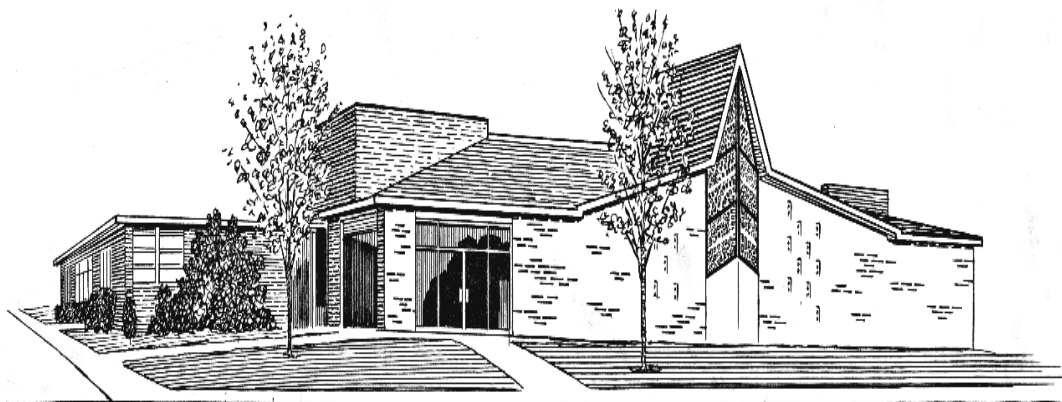




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August 16, 2026

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:

Grades 1 through 8: Will resume in the fall

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: t / b / a

FIRST COMMUNION: t / b / a

CONFIRMATION: t / b / a

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 and Thrs 7:30am

Communion Services: Mon, Weds and Fri 7:30am

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

THIS WEEKEND—August 15-16—We invite all students, administrators and staff for a *Back to School Blessing* offered at all Masses.

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	8/15	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>The Kelly & Weiss Families</u> req by the James Kelly Family
Sun	8/16	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Charlotte & David Neybert</u> req by Donald and Jeanette O'Grady Neybert and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
			<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Mon	8/17	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	8/18	7:30 am—	+ <u>Dennis Kamowski</u> req by Family
Wed	8/19	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Thr	8/20	7:30 am—	+ <u>Therese Kelly</u> req by the James Kelly Family
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	8/21	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Sat	8/22	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Tom Adamsick;</u> + <u>Wilbur & Estelle Zirzow;</u> and + <u>Rudy & Rosemary Adamsick</u> req by Family
Sun	8/23	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	<u>The People of the Parish</u>

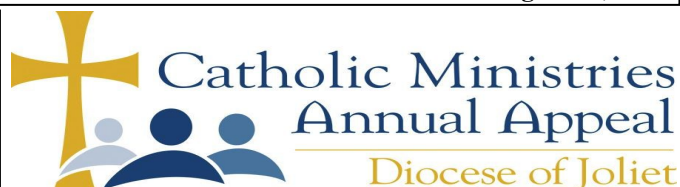
If you are attending a Mass that you requested an intention to be said for, please sign the gift bearer book in the rear of the church and let an usher know you are here if you wish to bring up the gifts.

The Altar flowers are given in memory of the deceased members of the Kamowski Family.



Altar
Flowers

If you are interested in sponsoring our bi-weekly altar flower arrangement, possibly in honor of an anniversary or birthday or in memory of a family member, **please contact the parish office for scheduling details.** The cost is \$80 and can be shared between one or more parishioners.



Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish as of August 9, 2026

Monthly pledge payments are due in the next few days. Since we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

If you would still like to make 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:	\$26,630
AMOUNT PAID:	\$24,097
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 2,533
DONORS:	89
REBATE:	\$ 5,178

Is your child leaving for college? Do you have a student already in college?

If the answer is yes, have you thought about how your child will stay connected to his / her Catholic faith while away at school?

The "**Newman Connection**" is a non-profit organization designed to help connect college students with their local Catholic Newman center on their campus university. Newman Connection's mission is to ensure that college students stay connected to their faith during one of the most transformative periods of their lives: college.

By partnering with campus ministries, families, and schools, they provide essential resources and foster supportive communities that empower students to grow spiritually, maintain their Catholic values, and navigate the challenges of college with confidence. Through innovative programs and personal connections, we are dedicated to nurturing students' faith journeys and creating lasting bonds that strengthen their relationship with God.

For information, visit
www.newmanconnection.com.



**NEWMAN
CONNECTION**

COLLECTION SUMMARY: August 8—9, 2026:

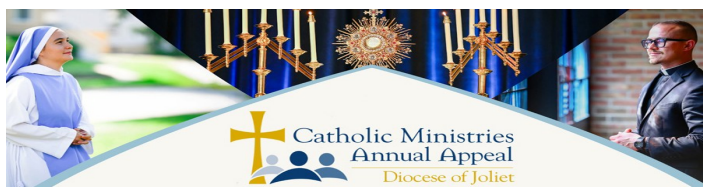
Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,447.25
Plus	\$ 241.72
Envelopes used / distributed	79 / 468
*Includes 10 Online Givers	
Providing for God's Future	\$ 20.00



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PUZZLE SWAP

The CCW will be hosting a jigsaw puzzle night for our August general meeting. Enjoy an evening of fun, meeting new friends and join other women in our parish; ages 18 and over are welcomed. Refreshments will be provided. Bring a puzzle from home to swap for another puzzle. Come join in the fun on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30 PM.

**He walked out the door not knowing where he'd sleep**

Kortlan never thought he'd be homeless. He was working, he had an apartment — and then he lost both. He walked out the door that day not knowing where he'd sleep that night. He'd never been to a shelter before. Five months later, he's still moved by how it turned out.

"I'm a living witness — if you work hard on your end, you'll have a happy ending." — Kortlan



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the good your donation to the CMAA
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Please review this list and inform the parish office if anyone may be removed from it.

Please keep Judy Strubin, Marcel Smaga, Bernie Iversen, Carol Henderson, Pat Cleary, Ed Kulish, Jan Leffelman, Nancy Pilotto, Rev. Tom Ewing, Michael Doyle, Mary Ellen Hanlon, Ashley Doody, Luke Payne, Dave Castaneda, Kathleen Callahan, Charles Claxton, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiacomo, Julie Szudarski, Aris Tomac, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Francesca Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, the Adamsick Family, Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne Mihelic, the Robert Polacek family, Rich Harms, TJ Stefanski, Linda Galica and those that go unnamed in your prayers.

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



Use Your Time and Talents to Help a Senior

Many older adults need a helping hand managing everyday financial tasks. Catholic Charities is looking for caring volunteers to assist low-income seniors with organizing bills, balancing checkbooks, identifying scams, and maintaining financial independence. Opportunities are also available to support the program through quality assurance and administrative assistance.

Volunteer opportunities are available in Kankakee, Grundy, Iroquois, and Will Counties.

For more information, contact **Sherri Funk** at **815 523-9921** or **sfunk@cc-doj.org**.

A volunteer sheet to **lead the rosary** 30-minutes prior to weekend Masses is in the lobby.

Please sign-up if you would like to lead us in prayer.



In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters the Canaanite woman in the region of Tyre and Sidon. On the surface, the narrative presents a striking, almost jarring dialogue: a pagan woman begs for her daughter's exorcism, receives initial silence and a seemingly harsh refusal from Christ, and ultimately wins His praise and the healing of her child through a humble, persistent reply.

A central question for the Church Fathers was why Christ initially answered her "not a word." St. John Chrysostom observes that Christ's silence was not an act of rejection, but an invitation designed to bring her hidden virtue into the light. Had Christ granted her request immediately, the depth of her faith would have remained unknown to the disciples and to future generations. By delaying His gift, He allowed her persistence to become a monument of saving faith. St. Augustine emphasizes that God often delays answering our prayers not to deny us, but to stretch our desire. The woman's perseverance under silence transformed her petition into a profound act of interior purification.

When Jesus states, *"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"*, the Fathers interpret this within the divine order of salvation history. St. Jerome explains that Christ's earthly ministry was bound by covenantal priority to Israel first, fulfilling the promises made to Abraham and the prophets. St. Cyril of Alexandria notes that the Gospel had to be offered first to the firstborn (Israel) before passing to the Gentiles. The Canaanite woman's faith prefigures the eventual historical movement of the Gospel out from Jerusalem into the entire Gentile world—a foretaste of the Catholic (*universal*) Church.



"Dogs" and the Conversion of the Gentiles: Christ's metaphor—*"It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs"* functions patristically on two distinct levels: allegorical and pedagogical. In the language of the Old Covenant, Gentiles were often termed "dogs" due to idolatry and uncleanness, while Israel held the status of "children." Rather than taking offense, the woman accepts the designation, redefining it: *"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table"*. St. John Chrysostom praises her holy wit and profound humility: she does not contest the privileges of Israel, but grounds her hope entirely on the abundant mercy of the

Master. She recognizes that even a "crumb" of divine grace is more than sufficient to banish the demon.

The "children's bread" is considered as the Word of God and the sacramental life reserved for those in covenant with God. The woman's request for "crumbs" represents the Gentile longing for the grace flowing from Christ. In the Catholic tradition, her response inspires the *Prayer of Humble Access* historically recited before Holy Communion, reminding the faithful that no human being merits the divine Bread on their own accord; it is always received as an unmerited gift of mercy.

Christ's final words—"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" serves as the divine vindication of her struggle. The Fathers note that while Jesus praised the faith signaling that true membership in the People of God is defined not by physical lineage, but by faith activated through love.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI



The Pope's Intentions for August 2026: —Evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



Pastor's
Office Hours

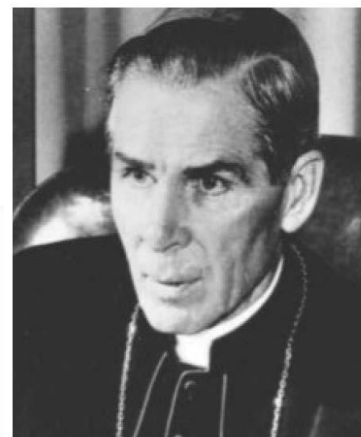
TUESDAY after 7:30am Mass until approximately 4pm and **THURSDAY** after 7:30am Mass.

Father celebrates Mass at Beecher Manor on Thursday at 10am and will be available after that prior to Adoration / Confession.

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Attend the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on September 24, 2026 in St. Louis, MO.

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AUGUST

- 15 Fr. Ron Neitzke, Fr. Quyen H. Nguyen, Fr. Jeff Stoneberg
- 16 Dcns. Roger Novak, Michael O'Ryan, Anthony Osei, Mark Otten, Gregory Ouska
- 17 Seminarian Peter Davis
- 18 Fr. Tuan V. Nguyen, Fr. James Guarascio
- 19 Sr. Mary Ellen McAleese OSF, Sr. Patricia Villarreal OSF
- 20 Sr. Shirley Krull OSF, Sr. M. Pauline Langfield OSF, Sr. Theresa Langfield OSF
- 21 Sr. Patricia Norton OSF, Sr. Clare Nydereck OSF, Sr. Melanie Paradis OSF, Sr. Jane Petzel OSF
- 22 Aspirants Pravin Lewis, Guy Maras, Doug Pearson
- 23 Fr. Jesús Oliveros, Fr. James Olofson

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.

—Pope Francis

Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Parish

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



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Religious Education

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This year, the Religious Education Programs of St. Paul the Apostle (Peotone) and St. Joseph (Manteno) will be merged together.

Classes will be held at St. Joseph's on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm until 7:45pm for grades: Pre-K through 8th grade.

By combining our religious education programs, we can offer a stronger, more dynamic faith formation experience for our children and families. Together, we can build community, share resources wisely, expand opportunities for growth, and continue our mission of forming disciples in Christ for years to come.

Specifically:

- larger class sizes create more engaging activities and discussions;
- there are opportunities for age-specific programming that may not be feasible in smaller programs;
- it will help ensure long term viability of religious education when enrollment is declining;
- our students benefit from a wider variety of perspectives, experiences, and friendships;
- we can build new friendships and strengthen the broader faith community;
- present a united commitment to nurturing the faith of young people; and,
- students will have more opportunities to have contact with Fr. Thomas, our Pastor.

Registrations are taken online at www.stjosephmanteno.com or scan the QR code on the right side of this page.

You may contact Mrs. Linda Graulau in the St. Joseph R.E. Office at 815 468-8116 or Deacon Jim at 708 258-9580 or stpaulre@att.net for more information.

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PRESCHOOL THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE

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A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.

Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.