

August 31, 2025

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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WORSHIP COMMISSION: Paula Prium

CHRISTIAN FORMATION / EDUCATION COMMISSION:

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FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:

Grades 1 through 8: Wednesday from 6:15pm—7:30pm

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: 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

"A Mass well attended in life will be more useful for your salvation than many others celebrated for you after your death!" —St. Padre Pio



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	8/30	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
Mon	9/1	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	9/2	8:30 am—	+ <u>Peter Claxton</u> req by the St. Paul Parish Family
Wed	9/3	8:30 am—	<u>Sophie Novoa Birthday Intentions</u> req by Family
Thr	9/4	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u> <u>NO CONFESSION</u>
Fri	9/5	8:30 am—	+ <u>Bernard Powers</u> req by Family
		3:00 pm—	<u>Merigold / Gaskin Wedding</u>
Sat	9/6	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Peter Claxton</u> req by Nancy Powers
Sun	9/7	11:00 am—	+ <u>Roberto Davila, Sr.</u> req by the Esquivel Family and <u>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.



POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS for SEPTEMBER 2025:

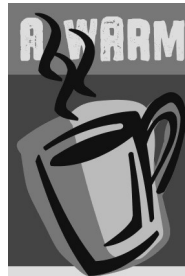
*For our relationship with
all of creation*

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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 **as soon as possible** at **StPaulRe@att.net**, call the office at 708 258-9580 or speak with Deacon Jim after Mass if you are interested in learning more **or if you have children in need of sacraments.**








WELCOME

You are warmly invited to join us this Tuesday, September 2 after 8:30am Mass for **COFFEE and SCONES**. Please RSVP to 708 258-6364 or 630 935-2073.

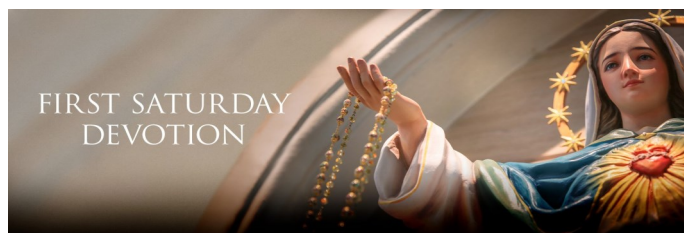
Our next **BAPTISMAL CLASS** is scheduled for **Thursday, September 4 at 6:30pm**. Parents and godparents are required to attend a class before making arrangements for the baptism of their child. If parents and godparents have attended a baptismal class within the last two years, there is no need to attend again. We encourage you to attend the class during your pregnancy so there will be no delay in your child's baptism. If



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 COFFEE and SCONES after MASS K of C BUSINESS MEETING 7pm	3	4 ADORATION 6-8pm BAPTISMAL CLASS 6:30pm NO CONFESSION	5 MERIGOLD / GASKIN WEDDING 3pm	6 MASS / BREAKFAST at ST. JOSEPH 9am CONFESSION 3pm MASS 4pm
7 SNACK & CHAT after 11am MASS	8 CCW GENERAL MEETING 6:30pm	9 	10 SERVING GOD'S FAMILY 9:45-11am RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	11 ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	12	13 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS CONFESSION 3pm MASS 4pm
14 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS K of C ORANGE SHIRT MASS	15	16	17 RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	18 SENIOR ASSISTANCE 10-3pm by appointment ADORATION 6-8pm NO CONFESSION	19	20 CONFESSION 3pm MASS 4pm
21 CATECHETICAL SUNDAY	22	23	24 RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	25 ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	26	27 CONFESSION 3pm MASS 4pm
28	29 	30 			MASS (or COMMUNION SERVICE) at BEECHER MANOR on THURSDAY at 10AM	COMMUNION SERVICE (or MASS) at the ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME at MANTENO on TUESDAY at 2PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church (175 S. Main St / Manteno) has invited St. Paul parishioners to join them this Saturday, September 6, 2025 for **First Saturday Mass at 9am with a breakfast of casseroles, fruit and sweet rolls following.** The Rosary will be prayed at 8:30am.

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



**Please note
corrected
date**



**Join us for the
Diocese of Joliet**

JUBILEE MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Pilgrims of Hope

**Saturday, October 4, 2025
11:00 AM**

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL

RSVP by scanning
the QR code or by
calling 815-221-6192



Questions? Call Jim Elias 815-221-6134

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir. 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a;
Lk 14:1, 7-14

Jesus challenges the social conventions of his time, which were based on status and reciprocity. In the first part of the passage Jesus observes how guests at a wedding feast were choosing the places of honor, and he uses this social event to teach a lesson on humility. He observes guests vying for the best seats and advises them to instead take the lowest place when invited to a wedding. The reasoning is simple yet profound: it is better to be invited by the host to "move up higher" in the presence of others than to be publicly asked to "move down lower." This is an illustration of the principle that true honor comes from humility, not from self-exaltation. This principle inverts the worldly system, suggesting that those who humble themselves will be exalted, and those who exalt themselves will be humbled. This is a core theme throughout Jesus' teachings, emphasizing that God's kingdom operates on a different set of values than the values of the world.

This parable isn't just a guide to social etiquette; it's a reflection on spiritual principles. Jesus concludes with a powerful proverb: "For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." This idea of eschatological reversal—where the last will be first and the first will be last in God's kingdom—is a recurring theme in Luke's Gospel. The ultimate "host" is God, who honors the humble and brings down the proud.



The second part of the passage shifts from the behavior of a guest to the actions of a host. Jesus advises the host not to invite only friends, brothers, relatives, or wealthy neighbors, who can invite you in return. He challenges this common social practice by urging the host to invite those who cannot reciprocate: the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. Jesus promises that if one invites those who cannot repay, they will be blessed. The reward for this act of radical hospitality is not worldly repayment but rather a "repayment at the resurrection of the just." This highlights a significant aspect of Christian ethics: genuine generosity should be driven by love and compassion, not by the expectation of return. It is an act of faith that God will provide the ultimate reward. This type of hospitality reflects God's own character, as He welcomes those who are marginalized and in need.

Jesus assures the host that they will be "repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." This teaching highlights that true generosity is about selfless giving to those in need. It reflects the radical, inclusive nature of God's love, which extends to all, especially those who are marginalized and cannot "pay back" His grace.

Today's gospel passage serves as a powerful reminder that the values of God's kingdom are radically different from the values of the world. It calls for a life of humility, where we don't seek our own honor, and selfless hospitality, where we give without expecting anything in return.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI

Father Thomas will be at Convocation with the Priests of the Diocese from September 16—18.



**Our Pastor
Will Be Away**

COMMUNION SERVICES instead of Masses will be held at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 17. There will be no confession on Thursday, September 18.

Father Thomas will have **OFFICE HOURS** on:

—Tuesday after 8:30am Mass until 10:30am;

—Wednesday after 8:30am Mass until 10:30am;

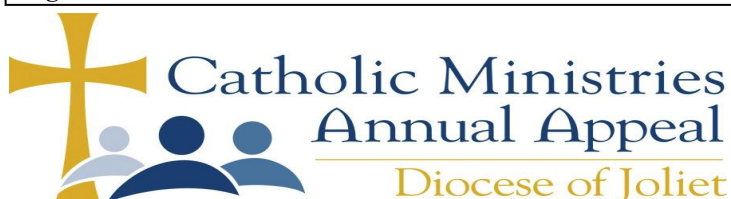
—Thursday from 5—6pm;

—Friday after 8:30am Mass until 10:30am

or by appointment.



**Pastor's
Office Hours**



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. 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 8/24/25:

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$40,192
AMOUNT PAID:	\$36,537
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 3,655
NUMBER of DONORS:	121
2025 REBATE:	\$14,656

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

JUBILEE YEAR of HOPE PRAYER

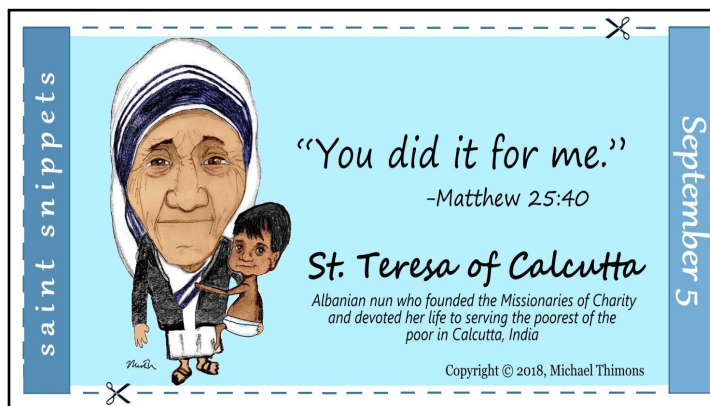
Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have gifted us in
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity*
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us, the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds
that make humanity and the cosmos rise
unto the confident expectation
of the new heavens and the new earth,
when with the powers of Evil overcome,
your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
the yearning for heavenly treasures
and pour over all the earth
the joy and peace
of our Redeemer.
To you God blessed
in eternity,
be praise and glory for ever
and ever.
Amen.



The *Jubilee Year of Hope* continues until
January 6, 2026.



The St. Paul Council of Catholic Women invites you to a back-to-school **SNACK & CHAT** next Sunday, September 7 after 11am Mass;

There will be a general **CCW MEETING** on Monday, September 8 at 6:30pm. All women of the parish are welcome to attend to hear of upcoming events;

UNDY SUNDAY will be coming up in October!



COLLECTION SUMMARY: August 23—24, 2025

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,224.00
Plus	\$ 18.47
Envelopes used / distributed	82 / 531
<i>*Includes 8 Online Givers</i>	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 50.00

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**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.

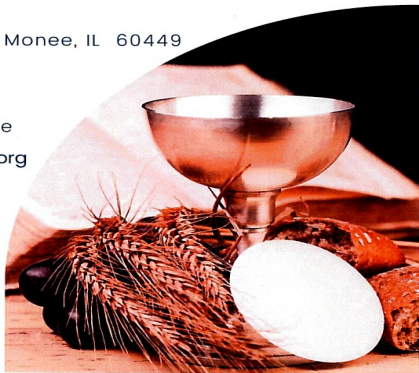
MISA DOMINICAL

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

SEPTIEMBRE 7 12:30PM

St. Boniface
5304 W Main St, Monee, IL 60449
(708) 754-1363
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stbonifacemonee.org

**Primer
misa en
español!**



Sheela Jose, Rev. Tom Ewing, Michael Doyle, Mary Ellen Hanlon, Ashley Doody, Luke Payne, Dave Castaneda, Greg Napleka, Kathleen Callahan, Deacon Mark Otten, Jeff Furtek, Charles Claxton, Tina Butler, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Karen Haave, Dorothy Simikowski, Deacon Milt Leppert, Joe Ladislav, Scott Rosenberg, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiaco, 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 Libreria Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Libreria, the Adamsick Family, Cassidy Novak, Lavergne Sigris, 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.

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

Registration forms were 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**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

-HM2 Chuck Claxton (Navy—29 Palms, CA)
-AN Chase Clyden (Navy—Asian Seas)
-SFC Nicholas Hupke (Army)
-MAJ Jori Ingersoll (Air Force—Washington State)
-SSGT Nate Kijowski (Marines)
-PVT Jake L. O'Connor (Marines)
-SSG Sean Rodgers (Army—Ft. Campbell, KY)
-CAPT Joseph Walan (Air Force—Las Vegas, NV)

Son of Dennis & Pat Claxton
Grandson of Laura (Tom) Jacques;
Great-nephew of Barbara Grantz
Nephew of Paula (Fred) Prium
Daughter of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.
Son of Debbie (John) Ziolkowski Kijowski
Grandson of Marge Brooke
Grandson of Barbara Grantz;
Great-nephew of Laura (Tom) Jacques
Son of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.



Please pray for their safety, spiritual and physical well being and that God will give His peace to their parents and families.