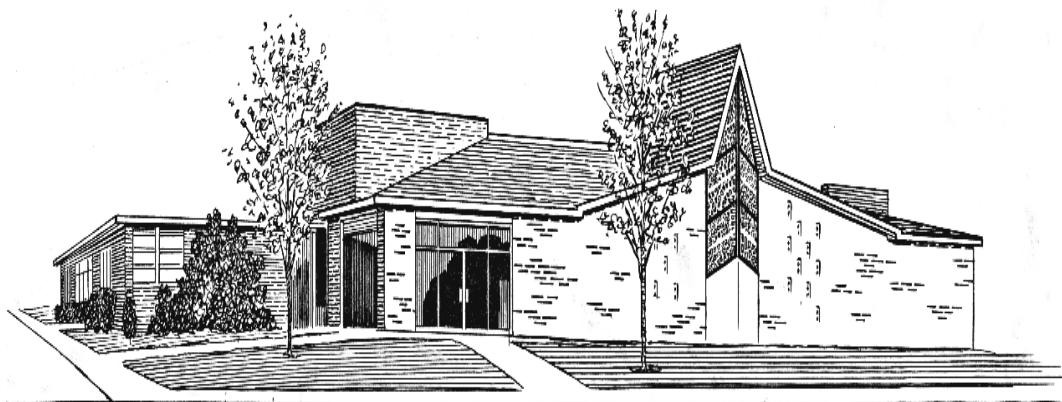




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ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

First Thursday Coffee and....

Join parishioners and friends for beverage and fellowship following 7:30am morning Mass this Thursday, August 6.

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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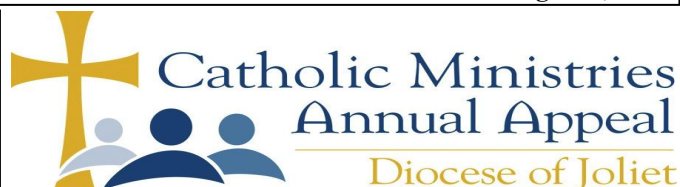
Sat	8/1	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Peter Claxton—1st Anniversary</u> req by Family
Sun	8/2	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Ken Rocznik</u> req by the Beecher Bunco Club and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
Mon	8/3	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	8/4	7:30 am—	+ <u>Candace Marevka</u> req by Suzanne Baltrusis Johnson
Wed	8/5	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Thr	8/6	7:30 am—	+ <u>John R. Tierney, Jr. & Family</u> req by Family
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	8/7	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Sat	8/8	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Don Sheming and</u> <u>Carolyn Meyer</u> req by Family and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
Sun	8/9	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Herbert Battermann III—</u> <u>5th Anniversary</u> req by Herbert Jr. & Mary Ann Battermann

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 Hodgett & Schuitema Families

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 July 26, 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:	\$23,690
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 2,940
DONORS:	89
REBATE:	\$ 4,893

In a recent message to Catholic Charities, Pope Leo XIV reminded us



that we are called to be "**Agents of Hope**" by bringing Christ's love to those in need.

During ***Catholic Charities Month (August)***, we invite you to join that mission. Your support helps provide food, shelter, counseling, senior services, and compassionate care to people throughout the Diocese of Joliet, offering hope when it is needed most.

Together, we can be ***Agents of Hope***.

To learn more or make a gift, call 815 724-1140 or visit www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Thank you and God bless you!

Please visit www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers for employment information on **Diocesan Opportunities, Catholic Schools Opportunities, Parish Opportunities, Internship Opportunities and Other Opportunities** within the Diocese.

COLLECTION SUMMARY: July 25—26, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,799.00
Minus	\$ 406.53
Envelopes used / distributed	65 / 468
*Includes 7 Online Givers	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 90.00

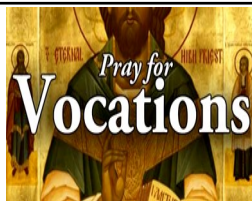


Secure and convenient **ONLINE GIVING** is available at

GiveCentral.org.

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

Please remember these men and women in your daily prayers—priests, deacons, seminarians and women & men religious in the Diocese of Joliet:

**AUGUST**

- 1 Br. Damien DeBraekeleer OSF,
Br. Joseph Ruscha OSF
- 2 Dcns. Luciano Coson, Paul Dirienzo, Anthony George
- 3 Sr. Mary Lou Wirtz OSF
- 4 Seminarians Matthew Bernhard and Jack Meinhardt
- 5 Fr. James Murphy, Fr. Patrick R. Murphy
- 6 Fr. Robert Carroll O.Carm.
- 7 Dcns. Sean McGreal, James Means, Genaro Mempo, Dale Metcalfe
- 8 Sr. Glenna Marie Czachor OSF,
Sr. Jackie Drazen OSF
- 9 Fr. Matthew Nathan

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

—Pope Francis



Please review this list and inform the parish office if anyone may be removed from it.

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Please keep 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 Digiacomio, 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.

**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.



The CCW is sponsoring a 5-week **bible study** to Encounter the Eucharist in a Bold Way. Here at St. Paul the Apostle, the sessions are open to both men and women, ages 18 and over. The first session will be on Tuesday, September 15th and ending on October 13th. Each session will run from 60 to 90 minutes long. The format will be using the bible with a study guide to help us encounter the living word focusing on the Eucharist. If interested, the sign up will be in the back of church. **There you can give your preference for Tuesday morning or evening.**

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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.



Today's Gospel passage begins with the news that John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin and forerunner, was executed by Herod. Jesus withdrew by boat to a remote place to be alone and grieve. Also, he needs to be with his Father before he meets the people; but he could not be away by himself for long. When he landed and saw the gathering crowd. He did not turn them away or demand privacy; instead, he felt deep compassion and healed their sick. His own pain became a doorway to meeting the pain of others.

As evening approached, the disciples approached Jesus with a practical problem. This is a remote place, and it is late and they asked him to send the crowds away to buy food. The disciples' impulse was reasonable. He felt deep compassion. "Give them something to eat." Jesus shifted the responsibility directly to them: "You give them something to eat." They knew it was the love and compassion of the Lord that was asking them to feed the multitude who had followed Jesus. All they had was very little. They brought what they had: five barley loaves and two small fish; not even sufficient for thirteen of them.

Jesus did not complain about the inadequacy of the offer. He took what was available, looked up to heaven, gave thanks, blessed the food, and broke it. The miracle unfolded quietly through the act of giving thanks for what was already in hand and distributing it. Now with the multiplication of loaves, they recognized His deep concern for their spiritual and material well-being. The miracle also shows the ability of Jesus to transcend earthly limitations. This indicates God's universal salvific will to save all, not permitting anyone to get lost.

Everyone ate until they were satisfied, and the disciples collected twelve baskets of left-over pieces. Here we see 'Surplus from Insufficiency'. The twelve baskets corresponded to the twelve disciples—a tangible, physical reminder for each of them that trust yields more than enough. The twelve baskets of bread which the disciples gathered up, represent the New Covenant Community, the new Israel founded on the

twelve apostles. Just as he multiplied the loaves and fish to feed the hungry crowd, he continues to nourish us with his own body and blood.



The messiah according to Old Testament tradition would be a shepherd who feed his flock. Here Jesus takes on the mantle of the shepherd. The crowd seated for a meal is the image of the Reign when Jesus will unite all humanity in the family banquet of God. This story recalls other events in the Bible like the feeding with manna in the desert; Elijah feeding the men with few provisions and the institution of the Eucharist.

Jesus often asks us to engage with human needs right at the point where we feel least equipped to handle them. We now know that God can work wonders with our little talents, possession, etc. It is also an invitation for us to respond to God's exhortation with our contribution, even when it seems insignificant. Give thanks to God for what we have and hand them over to Him and He would work wonders in our lives.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI



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.

Please see
page 5 for an
important
announcement
regarding the
2026-2027
Religious
Education year!



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 flyers in the lobbies.

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

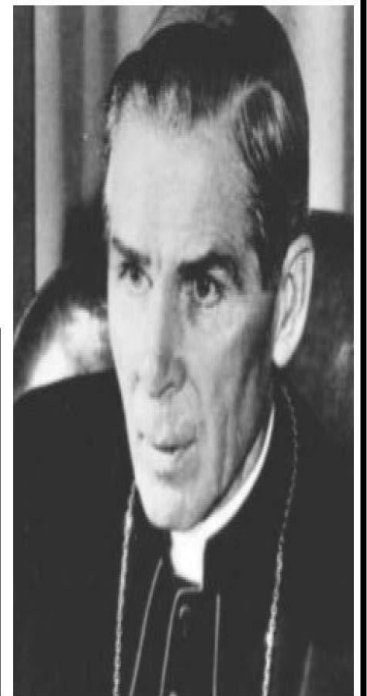
On the second weekend of each month—**next weekend**—Fr. Thomas will offer a **special blessing** to couples celebrating an anniversary in that month. Couples who want to participate will be asked to stand at the end of Mass for the blessing.

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.



Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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



Get your tickets here:

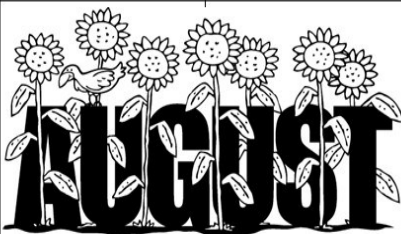


Back-to-School Blessing

—MARK YOUR CALENDAR—

We invite all students, administrators
and school staff for a
Back to School Blessing
offered at all Masses
on August 15—16.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 CCW BOARD MEETING 6:30pm	4 K of C 7pm	5	6 COFFEE AND.... after 7:30am MASS ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	7	8 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING K of C ASSEMBLY 8am-Noon CONFESSION 3pm
—— ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6-8:30PM @ FAITH CONNECTION ——						
9 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING	10	11  SAINT CLARE	12	13 ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	14	15 ASSUMPTION (not a holy day of obligation) SCHOOL YEAR BLESSING CONFESSION 3pm
16 SCHOOL YEAR BLESSING	17	18 CCW GENERAL MEETING— PUZZLE SWAP 6:30pm	19	20 ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	21	22 CONFESSION 3pm
23	24	25	26	27 DEACON JIM ORDAINED 2011 ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	28 SMAGA / REED WEDDING REHEARSAL 5pm	29 SMAGA / REED WEDDING 1pm CONFESSION 3pm
30	31	 AUGUST		The ROSARY will be prayed 30 minutes prior to weekend Masses	 © J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.	1 CONFESSION 3pm



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COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
6:00PM – 8:30PM**

**FAITH CONNECTION
14101 W Joliet Rd.
Manhattan, IL 60442**

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BECOME A JUNGLE
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