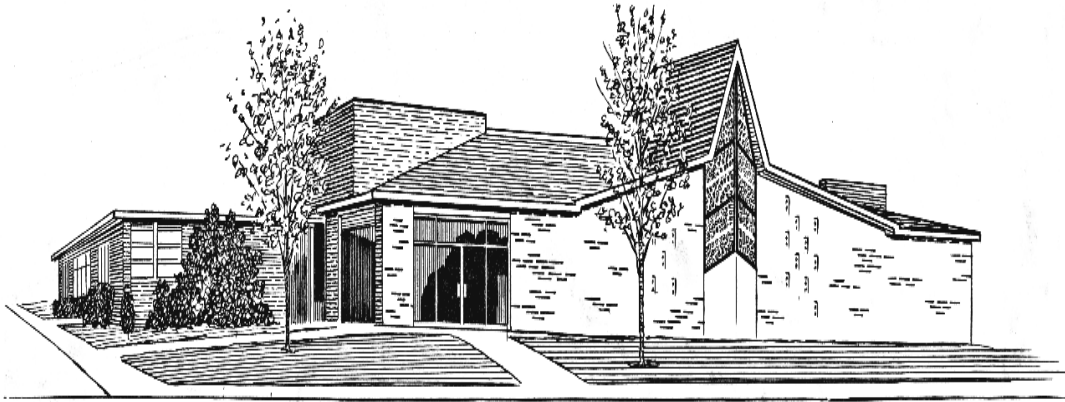




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June 21, 2026

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

*Happy Father's Day from the
St. Paul parish staff!*

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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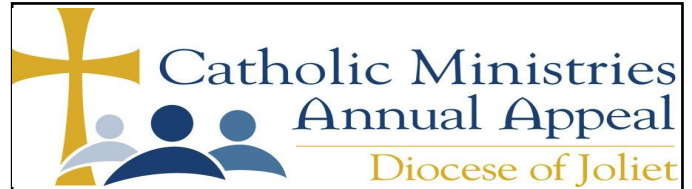
Sat	6/20	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Mike Hodgett</u> req by Family
Sun	6/21	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	<u>All Fathers, Living & Deceased</u> and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
Mon	6/22	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	6/23	8:30 am—	+ <u>Richard Weiss</u> req by the James Kelly family
Wed	6/24	8:30 am—	+ <u>William J. Gordon, Jr.</u> req by Mary Ann Battermann
Thr	6/25	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	6/26	8:30 am—	<u>Celebrant's Intention</u>
Sat	6/27	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	<u>Wedding Anniversary</u> <u>Remembrance</u> — + <u>Tom & Arline Adamsick</u> req by Family and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
Sun	6/28	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Charlotte Neybert</u> and + <u>David Neybert</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.



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.



Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish as of June 14, 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:	\$26,405
AMOUNT PAID:	\$20,913
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 5,492
DONORS:	88
REBATE:	\$ 2,949

POPE LEO PROCLAIMS JUBILEE YEAR of St. Francis with Plenary Indulgences

To mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis to be observed from **January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027**. This Jubilee invites the faithful to renew their commitment to holiness, peace, and evangelical charity following the example of the Seraphic Patriarch.

During the Jubilee Year, the faithful may obtain a Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, by making pilgrimages to churches, monasteries and oratories administered by the Franciscan Order and diocesan churches with St. Francis of Assisi is the titular patron, as well as through prayer and spiritual union for those unable to travel.

Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details.
We're here to help!

Homecoming in L'Erable: Join the fun on Sunday, July 12, 2026, at St. John the Baptist Church in L'Erable (12 miles south of Kankakee). Chicken and porkchop dinners will be served and festivities will include Tractor Pull Demonstration (noon), kiddie tractor pull (1pm), raffles, bingo, snacks, ice cream, candy, and drinks.

Quo Vadis Days: Young men ages 13-18 are invited to this summer camp focused on faith, fellowship, and learning about the priesthood, July 26-30 at Mundelein Seminary. Learn more at chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days.

Are you being called to be a deacon?

The Diocese of Joliet is in the process of inviting men to discern the call to the next **diaconate class of formation**. If the thought of becoming a deacon has whispered to your soul, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Office for the Diaconate at 815 221-6174 or complete the online questionnaire at: vocations.diojoliet.org/start-a-conversation
Take the first step in exploring this invitation from God.

48th Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 1pm
Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years are welcome to attend. Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrate the Mass at St. Raymond's Cathedral (604 N. Raynor / Joliet) and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.
The deadline to register is August 10, 2026.
If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Doug McIlvaine at 815 221-6136 or dmcilvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org.



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

Please keep Penny Lund, Marcel Smaga, Bernie Iversen, Carol Henderson, 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 Digiacomo, Julie Szudarski, Aris Tomac, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrissy, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Francesca Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, the Adamsick Family, Lavergne Sigrist, 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.

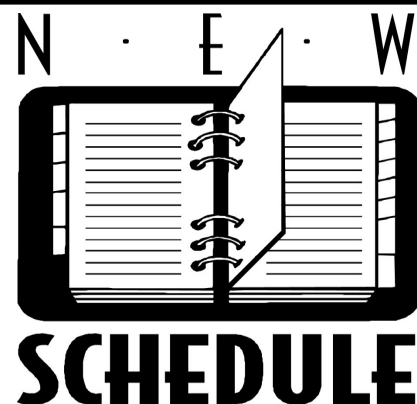
COLLECTION SUMMARY: June 13—14, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,843.00
Minus	\$ 362.53
Envelopes used / distributed	75 / 468
*Includes 8 Online Givers	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 10.00
Father's Day Masses	\$ 130.00

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



In today's Gospel Jesus is continuing His "Missionary Discourse". He is preparing his disciples for the inevitable friction, misunderstanding, and fear that comes with living the Gospel in a broken world. Jesus commands us: "Do not be afraid." Here Jesus gives us three profound theological reasons why we do not need to fear: Divine Justice, Eternal Perspective, and Spiritual Worth.

Truth Wins in the End. "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." The early Christians were whispered about, slandered, and accused of being subversive criminals. Jesus reminds them that human judgments are temporary. History is written by the powerful, but eternity is written by the Truth.

We live in a culture where standing up for Catholic moral and spiritual truths can lead to being canceled, mocked, or misunderstood. Jesus tells us to speak the truth "in the light" and "from the housetops." We don't need to be defensive or secretive. In the end, God's truth will outshine every human opinion.

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Jesus bluntly acknowledges that the world can harm us physically, financially, or socially. But He asks us to look at the scale of eternity. The worst the world can do us is take our earthly life; the worst we can do to ourselves is forfeit our eternal life.

True "fear of the Lord" (one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit) is not cowering in terror. It is a profound awe and reverence for God's holiness, paired with a healthy dread of being separated from Him. When we fear God in the right way, we lose our fear of everything else.



"Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." This is one of the most tender images in the New Testament. Sparrows were the cheapest living things sold in the marketplace, two for a small coin. Yet not even one of them falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge. God does not look at the human race as a vague collective. He looks at you personally. He knows the hidden anxieties, the private griefs, and the silent sacrifices nobody else sees. Your life is held in existence at every moment by His deliberate love.

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny him before my heavenly Father." Acknowledging Jesus is built in the small, daily choices. Do we make the Sign of the Cross at a restaurant before we eat? Do we defend the vulnerable when it's socially inconvenient? Fear shall not keep us from speaking the truth or living my faith fully at work, school, or home.

Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the absolute certainty that you are fiercely loved by a Father who has already won the final victory. If we choose to stand with Jesus in the messy, hostile, or indifferent spaces of this world, He promises to stand with us before the throne of the Father, saying, "This one is mine."

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI

A generous client of the Senior Assistance Center has donated a **transfer wheelchair** to be used as needed to get from your vehicle to the church. It is located in the new entrance. Please feel free to use it at your convenience.



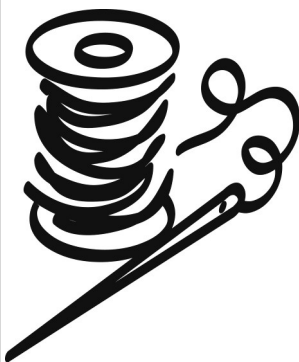
The sign-up sheets for **Lectors** and **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** are in the rear of the church. Please sign-up where you are able.



WESTIN REID was baptized on June 14, 2026.

He is the son of Richard and Katherine McArdle Koehn.

Welcome to the parish family!



THANK-YOU!

Serving God's Family Ministry extends sincere thanks to the parishioners and friends who supported our work this year through donations of flannel fabric, yarn, time, talent, prayers, good wishes and monetary gifts.

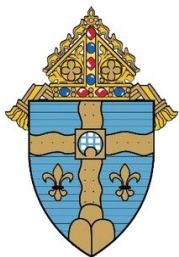
If you know someone who would enjoy a handmade item, please complete a request form in the small, brown box in the new lobby. Available items include:

- Receiving blankets
- Burp cloths
- Shoulder wraps
- Lap robes
- Walker bags

(which also work well on recliners and chairs)

Friends, neighbors, and relatives are all welcome recipients—we are all part of **God's Family**. Someone from the ministry will contact you after your request is received.

If you have any questions, please contact:
 Laure Sander 708 258-9779
 Jean Hespern 708 906-4306



Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE or local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Spies and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities.

Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 815 263-6467.

Next weekend we will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit [www .obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the parish family of St. Carlo Acutis (Crest Hill) on the passing of their pastor, **Fr. Anthony Nyamai**, sometime during the night Friday into Saturday, June 13, 2026. Fr. Nyamai was appointed to be the Parochial Vicar for St. Mary Nativity (Joliet) effective July 1, 2026.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen.

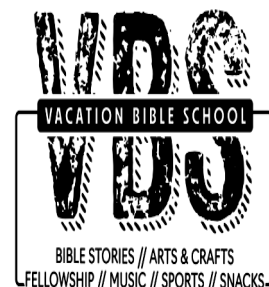


St. Paul the Apostle K of C Council # 11232 congratulates all fathers on Fathers Day!

A great gift for dad is a membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Membership is free for the remainder of 2026 for new members and it is easy to join! For information call Grand Knight Ron LeClaire at 708-204-6277.

Stay tuned for registration information for ecumenical **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** — August 3—7, 2026!



For *God* is not unjust
 so as to overlook your work
 and the *Love* you have
 demonstrated for His name
 by having served and continuing
 to *serve* the holy ones.

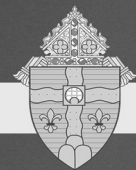
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Father's Day Collection

For Infirm and Retired Priests

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Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Parish

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 _____

() _____

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

FATHER'S DAY SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend we celebrate all fathers on Father's Day, including our spiritual fathers, also known as our parish priests. Our parish priests dedicate their lives to serving God, the Church, and their parish families. And when a priest may fall seriously ill, it is our duty as Catholics to care for them.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our infirm and retired priests so they receive the dignity, safety, and higher quality of care needed with a gift to the Father's Day Second Collection today.

On behalf of all priests who will benefit from your sacrifice, thank you!

Please visit www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers for employment information on **Diocesan Opportunities, Catholic Schools Opportunities, Parish Opportunities, Internship Opportunities** and **Other Opportunities** within the Diocese.