



January 7, 2024

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Please join us after 10:30am Mass for Snack & Chat, sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women and hosted by the Beecher Manor Ladies.



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 30—31, 2023

Sunday Offertory*	\$2,865.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Minus	\$ 500.38
Envelopes used / distributed	64 / 528

***Includes 8 Online Givers**

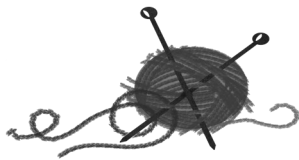
First Offering	\$ 86.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 116.00
Christmas	\$ 205.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 100.00



Secure and convenient **ONLINE GIVING** is available at **GiveCentral.org**.

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

The ***Clothe God's Children Group*** would like to invite you to a workshop on **Wednesday, January 24th** from 10am – 12pm, no skills required! We'll be measuring and cutting fabric for walker bags, shoulder wraps, clothing protectors and blankets. Bring scissors if you have them. Lunch will be provided. Patterns will be given to anyone wanting to knit or crochet at home.



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**.



Start the New Year with charity. Donate to the Helping Hands Food Pantry. The donation box and envelopes are located in the Religious Education entrance. Every dollar in cash equals \$8 of purchasing power for the pantry.



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Betty Knickrehm, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, 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.

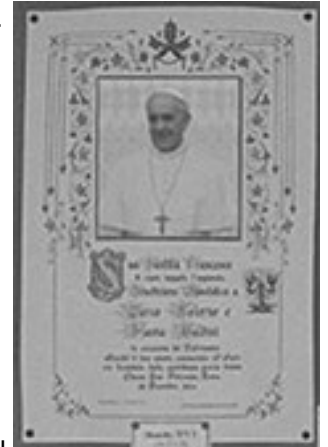
The Papal Almoner has a website where Catholics can submit a request for a **PAPAL BLESSING** directly online. All of the necessary steps for this new procedure are found on the website, with exact instructions about choosing the occasion, the style of parchment, the personal information that will be included in the text of the document, and the shipping method. The time required to receive the blessing is apparently 15 to 20 days. Please visit

www.elemosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments.

Circumstances and occasions for which papal blessing parchments are granted

- Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage
- Priestly Ordination, Religious Profession, Secular Consecration, Ordination of Permanent Deacons
- Anniversary (10, 25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 years) of Marriage
- Anniversary of Priestly Ordination / Religious Profession
- Birthday (18, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 years)

The St. Paul 50th Anniversary blessing is on the wall in the RE hallway.





Mass Intentions

Sat	1/6	3:00 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u> 4:00 pm— + <u>Duane Kapp</u> req by the Kapp Family
Sun	1/7	10:30 am— + <u>Hank & Sophie Kudlo</u> req by Larry & Nancy Pilotto and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Mon	1/8	7:15 am— + <u>Pat Motyka (rescheduled from 1/3/24)</u> req by Family
Tue	1/9	7:15 am— <u>Communion Service</u>
Wed	1/10	7:15 am— + <u>Bernard Powers</u> req by Terri Hanlon
Thr	1/11	7:15 am— <u>Peace in all Nations</u> 6:00 pm— <u>ADORATION</u> 7:30 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	1/12	7:15 am— + <u>Adolph Stumbris</u> req by Family
Sat	1/13	3:00 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u> 4:00 pm— + <u>Clarita Caswell</u> req by Joan Olsen and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	1/14	10:30 am— + <u>James O'Grady</u> — <u>Birthday Remembrance</u> req by Family

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 JANUARY 2024: 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? 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.

Prayer at the Manger with the Magi

Let your light shine on us, O God,
as the star showed the way to those
who searched for Christ.
Fill us with wisdom;
help us walk in your ways,
now and forever. Amen.

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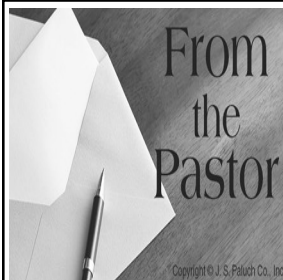
Our congratulations are extended to
KEVIN MARC DAVIS and ANGELINA ROSE RAYMOND,
who were married at
St. Paul on December 31, 2023.



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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.

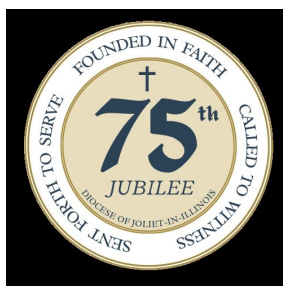


A rock climber was in the mountains, climbing alone (a bad idea). And it was getting late. The sun had just gone down, and the temperature was dropping fast. He was descending a section of rock that was inclined beyond the vertical, like the inside of a steep roof. He was deep in the shadows of cliffs. Suddenly, he slipped, lost his grip, and did a free fall of about forty feet before his rope caught on the last stay he had driven into the rock. He was hanging like a spider on a strand of web. He tried to climb up the rope, but at the end of the long day, he just didn't have the strength. He was hanging there in the void. It was dark. It was cold. He had nowhere to turn. So even though he wasn't a church-going man, he said a prayer: "God, if you're up there, please help me." Much to his surprise, he heard an answer. It said, "Cut your rope." He was surprised but overjoyed to get an answer, but he didn't like the answer he got. He looked below him. Only darkness. It was getting colder. He prayed again, "God, if that's really you, please help me." Again he heard an answer, "It really is me. Cut your rope. Trust me." He looked down again. It was getting colder. He couldn't understand why God wanted him to cut his only support. He took out his knife. But he just couldn't get himself to cut the rope. The next morning in the bright sunlight, a group of rock climbers found him hanging from his rope, frozen to death, ten feet above the ground.

So many times we are at the end of our rope and we need the help of someone we can trust - someone who is faithful, like God. He won't always explain everything to us, because we simply can't understand it all - our eyesight is limited. But when we hear his voice in our conscience, we know that the one who is all-good and all-powerful is faithfully guiding us, as he guided the Wise Men, and he won't leave us hanging - if we believe in him.

God loves each of us more than we love ourselves, and so he is always urging us forward on the path of life. Like a good coach, he never stops encouraging us to give our best, to be true to our Christian calling. He nudges our conscience, telling us to break off any bad habit or behavior and follow the path of righteousness.

+ Rev. Roger D. Kutzner



75th Anniversary Prayer

All-knowing and loving God, we give you thanks for your blessings upon the Diocese of Joliet. For 75 years, we have been **founded in faith, called to witness, and sent forth to serve.**

In thanksgiving for your abiding presence among us, and with gratitude for the life and service of those who have gone before us, we recommit ourselves to carrying out this mission entrusted to them, to us, and to future generations.

Relying on the intercession of our patron, St. Francis Xavier, may our diocese continue to be a source of hope for the Church and all peoples, now and in the years to come.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Joyful Again! is a spiritual program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the normal grief they feel after losing their spouses and who want to begin to start to live fully again.

This self-help process toward healing is fostered by trained volunteers who have experienced the pain of loss themselves and have moved forward in their healing journey.

Joyful Again! will be conducting a retreat at St. Mary's Retreat House (14230 Main Street / Lemont, IL)

June 13-14, 2024 and
September 18-19, 2024

More information can be found at:
www.joyfulagain.org.



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 31, 2023:

PARISH GOAL:	\$16,700
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$31,805
AMOUNT PAID:	\$30,905
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 900
# of DONORS:	117
2023 REBATE:	\$ 9,944

Thank-you for your generosity!

COME ONE, COME ALL!

If you enjoy crocheting, needlepoint, knitting, cross-stitch, sewing, or any other DIY-like crafting, then you will want to join us for a pop-up sale.

A St. Liborius parishioner's family has generously donated many, many crafting items. So, we will have a pop-up sale on Saturday, January 27, from 11am to 2pm in our Parish Hall, 3440 Halsted Blvd (Steger). (Weather permitting.) All items will be sold for a free will donation. All proceeds will benefit St. Liborius Church

We have an abundance of yarn, supplies, and kits for creating beautiful pieces. All items are still in their original packaging. Items that are normally very pricey. Truly a crafter's delight!! Come get a project to beat those Winter doldrums. So save the date and mark your calendars now!

Kitchen Coordinator Wanted

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is hiring a Kitchen Coordinator at their Day-break Center shelter in Joliet. This full-time position includes preparing menus, supervising kitchen volunteers, and ensuring that the facility is stocked and organized.

To learn more and to apply, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org and click on "employment."

Catholic Charities is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.

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.

The EUCHARISTIC MINISTER / LECTOR

schedule up to

February 24-25, 2024 is

in the rear of the church.

Please sign-up where you can!



TODAY is the Solemnity of the Epiphany—prayer and blessed chalk will be available after Mass in the lobby.

Fr. Roger is available for private *home blessings*, by appointment. Please sign up in the lobby.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- HM2 Chuck Claxton (Navy—Camp Le Juene, NC) Son of Dennis & Pat Claxton;
Brother of Peter Claxton
- AN Chase Clyden (Navy—Asian Seas) Grandson of Laura (Tom) Jacques
Great-nephew of Barbara Grantz
- SFC Nicholas Hupke (Army) Nephew of Paula (Fred) Prium
- CAPT Jori Ingersoll (Air Force—Washington State) Daughter of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.
- SGT Nate Kijowski (Marines—Okinawa) Grandson of Ron & Ann Ziolkowski
- PVT Jake L. O'Connor (Marines) Grandson of Marge Brooke
- SSG Sean Rodgers (Army—Ft. Campbell, KY) Grandson of Barbara Grantz;
Great-nephew of Laura (Tom) Jacques
- 2LT Joseph Walan (Air Force—Las Vegas, NV) Son of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.



*Please pray for their safety, spiritual and physical well being
and that God will give His peace to their parents and families.*

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

Other than priests and deacons, no one else is
closer to the sacrifice of Christ on the altar
than those ministering as **ALTAR SERVERS**.

Serving at Mass is a unique ministry that
requires dedication, discipline, and devotion.
Not only does a server assist the priest and
deacon in the celebration of the Mass, but
they themselves encounter Christ in His
sacrifice in a particular way. Devoted altar
servers play an important role for the entire
St. Paul faith community, and through their
service can help draw others to the Lord.
Altar servers, in a very real and visible way,
are an extension of the clergy at Mass. In
general, our servers should be just that,
servants. They model Christ's words, "*I came
not to be served, but to serve.*"

TRAINING FOR

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS will be held this
Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 9am.**

Anyone who has received the Sacrament of
First Communion is invited to attend.

We also invite interested **ADULTS** to attend.

Questions—please contact Deacon Jim after
Mass or at 708 258-9580 for more infor-
mation.