

December 28, 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

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: December 10, 2025

FIRST COMMUNION: To be announced

CONFIRMATION: May 9, 2026 at 11am

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 Thurs 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 Parish Staff wishes all a very Blessed New Year!



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.

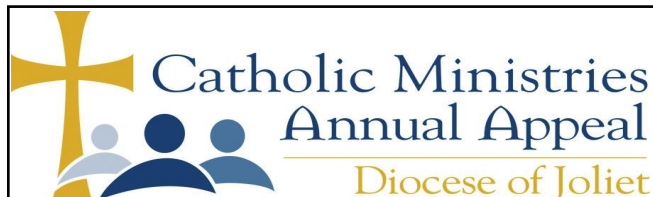
Mass Intentions For The Week

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Sat	12/27	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Bernard Powers</u> req by Family and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	12/28	11:00 am—	<u>In Thanksgiving of</u> <u>John & Rylee Schubbe's</u> <u>First Wedding Anniversary</u>
Mon	12/29	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	12/30	8:30 am—	+ <u>Bernadine Koomar;</u> + <u>Mike Koomar</u> req by Julie Koomar
Wed	12/31		<u>NO COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Thr	1/1	9:00 am—	<u>People of the Parish</u> <u>NO ADORATION</u> <u>NO CONFESSION</u>
Fri	1/2	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Sat	1/3	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Peter Claxton</u> req by Tim & Cindy Reed
Sun	1/4	11:00 am—	+ <u>David Neybert</u> req by Tim & Cindy Reed 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.



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid. 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 12/21/25:

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$36,067
AMOUNT PAID:	\$35,152
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 915
NUMBER of DONORS:	122
2025 REBATE:	\$13,686

RE / FF Christmas Break continues through January 6.

Classes resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

We hope to see all families at Mass during the Christmas season and beyond. Have a blessed and Happy New Year!

O Lord, let my
New Year's resolution
be to 
follow you
more closely
and to
trust in your
loving guidance.

Let's **MAKE** Disciples for Jesus!

Download and read Bishop Hicks' new pastoral letter, MAKE, to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in your community.



MAKE.diojoliet.org

**MAKE**A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet

¡Hagamos discípulos para Jesús!

Descargue y lea la nueva carta pastoral del Obispo Hicks, MAKE, para descubrir cómo usted y sus seres queridos pueden vivir como discípulos y ayudar a hacer otros discípulos en su comunidad.



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There will be a **FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on Wednesday, January 7 at 5:30pm;

There will be a **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30pm



The Knights of Columbus continue to collect non perishable food items in boxes in the lobbies at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Please be especially generous during this holiday season. Donations support local pantries like Helping Hands and others.

Looking for a New Year's resolution? Join our local Knights of Columbus St. Paul the Apostle Council. You will be glad you did! Contact Grand Knight Ron LeClaire at 708-204-6277 for more information and to get started.

COLLECTION SUMMARY: December 20—21, 2025

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,932.00
Minus	(\$1,763.53)
Envelopes used / distributed	74 / 531

**Includes 6 Online Givers*

Christmas	\$ 45.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Advent / Christmas Environment	\$ 30.00
Providing for Our Future	\$1,847.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 45.00

COLLECTION SUMMARY: December 24—25, 2025

Christmas Collection	\$8,548.75
Envelopes used / distributed	79 / 531

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.



Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Our warmest wishes to all who celebrate with us. If you are not registered at St. Paul or need to make changes, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office (511 N. Conrad Street / Peotone, IL 60468).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

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Phone _____

Email Address _____

- () New Parishioner, please contact me
- () New Address or New Phone Number
- () Moving—Please remove from membership list
- () Email—Please add email address to your records
- () Interested in becoming Catholic
- () Please send envelopes
- () Interested in Religious Education
- () **Interested in Ministry Programs**
- () Would like to be contacted by a priest

Thursday, January 1, 2026 is the
SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD
—a Holy Day of Obligation

VIGIL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT:

St. Joseph (Manteno)	4pm	December 31, 2025
St. Patrick (Wilton Center)	4pm	December 31, 2025
St. Liborius (Steger)	4:30pm	December 31, 2025

St Boniface (Monee) 8:30am January 1, 2026

St. Paul (Peotone) 9:00am January 1, 2026

St. Boniface (Monee) 12:30pm January 1, 2026 Spanish



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

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 need to register in the **registration book in the lobby**. Couples who register will also receive an anniversary card.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mat 2:13-15, 19-23

The life of the Holy Family in Nazareth was outwardly ordinary, yet profoundly extraordinary. It was a dwelling where God was at the center, transforming the everyday routine of a carpenter's home into a school of holiness. It can be said that it was a sanctuary of faith and love. The most striking characteristic of the Holy Family is their unwavering trust in God. Their journey was filled with uncertainty, displacement, and fear.



Her immediate "Yes" to the angel, *"Let it be done to me according to your word,"* demonstrated a radical surrender to a plan she could not possibly comprehend. Joseph, the "just man," repeatedly obeyed God's commands delivered through dreams—taking Mary as his wife, fleeing to Egypt, and returning to Nazareth—without question or hesitation. His actions teach us to prioritize God's direction over personal comfort and fear. Even Jesus, as a boy, *"was obedient to them"* (Luke 2:51), showing that even the Son of God honored and submitted to His earthly parents, modeling perfect filial piety. Our lives, like theirs, are not exempt from trials (poverty, displacement, anxiety), but if we place our faith and trust in God's providence, we will find the strength to persevere.

The characteristics of the Holy Family:

- (1) Love, Mutual Respect, and Unity: The Holy Family provides a blueprint for what it means to be a loving community—often called the "Domestic Church."
- (2) Sacrificial Love: Joseph worked to provide for his family and protected them, while Mary nurtured the home. Their love for one another was not selfish but flowed from their shared, deeper love for Jesus and for God's plan.

- (3) Presence and Patience: Imagine the daily life: the sawdust and hard work of Joseph, the simple chores of Mary, and Jesus growing in *"wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man"* (Luke 2:52). They were a family that was present to one another, valuing connection over worldly pursuits.
- (4) Forgiveness and Understanding: The one glimpse we have of family anxiety—losing Jesus in the Temple—shows Mary and Joseph's profound worry, followed by Jesus' challenging response.

Our families, no matter how "flawed" or "dysfunctional" they may seem, are called to be places of sanctuary. We are challenged to practice the core virtues of kindness, humility, patience, and forgiveness with those closest to us. Ultimately, what makes this family **HOLY** is the presence of Jesus Christ. Their lives were defined by their call to serve and raise Jesus. Their journey to Jerusalem for the Passover, even with a twelve-year-old Jesus, shows a commitment to religious traditions and worship as a family.

The Holy Family reminds us that a truly holy family is one that is Christ-centered. When every member looks to Jesus—when prayer and service to God's will are prioritized—the household naturally becomes a source of light, love, and grace. The Holy Family is not an unreachable ideal of perfect domestic bliss, but rather a model of how to navigate the very human challenges of life—poverty, fear, work, and raising children—by putting God first and practicing unconditional love and respect for one another.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI



All 2025 contributions must be *received* in the church office by Tuesday, December 30, 2025 to be included in your 2025 contribution statement. Thank-you for your generosity!

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

-M/M Gary Adams
Van Yunker
Loretta Yunker
Steven Yunker

-M/M Gerald Adcock
M/M J. Adcock, M/M C. Adcock
M/M K. Baczynski, Joey Wiziecki
M/M E. Bender, M/M S. Martinkus

-Mrs. Sharon Andrews
Norman, Sr., Norman, Jr.
Anthony, Sue G.,
Kristie

-Dr. & Mrs. Robert Astroth
Bob & Doris Kuhn
Mary Jean Astroth
Mary Kay Astroth
Robert Astroth

-M/M David Basile
Anthony Vinezeano

-M/M Donald Brooks
Ralph Johnston
Hellen Johnston
William Johnston

-M/M Randal Burge
Walter Gacek
Ralene Burge

-Ms. Kathleen Callahan
Marie Grove
Helen & John Callahan
Bob Grove
Bill Egebrecht

-M/M Ed Carriel
Bernard DeVine
Catherine DeVine
Richard Carriel
Dorothy Carriel

-M/M David Castaneda
Castaneda Family
Compton Family

-M/M Dennis Claxton
Peter Claxton
Kapocius Family
Claxton Family

-M/M Kevin Culver
Jim & Chris Butler
Gordon & Violet Butler
Eddie Wantuch
Christopher Day
Mark Bantz

-Mrs. Dolorita Farmer-Gordon
The Hennebry Family
The Gruender Family



-M/M David Frederick
De & Earl Vieaux

-M/M Patrick Frencl
Joseph Chirafisi

-M/M Jose Fulgencio
Sabino Herrera
Rafaela Guzman
Estela Herrera
Elena Herrera
Aide

-M/M Jose Guerrero

-M/M James Hansel
Betsy Crandall
Paul & Bev Crandall
Paul Bailweber

-M/M Richard Harms
Deceased of Farrell and
Harms Family

-M/M Gary Hase
John & Myra Thatcher & family
Herbert & Catherine Hase & family

-M/M Norman Hecht
Craig Cieply
Dan Hecht
Gary Hecht
Doris Brams

-Mrs. Carol Henderson
Jim Henderson
Kay Clifford

-M/M Thomas Henderson
Al & Connie Sumera
Jim & Alice Henderson

-Mrs. Marsha Henning
Timothy Julian
Marie Hansen

-Mrs. Barbara Hodgett
Ed & Edna Kolar
Al Hodgett
Mike Hodgett

-M/M Thomas Jacques
Joseph & Anna Jacques
Joseph & Angeline Urick

-M/M James M. Kelly
Patrick Kelly
Therese Kelly
Richard Weiss
Katherine Weiss

-M/M Bruce Kreja
Sostarich Family
Kreja Family
Cammiso Family

-M/M Thomas Leddy
Patricia Bruno
Nancy Bruno
Michael Bruno
Josephine Zaharopoulos
Sandy Winder
Donna Bruno

-M/M Alan Leffelman
Leffelman Family
Stachowiak Family

-M/M Robert Lewis
Lewis Family
Audette Family
Hauert Family
Hoch Family
Hayden Family

-Mr. Theodore Litak
Theodore & Mary B. Litak
Stanley & Mary Litak
John & Mary Gulik

-Mr. Adolf Lippl

-M/M William Lund

-M/M Todd McArdle
M/M Joseph Rancatore
M/M Henry Sadowski
Lucille McArdle

—OVER—

-M/M Genero Meza

R. Meza

-M/M Armand Napoleon, Jr.

Armando & Mary Napoleon
Nicholas & Pauline D'amico

-M/M Dennis Nehmer

-M/M Donald Neybert

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

-M/M David Lee Osmolski

Lois Kramer
Frank Kramer
Lois Osmolski
Peter Osmolski

-Mrs. Rosemarie Ponton

-Mr. Steve Potaczek, Jr.

Steve J. Potaczek, Sr.
Joan J. Potaczek
Eugene Potaczek
Pearl Ostrowski

-M/M Timothy Reed

Dale & Betty Knickrehm
Tom & Elsie Reed

-Mrs. Betsy Richter

Gene Richter

-M/M Brian Schubbe

Deceased relatives of the Schubbe &
Mitchell Families

-Ms. Peggy Schwiesow

Daryl Schwiesow
Bob & Margaret Schwiesow

-M/M Richard Strubin

Esther Berka
Harold Berka
Winifred Strubin
Richard W. Strubin

-M/M David Szewka

Walter & Catherine Stromek
Anthony & Valeria Szewka
Stanley & Gen Sarna
Frank & Stella Jamroz
Louis & Casey Jamroz



-M/M Arnold Szudarski

Albina Szudarski
Floyd Szudarski
Sophie Janus
Charles Janus

-M/M Daniel Trevino

Jose & Lupe Trevino
Breda McGuigan

-M/M Timothy Tucker

John Tucker; Velma Tucker
Dorothy LaBelle; Marilyn LaBelle
Charles Sharp

-M/M Mark Vitkauskas

Vitkauskas & DeVries Family

-M/M Rodney Williams

Ruth & Ed Marcinkowski
Millie & Russ Williams

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

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

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

Discerning? We can help you foster
your vocation to fatherhood...

Because God Still Calls...



Join us for an
upcoming
**"Vianney
Visit"**

February 12-14, 2026

St. John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul, MN

The Diocese of Joliet has scheduled a **"Vianney Visit"** for February 12-14, 2026, to provide high school juniors and seniors (ages 17-18) the opportunity to take a closer look and experience college seminary. Attend Mass, prayer and spiritual conferences with SJV priests and hear testimonies from SJV seminarians.

St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, MN, is the largest collaborative college seminary in the United States, representing 18 dioceses through the nation, including ours, with more than 100 undergraduate men in formation this year!

Questions / Concerns / Registration:

vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815 221-6171.

**There is no cost for this trip and the Diocese of Joliet
will provide all meals and transportation.**