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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 will be in both lobbies next weekend to properly dispose of blessed palms you may 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 20—21, 2024**

Sunday Offertory*	\$3,101.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Minus	\$ 264.38
Envelopes used / distributed	57 / 528

***Includes 7 Online Givers**

First Offering	\$ 45.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 658.00



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 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**.



To those of you that have made donations in 2023 to **Helping Hands Food Pantry**, Thank You! We have reached 350 pounds of food and \$70 donated. With Lent approaching, the needs of others haven't diminished.

Your generosity is needed to reach our goal of 1000 pounds and \$500 between now and the end of the Easter season. Boxes for food and envelopes for monetary donations are in each entryway. Cash donations earn \$8 of value for each dollar donated.



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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-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, 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.



TODAY we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**.

For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of

ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, please visit:

www.usccb.org/latin-america



Mass Intentions

Sat	1/27	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Bernard Powers</u> req by Claude & Etta Werner and
			<u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	1/28	10:30 am—	+ <u>Alice Marie Kotel</u> req by the James Kelly Family
Mon	1/29	7:15 am—	+ <u>Pat Motyka</u> req by Family
Tue	1/30	7:15 am—	<u>Communion Service</u>
Wed	1/31	7:15 am—	+ <u>Jennie Oratowski</u> — <u>Birthday Remembrance</u> req by her Sister
Thr	2/1	7:15 am—	+ <u>James Rittmanic</u> req by the Knickrehm Family
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:30 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	2/2	7:15 am—	+ <u>Bernard Powers</u> req by the Knickrehm Family
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>

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.

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.

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.



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.

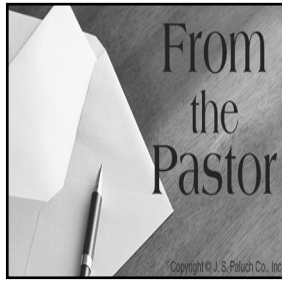
To observe the February 3 feast day of **St. Blaise**, Bishop and Martyr, patron saint of throat ailments, a throat blessing will be offered at Masses next weekend.



Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



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.



Holy scriptures, as we all should remember, the Old Testament in particular, are full of prophetic predictions of the future arrival of Jesus, the Savior of the humankind. Salvation in His name has been the secret behind the Christianity's constant expansion throughout the past 2000 years. Unlike other religious creeds, Christianity doesn't offer wealth, success, pleasure, and popularity in this life. In fact, Jesus said that following him involves taking up our cross every day - suffering goes with the name of Christian. But Christianity does offer a real, personal, and everlasting friendship with God through Jesus Christ. And that is what our hearts yearn for most deeply, because that is what they were created for. This friendship includes the forgiveness of sins, wisdom, peace of heart amidst life's struggles, and the hope of heaven.

It makes sense of life's mysteries by helping us see them as God does. In the eighth century, when Christianity was making inroads in Anglo-Saxon England, the pagan King Edwin held a council of his top advisors to discuss whether they should accept the Christian faith or not. One of the advisors painted a dramatic picture of Christ's message of salvation. He said to the council: "The present life of man upon earth, O king, seems to me, in comparison with that time which is unknown to us, like to the swift flight of a sparrow through the house wherein you sit at supper in winter, with your leaders and knights, while the fire blazes in the midst, and the hall is warmed, but the wintry storms of rain or snow are raging abroad. The sparrow, flying in at one door and immediately out at another, whilst he is within, is safe from the wintry tempest; but after a short space of fair weather, he immediately vanishes out of your sight, passing from winter into winter again. So this life of man appears for a little while, but of what is to follow or what went before we know nothing at all. If, therefore, this new doctrine tells us something more certain, it seems justly to deserve to be followed. The other advisors agreed, and the king and his people were baptized.

For many people in today's world, that Jesus is still just another historical figure from the distant past. He may be inspirational and interesting, like Socrates or Alexander the Great, but for them he is someone mentioned in books, not someone alive and active in the world today. And so, they do not look to Jesus to save them from their sins, hopelessness, and pain. It is us, faithful Christians, that need to reach out to them. We are equipped to be his living voice, his smile, and his hands. Christ is alive in us, eager to work through us to bring his light into this dark world. Let's promise Him that this week we will not only enjoy his salvation ourselves, but also let it flow through us to someone who hasn't found it yet.

I would like to invite you to enjoy next Sunday (February 4th) my 59th birthday cake after 10:30 Mass during Snack and Chat event.

+ Rev. Roger D. Kutzner

World Day for
Consecrated Life



In 1997, Pope St. John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is at-

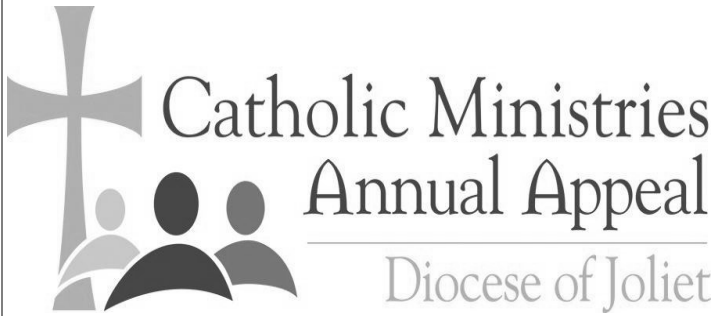
tached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on **February 2**. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

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, our 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.





**The 2024 Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal
has begun!**

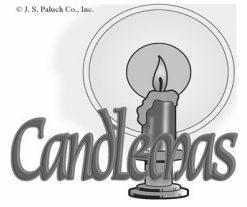
As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is ***For the Glory of God***. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

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

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

CANDLEMAS is a Christian holiday celebrated annually on February 2. It celebrates three occasions according to Christian belief:



- the presentation of the child Jesus;
- Jesus' first entry into the temple;
- the Virgin Mary's purification

Next weekend—**February 3/4**—you are invited to bring candles to be blessed for personal and family use. Examples of when blessed candles can be used at home—during prayer or spiritual reading, during severe weather, when undergoing a trial or hardship and Divine guidance is wished, during a Communion call or when death is near.

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**.

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.



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Father Roger will celebrate his 59th birthday this Tuesday, January 30! All are invited to stay for refreshments next Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

On behalf of the CCW, we would like to say **thank you** for all of your past support of the Council of Catholic Women activities. The CCW supports multiple charitable organizations on behalf of St. Paul the Apostle.

For the past 50 years, we have been blessed to have hosted the **Shrove Tuesday Beef Dinner**. That is a truly remarkable testimony to our parish and its members. We are very grateful for your past support of the dinner. We have been blessed with so many helpers from decorators, to servers, to cooks, to shoppers, to dishwashers, dessert / coffee / wine servers, to set up and clean-up crews, to beef dinner coordinators and a host of volunteers! We have had help from every group and every age in our parish!

This year we are taking a pause from our traditional annual Shrove Tuesday Beef Dinner and hosting a parish Lent kickoff Mardi Gras **PARISH POTLUCK!** To ensure ease for all, we will host following 10:30am Mass and during daylight hours. We look forward to seeing you all and enjoying a delicious meal and parish fellowship together.

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

We hope you enjoy a respite this year and can join us on **Sunday, February 11 after 10:30am Mass**. Sign-ups and details can be found in the entryway. **Please sign up by next Sunday, February 4**, so we can plan accordingly for food and seating.

Table and chair set up will be Friday, February 9 at 3 pm 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!



FEBRUARY 3—4, 2024

- CMAA *Announcement weekend*
- Bring your framed wedding photo
- Throat blessing / Candle blessing
- Deadline to sign-up for MARDI GRAS PARISH POTLUCK on February 11, 2024
- Snack & Chat / Fr. Roger 59th birthday celebration after 10:30am Mass

FEBRUARY 10—11, 2024

- CMAA *Commitment weekend*
- Bring your framed wedding photo
- Marriage blessing at all Masses
- Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered at all Masses
- PARISH POTLUCK 2/11/24

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY

- Mass* with distribution of ashes at 7:15am
- Mass* with distribution of ashes at 7:15pm
- Liturgy of the Word* with distribution of ashes at 4pm

Please consider
remembering *St. Paul the
Apostle Catholic Church*
when preparing your will.
For more information,
contact the parish office.