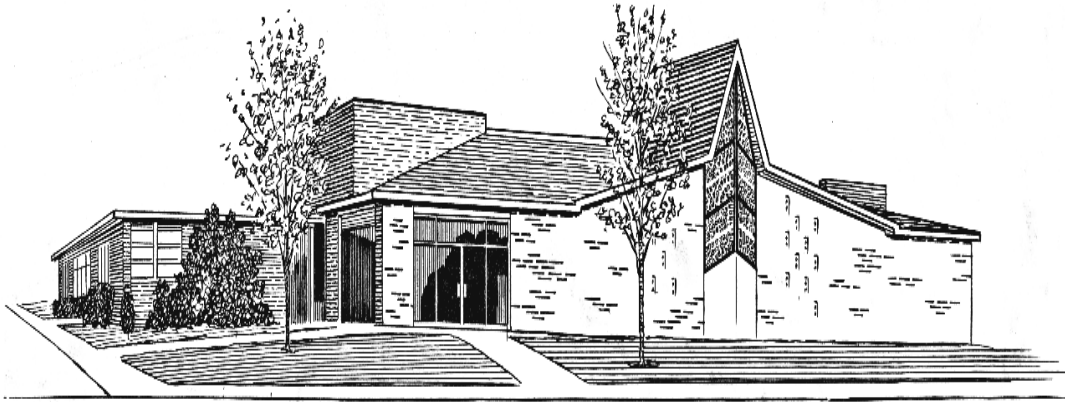




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June 7, 2026

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 16th EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION, on the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, will be held TODAY, Sunday, June 7 at the conclusion of 11am Mass.

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.

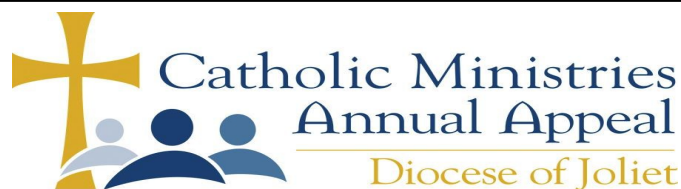
Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	6/6	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Denise Carol Anderson</u> req by Family
Sun	6/7	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	<u>An Increase in Vocations</u> and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
Mon	6/8	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	6/9	8:30 am—	+ <u>Pat Motyka</u> req by Family
Wed	6/10	8:30 am—	+ <u>William J. Gordon, Jr.</u> req by Patricia Farmer
Thr	6/11	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	6/12	8:30 am—	<u>Celebrant's Intention</u>
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>The 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

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.

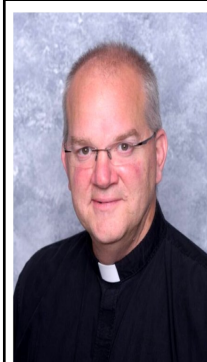


Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish as of May 31, 2026

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:	\$20,726
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 5,629
DONORS:	87
REBATE:	\$ 2,818



Bishop Dennis Spies
Diocesan Administrator

Are You Being Called to the Permanent Diaconate?

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, I encourage you to contact the diaconate office for more information.



Office for the Diaconate
815-221-6174
vocations.diojoliet.org/start-a-conversation

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!



The Altar flowers are given in memory of the deceased members of the O'Grady and Kolar families.

Altar Flowers

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—next 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 registration book on the table in the lobby. Couples who register will also receive an anniversary card.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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

Please keep Bernie Iversen, Carol Henderson, Ken Rocznik, 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: May 30—31, 2026:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Budgeted \$3,205.53, Sunday Offertory* \$2,699.00, Minus \$ 506.53, Envelopes used / distributed 67 / 484, *Includes 8 Online Givers, Providing for Our Future \$ 70.00, Disaster Relief \$ 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.

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





The feast of Corpus Christi (the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) invites a profound meditation on the mystery of the Eucharist. While the formal feast was instituted in the Western Church during the 13th century, its theological foundations are deeply rooted in the Patristic era (the 2nd through 8th centuries). Today's Gospel passage from John 6:51–58 represents the pinnacle and dramatic climax of Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse. For Catholics, it is the biblical cornerstone for the doctrine of the Real Presence and the profound mystery of the Eucharist. When the crowd murmurs and disputes among themselves, asking, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?", Jesus does not soften His language. As a result, many of his disciples no longer accompanied him, Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" This shows the importance and gravity of his teaching on Holy Eucharist.

For the Church Fathers, it was the burning center of Christian cosmic and mystical reality. A Patristic analysis of Corpus Christi reveals three deeply intertwined dimensions: Transformation, Mystical Unity, and Cosmic Renewal.

Let us delve into the writings of some of the Fathers of the Church on the Eucharist. St. John Chrysostom, renowned for his Eucharistic realism, emphasized that the change is wrought by the power of Christ's word spoken through the priest: "It is not man who makes what is put before us the Body and Blood of Christ, but Christ Himself who was crucified for us. The priest stands occupying the place of Christ and pronouncing these words, but the power and grace are of God." Similarly, St. Cyril of Jerusalem urged the faithful to look past the physical senses, trusting entirely in faith: "Do not consider the bread and wine as mere elements; for they are, according to the Master's declaration, the Body and Blood of Christ. Though sense suggests the first to you, let faith give you firm assurance." For the Fathers, this transformation was an extension of the Incarnation. Just as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Virgin Mary to form Christ's physical body, the same Spirit descends upon the gifts to realize His sacramental presence.

St. Augustine of Hippo beautifully articulated this to his catechumens, explaining that when they look at the altar, they are looking at a mystery of themselves: "If you, then, are the body of Christ and its members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table... Be what you see, and receive what you are." Every time a Catholic approaches the altar and hears the words, "The Body of Christ," and responds, "Amen," he/she is standing in the shoes of Peter, who answered: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

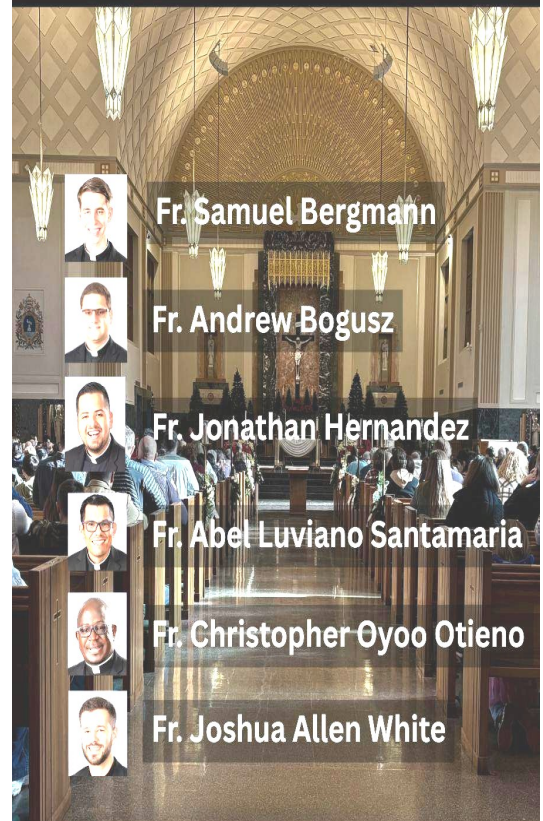
"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The Eucharist, however, is the Bread of the Resurrection. Because Christ's flesh is now glorified and infused with the life of the Holy Spirit, receiving it plants the seed of immortality within our mortal bodies. It bridges the gap between time and eternity, offering a present participation in the eternal life of God.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI



Pray for Our Six New Priests



Fr. Samuel Bergmann

Fr. Andrew Bogusz

Fr. Jonathan Hernandez

Fr. Abel Luviano Santamaria

Fr. Christopher Oyoo Otieno

Fr. Joshua Allen White

Scan to meet
our new priests



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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- CW4 John Carrillo (Army—JBLM Washington State)
Nephew of Denise (Ed) Carriel
- HM2 Chuck Claxton (Navy—29 Palms, CA)
Son of Dennis & Pat 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, Jr.) Fry

Please pray for their safety, spiritual and physical well being and that God will give His peace to their parents and families.

PRAYER for THOSE SERVING

O Merciful Father, You desire the welfare of Your children. Stretch out Your protecting arm over our men and women in the service. Shield them from every danger to body, mind and soul. Comfort them in loneliness, sustain them in hardship, give them courage they need to fulfill their duty and do Your will in all things. Bestow on our leaders and the leaders of the world the wisdom and prudence, which will bring peace and justice to all men. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen.



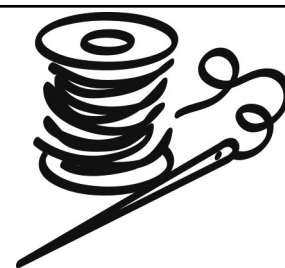
THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for JUNE 2026—

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
June 13—14 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 on June 13 and 14 following Masses for parishioners' families and friends.

Free will offerings will be accepted.

Join
Bishop Spies
at Chicagoland
Speedway for
NASCAR on
Sunday July 5

Meet and Greet
at the
North Gate
at 3:30 pm

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SPEEDWAY**

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specially
priced tickets



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.

- Hebrews 6:10



Father's Day Collection

For Infirm and Retired Priests

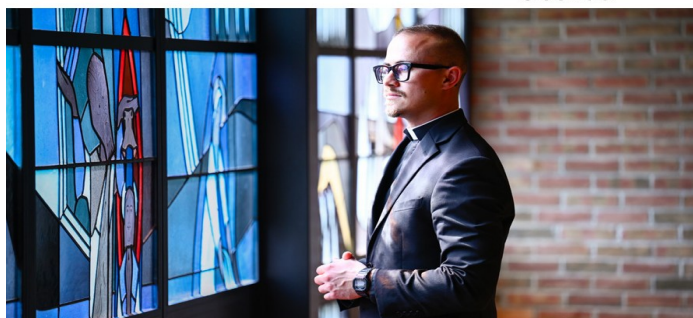
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From pre-med to priesthood – one man's answer to God's call.

Joshua felt empty despite every worldly success. Through a community that prayed, encouraged, and walked with him, he discovered his calling. Now he's preparing for ordination in 2027. Your support through the CMAA helps form the future priests of our diocese.

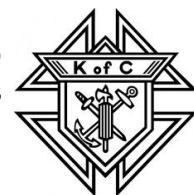
"I finally knew what I was being called to do."
 – Joshua



Watch the video and see the good your donation to the CMAA brings to our community



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. Food collected is distributed through local pantries. Please help us help those in need.



JUNE 2026 RAFFLE WINNERS

\$150.00	#112	John Porpora
\$100.00	#164	Robert Astroth
\$ 50.00	#306	Don Domke
\$ 50.00	#140	Joe Celebucky
\$ 25.00	#544	Char Mott
\$ 25.00	#376	Janette Dargent

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

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