

February 4, 2024

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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

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

Baskets are in both lobbies to properly dispose of blessed palms you have in your homes. They will be burned for use on Ash Wednesday, February 14.



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: January 27—28, 2024

Sunday Offertory*	\$2,600.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Minus	\$ 765.38
<i>Envelopes used / distributed</i>	73 / 514
*Includes 7 Online Givers	
Church in Latin America	\$ 541.50
First Offering	\$ 40.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 169.00



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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 information by contacting Membership Coordinator Dan Mott at 708 277-7086 or mottd@rushenterprises.com; contacting Grand Knight Patrick Frencl, visiting with any current member of the Knights or visiting our website at www.kofc.org.



Please sign-up in the rear of the church to assist with making meatless Soup and Bread for our **SOUP SUPPERS** prior to Stations of

the Cross on Fridays, beginning on February 16, 2024.

Parishioners, parish groups, RE / FF classes, families, etc., are invited to sign-up and serve as hosts / hostesses.



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.



Barb Egelski, Tom Skill, Scott Rosenberg, Betty Knickrehm, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiaco, Julie Szudarski, Joe Ladislas, Owen

Ruhbeck, Sharon Andrews, Sue Gomez, CJ Ogalla-Arebaló, 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, 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 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.

Thank you for your generous support for last week's **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. As a parish, we collected **\$541.50** to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin

America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection— see usccb.igivecatholictogether.org. Your gift makes a difference!



Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	2/3	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	<u>Special Intention</u>
			req by the Knickrehm Family
Sun	2/4	10:30 am—	+ <u>Jerry, Mary & Tom Bisping</u>
			req by the Knickrehm Family and
			<u>People of the Parish</u>
Mon	2/5	7:15 am—	+ <u>Bernard Powers</u>
			req by Peggy Schwiesow
Tue	2/6	7:15 am—	<u>Communion Service</u>
Wed	2/7	7:15 am—	+ <u>Rev. Robert “Bob” Hoeffner</u>
			and
			+ <u>Sally Hoeffner</u>
Thr	2/8	7:15 am—	+ <u>Pat Motyka (rescheduled from 1/29/24)</u>
			req by Family
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:30 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	2/9	7:15 am—	<u>Celebrant’s Intentions</u>
Sat	2/10	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Bernard Schwertfeger</u>
			req by Joan Olsen and
			<u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	2/11	10:30 am—	+ <u>David Onak</u>
			req by Rick & Denise Starkey

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 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.



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
- () Send Envelopes
- () Interested in Religious Education
- () **Interested in Ministry Programs**
- () Would like to be contacted by a
priest



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.

The successful Hollywood actor Eduardo Verastegui, originally from Mexico, came back to his Catholic faith a few years ago. He decided that from then on, he was only going to be involved in movies that promoted positive and true values. One of the first projects he took on after making that commitment was a film called *Bella*, which tells the story of an unmarried woman deciding whether or not to have an abortion. Eduardo plays a character who befriends this woman and helps her make the right decision.

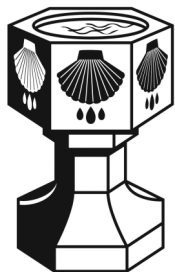
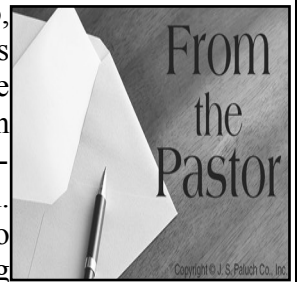
To prepare for his role, Eduardo decided to do some research by going to an abortion clinic. There he met members of a pro-life group trying to dissuade young women from aborting. He stood aside and watched, but before he knew it, one of the pro-life volunteers came up to him and said, "Eduardo, this couple, they don't speak English, we don't speak Spanish, can you talk to them?" Nervous and scared, Eduardo agreed to speak with them. They talked for a long time, and the couple decided to cancel their appointment. A few months later, Eduardo received a phone call from that same couple. They wanted to share their good news: they had given birth to a healthy baby boy. And they also wanted to ask the actor's permission to name the child Eduardo, in honor of the man who convinced them to cancel their abortion appointment. Eduardo couldn't give the permission; he was crying too hard. Eduardo had decided to live his Catholic faith coherently, to follow Christ's example of self-giving, and Christ helped him too, to become a man for others.

Our modern society is built on individualism, the idea that each person is self-sufficient, able to achieve happiness and fulfillment through their own efforts. Because of this, depending on others, is often seen as a sign of weakness. This individualistic attitude is embedded in our TV shows, movies, music, advertisements - we are surrounded by it. And as a result, it seeps into our relationship with God. We sometimes think that we should be able to make ourselves perfect and holy, and then we will present ourselves to Christ to earn a reward. But if that were the case, Jesus would never have come to earth in the first place - to die for us, give us the Church and sacraments.

Pope Benedict put it in this way in his first homily after his election: "We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him."

I would like to thank you for warm and beautiful words and wishes on occasion on my 59th Birthday. I continue to keep you all in my prayers as I get closer to complete 12th year of my pastorship at St. Paul the Apostle Church. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe.

+ Rev. Roger D. Kutzner



Our next **BAPTISMAL CLASS** is scheduled for **Thursday, February 15 at 6pm**. 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 you plan to attend, please call the parish office.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

February 7-14, 2024:

We will be celebrating all married couples during **Love Beyond Words National Marriage Week** from February 3/4 to February 11/12. Because love never ends, CCW is asking all married couples and those that have lost their beloved husband or wife to bring a framed wedding day photo. Please put your names and the day of your wedding on the back of the frame. Bring your frame and place it on the marriage display in the church foyer the weekend of February 3/4 when you come to Mass. There will also be valentines available for you to include with your frame.





Your gift to the CMAA makes an impact!

The opening report for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin reflects how we, as Christians, are called to serve those in need *For the Glory of God.*

Through the CMAA, we show generosity toward the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, that touch our own lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners. Ministries that include vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$16,100. The diocese will return 70% of any amount we raise over our goal to us, to be used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you received in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

Next Sunday, February 11 is **WORLD DAY of the SICK**

The *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* will be offered to anyone wishing it after all Masses February 10-11, 2024



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**.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of MR. JAN GEORGE ZAPCHENK, 86, of Tampa, Florida, who passed away on December 22, 2023.

A Memorial Mass is planned for Friday, April 19, 2024 at St. Paul the Apostle.

+ May he rest in peace. +



National Marriage Week USA

MARRIAGE IS WORTH IT! • EVERY FEB 7-14

Celebrate! Learn more.

We hope you can join us next **Sunday, February 11 after 10:30am** Mass for an **ALL-PARISH POTLUCK**. Sign-ups and details can be found in the entryway.






All are asked to bring a dish to share. The CCW will provide fried and baked chicken, rolls and a tossed salad.

Please sign-up THIS WEEKEND so we can plan accordingly for food and seating.

Table and chair set up will be Friday, February 9 at 3pm and final set up will be at 10:15am following Religious Education on Sunday, February 11. Assistance will be appreciated for set up and clean up!

Feel free to drop off your dish to the Red Room before or after Mass. Make sure to take your dish home, too!

Again, thank you for your support of the CCW and we look forward to a little different start of the Lenten Season this year!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 RE/FF CLASSES</p> <p>SNACK & CHAT FR. ROGER BIRTHDAY CAKE</p> <p>THROAT BLESSING</p> <p>CANDLE BLESSING</p>	<p>5</p> <p>CCW BOARD MEETING 6:30pm</p>  <p>© J. S. Pathech Co., Inc.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 7pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>CLOTHE GOD'S CHILDREN 9:45-11am</p>	<p>8</p> <p>ADORATION 6-8pm</p> <p>RECONCILIATION 7:30-8pm</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm</p> <p>MARRIAGE BLESSING</p> <p>ANOINTING of the SICK</p>
<p>11 RE/FF CLASSES</p>  <p>MARRIAGE BLESSING</p> <p>ANOINTING of the SICK</p> <p>PARISH POTLUCK</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>© U.S. Bank, Inc.</p> <p>PRESIDENT'S DAY</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 ASH WEDNESDAY day of fast and abstinence</p> <p>MASS at 7:15am</p> <p>LITURGY of the WORD 4pm</p> <p>MASS at 7:15pm</p>	<p>15 SR ASSIST CENTER 10am-3pm</p> <p>ADORATION 6-8pm</p> <p>BAPTISMAL CLASS 6pm</p> <p>RECONCILIATION 7:30-8pm</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>SOUP SUPPER 6pm</p> <p>STATIONS of the CROSS 7pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm</p>
<p>18 NO RE/FF CLASSES</p>	<p>19 PRESIDENT'S DAY</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>CLOTHE GOD'S CHILDREN 9:45-11am</p> <p>ECUMENICAL SOUP 6pm/ WORSHIP at WILTON CENTER 7pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>ADORATION 6-8pm</p> <p>RECONCILIATION 7:30-8pm</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>SOUP SUPPER 6pm</p> <p>STATIONS of the CROSS 7pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm</p>
<p>25 RE/FF CLASSES</p>	<p>26</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL 6:30pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>ECUMENICAL SOUP 6pm/ WORSHIP at IMMANUEL UCC 7pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>ADORATION 6-8pm</p> <p>RECONCILIATION 7:30-8pm</p>		