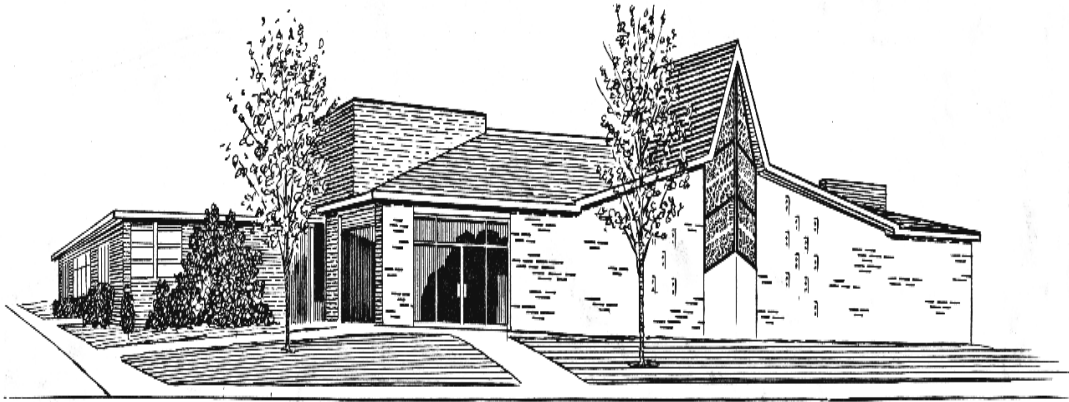




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April 12, 2026

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:

Grades 1 through 8: Wednesday from 6:15pm—7:30pm

Find us—

Facebook: "**St. Paul the Apostle Peotone**"

Website: StPaulPeotone.org

YouTube: **Saint Paul the Apostle Peotone**

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office

RECONCILIATION: Thursday: 7:15pm to 7:45pm

Saturday: 3pm to 3:45pm

Any time by appointment

FIRST RECONCILIATION: December 10, 2025

FIRST COMMUNION: April 12, 2026

CONFIRMATION: **May 9, 2026 at 11am**
at St. Anthony (Frankfort)

MARRIAGE: By appointment only
Please call at least 6 months in advance

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Call anytime
Please call the parish office to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member. Privacy laws prohibit hospitals from releasing information to clergy about hospitalized church members without the specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.

ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 11am

Daily Mass: Tue, Wed and Fri 8:30am

Communion Services: Mon and Thrs 8:30am

Holy Days of Obligation: Please see the bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 6pm to 8pm

Communion Calls: If you or someone you love is ill or homebound and would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office to make arrangements for regular visits.

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 12:30pm to 5pm
Regular time to make appointments, registrations, etc.

Regular bulletin deadline: Wednesday by 12pm

WELCOME FIRST COMMUNICANTS and FAMILIES!

The Mission Statement of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Parish
As disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in relationship with Him,
live the Faith, and share His Good News with others.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	4/11	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Joe Ladislas</u>
			req by Marge Brooke and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	4/12	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	<u>Our First Communicants and Their Families</u>
		2:00 pm—	<u>Confession</u>
		3:00 pm—	<u>Divine Mercy Chaplet</u>
Mon	4/13	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	4/14	8:30 am—	<u>Birthday Blessings on Deacon Jim Kelly</u>
Wed	4/15	8:30 am—	+ <u>Betty Knickrehm</u>
			<u>(rescheduled from 4/7/26)</u> req by the Setticasì Family
Thr	4/16	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u> <u>NO CONFESSION</u>
Fri	4/17	8:30 am—	+ <u>Lillian Kottmeyer</u>
			req by Nancy Powers
Sat	4/18	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>William J. Gordon, Jr.</u>
			req by Nancy Powers
Sun	4/19	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Barbara Onak</u>
			req by Rick & Denise Starkey and <u>People of the Parish</u>

If you are attending a Mass that you requested an intention to be said for, please sign the gift bearer book in the rear of the church and let an usher know you are here if you wish to bring up the gifts.

Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details.

We're here to help!



CCW 
Council of Catholic Women

Our next meeting will be *this Monday, April 13, at 6:30pm.*

All ladies of the parish are CCW members and are invited to attend.

Thank-you for your continued support!

The **Peotone Senior Assistance Center** serves clients, by appointment only, this **Thursday, April 16**, from 10am—3pm. This is part of our Respect Life Ministry, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county, state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, Illinois License Plate Discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. We are also a certified SHIP site (Senior Health Insurance Program). The center is staffed by volunteers who serve the community without cost.

For information on specific services, please leave your name and phone number at 708 258-6917 then press 5.

Please make an appointment.

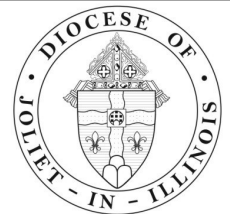
Prayer for the election of a new Bishop

O God, eternal shepherd,
who governs your flock with
unfailing care,

grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church of Joliet
who will please you by his holiness,
and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Today's readings beautifully connect with the Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrating God's boundless mercy revealed through Jesus. Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them peace despite their fear and doubt. When he shows his wounds to Thomas, it is a powerful reminder of his love and mercy, especially for those who struggle to believe. Jesus words, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe," invite us to trust in his merciful presence even when it is not tangible. The early Christians lived out this mercy by caring deeply for one another, sharing their possessions so that there was no needy person among them. Their unity and selflessness show how mercy transforms the communities. Divine Mercy Sunday calls us to receive God's forgiveness and extend it to others. As we experience God's mercy, we are called to be like the early Christians, building a world of sharing compassion peace and unity through our faith and acts of love.

Thomas wants to touch the reality of the Resurrection. Jesus' resurrected body still carries the marks of the nails. In Catholic theology, this teaches us that our suffering is not erased by the Resurrection but redeemed and transformed. The wounds are signs of His victory and identity. Jesus invites Thomas for having a deeper intimacy by experiencing his wounds through which he allows Thomas. He meets Thomas exactly where he is—in his skepticism. Jesus comes down to his level. When Thomas finally encounters Christ, he utters the most profound Christological statement in the New Testament: "**My Lord and my God!**"



Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Octave of Easter, serves as the final seal on the Easter feast. It is a day that emphasizes that God's love is not just a historical event, but a living, breathing force meant to find us in our brokenness.

This feast was inspired by the visions of St. Faustina Kowalska and established by St. John Paul II in 2000. The core message is simple: God's mercy is greater than any sin. It serves as a reminder that the Resurrection wasn't just about Jesus rising, but about Him reaching back to pull us up with Him.

Blood and Water: The image of Divine Mercy, with rays of red and pale light flowing from Jesus' heart, is deeply biblical. It points to John 19:34, when the soldier pierced Jesus' side. The Red Ray represents 'the Blood' which is the life of souls. The Pale Ray represents the 'water' which makes souls righteous (Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit). We see these rays as a "fountain" that never runs dry. No matter how far we wander, the fountain is always flowing toward us, rather than requiring us to climb a mountain to find it.

"Jesus, I Trust in You", a prayer of Divine Mercy is a radical act of surrender. In a world that demands self-reliance and "perfection," saying "Jesus, I Trust in You" is a counter-cultural statement. Mercy is a two-way street. To receive God's mercy, we must also be "vessels of mercy" to others—forgiving those who have hurt us and seeking out the marginalized.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI

Be an angel
to someone in need.



You can help bring hope to neighbors in need by supporting the **Catholic Charities Angel Fund**. Your gift helps provide food, shelter, counseling, and other essential services to families, seniors, and individuals across the Diocese of Joliet.

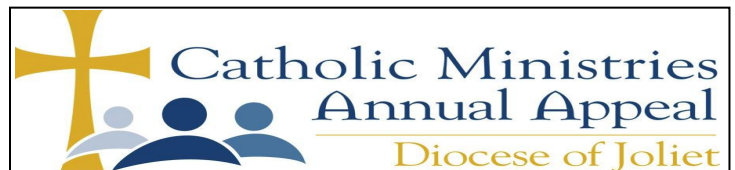
Thanks to a generous angel donor, all donations will be matched (up to \$50,000), doubling the impact of your gift.

Please consider donating by **May 3**.

Visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org, call **815 724-1140**, or mail a gift to:

Catholic Charities Angel Fund
16555 Weber Rd / Crest Hill, IL 60403

*On behalf of those served by Catholic Charities,
thank you!*



Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish as of April 6, 2026

Monthly pledge payments are due in the next few days. These payments are essential to reaching our parish goal. Once we reach our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

PARISH GOAL:	\$16,700
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$24,655
AMOUNT PAID:	\$14,754
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 9,901
DONORS:	81

COLLECTION SUMMARY: April 4—5, 2026

Sunday Offertory*	\$ 680.00
Easter	\$5,757.60
Good Friday	\$ 930.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 10.00
Envelopes used / distributed	97 / 484
<i>*Includes 10 Online Givers</i>	

Secure and convenient
ONLINE GIVING is
 available at
GiveCentral.org.



Please put in zip code
60468 to find the St. Paul portal. A credit card or
 bank account can be linked.



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Please keep Carol Henderson,
 Betsy Richter, Ken Rocznik,
 Pat Cleary, Ed Kulish, Jan
 Leffelman, Nancy Pilotto,
 Rev. Tom Ewing, Michael
 Doyle, Mary Ellen Hanlon,
 Ashley Doody, Luke Payne,

Dave Castaneda, Greg Nalepka, Kathleen Callahan,
 Jeff Furtek, Charles Claxton, Mary Jane Szewka,
 Elaine Doyle, Dorothy Simikowski, Arline Clark,
 Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti,
 Samantha Digiaco, Julie Szudarski, Aris Tomac,
 Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield,
 Harry & Pam Carpenter, Ray Romito, Francesca
 Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers,
 Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne
 Vinezeano, Frances Librera, the Adamsick Family,
 Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita Hall, Rose
 Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne
 Mihelic, the Robert Polacek family, Rich Harms,
 TJ Stefanski, Linda Galica and those that go
 unnamed.

*Please note that only names given with
 permission of the person or by a family member
 will be added to the list.*

*“Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My
 mercy. They have the right before others to
 trust in the abyss of My mercy. ...Souls that
 make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To
 such souls I grant even more graces than they
 ask.”*

—Jesus’ words to St. Faustina as recorded in her Diary (1146)

**OUR
 FIRST
 COMMUNICANTS:**

- Emmett Byrne
- Isabelle Carlson
- Adrian Martinez
- Maisyn McCormick
- Caleb O’Sullivan
- Charlie Tongren



Our thanks are extended to their RE/FF
 teacher, Mrs. Denise Carriel.



CRS RICE BOWLS
 should be returned as
 soon as possible to the
 Parish or Religious Education Office. It is
 recommended to convert loose change into
 bills or a check for easier processing.



**THE POPE’S INTENTIONS for
 APRIL 2026—For priests in crisis:**
 Let us pray for priests going
 through moments of crisis in
 their vocation, that they may
 find the accompaniment they
 need and that communities may
 support them with understand-
 ing and prayer.

Celebrate
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
TODAY — April 12, 2026
 2pm—3pm Confession
 3pm Chaplet



There will be a **Finance Council** meeting on Wednesday, April 15 at 5:30pm
 There will be a **Parish Council** meeting on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30pm

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

On the second weekend of each month—this weekend—Fr. Thomas will offer a **special blessing** to couples celebrating an anniversary in that month. Couples who want to participate will be asked to stand at the end of Mass for the blessing

If you would like your names and anniversary date **printed in the bulletin**, you need to register in the **registration book in the lobby**. Couples who register will also receive an anniversary card.

Laure & Bill Sander	April 7, 1984	42 years
Richard & Judy Strubin	April 8, 1967	59 years
Norm & Donna Hecht	April 12, 1975	51 years
Ray & Steph Carlson	April 30, 2016	10 years



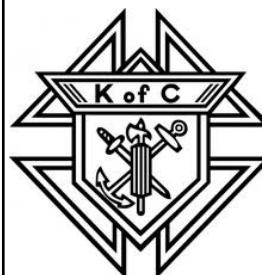
APRIL
ANNIVERSARIES

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- CW4 **John Carrillo** (Army—JBLM Washington State)
Nephew of Denise (Ed) Carriel
- HM2 **Chuck Claxton** (Navy—29 Palms, CA)
Son of Dennis & Pat Claxton
- AN **Chase Clyden** (Navy—Asian Seas)
Grandson of Laura (Tom) Jacques;
Great-nephew of Barbara Grantz
- SFC **Nicholas Hupke** (Army)
Nephew of Paula (Fred) Prium
- MAJ **Jori Ingersoll** (Air Force—Washington State)
Daughter of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.
- SSGT **Nate Kijowski** (Marines)
Son of Debbie (John) Ziolkowski Kijowski
- PVT **Jake L. O'Connor** (Marines)
Grandson of Marge Brooke
- SSG **Sean Rodgers** (Army—Ft. Campbell, KY)
Grandson of Barbara Grantz;
Great-nephew of Laura (Tom) Jacques
- CAPT **Joseph Walan** (Air Force—Las Vegas, NV)
Son of Mary Jo (Frank, Jr.) Fry

PRAYER for THOSE SERVING

O Merciful Father, You desire the welfare of Your children. Stretch out Your protecting arm over our men and women in the service. Shield them from every danger to body, mind and soul. Comfort them in loneliness, sustain them in hardship, give them courage they need to fulfill their duty and do Your will in all things. Bestow on our leaders and the leaders of the world the wisdom and prudence, which will bring peace and justice to all men. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen.



Our food drive continues. The Knights of Columbus have a drop box for non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies in the St. Paul the Apostle lobby across from the office. Food collected is distributed through local pantries. Please help us help those in need.

Ticket sales for our annual raffle are winding up. We award \$400 in prizes every month, you can win multiple times! Tickets are also good for a 10% discount on services at Dralle. Knights will be selling tickets after the Masses after Easter at St. Paul the Apostle Church. You can also purchase tickets directly from knights, or call Ron LeClaire, Grand Knight at 708-204-6277 to purchase tickets and have them personally delivered.

Like what the Knights of Columbus are doing locally? Join us for free! Use the URL "<https://www.kofc.org/get-involved/join-kofc/>" from your PC or smartphone browser to join. Select 11232 as your council., and SA-RODRIGUEZ in the promo code for your free membership. For assistance or questions, contact Ron LeClaire, Grand Knight 708-204-6277

JOIN US FOR THE PEOTONE BOY SCOUT TROOP 315 PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



TROOP 315

PANCAKES & COMMUNITY!
AND FEATURING BISCUITS & GRAVY!
(While Supplies Last)



WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 19th, 2026 **TIME:** 7:00 AM - NOON

WHERE: PEOTONE AMERICAN LEGION POST #392
109 E. North St, Peotone, IL 60468

TICKETS: ADULTS: \$10 | KIDS UNDER 5: FREE!

All proceeds benefit Peotone Boy Scout Troop 315's camping, activities, and equipment!



**DIocese of JOLIET
DEPARTMENT OF
VOCATIONS**

Jeremiah Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
Open to grades 7-10

The Diocese of Joliet Vocations Department of Vocations is thrilled to invite young men (grades 7-10) for our annual Jeremiah Day. Join us for a day for a day of exploring, prayer, and games with our Joliet Seminarians currently studying at Mundelein Seminary. Learn more about what being in Seminary is like at Jeremiah Day!

Cost to attend

\$10

Includes lunch

Scan here to register



<https://tinyurl.com/sacbye7j>

Location: University of St. Mary of the Lake
1000 E Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060

Please email vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or call (815) 221-6171 for questions



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SPRING BOOK SALE

Thursday, April 23rd
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Friday, April 24th
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday, April 25th
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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