



July 13, 2025

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Grades K through 8

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Facebook: "**St. Paul the Apostle Peotone**"

Website: **StPaulPeotone.org**

YouTube: **Saint Paul the Apostle Peotone**

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office

RECONCILIATION: Thursday: 7:30pm to 8pm

Saturday: 3pm to 3:45pm

Any time by appointment

FIRST RECONCILIATION: To be announced

FIRST COMMUNION: To be announced

CONFIRMATION: To be announced

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 Thrs 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

Don't take a vacation from church! You can find a Mass at **www.MassTimes.org**. For your convenience, copies of previous St. Paul bulletins are available in both lobbies.



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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deut. 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10: 25-37

For a Jew, a “neighbor” is one who is a friend, or someone who cares for you. Jesus redefines that concept. This is sparked by a lawyer’s question about inheriting eternal life. Jesus’ answer explaining who is a neighbor is known as the ‘Parable of the Good Samaritan’. The lawyer, attempting to test Jesus, asks, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus, in turn, points him to the Law: “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” The lawyer correctly summarizes the greatest commandments: to love God with all one’s heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself. Jesus affirms this, saying, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

However, the lawyer, “wishing to justify himself,” then asks the pivotal question: “And who is my neighbor?” This is where the parable truly begins to unfold, challenging conventional notions of community and obligation. Jesus then tells the story of a man who falls victim to robbers, left for dead on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Jesus explains how religious leaders and righteous Jew ignores this half-dead human being. Jesus then explains how an “untouchable Samaritan” spends his time and money and risks himself to save this Jew. Furthermore, he promises to pay any additional expenses upon his return.

Jesus concludes by asking the lawyer, “Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” The lawyer, compelled by the truth, responds, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus then delivers the

powerful imperative: “Go and do likewise.” The initial exchange between Jesus and the lawyer emphasizes that true inheritance of eternal life isn’t about mere intellectual assent to laws, but about living out the spirit of the law – which is love. The lawyer’s desire to “justify himself” reveals a focus on external righteousness, whereas Jesus redirects him to internal transformation and outward action.

The parable shatters the existing definition of “neighbor.” Our neighbor is anyone in need, regardless of their background, status, or even our personal feelings towards them. A Samaritan who is always an enemy in the eyes of the Jewish community becomes the ultimate example of neighborliness. The Samaritan acts out of empathy. He doesn’t just offer sympathy; he offers his time, resources, and personal involvement. This is a call to move beyond passive pity to active, sacrificial love. The parable forces us to examine our own priorities and perspectives. Loving our neighbor as

ourselves often requires us to step outside our comfort zones and bear burdens that are not our own.

“*Do likewise*” is a command to be obeyed and an invitation to see every person in need as our responsibility. It calls us to break down barriers, extend our hands to the marginalized, and embody the very love that defines the kingdom of God. It reminds us that inheriting eternal life is not just a future promise, but a present call to live a life overflowing with active, indiscriminate, and transformative love for our neighbor.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

-HM2 Chuck Claxton	(Navy—29 Palms, CA)	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
-MAJ Jori Ingersoll	(Air Force—Washington State)	Daughter of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.
-SSGT Nate Kijowski	(Marines)	Son of Debbie (John) Ziolkowski Kijowski
-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
-CAPT 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.***

COLLECTION SUMMARY: July 5—6, 2025:

Sunday Offertory*	\$3,345.00
Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Plus	\$ 139.47
Envelopes used / distributed	75 / 531
<i>*Includes 11 Online Givers</i>	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 20.00

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.



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. 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 7/6/25:

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$39,392
AMOUNT PAID:	\$33,342
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 6,150
NUMBER of DONORS:	121
2025 REBATE:	\$12,349

DEACON COOKS BREAKFAST—

Wednesday, July 23 after
8:30am Mass.

All are welcome!



Michael Doyle, Mary Ellen Hanlon, Judy Strubin, Ashley Doody, Luke Payne, Dave Castaneda, Greg Nalepka, Norman Andrews, Fr. Marty Gable, Fr. Richard Prodehl, Kathleen Callahan, Deacon Mark Otten, Jeff Furtek, Charles Claxton, Tina Butler, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Karen Haave, Joyce Svatos, Dorothy Simikowski, Deacon Milt Leppert, Joe Ladislav, Scott Rosenberg, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiaco, Julie Szudarski, Owen Ruhbeck, Sharon Andrews, Sue Gomez, CJ Ogalla-Arebalo, Aris Tomac, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Ray Romito, Francesca Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, the Adamsick Family, Cassidy Novak, Laverne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita Hall, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne Mihelic, 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.

ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 17, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL
Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link: <https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpflr>



Office of Lifelong Lay Formation
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Our St. Paul Council of Catholic Women will once again be supporting the ***“Catholic Charities Back to School Fair”*** by having a monetary collection after all Masses this weekend—July 12-13, 2025. It is our privilege to help those less fortunate. If you are writing a check, please make it out to ***Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet*** and write ***Back to School Fair*** on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Sat	7/12	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Pat Hanlon</u> req by Elaine Doyle
Sun	7/13	11:00 am—	+ <u>John Pirog</u> req by Family and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Mon	7/14	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	7/15	8:30 am—	+ <u>Mike Koomar</u> req by Cindy Reed
Wed	7/16	8:30 am—	+ <u>Betty Knickrehm</u> req by David & Kathleen Wilk
Thr	7/17	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:30 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	7/18	8:30 am—	+ <u>Katherine Weiss</u> req by the James Kelly Family
Sat	7/19	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Ruth and +Ed Marcinkowski</u> req by Rod & Sue Williams and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	7/20	11:00 am—	+ <u>Walter Gacek</u> req by the Burge 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.



The Peotone Senior Assistance Center serves clients, by appointment only, **this Thursday, July 17 from 10am—3pm by appointment.** This is part of our Respect Life

Ministry, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county, state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, IL License Plate Discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. We are also a certified SHIP site (Senior Health Insurance Program). The center is staffed by volunteers who serve the community without cost. For information on specific services, please leave your name and phone number at 708-258-6917 then press 5. **Please make an appointment.**

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 mottdd@rushenterprises.com; contacting Grand Knight Patrick Frencl, visiting with any current member of the Knights or visiting our website at www.kofc.org.



FEAST OF ST. ANNE Fiesta de Santa Ana

JULY

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2025

ST. ANNE CHURCH

230 N 6TH AVE,
ST ANNE, IL 60964

JULIO

26
2025

English Holy Mass
St. Anne's Church
10:00 am

Latin Holy Mass
St. Anne's Church
12:00 pm

Cavalcade
Procession from St.
Anne's Church to
Grotto at
2:00pm

Santa Misa en Inglés
Iglesia St. Ana
10:00 am

Santa Misa en Latín
Iglesia St. Ana
12:00 pm

Cabalgata
Procesión de la
Iglesia St. Ana al
Cerrito a las
2:00pm



CyE Spiritual Center Grotto

4529 S. 8500 E. Rd.
St. Anne, IL 60964

Spanish Holy Mass
CyE Spiritual Center
Grotto
3:30 pm

Food and Yard Sale after
Spanish Holy Mass
at Grotto

Venta de Comida y Yard Sale
después de Santa Misa
en Español en el Cerrito

Centro Espiritual CyE Cerrito

4529 S. 8500 E. Rd.
St. Anne, IL 60964

Santa Misa en Español
Centro Espiritual CyE
Cerrito
3:30 pm