

August 24, 2025

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

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

Website: StPaulPeotone.org

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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: To be announced
FIRST COMMUNION: To be announced
CONFIRMATION: To be announced
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

RE / FF CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
from 6:15pm—7:30pm. Information is on page 4.



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.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	8/23	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Tom Adamsick</u> ; + <u>Estelle & +Wilbur Zirzow</u> ; + <u>Rudy & +Rosemary Adamsick</u> req by Family
Sun	8/24	11:00 am—	+ <u>Robert, Sr. & +Mary Silkowski</u> req by Family and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Mon	8/25	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	8/26	8:30 am—	+ <u>Betty Knickrehm</u> req by David & Kathleen Wilk
Wed	8/27	8:30 am—	<u>Intentions of Fr. Greg Schaffer</u> req by Larry & Nancy Pilotto
Thr	8/28	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	8/29	8:30 am—	<u>Intentions of James Theneth</u> req by Larry & Nancy Pilotto
Sat	8/30	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Bruce Carstens</u> req by Bob & Helen Lewis and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	8/31	11:00 am—	+ <u>David E. Neybert</u> req by Beecher Bunco Group

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.

PARISHIONER ANNIVERSARIES—begin 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*, you will need to register in the *registration book* in the lobby.

HAPPY
Anniversary

Couples who register will also receive an anniversary card.



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

MISA DOMINICAL



Todos son bienvenidos! Trae a tu familia, amigos y vecinos.

SEPTIEMBRE 7 12:30PM

St. Boniface

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**Primer
misa en
español!**



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is. 66: 18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30.

Today's Gospel passage focuses on the urgency of entering God's kingdom and the warning that not everyone will be able to do so. The passage presents a powerful and challenging message about salvation, effort, and the surprising nature of God's final judgment.

The passage begins with Jesus traveling toward Jerusalem, teaching as he goes. Someone asks him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" Jesus does not give a direct number. Instead, he shifts the focus from a theological debate about quantity to a personal challenge about effort: "Strive to enter through the narrow door." The Greek word for "strive" is *agonizomai*, from which we get the word "agonize." It implies a struggle, a fight, and a serious effort. This isn't a passive request; it's a call to active, persistent effort in following God's will. The door is "narrow" because it requires self-denial and a commitment to a life that may be contrary to the world's values.

Jesus warns that "many will seek to enter and will not be able." This is a stark warning against procrastination and the assumption that salvation is automatic. The people he is speaking to likely believe they are already "in" because they are part of God's chosen people. This takes away all kinds of presumption that being the member of the Catholic Church would guarantee the eternal life. Jesus shatters this presumption by telling a parable about a master of the house who locks the door. Those who knock on the door, saying, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets," are rejected.

This is a powerful indictment of superficial faith. It's not enough to be in the presence of Jesus or to participate in religious activities. The master's response—"I do not know where you come from"—is a terrifying statement. It's not about a lack of recognition but a lack of relationship. They had an acquaintance with him, but not a true, transformative connection. This highlights the difference between an external, religious association and an internal, personal commitment. Jesus always looks for a personal relationship.

The passage concludes with a dramatic reversal of expectations. Jesus says, "people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God." This clearly speaks about the inclusion of people from all nations in the kingdom of God. The final line is the most shocking: "And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

This statement turns the social and religious order of the time on its head. Jesus is attacking the so called religious leaders who believed that they are God's chosen people for eternal life. Those who were considered "first", the religiously privileged Jews, might find themselves "last," while those who were "last", the marginalized and Gentiles might be "first." This serves as a powerful reminder that God's kingdom is not based on heritage or social status, but on a genuine relationship with God and a life of faithful obedience. The final judgment will reveal a surprising and humbling truth about who truly belongs to God's family.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth, CMI



St. Joseph Catholic Church (175 S. Main St/Manteno) has invited St. Paul parishioners to join them on Saturday, September 6 for praying of the Rosary at 8:30am, **First Saturday Mass at 9am** and a breakfast of casseroles, fruit and sweet rolls following.

For planning purposes, there is a sign-up sheet in the St. Paul lobby. Please give your RSVP by Monday, September 1, 2025.



COLLECTION SUMMARY: August 16—17, 2025

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$4,570.00
Plus	\$1,364.47
Envelopes used / distributed	65 / 531
*Includes 8 Online Givers	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 758.00
Assumption	\$ 873.00

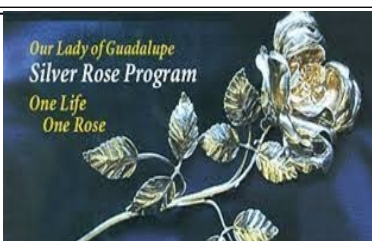
Secure and convenient **ONLINE GIVING** is available at **GiveCentral.org**.



Please put in zip code

60468 to find the St. Paul portal. A credit card or bank account can be linked.

This Monday, August 25 at 7pm at **St. Joseph Church (Manteno)**, the **St. Joseph Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the one-hour rosary



-centered prayer service which has come to be known as *The Silver Rose Ceremony*. It honors and shares the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe by promoting respect for human life. Everyone is invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. Please contact Ed Leeson for more information at 815 468-7419.

Religious Education Classes for grades 1-8 begin on Wednesday, September 10 from 6:15—7:30pm for the 2025 / 26 year!

Registration forms will be emailed out. If you don't receive one or are a new family to the program, please email **StPaulRE@att.net** or called the RE Office at 708 258-9580.

If you know of any families interested in Religious Education classes, please have them contact Deacon Jim Kelly at 708 258-9580 or at **StPaulRE@att.net**.

Nancy Pilotto, Sheela Jose, Rev. Tom Ewing, Michael Doyle, Mary Ellen Hanlon, Ashley Doo- dy, Luke Payne, Dave Castaneda, Greg Nalepka, Kathleen Callahan, Deacon Mark Otten, Jeff Furtek, Charles Claxton, Tina Butler, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Karen Haa- ve, 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 Merri- field, 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 No- vak, Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita Hall, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne Mi- helic, 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.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Oct 15 – Dec 7

The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone will begin scheduling appointments Sep 1 for an annual review of Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans.

Premiums, drug tiers and formularies change from year to year. A review ensures you are on the best plan at the lowest cost.

Call 708-258-6917 Ext 5

Please leave your name and phone number



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sharon, his wife, and the family and friends of **MR. NORMAN J. ANDREWS, SR, 76**, who passed away August 17, 2025.

A graveside Memorial Service will be held at Skyline Memorial Park Cemetery (Monee) on Wednesday, August 27 at 10am.

+ May he rest in peace. +