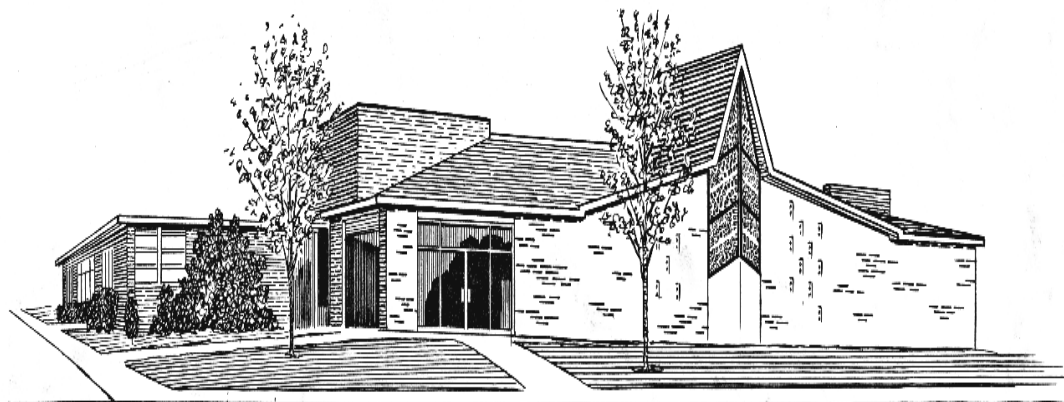




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June 28, 2026

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 and Thrs 7:30am

Communion Services: Mon, Weds and Fri 7:30am

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

Please refer to page 3 for our upcoming weekday Mass schedule, beginning Monday.

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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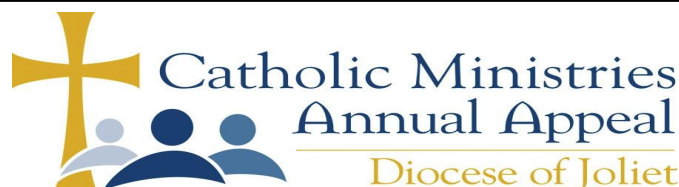
Sat	6/27	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	<u>Wedding Anniversary</u> <u>Remembrance —</u> <u>+Tom & Arline Adamsick</u> req by Family and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
Sun	6/28	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Charlotte Neybert</u> and + <u>David Neybert</u> req by Family
Mon	6/29	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	6/30	7:30 am—	+ <u>Myrtle Weiss</u> req by the James Kelly Family
Wed	7/1	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Thr	7/2	7:30 am—	+ <u>Pat Motyka</u> req by Family
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	7/3	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Sat	7/4	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Joe Ladislas</u> req by Dawn Ladislas
Sun	7/5	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Betty Knickrehm</u> — <u>95th Birthday Remembrance</u> req by Family and <u>The 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.



The Altar flowers are given in memory of Betty Knickrehm's 95th Birthday, from her family

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 21, 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:	\$33,455
AMOUNT PAID:	\$29,088
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 4,367
DONORS:	89
REBATE:	\$ 8,672



Our next **BAPTISMAL CLASS** is scheduled for **this MONDAY, June 29**, at 6pm. Parents are required to attend a class before making arrangements for the baptism of their child. If you have attended a baptismal class within the last two years, you do not need to attend again. We encourage you to attend the baptismal class during your pregnancy so there will be no delay in your child's baptism. If you plan to attend, please call the parish office at 708 258-6917.

*America stands on two great pillars —
faith and morality. Without these, our
foundation crumbles.*

—George Washington

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!



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.



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

Please keep Chester Furtak, 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, Charles Claxton, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiaco, Julie Szudarski, Aris Tomac, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Francesca Liberra Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Liberra, the Adamsick Family, Laverne 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 20—21, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,257.00
Plus	\$ 51.47
Envelopes used / distributed	71 / 468

****Includes 7 Online Givers***

Providing for Our Future	\$ 546.00
Retired Priests	\$1,029.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 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.



JOIN THE CELEBRATION. GIVE BLOOD.

Peotone Public Library District Blood Drive

**Sponsored by
Peotone High School**

Large Conference Room

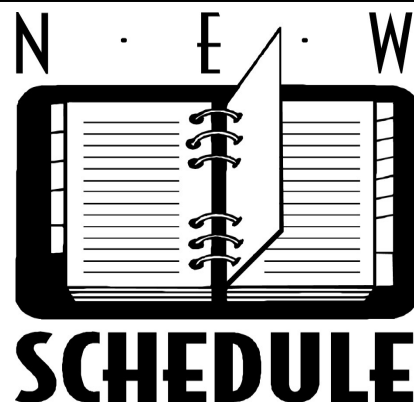
515 N 1st St
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**Tuesday, July 7, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Beginning this **Monday, June 29, 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 Gospel is the climax of Jesus' "Missionary Discourse." He has just chosen His twelve apostles and is laying out the stark reality of what it means to follow Him. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..." The idea that our love must be properly ordered. Jesus is not commanding us to hate our parents or children; after all, the Fourth Commandment explicitly tells us to honor our parents. Instead, Jesus is stating that God must be the center. When we love God first and foremost, our love for our family isn't diminished, but purified and strengthened. Obviously, these words of Jesus do not set up any opposition between the first and fourth commandments (love for God above all things and love for one's parents); he is simply indicating the order of priorities. We should love and respect – in theory and in practice – the Parents God has given us. They have generously co-operated with the creative power of God in bringing us into the world and there is so much that we owe them.

The Cross for a Christian is the ultimate instrument of grace. "And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." For a first-century audience, the mention of a "cross" was terrifying. It wasn't a metaphor for a bad day or a difficult boss; it meant public torture, humiliation, and death. Notice that Jesus says to take up the cross. It is an active, daily choice to accept the sacrifices, suffering, and self-denial that come with living the Gospel. We do not carry it alone; we carry it in His footsteps.



We find a Grand Paradox when he tells us: "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." This is the great paradox of the Christian faith. The world tells us to grasp, accumulate, protect, and self-actualize. Jesus says the only way to truly "find" your soul is to pour it out in love and service to Him. When we let go of our tight grip on our own plans, reputations, and comforts, God fills that empty space with true, eternal life.

Helping others in the name of Jesus can be called 'Holy Hospitality' and it brings Graces to us. We do the hospitality work because we are his disciples. "And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward." The discourse shifts beautifully from the heavy weight of the Cross to the immense value of a simple cup of cold water.

This speaks directly to the Catholic understanding of the Communion of Saints and the Mystical Body of Christ. When we welcome a missionary, a priest, or a vulnerable person ("these little ones"), we are welcoming Christ Himself. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux built her entire "Little Way" on this truth—that doing small things with great love is a fast track to sanctity.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI

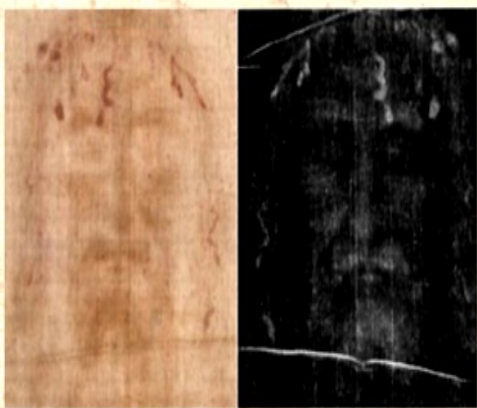
The sign-up sheets for **Lectors** and **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** are in the rear of the church. Please sign-up where you are able.

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

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



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **MR. KEN ROCZNIAK**, 76, who passed away June 18, 2026. He was the husband of Sue.
+ May he rest in peace. +



THE MAN OF THE SHROUD EXHIBITION

Explore the mystery and history of the Shroud of Turin, the ancient linen cloth believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. The Man of the Shroud Exhibit offers an immersive, museum-like experience, presenting the results of extensive scientific, historical, and forensic studies through informative displays, photographs, and illustrations. Visitors will have the opportunity to view a full-length replica of the Shroud and discover the evidence, research, and enduring questions surrounding one of the world's most fascinating and debated artifacts. Join us for this unique, educational, and thought-provoking museum-style experience that brings history, science, and faith together in a compelling journey of discovery.

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SAT. JULY 11TH 10AM-4PM

SUN. JULY 12TH 10AM-3PM

NO COST FOR THIS EVENT BUT DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Not suitable for children under 12 years of age.
Children 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored by the Parish Council Faith Formation Commission

Today is the ***Peter's Pence Collection***, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



Archbishop

Ronald Hicks is in Rome to receive the ***Pallium*** from Pope Leo XIV during Mass at St. Peter's Basilica on Monday, June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, at 2:30am Central Time (9:30am Rome time).



The ***Pallium*** is a woolen vestment worn by metropolitan archbishops as a symbol of their pastoral authority and their communion with the Holy Father. Each year, newly appointed metropolitan archbishops from around the world gather at the Vatican to receive the Pallium from the Pope.

The tradition of the Pallium dates back centuries and serves as a visible sign of an archbishop's commitment to caring for the faithful of his archdiocese.

A livestream of the Monday, June 29 Mass from St. Peter's Basilica will be available on YouTube, Facebook, VaticanNews and ***TheGoodNewsRoom.org***.

Please keep our former ordinary in your prayers as he prepares for this important moment in his ministry.



I wish to thank my brother knights of St. Paul the Apostle K of C #11232, our parishioners, and everyone who supported us with their time and resources to make the

2025-2026 fraternal year a huge success! We could not have met or exceeded every one of our goals without all of you. As the new fraternal year starts July 1st, please continue your support for our new Grand Knight Bill Sander, his officers, and our council members. Again heartfelt thanks!

Ron LeClaire, PFN
Grand Knight

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The ROSARY will be prayed 30 minutes prior to weekend Masses.		© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.	1	2	3	4



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CCW MEETING
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MASS 7:30am

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ADORATION 6-8pm

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SR. ASSISTANCE

10am-3pm (by appointment)

FINANCE COUNCIL 5:30pm

PARISH COUNCIL 6:30pm

ADORATION 6-8pm

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Happy 4th of July!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WEEK

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Happy 4th of July!

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