



February 25, 2024

**ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:**  
**WORSHIP COMMISSION:** Paula Prium

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION / EDUCATION COMMISSION:**  
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**FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:**  
Grades K through 8: Sunday from 8:45am-10:15am

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Facebook: "**St. Paul the Apostle Peotone**"  
Website: **StPaulPeotone.org**

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** By appointment  
**RECONCILIATION:** Thursday: 7:30pm to 8pm  
Saturday: 3pm to 3:45pm  
Any time by appointment  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Sunday, March 17, 2024  
**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

There will be a **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday.  
February 26, 2024 at 6:30pm.



**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: February 10—11, 2024**

Sunday Offertory*	\$3,724.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Plus	\$ 358.62
Envelopes used / distributed	81 / 514
<b>*Includes 9 Online Givers</b>	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 616.00
Eastern & Central Europe	\$ 502.00



Secure and convenient  
**ONLINE GIVING** is available  
at  
**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 infor-  
mation by contacting Membership Coordinator  
Dan Mott at 708 277-7086 or  
[mott@d@rushenterprises.com](mailto:mott@d@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).



The third Sunday of Lent, we were able to col-  
lect a total of 460 pounds of donations and \$70 dollars  
for the *Helping Hands Food Pantry*. Please continue  
to donate, the goal is 1000 pounds and \$500 by the  
end of the Easter season.

The donation box and envelopes are located in  
the religious education entrance. Every dollar in cash  
equals \$8 of purchasing power for the pantry.

Thank you for your generous contributions to the  
**Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern  
Europe!** As a parish, we collected \$502 to help re-  
store the Church and build the future in more  
than 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it's  
not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/  
NationalCollections](http://www.usccb.org/NationalCollections) for more information.



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tor 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 Stefan-  
ski, 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.**



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**MARCH 3, 2024:**

10:30am Class / Family Mass  
Snack & Chat following 10:30am Mass

**MARCH 10, 2024**

Classes

**MARCH 17, 2024**

First Reconciliation after 10:30am Mass

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024:**

Parish RE/ FF Penance Service at 6:30pm

**MARCH 24, 2024:**

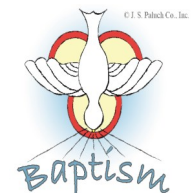
No RE/ FF Classes

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024:**

First Communion during 10:30am Mass

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024:**

Confirmation Mass at St. Anthony (Frankfort) 11am



**KIERA ROSE** was baptized on February 17, 2024. She is the daughter  
of Matthew & Hannah Day Culver, sister of Killian and grand-daughter  
of Kevin & Maura Culver. Congratulations!



Sat	2/24	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Don &amp; Lois Blaser</u></b> —
			<b><u>72nd Wedding Anniversary Remembrance</u></b>
			req by Ernie & Kathy Yost and
			<b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>
Sun	2/25	10:30 am—	+ <b><u>Daniel A. Gallagher</u></b>
			req by Bob & Helen Lewis
Mon	2/26	7:15 am—	+ <b><u>Bernard Powers</u></b>
			req by Natures Turf
Tue	2/27	7:15 am—	<b><u>Communion Service</u></b>
Wed	2/28	7:15 am—	+ <b><u>Mae Ann Johnson</u></b>
			<b><u>(rescheduled from 2/19/24)</u></b>
			req by Family
Thr	2/29	7:15 am—	+ <b><u>Bernard Powers</u></b>
			req by Jeannie Scheiman
		6:00 pm—	<b><u>ADORATION</u></b>
		7:30 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
Fri	3/1	7:15 am—	+ <b><u>Bishop Peter Michael Muhich</u></b> —
			<b><u>Diocese of Rapid City, SD</u></b>
		7:00 pm—	<b><u>Stations of the Cross</u></b>
Sat	3/2	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Joan J. Potaczek</u></b> —
			<b><u>Birthday Remembrance</u></b>
			req by Family
Sun	3/3	10:30 am—	<b><u>People of the Parish</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.*

**ST. BONIFACE 2024 LENT SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Masses**

There will be an 8:30am Mass on Monday and Wednesday only during Lent. There will be no morning Mass on Friday.

**Fridays in Lent:**

**Mass:** Mass will be every Friday at 3pm.

**Stations of the Cross** will be every Friday immediately following the 3pm Mass.

**Confessions** will be heard every Friday while Stations of the Cross are being prayed and on Saturday immediately following the 5:30pm Mass.

**5304 W. Main Street / Monee, IL 60449**  
**708 534-9682 / www.StBonifaceMonee.org**

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for FEBRUARY 2024:**

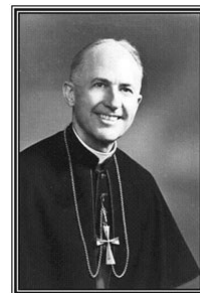
***For the terminally ill***

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



Would you like to remember your living or deceased loved ones at one of our Masses? 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.

Applications for the Joliet Diocesan CCW Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students in grades 8-11 planning on attending a **Joliet Diocesan** Catholic High School for the 2024-25 school year. Applicants can obtain a BBSF application form from the Parish Office.



FACTS must be applied for online at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4FV06> Request to be added to the **Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women—BBSF FACTS ID#32463**. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to **FACTS** at their online site.

If you have any questions regarding FACTS call: 1-866-412-4637. **DO NOT SEND** the FACTS application to the JDCCW office. There is a \$40 fee for the **FACTS** application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2022 income tax report.



During Lent we learn many things. One of these things is realizing that Jesus gave us new meaning to our pain and suffering. Lent is indeed meant to be a time of repentance and penitence, a time of sacrifice and reflection in which we acknowledge the weight of suffering in the world and in our lives, suffering that always has its roots in sin. This suffering is always part of the story of every human life, with or without Christ; but with Christ, it goes beyond this life on earth. Our personal crosses purify us of selfishness, if we allow them to, teaching us to lean more on Christ and to have a greater experience of his wisdom and joy - his resurrection. In our Catholic faith, the cross and resurrection are two sides of the same coin; we must never allow ourselves to think of one without thinking of the other.



Our faith helps us see suffering in new, deeper perspective, something that makes us more willing to endure it with patience and courage. Through faith we can simply be less afraid of it. We can imagine ourselves as a child who walks through a dark passage holding his father's hand - we know that our Father can handle the darkness and lead us through it. We can face suffering, embrace it, work through it, and transform it, and help others do the same - if we live it as Christ teaches us to, by leaning on his grace. We wrap our hearts around even the bitterest pains of life, the heaviest crosses, and absorb them, transforming them into holiness and wisdom. With Christ, the pains and sorrows of life become valuable opportunities, springboards for ascending the heights of spiritual maturity. God chose to save us through life's sorrows, not from them - and so, there is no reason to fear them.

Pope Benedict explains this beautifully in his encyclical letter on hope (*Spe salvi*, #s 37-38): "...We can try to limit suffering, to fight against it, but we cannot eliminate it. It is when we attempt to avoid suffering by withdrawing from anything that might involve hurt, when we try to spare ourselves the effort and pain of pursuing truth, love, and goodness, that we drift into a life of emptiness, in which there may be almost no pain, but the dark sensation of meaninglessness and abandonment is all the greater. It is not by sidestepping or fleeing from suffering that we are healed, but rather by our capacity for accepting it, maturing through it and finding meaning through union with Christ, who suffered with infinite love. ...The true measure of humanity is essentially determined in relationship to suffering and to the sufferer. This holds true both for the individual and for society. A society unable to accept its suffering members and incapable of helping to share their suffering and to bear it inwardly through "com-*passion*" is a cruel and inhuman society."

+ Rev. Roger D. Kutzner

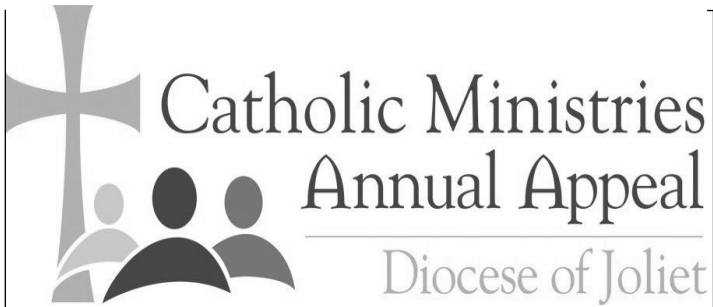


Thank-you again to all who participated in the **CCW POTLUCK DINNER!** It was so nice to begin the season of Lent with unity and fellowship! The food and dessert selections were amazing! A big shout out to all who helped set-up, served, clean-up and prepared food!! A special shout our thank you to our RE / FF students who helped with set-up, serving and clean-up! We were so happy to have had your help!

Thank you to all who shared your beautiful **WEDDING PHOTOS!** What a great way to honor the sacrament of marriage! We received many compliments on the set up and heard how many enjoyed guessing who the couples were! We will certainly do this again!

In the next several weeks CCW will be accepting nominations for **WOMAN of the YEAR!** Please prayerfully consider nominating a woman from the parish! Ballots and ballot box will be available in the lobby.

With many thanks for your support of the CCW!  
Maura Cufver

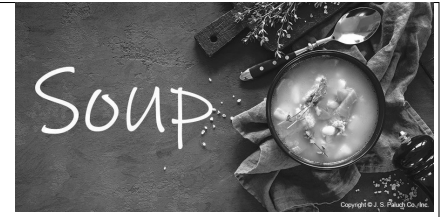


If you have already pledged your support to the **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)**, we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish's goal of \$16,100. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our diocese, *For the Glory of God*. Pledge envelopes are still available in the pews, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

### Peotone Ecumenical Council of Churches — Lenten Soup Suppers



The Peotone Ecumenical Council of Churches extends an invitation to gather together as the people of God on five Wednesdays in Lent.

With the great success of the past, and the fellowship we have created as a community, we will gather to share a simple dinner and inspiring worship on these nights. As in the past, soup will be served from 6—7pm and Worship will begin at 7pm.

We will be hosting at St. Paul this year on **Wednesday, March 6**. We are in need of volunteers to **help serve** and provide 10 crock pots of soup, bread and several dozen cookies. Please sign up on the table in the rear of the church if you can help!

**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.



### Navajo Nation Mission Trip

The Diocese of Joliet is returning to the Navajo Nation in Chinle, Arizona for a two-week mission focused on construction and outreach from June 1-14, 2024. If you are 18 years of age or older and willing to help local area families with light construction work. No experience necessary! Trip includes a pilgrimage to New Mexico's Loretto Chapel. *For more information contact Alex Buldak at 815 221-6256 or [buldak@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:buldak@dioceseofjoliet.org).*



The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered on Saturday from 3—3:45pm, on Thursday from 7:30—8pm **or** by other arrangements with Father. Please call the parish office at 708 258-6917 or e-mail [StPaulOffice@att.net](mailto:StPaulOffice@att.net).

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to **abstain** from meat on **Ash Wednesday** and all the **Fridays of Lent**.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to **fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday**.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence,

**ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** throughout Lent. Available in the lobbies.

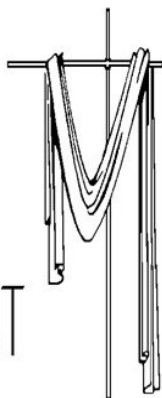
**HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES APPEAL:** March 9—10

**PONTIFICAL COLLECTION for the HOLY LAND:** Good Friday, March 29



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**PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Weekday Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:15am

Communion Service: Tuesday at 7:15am

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**

Saturday 3-3:45pm; Thursday 7:30-8pm; or by appointment

**Parish / RE Penance Service: March 18 at 6:30pm**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** Thursday 6-8pm

**STATIONS of the CROSS** Friday beginning February 16

Stations of the Cross begin at 7pm in the church all Fridays of Lent.

**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS** containing 6-minute meditations on the Passion according to Luke are in the lobby

**CLERGY ASSOCIATION of GREATER PEOTONE**  
**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPER and PRAYER SERVICE**  
*Soup Supper begins at 6pm / Prayer Service begins at 7pm*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST CHURCH</u>
February 28	Immanuel UCC (Peotone)
<b>March 6</b>	<b>St. Paul the Apostle</b>
March 13	United Methodist Church (Peotone & Green Garden)
March 20	St. John at Faith Connection (Wilton Center)

**HELP** from our parishioners is needed on **Wednesday, MARCH 6** to provide soup, bread and cookies when we host. **HOST(ESSES)** are also needed!

**GOOD FRIDAY: March 29 at 3pm**  
 Ecumenical Stations of the Cross hosted by St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church



**SOUP SUPPER / STATIONS of the CROSS on Fridays in Lent**  
**(March 1, March 8, March 15 and March 22)**

A light supper of meatless soup and bread will be served at 6pm in the Red Room;

Stations of the Cross begin at 7pm in the church.

Parishioners, parish groups, RE / FF classes, families, etc. are invited to sign-up to provide **meatless soup and bread** and serve as hosts / hostesses. **Please sign-up in the rear of the church.**

Paper products, butter and cutlery will be provided. **Please join us in Lenten fellowship.**

