



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

***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***Wis. 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 18-22; Lk 12:32-48***

Today's Gospel presents a powerful and challenging call to readiness, vigilance, and intentional living for believers. This passage, Jesus using vivid imagery, conveys the nature of discipleship and the coming of the Kingdom, and its urgent message.

The opening verses, give us a clear picture of how we are to wait for the coming of our Lord. He asks us to be ready when he comes and knocks, to open the door for him. This paints a picture of active anticipation. The "dressed for service" imagery evokes a posture of preparedness and diligence, implying that disciples should not be idle but actively engaged in the work of God. The burning lamps symbolize spiritual alertness, faith, and perhaps the light of good works shining in the world. It's not a passive wait, but one filled with purpose and vigilance, like servants who are ready to attend to their master's needs at any moment.

The surprising blessing pronounced upon these watchful servants is particularly striking: "It will be a privilege for the master to come and wait on them. He will seat them at the table and serve them as they eat." This reversal of roles, with the master serving his diligent servants, underscores the immense reward and honor that awaits those who remain faithful and prepared. It speaks to the intimate relationship Jesus desires with His followers and the boundless grace He extends. This image offers immense comfort and motivation, suggesting that our faithful service here will be met with divine favor and a joyful communion in the future.

Jesus then reiterates the theme of readiness with a slight shift in emphasis: "You must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour." This emphasizes the unpredictable nature of the Master's return, whether it refers to the ultimate Second Coming or the unexpected moments when God intersects with our lives. It reminds us to live each day with intentionality and purpose. The parable of the thief in the night further reinforces this unpredictability. Just as a homeowner would be on guard if they knew the time of a break-in, disciples are urged to live in a constant state of readiness, not knowing the precise moment of the Master's arrival. This isn't meant to incite fear, but rather a healthy sense of urgency and responsible stewardship of our lives and time. Being "dressed for service" implies that our faith is not merely a belief system but a call to action. We are to be actively engaged in living out our faith, serving others, and contributing to God's kingdom here on earth.

The incredible image of the Master serving His servants is a profound reminder of God's grace and the unimaginable blessings awaiting those who are faithful. It provides hope and encouragement amidst the challenges of discipleship. This is a timeless call to live with a sense of eternal perspective while being fully present and engaged in our earthly responsibilities. It's a reminder that true discipleship involves a watchful heart, active service, and a joyful anticipation of the Master's coming, whenever and however that may be.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Thomas Theneth, CMI*



The parish office email was compromised, so a new email has been created as of August 1. If you sent anything to the parish office in the last 10 or so days, please resubmit to:  
**StPaulPeotone@att.net.**

**POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS for AUGUST 2025—For mutual coexistence:** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



*Our deepest sympathies and prayers for the consolation of family and friends is extended to the loved ones of*  
**MR. PETER CLAXTON, 47, who passed away August 5, 2025.**  
*+ May he rest in peace. +*

**COLLECTION SUMMARY: August 2—3, 2025**

Sunday Offertory*	\$3,427.00
Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Plus	\$ 221.47
Envelopes used / distributed	81 / 531
<i>*Includes 8 Online Givers</i>	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 50.00
Assumption	\$ 20.00



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**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.



Will you be traveling?

You can find a Mass at  
**www.MassTimes.org**.

For your convenience, copies of  
 previous **St. Paul bulletins** are  
 available in both lobbies.

Rev. Tom Ewing, Michael Doyle, Mary Ellen Hanlon, Judy Strubin, Ashley Doody, Luke Payne, Dave Castaneda, Greg Nalepka, Norman Andrews, Kathleen Callahan, Deacon Mark Otten, Jeff Furtek, Charles Claxton, Tina Butler, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Karen Haave, Joyce Svatos, Dorothy Simikowski, Deacon Milt Leppert, Joe Ladislas, Scott Rosenberg, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiacomio, Julie Szudarski, Owen Ruhbeck, Sharon Andrews, Sue Gomez, CJ Ogalla-Arebalo, Aris Tomac, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Ray Romito, Francesca Libreria Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Libreria, the Adamsick Family, Cassidy Novak, Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita Hall, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne Michelic, 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 family member will be added to the list.*

## VISITING CARDINAL

**PETER EBERE CARDINAL OKPALEKE**, bishop of the Diocese of Ekwulobia in Anambra State, Nigeria, has been staying at the St. Boniface rectory with his secretary, Fr. Lawrence, from July 31—August 22 and offering Mass at various parishes raising money for a home for orphaned and neglected children and a home for the elderly of his diocese who have been displaced from their homes and have no one left to care for them. Religious sisters from the diocese will serve those in need, regardless of their background or faith.

The Cardinal and Fr. Milota came to know one another when they both lived in Rome in 2003 and he ministered in Father's home parish that summer. He was made a cardinal on August 27, 2022 by Pope Francis and participated in the 2025 conclave that elected Pope Leo XIV.

Nigeria is reported to be the deadliest country for Christians worldwide, with more Christians killed for their faith than in the rest of the world combined, according to research by Open Doors. Cardinal Okpaleke's Diocese is in the heart of these persecutions and it is not uncommon for priests and religious to be kidnapped or assaulted.

**He will be offering Sunday Mass on August 17 at St. Boniface at 8:30am and at St. Liborius at 10:30am. Second collections will be taken up at both parishes to support his efforts to assist our brothers and sisters in Nigeria.**

The Diocese of Ekwulobia is rural, impoverished, and plagued by violence and instability. With rising unemployment and scarce resources, many adults have fled to the cities, leaving behind children and the elderly—often abandoned, neglected, or vulnerable.

It's not often we have the chance to listen to a Cardinal so close to home.  
 Please consider taking this opportunity!



# Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	8/9	3:00 pm—	<u><b>CONFESSION</b></u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u><b>John Pirog</b></u> req by Family
Sun	8/10	11:00 am—	+ <u><b>Donald Sheming and</b></u> + <u><b>Carolyn Meyer</b></u> and <u><b>People of the Parish</b></u>
Mon	8/11	8:30 am—	<u><b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b></u>
Tue	8/12	8:30 am—	<u><b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b></u>
Wed	8/13	8:30 am—	<u><b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b></u>
Thr	8/14	8:30 am—	<u><b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b></u>
		6:00 pm—	<u><b>In Thanksgiving—</b></u> <u><b>Bill &amp; Penny Lund's</b></u> <u><b>54th Wedding Anniversary</b></u>
Fri	8/15	8:30 am—	<u><b>Special Intention</b></u> req by Parishioner
Sat	8/16	3:00 pm—	<u><b>CONFESSION</b></u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u><b>Gladys Meyer</b></u> req by Bob & Helen Lewis and <u><b>People of the Parish</b></u>
Sun	8/17	11:00 am—	+ <u><b>Bruno Latoza—</b></u> <u><b>108th Birthday Remembrance</b></u> req by Ann Nagel

*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.*



A **transfer wheelchair** is available in the lobby to be used as needed to get from your vehicle to the church. Please feel free to use it at your convenience.

A **BLESSING** for all students, teachers, administrators and school personnel starting the new academic year will be offered at Masses **next weekend** August 16—17, 2025.



The ministry schedule through October 26, 2025 for **Lectors** and **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** is in the rear of the church near the Holy Family. Please sign-up where you are available.



This Friday, August 15, is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holy day of obligation.

**VIGIL** Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday, August 14 at:**

- St. Paul at 6pm
- St. Liborius at 7pm

**On Friday, August 15 at:**

- St. Joseph (Manteno) at 7am
- St. Paul at 8:30am
- St. Boniface at 8:30am
- St. Liborius at noon
- St. Patrick (Wilton Center) at 5:30pm
- St. Liborius at 7pm
- St. Joseph (Manteno) at 7pm

There will be a **FINANCE COUNCIL** meeting on Tuesday, August 19 at 5:30pm;

There will be a **PARISH COUNCIL** meeting on Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30pm.



### Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Our warmest wishes to all who celebrate with us. If you are not registered at St. Paul or need to make changes, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office (511 N. Conrad Street / Peotone, IL 60468).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) New Parishioner, please contact me  
 ( ) New Address or New Phone Number  
 ( ) Moving—Please remove from membership list  
 ( ) Email—Please add email address to your records  
 ( ) Interested in becoming Catholic  
 ( ) Please send envelopes  
 ( ) Interested in Religious Education  
 ( ) **Interested in Ministry Programs**  
 ( ) Would like to be contacted by a priest

MIA ISABELLA was baptized on  
August 3, 2025.

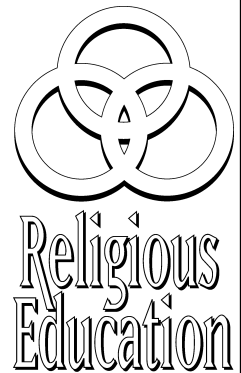


She is the daughter of  
Nicholas Michael and  
Beatriz Robles Hope.  
Welcome to the parish family!



Father Thomas Theneth  
will be installed as Pastor of  
St. Paul the Apostle by  
Bishop Ronald Hicks on Saturday,  
December 6 at 4pm Mass.

Information on the  
2025—2026 **Religious  
Education / Faith  
Formation** year will be  
sent to families via email,  
using email addresses on  
file soon. If you don't  
receive anything, please  
contact Deacon Jim at  
708 258-9580.



Attention homebound members—the parish has a team of trained **Ministers of the Eucharist** who are available to visit you for prayers and to offer the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information, please contact the parish office at 708 258-6917 or Deacon Jim at 708 258-9580.

Do you have a loved one at **Beecher Manor**? Please invite them to attend Mass (or a Communion Service) on Thursdays at 10am.

Do you have a loved one at **the Veterans Home at Manteno**? Please invite them to attend Mass (or a Communion Service) on Tuesday at 2pm.

### JULY 2025 RAFFLE WINNERS

\$150.00	#41	Ron LeClaire
\$100.00	#636	Dave Zenere
\$ 50.00	#27	Emma Peter's
\$ 50.00	#750	Tammy Mazor
\$ 25.00	#112	Baby Vega
\$ 25.00	#664	Angelo Christopher



### AUGUST 2025 RAFFLE WINNERS

\$150.00	#717	Greg Kunes
\$100.00	#50	Ron LeClaire
\$ 50.00	#300	Colleen Domke
\$ 50.00	#709	Greg Kunes
\$ 25.00	#572	Vicki Moore
\$ 25.00	#564	Frank Tverdek

**PARISHIONER ANNIVERSARIES—  
beginning in September!**

On the second weekend of each month, 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**, please register in the **registration book** in the lobby or **complete the form below** and return to the parish office.

Couples who register will also receive an anniversary card.

**HAPPY**  
*Anniversary*

The **O.C.I.A.**  
(**Order of Christian  
Initiation of  
Adults**) **PRO-**

**GRAM** is the ordinary way by which

adults who were not raised in the Catholic faith become fully initiated—through the Sacraments of Initiation—into the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. Perhaps someone who was baptized Catholic but never received any other sacraments or instruction, maybe someone was baptized into a different faith—or for that matter, was never baptized at all—and is now curious about the Catholic church. Or maybe a fully initiated Catholic simply wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. The O.C.I.A. program is open to all these people!

Please contact the Religious Education Office at **StPaulRe@att.net**, call the office at 708 258-9580 or speak with Deacon Jim if you are interested in learning more **or if you have children in need of sacraments.**

**Classes are scheduled to begin in September.**



**HAPPY**  
*Anniversary*  
FROM YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY

**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION**

**Please fill out this form and place in the collection basket or bring to the parish office so that your marriage can be recognized during the month of your anniversary. You will received a special blessing at Mass on the second weekend of that month.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT MASS DO YOU USUALLY ATTEND on the WEEKEND?

\_\_\_\_\_ 4pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 11am