

December 24, 2023

**ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Peotone, IL 60468-9290

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**PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER:** Paula Prium

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**CCW PRESIDENT:** Maura Culver

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**FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:**

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**CHRISTIAN FORMATION / EDUCATION COMMISSION:**

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**FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:**

Grades K through 8: Sunday from 8:45am-10:15am

Find us—

Facebook: "St. Paul the Apostle Peotone"

Website: [StPaulPeotone.org](http://StPaulPeotone.org)

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** By appointment  
**RECONCILIATION:** Thursday: 7:30pm to 8pm  
Saturday: 3pm to 3:45pm  
Any time by appointment

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** t / b / a  
**FIRST COMMUNION:** Sunday, April 28, 2024

**CONFIRMATION:** Saturday, May 11, 2024

**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:** 10:30am  
**Daily Mass:** Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri 7:15am  
**Communion Service:** Tuesday 7:15am

**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

**All 2023 contributions must be received in the church office by next Sunday, December 31, 2023 to be included in your 2023 contribution statement.**

**Thank-you for your generosity!**



**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.

**COLLECTION SUMMARY: December 16—17, 2023**

Sunday Offertory*	\$2,770.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
<b>Minus</b>	<b>\$ 595.38</b>
Envelopes used / distributed	72 / 528

**\*Includes 8 Online Givers**

Advent / Christmas Environment	\$ 95.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 95.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 625.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 126.00

Secure and convenient **ONLINE**

**GIVING** is available at

[GiveCentral.org](https://GiveCentral.org).

Please put in zip code 60468 to find the St. Paul portal.



Are you a Catholic man 18 or older? Do you want to volunteer for your church and community? Are you ready to put your Faith into Action? Come learn about the Knights of Columbus! You can obtain information by contacting Membership Coordinator Dan Mott at 708 277-7086 or [mottd@rushenterprises.com](mailto:mottd@rushenterprises.com); contacting Grand Knight Patrick Frencl, visiting with any current member of the Knights or visiting our website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).



Christmas time, do not forget a gift to the **Helping Hands Food Pantry**. The pantry does their best in providing more than food during the holidays. Your donations have a big impact on the community. The donation box and envelopes are located in the entrances. Every dollar in cash equals \$8 of purchasing power for the pantry.



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**Arline Clark**, Mary Jo Fry, Ann Nagel, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiacomio, Julie Szudarski, Joe Ladislas, Owen Ruhbeck, Sharon Andrews, Sue Gomez, Joan Olsen, CJ Ogalla-Arebalo, Aris Tomac, Joe Rojas, Terry & Mary Urbanek, June O'Flynn, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Ray Romito, Francesca Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Harry & Geri Mokry, Carole Reichert, Deacon Milt Leppert, Pastor Richard Young, Joseph Terri, John Fahs, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, Mary Ann Librera, the Adamsick Family, Cassidy Novak, Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita Hall, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne Mihelic, Irene Manning, the Robert Polacek family, Rich Harms, TJ Stefanski, Linda Galica, all affected by COVID-19 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.**

Merry Christmas

"O sublime humility!  
That the Lord of  
the whole universe,  
God and the Son of  
God, should humble  
himself like this  
for our salvation."  
-St. Francis of Assisi

December 25

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—**2024 CALENDARS**, courtesy of **Fedde-Helfrich-Cross Funeral Home**, will hopefully arrive by next weekend. Thanks for your patience!;

—**OPLATKI** is available for a \$3 donation / packet in the lobby or from the church office;

—**KEEP CHRIST in CHRISTMAS** car magnets are available in the lobby for a \$3 donation;

—The CCW would like to gift each family with a copy of **THE ROCKING CHAIR PROPHET**, by Matthew Kelly. Copies are in the lobbies.



# Mass Intentions

Sat	12/23	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Steve J. Potaczek, Sr.;</u></b> + <b><u>Eugene J. Potaczek</u></b> req by Family
Sun	12/24	10:30 am—	<b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>
		3:45 pm—	<b><u>POSADA BEGINS</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Deceased Members of the</u></b> <b><u>John &amp; Myra Thatcher Family</u></b> req by Gary & Janet Hase
		10:30 pm—	<b><u>R.A. Brass Ensemble begins</u></b>
		11:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Walter Stumbris</u></b> req by Family and + <b><u>Tom Adamsick;</u></b> + <b><u>Rudy &amp; Rosemary Adamsick;</u></b> + <b><u>Wilbur &amp; Estelle Zirzow</u></b> req by Family
Mon	12/25	10:30 am—	<b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>
Tue	12/26	7:15 am—	<b><u>Communion Service</u></b>
Wed	12/27	7:15 am—	+ <b><u>Dale Knickrehm</u></b> req by the Knickrehm Family
Thr	12/28	7:15 am—	+ <b><u>Helen Stumbris</u></b> <b><u>(rescheduled from 12/15/23)</u></b> req by Family
		6:00 pm—	<b><u>ADORATION</u></b> <b><u>NO CONFESSION</u></b>
Fri	12/29	7:15 am—	<b><u>Celebrant's Intention</u></b>
Sat	12/30	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Jim &amp; Mary Lou Kelly</u></b> req by Elaine Doyle and <b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>
Sun	12/31	10:30 am—	<b><u>Blessings on</u></b> <b><u>Frank &amp; Mary Jo Fry</u></b>
		2:00 pm—	<b><u>Davis / Raymond Wedding</u></b>

*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 FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for DECEMBER 2023:

### For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Would you like to remember your living or deceased loved ones at one of our Masses in 2024? Perhaps for the anniversary of their death, to celebrate their birthday, wedding anniversaries or for their health. We have Mass cards, on request. For more information, please call the office at 708 258-6917.



### CMAA Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle

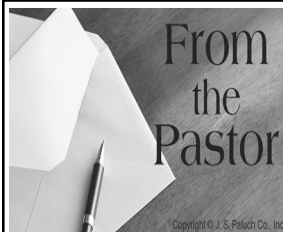
Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should continue to be made. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will fulfill our pledges. Since we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

As of December 17, 2023:

<b>PARISH GOAL:</b>	\$16,700
<b>AMOUNT PLEDGED:</b>	\$31,670
<b>AMOUNT PAID:</b>	\$30,555
<b>REMAINING BALANCE:</b>	\$ 1,115
<b># of DONORS:</b>	117
<b>2023 REBATE:</b>	\$ 9,699



**St. Michael the Archangel**, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



As we approach Christmas, we are ready to once again ponder on the great mystery of Incarnation, God's intervention in human history through the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. We are learning about this kind of balance between what God does for our salvation and what He still leaves for us to do on our own. It is not always easy for us to keep a balance between doing our part and letting God do His part. Some tend to be lazy and self-absorbed. For these, the great temptation is presumption, presuming that God will just make everything work out fine, and therefore not making an effort to help build up the Church or spread the faith. Others tend to be control freaks. These are always doing a thousand things at a time, and when their plans don't work out, or God's providence throws a wrench into the schedule, they are tempted to become discouraged.

How then can we avoid laziness and presumption? How can we avoid getting stressed, depressed, or obsessed? The answer is - prayer. A healthy prayer life - which is an ongoing project - gives God an open channel of communication to our soul. And so He can always send us whatever we need most, whether it's courage or comfort. When we prayerfully read the Bible, its inspired words speak to our hearts. When we adore the Blessed Sacrament, God's grace fills us with supernatural strength and understanding. When we walk with Blessed Virgin Mary through the mysteries of the Rosary, she teaches us how to say yes to God, without forgetting that He is the senior partner.

God's wonderful plan of salvation is a partnership. As we prepare to welcome Him into our hearts, in a special way, on Christmas, let's promise Him that, through hard work and heartfelt prayer, we will always strive to do our part well.

Merry Christmas.

+ Rev. Roger D. Kutzner

WEDDING BANNERS

**BANN OF MARRIAGE II**

Kevin Marc Davis

and

Angelina Rose Raymond

Being away from St. Paul?

Find a Mass at [www.MASSTIMES.org](http://www.MASSTIMES.org).

For your convenience, copies of previous

**St. Paul bulletins** are available  
in the lobbies.

## Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

Basement

175 S. Main St., Manteno, IL 60950

**Thursday, December 28, 2023**

**1:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

For an appointment call 815-468-7419 or  
visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate  
blood by using RapidPass! Visit [RedCross-  
Blood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCross-Blood.org/RapidPass) for more information.

*Sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus  
Manteno*



**RE / FF Christmas Vacation:** Sunday, December 24 through January 6.

Classes resume Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2024.

*We hope to see all families at Mass during the Christmas season and beyond.*

*Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

**ADVENT / CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT DONATIONS  
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE  
IN HONOR / MEMORY OF:**

**-Ms. Kathleen Anderson**

Angeline Kocis  
Martin Kocis  
Mark Varner

**-Mr. & Mrs. Robert Astroth**

Bob & Jean Astroth  
Mary Kay Astroth  
Bob & Doris Kuhn  
Tony & Mary Lou Issert

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Charles Ubrizzi  
Papa & Nana Gacek  
Grandma Ubrizzi  
Sue Sherman  
Ralene Burge

**-Mr. James Butler**

Fr. Jim Lennon

**-M/M David Castaneda**

Stacy  
Parents  
Arthur  
Linda  
Brian

**-M/M Dennis Claxton**

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Earl & Dolores Vieaux

**-M/M Patrick Frencl**

Joseph Chirafisi  
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**-M/M Jose Fulgencio**

Sabino Herrera  
Rafaela Guzman  
Ester Herrera

**-M/M Chester Furtek**

M/M J. Barnas  
M/M A. Furtek  
M/M E. Furtek  
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**-Simonette Gayer**

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**-M/M Antonio Gradi, Sr.**

**-M/M Jose Guerrero**

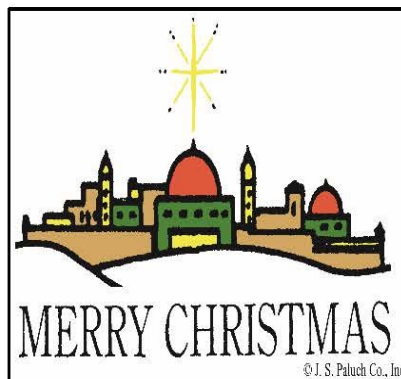
**-M/M Richard Harms**  
Farrell and Harms Families

**-M/M Gary Hase**

Herb & Catherine Hase  
John & Myra Thatcher  
Joyce Albers  
John, Joe & Jim, Jr. Thatcher

**-M/M Norman Hecht**

Dan & Joyce Hecht  
Ed & Toni Cieply  
Craig Cieply



**-Mrs. Carol Henderson**

Jim Henderson

**-Mrs. Marsha Henning**

Arnold Henning  
Marie Hansen

**-Mrs. Barbara Hodgett**

Al & Mike Hodgett  
Ed & Edna Kolar

**-M/M Thomas Jacques**

**-M/M James M. Kelly**

Kelly Family  
Weiss Family

**-Mrs. Betty Knickrehm**

Dale Knickrehm

**-Mrs. Marilyn Koscielski**

Wayne Koscielski

**-M/M Bruce Kreja**

Sostarich Family  
Kreja Family  
Cammiso Family

**-M/M Thomas Leddy**

Pat Bruno  
Nancy Bruno  
Josephine Zaharopoulos  
Nick Zaharopoulos  
Tracy Cologne  
Jandy Winder

**-M/M Alan Leffelman**

Leffelman Family  
Stachowiak Family

**-M/M Robert Lewis**

**-Mr. Theodore Litak**  
Theodore & Mary Litak

**-M/M Todd McArdle**

M/M Joseph Rancatore  
Mrs. Lucille McArdle  
M/M Henry Sadowski

**-M/M Robin Merigold**

John Jurcev, Sr.  
Charles Merigold

**M/M James M. Morgan**

Gerald, Mary &  
Tom Bisping  
Ruth Harrell

**-M/M Donald Neybert**

Jim O'Grady  
Charlotte Neybert  
Ed & Edna Kolar  
Lovell & Melva O'Grady  
Alfred & Elizabeth Neybert

**-Mrs. Noreen O'Connor**  
 Richlik Family  
 Collins Family  
 O'Connor Family

**-Mrs. June O'Flynn**  
 Bob Flannery  
 Bill O'Flynn

**-M/M Dennis O'Neill**  
 O'Neill & Rute Family

**-M/M David Lee Osmolski**  
 Lois Kramer  
 Frank Kramer  
 Lois Osmolski  
 Peter Osmolski

**-M/M Larry Pilotto**  
 Deceased of:  
 Pilotto Family  
 Kudlo Family  
 Wendt Family  
 Fuss Family

**-M/M John Porcelli**  
 Vincent Porcelli  
 Basha Madina  
 Kumari Madina

**-Mr. Steve Potaczek, Jr.**  
 Steve Potaczek, Sr.  
 Joan Potaczek  
 Eugene Potaczek

**-M/M Timothy Reed**  
 Dale Knickrehm  
 Tom & Elsie Reed

**-Mrs. Betsy Richter**  
 Gene Richter

**-Eugenia Scheiman**

**-M/M Brian Schubbe**  
 Deceased members of the  
 Schubbe & Mitchell Families

**-Ms. Peggy Schwiesow**  
 Schwiesow Family  
 McCoy Family

**-Mr. Thomas Skill**  
 Josephine Skill  
 Edward & Marion Skill  
 Stella & Walter Warszalek  
 Thomas & Frieda Mullen  
 Dorothy & Gil Hasbrook

**-M/M Kazimierz Slaby**  
 Wladyslaw Slaby

**-M/M Donald Stiglich**  
 M/M Stiglich  
 M/M Sapinski

**-Mrs. Alice Stephens**  
 Robert Stephens

**-M/M Richard Strubin**  
 Ester Berka  
 Harold Berka  
 Winifred Strubin  
 Richard Strubin

**-M/M David Szewka**  
 Walter & Catherine Stromek  
 Anthony & Valeria Szewka  
 Frank & Stella Jamroz  
 Joseph & Julia Stromek  
 Stan & Genevieve Sarnt

**-M/M Arnold Szudarski**  
 Floyd Szudarski  
 Albina Szudarski  
 Charles Janus  
 Sophie Janus

**-Mrs. Jeanne Vinezeano**  
 Anthony D. Vinezeano

**-M/M Mark Vitkauskas**

**-M/M Rodney Williams**  
 Ed & Ruth Marcinkowski  
 Russ & Millie Williams



**MERRY  
 CHRISTMAS &  
 NEW YEAR  
 BLESSINGS!**

*We'd like to take  
 this opportunity to  
 thank our  
 parishioners and  
 visitors for their  
 continued generous  
 donations to the  
 parish.*

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*We'd like to thank  
 our Liturgical  
 Ministers, Ministers  
 of Care, Building &  
 Grounds, Music,  
 Environment, Video,  
 Hospitality and  
 Religious Education  
 / Faith Formation  
 volunteers.*

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*We'd like to thank  
 our parish staff  
 and clergy.*

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*We'd like to thank  
 all our parish  
 organizations.*

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