

July 20, 2025

# ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES

Grades K through 8

Find us—

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

**Natural Family Planning Week:**  
**July 20-26, 2025**



**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.

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Gen. 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10: 38-42**

Today's gospel gives us a powerful passage that offers a timeless lesson on priorities, service, and presence. The story of Martha and Mary, two sisters who welcome Jesus into their home, serves as a mirror for our own lives, inviting us to reflect on how we balance our various commitments.

Martha, the older sister, is presented as a diligent and industrious host. She is "distracted by all the preparations that had to be made." Her actions are not inherently wrong; hospitality was a highly valued virtue in that culture, and she was simply trying to be a good hostess especially because Jesus is their best friend. However, her service becomes a source of anxiety and frustration, leading her to complain to Jesus about her sister. Her focus on doing and serving blinds her to the opportunity of simply being with Jesus.

Mary, on the other hand, embodies a different approach. She "sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said." Her posture of stillness and attentiveness is a stark contrast to Martha's bustling. Mary chooses to prioritize presence over performance, relationship over tasks. She recognizes that the most important thing at that moment is not the meal being prepared or the house being cleaned, but the person of Jesus Himself.

Jesus' gentle rebuke to Martha is the core of the passage. He says, "Martha, Martha... you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen

what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." This is not a condemnation of Martha's service but a reordering of her priorities. Jesus affirms that while there is a place for service, it must flow from a place of relationship and communion. The "one thing" that is needed is a heart that is attentive to God's presence.

Ultimately, this passage is a call to intentionality. It challenges us to examine our own lives and ask: Are we so caught up in the "doing" of our faith that we neglect the "being"? Are we so busy serving God that we fail to simply sit at His feet and listen to Him? The story of Martha and Mary reminds us that while our good works are important, they are not the main event. The main event is the intimate, transformative relationship with Jesus that shapes and informs all our actions. It is a reminder that in the midst of our busy lives, we must always make room for the "better part"—the quiet, attentive presence that will not be taken away from us.

Jesus appreciates the place taken by Mary. She chose the chosen one of God. Choosing the one necessary thing in life requires, first of all, learning to choose what is right and useful for our lives. As long as we are guided only by our intelligence, we end up doing unimportant things like Martha. However, if we obey our conscience, we begin to do enduring acts like Mary.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Thomas Theneth, CMI*



The Catholic Church celebrates the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne

(July 26), Jesus' grandparents. This year it is Sunday, July 27. The theme for the celebration is: **"Blessed are those who have not lost hope"** Sir 14:12.

**A blessing will be offered for grandparents and the elderly at Masses next weekend.**

**We invite and encourage you to attend Mass with your parents / grandparents!**

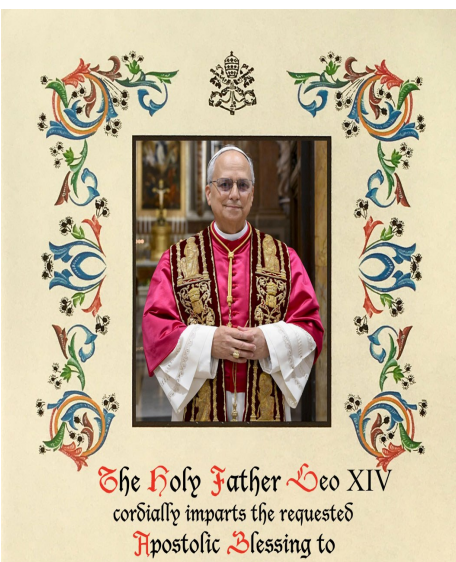




**COLLECTION SUMMARY: July 12—13, 2025:**

Sunday Offertory*	\$3,648.00
Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Plus	\$ 442.47
Envelopes used / distributed	78 / 531
<i>*Includes 7 Online Givers</i>	
Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00

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.



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 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 approximately 20 days.

Please visit

**[www.elmosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments](http://www.elmosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments)**

**Circumstances and occasions for which papal blessing parchments are granted:**

- 1. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation**
- 2. Marriage**
- 3. Priestly Ordination**
- 4. Religious Profession**
- 5. Ordination of Permanent Deacons**
- 6. Anniversary** (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 years) of Marriage, Priestly Ordination, Religious Profession
- 7. Birthday** (18, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100-110 years)

Our St. Paul 50th Anniversary blessing is on the wall in the RE lobby.

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.*

## **DEACON COOKS BREAKFAST—**

This Wednesday, July 23  
after 8:30am Mass.  
All are welcome!



PHS Student Council is partnering with the Red Cross to host a **BLOOD DRIVE** at the High School on Tuesday, August 12 from 1 - 6pm in the PHS Media Center—door #16.

Walk-in appointments are welcome / participants can also book a donation time at

**[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)**.

Donating participants will receive a \$15 e-gift card!

### **SERVICE HOUR**

**OPPORTUNITY:** Any PHS student who donates will receive 3 hours of community service! You must be at least 16 years of age to donate.



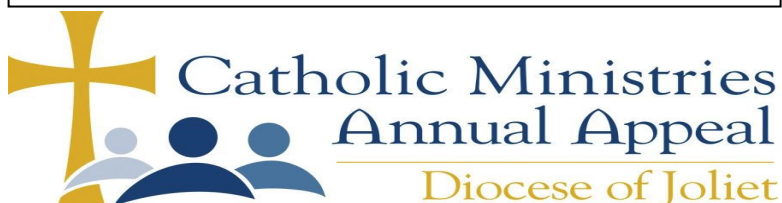
# Mass Intentions For The Week

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Sat	7/19	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Ruth &amp; Ed Marcinkowski</u></b> req by Rod & Sue Williams and <b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>
Sun	7/20	11:00 am—	+ <b><u>Walter Gacek</u></b> req by the Burge Family
Mon	7/21	8:30 am—	<b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>
Tue	7/22	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>Albina Szudarski</u></b> req by Arnie & Julie Szudarski
Wed	7/23	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>The Kelly &amp; Weiss Families</u></b> req by the James Kelly Family
Thr	7/24	8:30 am—	<b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>
		6:00 pm—	<b><u>ADORATION</u></b>
		7:30 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
Fri	7/25	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>Fr. John F. McGrath</u></b>
Sat	7/26	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Mike Koomar</u></b> req by Family & Friends
Sun	7/27	11:00 am—	<b><u>Grandparents and the Elderly</u></b> and <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.*

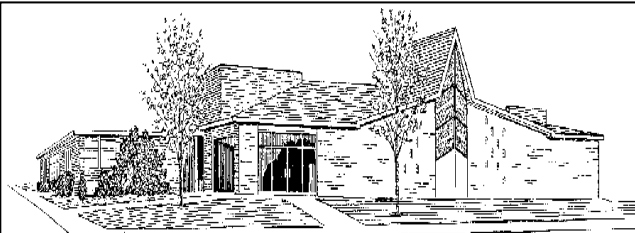


## CMAA Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. 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 7/13/25:

<b>PARISH GOAL:</b>	\$15,600
<b>AMOUNT PLEDGED:</b>	\$39,392
<b>AMOUNT PAID:</b>	\$33,477
<b>REMAINING :</b>	121
<b>2025 REBATE:</b>	\$12,514

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](mailto:mottd@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).



## 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
- ( ) Please send envelopes
- ( ) Interested in Religious Education
- ( ) **Interested in Ministry Programs**
- ( ) Would like to be contacted by a priest