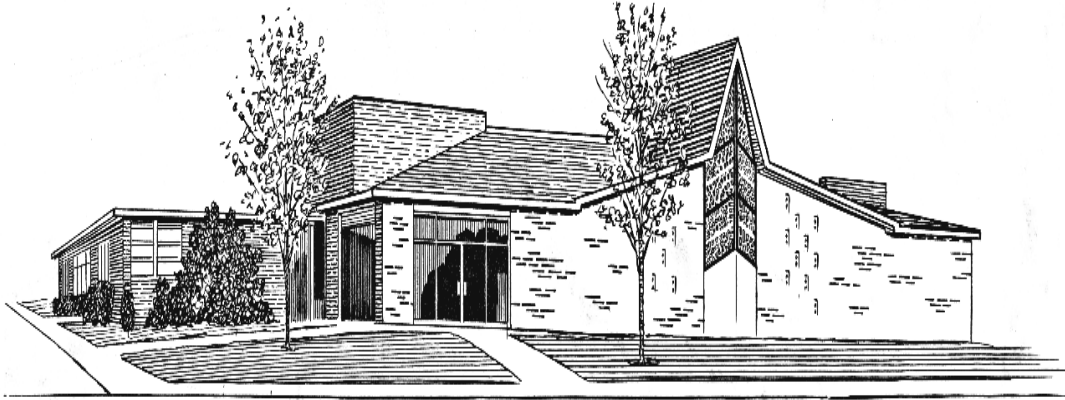




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June 14, 2026

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:

Grades 1 through 8: Will resume in the fall

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: 7:15pm to 7:45pm

Saturday: 3pm to 3:45pm

Any time by appointment

FIRST RECONCILIATION: December 10, 2025

FIRST COMMUNION: April 12, 2026

CONFIRMATION: May 9, 2026

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

Our parking lot is scheduled to be primed, crack-filled, seal-coated and striped this Monday and Tuesday.
Thank-you for your patience.

The Mission Statement of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Parish
As disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in relationship with Him, live the Faith, and share His Good News with others.

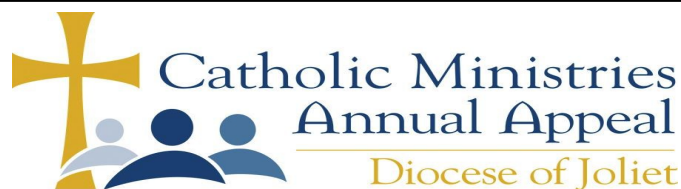
Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	6/13	3:00 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u> 3:30 pm— <u>ROSARY</u> 4:00 pm— + <u>Tony Johnson</u> req by Family and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	6/14	10:30 am— <u>ROSARY</u> 11:00 am— + <u>Ed & Edna Kolar;</u> + <u>Jim O’Grady</u> req by Don & Jeanette O’Grady-Neybert
Mon	6/15	8:30 am— <u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	6/16	8:30 am— <u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Wed	6/17	8:30 am— + <u>John R. Tierney, Jr. & Family</u> req by Family
Thr	6/18	8:30 am— <u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u> 6:00 pm— <u>ADORATION</u> 7:15 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	6/19	8:30 am— + <u>William J. Gordon, Jr.</u> req by Family
Sat	6/20	3:00 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u> 3:30 pm— <u>ROSARY</u> 4:00 pm— + <u>Mike Hodgett</u> req by Family
Sun	6/21	10:30 am— <u>ROSARY</u> 11:00 am— + <u>All Fathers,</u> <u>Living & Deceased</u> 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.

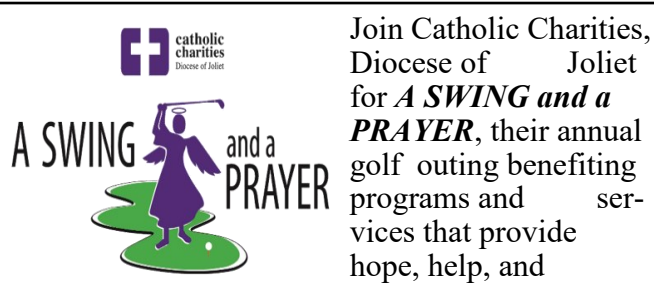


Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish as of June 7, 2026

Monthly pledge payments are due 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.

If you would still like to make your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

PARISH GOAL:	\$16,700
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$26,355
AMOUNT PAID:	\$20,813
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 5,542
DONORS:	87
REBATE:	\$ 2,879



Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet for **A SWING and a PRAYER**, their annual golf outing benefiting programs and services that provide hope, help, and support to individuals

and families throughout the Diocese of Joliet on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, Lemont**

Enjoy a day of golf, fellowship, and fun while supporting the important programs and services provided by Catholic Charities. Golfers will receive 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn, drinks on the course, cocktail hour, buffet dinner, and the opportunity to participate in contests and win prizes.

To register or learn more, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/event/swing or call **815 724-1140**.

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



Altar
Flowers

The Altar flowers are given in memory of the deceased members of the Neybert and Keener families.

If you are interested in sponsoring our bi-weekly altar flower arrangement, possibly in honor of an anniversary or birthday or in memory of a family member, **please contact the parish office for scheduling details.** The cost is \$80 and can be shared between one or more parishioners.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

On the second weekend of each month—this weekend—Fr. Thomas will offer a special blessing to couples celebrating an anniversary in that month. Couples who want to participate will be asked to stand at the end of Mass for the blessing

If you would like your names and anniversary date printed in the bulletin, you need to register in the white binder on the table in the lobby. Couples who register will also receive an anniversary card.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

- Chris & Denise Vieaux**
June 10, 1978 / 48 years
- Dan & Jo Mott**
June 11, 2005 / 21 years
- Dennis & Pat Claxton**
June 30, 1973 / 53 years

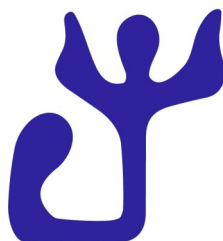
Are you navigating life as a widow or widower?

We invite you to join us for support, healing, and community.

Attend a **Joyful Again!** 2 day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat on June 27 & 28, 2026 at St Julie Billiard Parish / Tinley Park IL. No overnight accommodations are available.

For further information, call 708 354-7211 or e-mail at info@joyfulagain.org.

For registration visit: www.joyfulagain.org



Please review this list and inform the parish office if anyone may be removed from it.

Please keep Marcel Smaga, Bernie Iversen, Carol Henderson, Ken Rocznak, Pat Cleary, Ed Kulish, Jan Leffelman, Nancy Pilotto, Rev. Tom Ewing, Michael Doyle, Mary Ellen Hanlon, Ashley Doody, Luke Payne, Dave Castaneda, Greg Nalepka, Kathleen Callahan, Jeff Furtek, Charles Claxton, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiacomio, Julie Szudarski, Aris Tomac, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Francesca Libera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Libera, the Adamsick Family, Lavergne Sigris, Charlie Kooy, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne Mihelic, the Robert Polacek family, Rich Harms, TJ Stefanski, Linda Galica and those that go unnamed in your prayers.

Please note that only names given with permission of the person or by a family member will be added to the list.

COLLECTION SUMMARY: June 6—7, 2026:

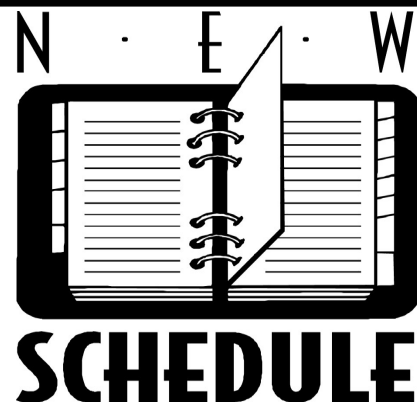
Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,303.00
Plus	\$ 97.47
<i>Envelopes used / distributed 79 / 468</i>	
*Includes 10 Online Givers	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 80.00
Father's Day Masses	\$ 820.00

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.

Beginning on **Wednesday, July 1, 2026**, our weekday worship schedule will be as follows:

- Monday Communion Service at 7:30am
- Tuesday Mass at 7:30am**
- Wednesday Communion Service at 7:30am
- Thursday Mass at 7:30am**
- Friday Communion Service at 7:30am



Today's scripture passage is incredibly rich and serves as a foundational text for understanding Catholic mission, the priesthood, and the universal call to holiness.

As we reflect on this Gospel passage, we can find four components. First, the Gospel mentions that His heart is moved with Compassion: "At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus looks upon the crowd with deep compassion. The expression "moved with pity" suggests a profound, heartfelt response. For Catholics, this naturally points to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

He does not see human brokenness with irritation or condemnation, but with tender mercy. The people were burdened by leaders who imposed heavy demands without offering healing. Even today, many remain troubled and search for truth in the wrong places. Jesus sees their need and reveals himself as the true Shepherd.

Second, the Abundant Harvest and the Call to Prayer: "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Jesus first responds to the need not by saying, "Go fix it," but by commanding his disciples to pray. For the Church, this is a central passage for praying for vocations to priesthood and religious life. Holy and generous laborers are always needed for the work of the Gospel. The mission belongs first to God. We ask the Master of the harvest because saving souls is his work, and we are only his instruments. Every fruitful apostolic work must begin in prayer.



Third, the disciples become Apostles because Jesus sends them with a specific mission. "Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority. "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons." Here the disciples become apostles, those who are sent. By choosing twelve, Jesus recalls the twelve tribes of Israel and lays the foundation for his Church. Jesus entrusts his authority to ordinary and imperfect men, including Matthew the tax collector and Judas the betrayer. As Pope Francis has said, the Church is like a field hospital after battle. Through the sacraments, especially confession, the anointing of the sick, and the Holy Eucharist, the Church continues Christ's healing work in the world.

And fourth, it is the 'Radical Generosity': "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Everything we have is a gift from God, our life, our faith, the grace, and material blessings. Because we have received freely, we must also give freely. The Gospel is not something to keep for ourselves. Anyone who has truly encountered the mercy of Christ is called to share it.

As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, Jesus today, giving His power and authority, commissions the Twelve. In God's plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold. As Christians we too are sent to proclaim the Gospel of love and compassion, so that everyone in the world may enjoy His love and compassion.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI

The Peotone Senior Assistance Center serves clients, **by appointment only**, this **Thursday, June 18**, from 10am—3pm. 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, Illinois 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.

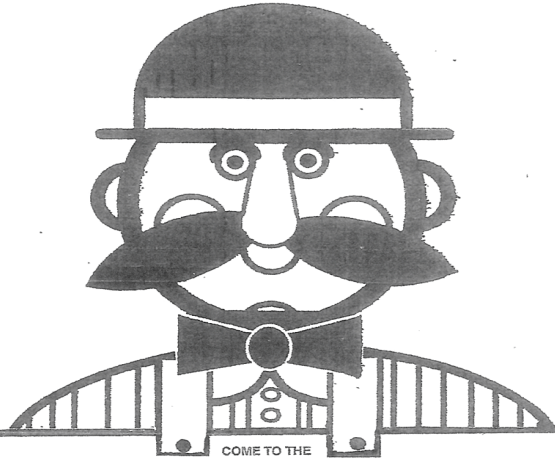
Please make an appointment.

Our thanks are extended to everyone who joined us for our **16th Eucharistic Procession** on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi last Sunday! It was a beautiful witness of faith, devotion, and community.

May the Blessed Sacrament continue to strengthen our faith and draw us closer to Christ.



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



L'ERABLE HOMECOMING SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

Sponsored by
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
MASS 11:00 AM

BBQ Chicken or Pork Chop Dinners

Served from Noon to 5:00 PM

½ Chicken - \$16.00 2 Pork Chops - \$16.00

¼ Chicken - \$14.00 1 Pork Chop - \$14.00

Dessert and Drink Included

Raffle Prizes

\$500 - \$250 - \$100

~Bingo~Fast Food~Snacks~Beer~Coin Toss~Corn Box ~

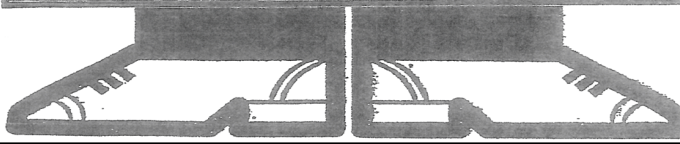
'Barnyard Style' Tractor Pull Demonstration – Noon

Weigh-in starts at 10:00 am – For more info call 815-573-3156

Due to insurance regulations, this is NOT a BYOB event

KIDDIE PEDAL TRACTOR PULL 1:00 PM

50 Frenchmen Can't Be Wrong!

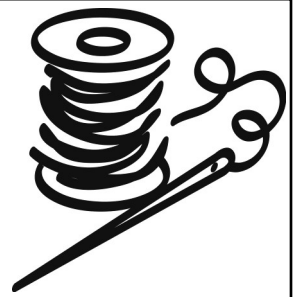


THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for JUNE 2026—

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Serving God's Family Ministry Bazaar THIS WEEKEND in the Lobby



This year, the SGF Ministry has concentrated its efforts on welcoming God's young with receiving blankets and burp cloths, and sewing and crafting assistance aids such as walker bags, arm chair organizers, shawls, and lap robes. The items are offered to pro-life and pregnancy support facilities, hospice centers, and assisted living units.

As the work year closes, the group will make items available in the St. Paul west lobby this weekend following Masses for parishioners' families and friends.

Free will offerings will be accepted.



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.

Our food drive continues

The Knights of Columbus have a drop box for non perishable food items and cleaning supplies in the St. Paul the Apostle lobby across from the office. We have met our target goal of 1,000 pounds of food for the period July 1, 2025 to June 2026 thanks to your generosity! The need is always present. Please continue to help us help those in need.



St. Paul the Apostle Council #11232 recently held its election of officers for the fraternal year starting July 1, 2026. Bill Sander will be Grand Knight for the new fraternal year. The council is finalizing our plans to install our officers in July.

Diocese of Joliet

Office of the Bishop



Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403
www.dioceseofjoliet.org

Dear Friends,

June is a month filled with grace and gratitude — a time to welcome the warmth and abundance of summer and to honor the remarkable men who have shaped our lives through their loving guidance. To all the fathers and father figures in our faith community, I wish you a most happy and blessed Father's Day!

It is especially fitting, then, that June also invites us to turn our hearts toward our parish priests — men who have answered God's call and given their lives entirely to us as our spiritual fathers.

These dedicated shepherds pour themselves into the care of their parishes and parishioners, faithfully present through every season of life. When illness visits one of our beloved priests, the call falls to us, as Catholics, to stand by their side. In accompanying our clergy through their most vulnerable moments, we live out the Gospel's summons to care for the sick and to love one another as Christ loved us.

The Father's Day Second Collection exists for this singular purpose: to support our diocesan priests who are facing serious, long-term illness. Your gift helps provide essential medical care when a health crisis strikes and brings meaningful relief from the mounting costs of specialized treatment.

I ask you to take a quiet moment in prayer to discern how you might help. To give online quickly and securely, please scan the QR code below. Or, if you prefer, you are warmly invited to place your offering during the Father's Day Second Collection on June 20–21 at your parish.

On behalf of every priest who will be touched by your generosity, thank you. Your open and giving heart is a true blessing — a living witness to the faith we share.

With best wishes and God's blessings,

As I remain—
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis E. Spies
Apostolic Administrator and Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet



Scan to make a gift to the Father's Day Second Collection.

2026 SHREDDING DAYS



Beecher Financial Center
Saturday, June 20, 2026

Peotone Financial Center
Saturday, September 26, 2026

Hours are 9-11 AM. Bring your unwanted papers to be destroyed securely by a licensed shredding company. It's the perfect opportunity to declutter your home and protect your personal information - all for free!