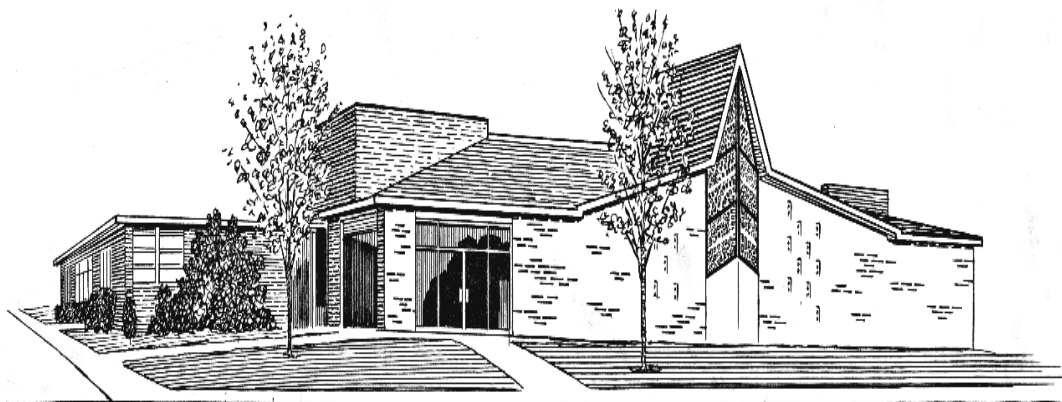




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ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES



START SOON!

SIGN-UP NOW for the 2026-2027 Religious Education year!
Registrations are taken online at **www.stjosephmanteno.com**
or scan the QR code on flyers in both St. Paul lobbies

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	8/22	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>
Mon	8/24	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	8/25	7:30 am—	+ <u>John R. Tierney, Jr. & Family</u> req by Family
Wed	8/26	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Thr	8/27	7:30 am—	<u>In Celebrations of</u> <u>Deacon Jim Kelly's</u> <u>15th Ordination Anniversary</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	8/28	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Sat	8/29	1:00 pm—	<u>Smaga / Reed Wedding</u>
		3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	<u>In Celebration of</u> <u>Al & Jan Leffelman's</u> <u>58th Wedding Anniversary</u> req by Family and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
Sun	8/30	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Robert Sr. & +Mary Silkowski</u> req by Family

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 thanksgiving of
Al & Jan Leffelman's
58th Wedding Anniversary.**



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 16, 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. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

PARISH GOAL:	\$16,700
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$26,630
AMOUNT PAID:	\$24,217
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 2,458
DONORS:	90
REBATE:	\$ 5,262

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.



**Pastor's
Office Hours**



Please note: In an effort to keep our parish **bulletin prayer list** up-to-date, all names currently on the list will be removed from the bulletin and a new list will be generated beginning Sunday, September 6.

All those **wishing to remain** on the bulletin prayer list, should e-mail the bulletin editor no later than Monday, August 31 at ParishOffice@StPaulPeotone.org.

**Happy 15th Ordination
Anniversary,
Deacon Jim—
August 27, 2026.**

**Thank-you for your
ministry!**



COLLECTION SUMMARY: August 15—16, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,395.00
Plus	\$ 189.47
Envelopes used / distributed	78 / 468
*Includes 8 Online Givers	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 836.00



Secure and convenient
ONLINE GIVING is available
at [GiveCentral.org](https://www.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**

- 22 Aspirants Pravin Lewis, Guy Maras, Doug Pearson
- 23 Fr. Jesús Oliveros, Fr. James Olofson
- 24 Fr. Robert Colaresi O.Carm.
- 25 Sr. Rose Mary Pint OSF, Sr. Diane Przyborowski OSF
- 26 Fr. Clive Otieno, Fr. John Ouper
- 27 Sr. Lynn Schafer OSF, Sr. Rosemarie Stewart OSF
- 28 Sr. Sylvia Wehlisch OSF, Sr. Georgene L. Wilson OSF
- 29 Fr. J. Agustin Ortega Ruiz, Fr. William O'Shea
- 30 Fr. Michael Groth, Fr. Gregory Alberts

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

—Pope Francis

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.



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, 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.



National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn on Sept. 12

Join the Diocese of Joliet for a prayer service for the National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn at 1 pm on September 12, 2026 at Resurrection Cemetery, 200 W. Romeo Road, Romeoville, IL.

Presider: Most Rev. Dennis E. Spies

Speaker: Dr. Monica Migliorino Miller, Ph.D.
Founder, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society

Questions: Don Hrdlicka at 630-415-6603
or pharmdon@hotmail.com.



In Matthew 16:13–20, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Then he turns the question directly onto them: "But who do you say that I am?" Simon's response—"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This triggers a pivotal moment in salvation history. In Catholic theology, this passage serves as a primary foundation for Ecclesiology (the theology of the Church), Christology, and the Papal Primacy.

The geographical context in this passage carries immense symbolic weight. Caesarea Philippi sat at the base of Mount Hermon, built on a massive cliff face where pagan temples stood, including a famous cave shrine dedicated to Pan known as the "Gates of Hades." This is a portal to the underworld in local mythology.

Jesus brings his apostles to the literal heart of pagan idolatry to ask who He is. Standing against a literal wall of stone and a dark cavern, Jesus declares that *He* will build His Church on a different rock, and the forces of death will not overcome it. When Simon declares Jesus' identity, Jesus emphasizes that this truth was not discovered through human intellect (*"flesh and blood has not revealed this to you"*), but through grace. Faith is a gift given by the Father. True recognition of Jesus as Messiah and Lord requires divine grace working in the human heart. Here Jesus changes Simon's name to *Kepha* (Aramaic for "Rock," translated as *Petros* in Greek and *Peter* in English). In Scripture, a name change signifies a divine commission and a new identity given by God. This is similar to Abram becoming Abraham in Genesis 17.

The Person and the Office: Catholic tradition holds that Peter himself—by virtue of his divine confession—is made the foundational rock upon

which Christ builds His earthly Church. Because Christ promises that His Church will endure until the end of time, the rock-like office given to Peter continues through apostolic succession in the Bishop of Rome (the Pope) and The Church calls it 'The Papal Primacy.'

The Keys of the Kingdom and "Binding and Loosing":

Jesus makes a direct Old Testament allusion to Isaiah 22:20–22, where the King of Israel appoints Eliakim as chief steward/prime minister over the royal house, giving him the "keys of the house of David." The keys symbolize delegated authority. Jesus is the Davidic King, and He appoints Peter as His earthly prime minister while the

King is away. Which means, Jesus appoints Peter as the Royal Steward. Binding and Loosing is a rabbinic phrase referring to teaching authority (declaring what is permissible or forbidden) and jurisdictional authority (excommunication or re-admission to the community). In Catholic theology, this underpins the Magisterium's authority to teach authentically and govern the Church spiritually.

Beyond the institutional implications, Jesus' question echoes down to every believer today. He does not ask what the culture, the crowd, or public opinion says about Him. He asks: "Who do *you* say that I am?" This question pauses for personal reflection and application. Faith cannot remain a secondhand rumor or inherited culture; it requires a personal, grace-filled confession of Jesus as Lord that transforms how we live, worship, and view the world.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI



Religious Education

As previously communicated, 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.

Registrations are taken online at www.stjosephmanteno.com or scan the QR code on flyers in both St. Paul 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.