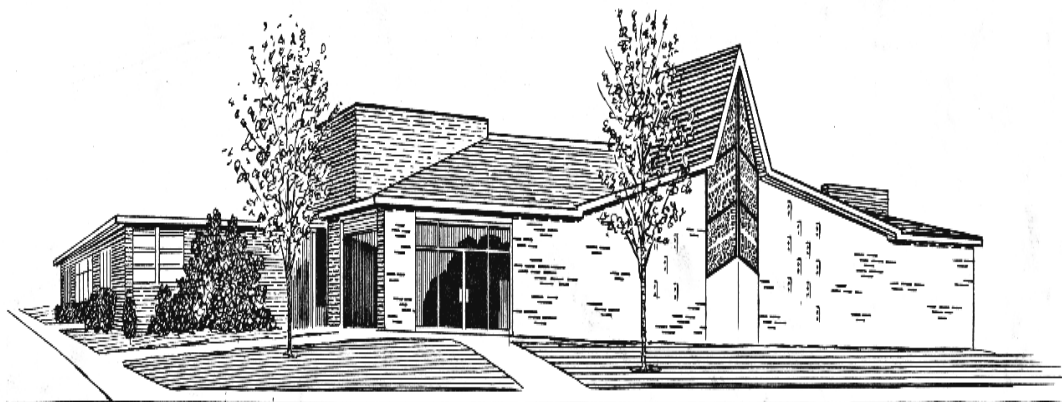




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August 30, 2026

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:

Are held at St. Joseph in Manteno

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

First Thursday, COFFEE AND

Join parishioners and friends for beverage and fellowship following
7:30am Mass **this Thursday, September 3.**

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	8/29	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
Mon	8/31	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	9/1	7:30 am—	+ <u>Dennis Kamowski</u> req by Family
Wed	9/2	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Thr	9/3	7:30 am—	+ <u>Bernard Powers</u> req by Family
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	9/4	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Sat	9/5	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Richard W. Strubin</u> req by Al & Jan Leffelman
Sun	9/6	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Roberto Davila, Sr.</u> req by the Esquivel Family and <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 from August 23-September 4 are given in memory of the deceased members of the Silkowski 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.



Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop Emeritus of Joliet (2011-2020), will celebrate 11am Mass at St. Paul on Sunday, September 13, 2026 in Father Thomas' absence.

COLLECTION SUMMARY: August 22—23, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,652.00
Minus	\$ 553.53
Envelopes used / distributed	74 / 468
<i>*Includes 6 Online Givers</i>	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 15.00



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 pray-
ers—priests, Deacons, Semi-
narians and Women & Men Re-
ligious in the Diocese of Joliet:

**AUGUST 2026**

29 Fr. J. Agustin Ortega Ruiz, Fr. William O'Shea
30 Fr. Michael Groth, Fr. Gregory Alberts
31 Sr. Ella Binz OSF, Sr. Christine Bowman OSF,
Sr. Ellen Mary Brenner OSF

SEPTEMBER 2026

1 Br. Charles Pratt O.H.
2 Dcns. Jack Hayes, Peter Houtman,
Phillip Leonard
3 Sr. Maria Brizuela OSF, Sr. Lois Ann Cline OSF,
Sr. Gloria Therese Cabrera OSF,
4 Fr. Dennis Paul, Fr. Thomas Paul
5 Sr. Mary-Lynn Danaher OSF,
Sr. Diane Martin OSF
6 Msgr. Michael Pawlowicz, Fr. Michael Pennock

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

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 generat-
ed beginning Sunday, September 6.



All those **wishing to remain** on
the bulletin prayer list, should e-mail
the bulletin editor no later than this
Monday, August 31 at
ParishOffice@stpaulpeotone.org or
call the office at 708 258-6917.



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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 Clax-
ton, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Arline
Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura
Valenti, Samantha Digiacomo, Julie Szudar-
ski, 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, Char-
lie 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.***

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals the necessity of his upcoming Passion, suffering, and death. When Peter rebukes him from suffering and death, for resisting God's plan, Jesus calls him 'Satan'. Peter accepts Jesus as the Christ, but conceives Messiahship in terms of temporal triumph with a kingly glory and power rather than self-giving love. Jesus explains that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. In Catholic theology, Christ's suffering is not a tragic dynamic forced upon him, but an act of obedient, uncalculating love that redeems humanity from sin (CCC 606–607).

Peter's reaction—rebuking Jesus—stems from human self-preservation. By calling Peter Satan (meaning adversary), Jesus exposes Peter's attempt to offer a cross-less redemption. Peter is told to get "behind" Jesus, means to returning to his proper posture as a follower, rather than attempting to lead the Master.

Catholic spiritual tradition sees Christ's command to his disciples as an invitation to participate in his Paschal Mystery, that is, his suffering, death and resurrection. This outlines the cost of true discipleship: taking up one's cross. Self-denial is not self-hatred; it is the detachment from disordered self-love, ego, and worldly comfort so that divine charity can occupy the center of one's heart.

Suffering is a universal human reality. Uniting daily trials, sickness, or duties with the Cross, transforms passive suffering into an active offering of sacrificial love. True life is not found by hoarding or protecting oneself, but through total self-gift—a core principle highlighted in *Gaudium et Spes* (CCC 1881).

In Catholic theology, redemptive suffering is the understanding that human suffering, when united with the Passion and Cross of Jesus Christ, takes on supernatural value and actively participates in Christ's redeeming work for the salvation of souls. The core of redemptive suffering rests on the mystery of the Mystical Body

of Christ. Because Christians are incorporated into Christ through Baptism, their experiences—including pain, sickness, grief, and self-sacrifice—are no longer isolated.

Christ's sacrifice on the Cross was intrinsically perfect and complete, but its application unfolds across human history through the members of his Body. Pope St. John Paul II wrote extensively on this in his apostolic letter *Salvifici Doloris* (1984), explaining that through the Cross, human suffering was redeemed and made an instrument for good.

By commanding believers to take up "their" cross, Jesus indicates that each person has a unique burden or

suffering intended for their journey. Taking up the cross means accepting life's hardships with trust rather than bitter resignation. Jesus does not ask his followers to carry a cross alone; he tells them to "follow me." The disciple walks behind the Master who has already borne the heaviest burden, meaning all human cross-bearing is done in communion with him. A common Catholic spiritual practice is explicitly offering daily discomforts, chronic illness, or emotional pain to God for specific intentions—such as the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, or the relief of souls in Purgatory. Suffering serves to detach the soul from ego, pride, and temporal attachments, refining virtue and deepening empathy for others who suffer.

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.

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)—

formerly known as RCIA—classes for the 2026–2027 academic year are currently forming at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Peotone, Illinois.



What is OCIA? It is a spiritual formation and instruction process for adults and children (age seven or older) who want to learn more about the Catholic faith, receive unreceived sacraments, or enter into full communion with the Church.

WHO IS IT FOR?

- o Unbaptized individuals.
- o Christians baptized in another faith tradition.
- o Baptized Catholics who still need to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion or Confirmation).
- o Individuals who want to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Church

WHEN DO CLASSES START? The program will begin their inquiry sessions and weekly classes after Labor Day, running through the Easter Vigil when sacraments are traditionally received. Classes continue after Easter until Pentecost Sunday.

COMMITMENT: Attending initial inquiry sessions carries no immediate obligation to join the Church. Actual meeting days/times (such as weekly meetings mornings, or nights on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays) will be determined once the registrations are complete.

To **REGISTER** or have **QUESTIONS**, to **RECEIVE** registration forms, **PLEASE** contact the parish by:
 -contacting Deacon Jim Kelly at: **StPaulReligiousEd@stpaulpeotone.org**, or calling 708 258-9580;
 -contacting the parish office at **ParishOffice@stpaulpeotone.org**,
 -checking the weekly bulletin and website at **StPaulPeotone.org**.

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.

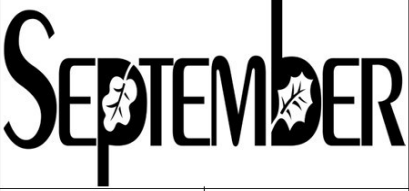


**Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish
as of August 23, 2026**

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:	\$26,700
AMOUNT PAID:	\$24,242
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 2,458
DONORS:	90
REBATE:	\$ 5,279

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 SERVING GOD'S FAMILY 9:45-11am	3 1st THURSDAY COFFEE and FELLOWSHIP after 7:30am MASS ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESION 7:15-7:45pm	4	5 CONFESION 3pm
6	7  LABOR DAY	8	9	10 ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESION 7:15-7:45pm	11	12 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING CONFESION 3pm
13 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING	14 CCW BOARD MEETING 6:30pm	15 EUCARIST BIBLE STUDY 9:30am / 6:30pm	16 SERVING GOD'S FAMILY 9:45-11am	17 SR. ASSIST 10am-3pm (by appointment) ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESION 7:15-7:45pm	18	19 CONFESION 3pm
20	21	22 EUCARIST BIBLE STUDY 9:30am / 6:30pm	23	24 ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESION 7:15-7:45pm	25	26 CONFESION 3pm
27	28	29 EUCARIST BIBLE STUDY 9:30am / 6:30pm	30  St. Jerome			



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.



OPERATION ANDREW DINNER

Young men and their fathers are invited to join Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories.

There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.

Queen of Apostles Parish
 18 Woodlawn Ave
 Joliet, IL 60435

OCT 1 | 6 PM

Open to high school and young adult age
 men and their fathers

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