

August 3, 2025

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FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES

Grades K through 8

Find us—

Facebook: "St. Paul the Apostle Peotone"

Website: StPaulPeotone.org

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office

RECONCILIATION: Thursday: 7:30pm to 8pm

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

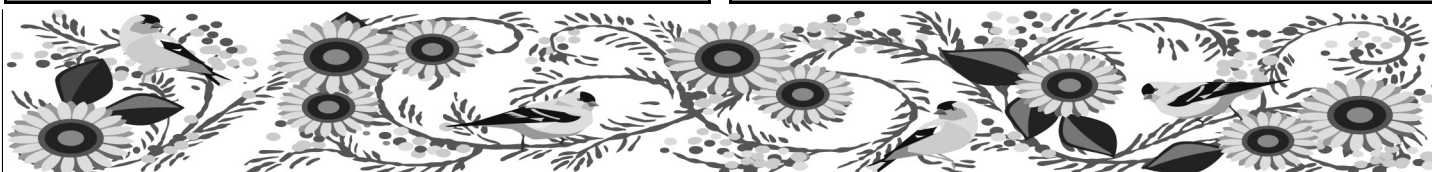
Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 6pm to 8pm

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



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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eccl. 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Today's Gospel presents a powerful reflection on the dangers of covetousness and the deceptive nature of material wealth. In this passage, Jesus is approached by someone in the crowd who asks him to tell his brother to divide an inheritance. Jesus refused to act as a judge in this worldly dispute. He uses this opportunity for a deeper teaching, and to warn the crowd saying "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions".

This warning is then vividly illustrated through the parable of the rich fool. The man in the parable is blessed with an abundant harvest, so much so that his existing barns are insufficient. His solution is to tear down his old barns and build larger ones, congratulating himself on his foresight and promising himself years of ease, eating, drinking, and merriment. He speaks to his soul as if it were a separate entity, something to be appeased and satisfied with earthly comforts.

However, his self-congratulation is unexpectedly shattered by the voice of God, who calls him a "fool." The rich man's meticulous planning for his future on earth is rendered utterly meaningless by the sudden intervention of death: "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" His vast accumulation of wealth, intended to secure his future, becomes utterly worthless in the face of eternity. He has no lasting legacy, no spiritual capital, and no true riches.



The parable concludes with Jesus' profound statement: "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." This final verse is the crux of the passage. It's not the possession of wealth itself that is condemned, but the attitude toward it. The obsessive accumulation for oneself, the reliance on it for security, and the failure to recognize one's dependence on God and one's responsibility to use resources for His purposes make one's life meaningless.

Why did God call the rich man 'fool'? He believed his wealth guaranteed him a secure future, which was an illusion. True security is found not in possessions but in a right relationship with God. The eternal truth is that death can come at any moment, and it brings an end to all earthly ambitions and possessions. Our focus should be on preparing for eternity rather than just for a comfortable earthly existence. Here Jesus challenges our common understanding of wealth. True riches are not material but spiritual – a life lived in accordance with God's will, characterized by generosity, faith, and love. Being "rich toward God" means investing in eternal values, using our resources to build His kingdom and care for others.

Today's Gospel gives us a timeless and essential warning. It calls us to examine our priorities, to guard our hearts against the insidiousness of greed, and to remember that our true worth and ultimate destiny are found not in what we possess, but in who we are in relation to God. It challenges us to live with an eternal perspective, investing in what truly lasts, and being "rich toward God."

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth, CMI

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.***

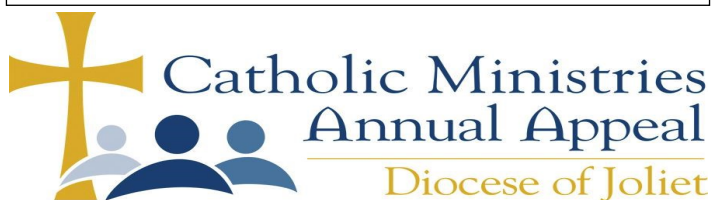
Classes are scheduled to begin in September.



COLLECTION SUMMARY: July 26—27, 2025:

Sunday Offertory*	\$2,945.00
Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Minus	\$ 260.53
Envelopes used / distributed	72 / 531
<i>*Includes 8 Online Givers</i>	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 200.00

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.



**CMAA Pledge Report for
St. Paul the Apostle Parish**

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made 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. As of 7/27/25:

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$39,467
AMOUNT PAID:	\$34,002
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 5,465
NUMBER of DONORS:	121
2025 REBATE:	\$12,881

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 Ladislav, Scott Rosenberg, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiacomo, 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 Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, the Adamsick Family, Cassidy Novak, Laverne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita Hall, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne Mihelic, 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.

*“Allow your soul the freedom to sing,
dance, praise, and love.”*

—St. Teresa of Avila



Make a will. Make an impact rooted in faith

August is national **Make-A-Will Month**, and there's no better time to create or update your will. The Diocese of Joliet is offering parishioners a free resource through FreeWill, a simple online tool that can help you plan ahead in about 20 minutes.

Your will reflects your values—caring for your loved ones, stewarding your blessings, and strengthening the Church for generations to come.

Visit **FreeWill.com/DiocesefJoliet** to put your faith into action.

ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 17, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL
Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpfr>



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Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	8/2	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	<u>In Thanksgiving</u> req by Parishioner and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	8/3	11:00 am—	+ <u>Hubert G. Bishop</u> req by Bob & Helen Lewis
Mon	8/4	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	8/5	8:30 am—	+ <u>Bishop Romeo Blanchette</u>
Wed	8/6	8:30 am—	+ <u>Dennis Kwain</u> req by Family
Thr	8/7	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:30 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	8/8	8:30 am—	+ <u>Pat Motyka</u> req by Family
Sat	8/9	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>John Pirog</u> req by Family
Sun	8/10	11:00 am—	+ <u>Donald Sheming and</u> <u>+Carolyn Meyer</u> req by Family

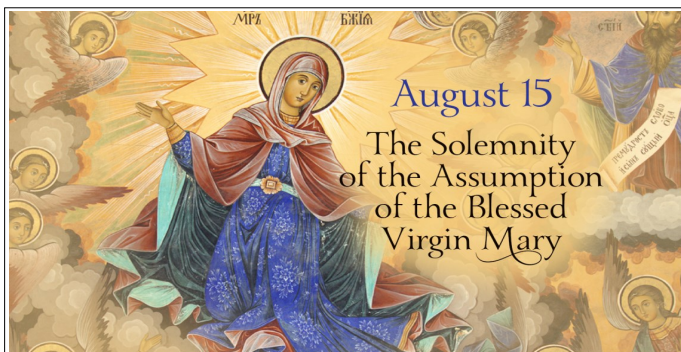
If you are attending a Mass that you requested an intention to be said for, please sign the gift bearer book in the rear of the church and let an usher know you are here if you wish to bring up the gifts.



POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS for AUGUST 2025:

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where co-existence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



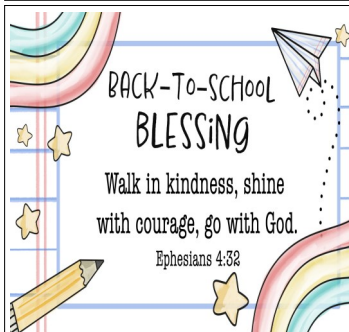
Friday, August 15, is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holy day of obligation.

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 and 7pm;
- St. Paul at 8:30am;
- St. Boniface at 8:30am;
- St. Liborius at noon and 7pm



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

St. Paul is on Facebook: Stay connected and be involved. Find us at “*St. Paul the Apostle Peotone*”, like and follow us to have parish events and updates from other Catholic interests sent right to your home computer or mobile device. It's a great way to know what is going on and maybe even get to know your fellow parishioners better.

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**, they will need to register in the **registration book** that will be available next weekend or **complete a form** that will appear in next week's bulletin. Couples who register will also receive an anniversary card.

HAPPY Anniversary