



March 10, 2024

**ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:**

Grades K through 8: Sunday from 8:45am-10:15am

Find us—

Facebook: “*St. Paul the Apostle Peotone*”

Website: [StPaulPeotone.org](http://StPaulPeotone.org)

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** By appointment  
**RECONCILIATION:** Thursday: 7:30pm to 8pm  
Saturday: 3pm to 3:45pm  
Any time by appointment  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Sunday, March 17, 2024  
**FIRST COMMUNION:** Sunday, April 28, 2024  
**CONFIRMATION:** Saturday, May 11, 2024  
**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:** 10:30am  
**Daily Mass:** Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri 7:15am  
**Communion Service:** Tuesday 7:15am

**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

Volunteers of any age are invited to sign-up in the rear of the church to participate in the **HOLY THURSDAY 7pm MASS** *WASHING of the FEET* ceremony.



**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.

**COLLECTION SUMMARY: March 2—3, 2024**

Sunday Offertory*	\$3,205.25
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Minus	\$ 160.13
Envelopes used / distributed	74 / 514
<i>*Includes 8 Online Givers</i>	
Lent / Easter Enviro	\$1,232.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 105.00



Secure and convenient  
**ONLINE GIVING** is available  
at  
**GiveCentral.org**.

Please put in zip code 60468 to  
find the St. Paul portal.

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 infor-  
mation 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).

**MARCH RAFFLE WINNERS**

\$150.00	#380	John Turek
\$100.00	#26	Dennis Claxton
\$ 50.00	#383	John Turek
\$ 50.00	#310	Don Domke
\$ 25.00	#507	Craig Newmes
\$ 25.00	#93	Council 745

Please pray for our 2nd  
graders who will  
receive the **Sacrament  
of First Reconciliation**  
after 10:30am Mass  
next Sunday.



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Peggy Schwiesow, Collin Bias, Barb  
Egelski, Tom Skill, Scott Rosenberg,  
Betty Knickrehm, Arline Clark, Mary  
Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valen-  
ti, Samantha Digiaco, Julie  
Szudarski, Owen Ruhbeck, Sharon Andrews, Sue  
Gomez, CJ Ogalla-Arebalo, Aris Tomac, Joe Rojas,  
Terry & Mary Urbanek, June O'Flynn, Bob Johnson,  
Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam  
Carpenter, Ray Romito, Francesca Librera Biondo,  
Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Harry & Geri  
Mokry, Carole Reichert, Pastor Richard Young, Jo-  
seph Terri, John Fahs, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances  
Librera, Mary Ann Librera, the Adamsick Family,  
Cassidy Novak, Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita  
Hall, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lo-  
rienne Mihelic, Irene Manning, 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.*

**Joyful Again!** is a spiritual program for  
widows and widowers who want to resolve the  
normal grief they feel after losing their spouses  
and who want to begin to start to live fully again.

This self-help process toward healing is  
fostered by trained volunteers who have experi-  
enced the pain of loss themselves and have  
moved forward in their healing journey.

**Joyful Again!** will be conducting retreats  
at:

**-St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont.** April 13-  
14, 2024. This is a 2 day retreat with overnight  
accommodations.

**-St Julie's Parish, Tinley Park.** June 22-23,  
2024 No overnight accommodations available  
at this retreat.

**-St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont.** Septem-  
ber 18-19, 2024. This is a 2 day retreat with  
overnight accommodations.

More information can be found at:  
[www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org).





Sat	3/9	3:00 pm—	<u><b>CONFESSION</b></u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u><b>Burton Olsen</b></u> req by Joan Olsen
Sun	3/10	10:30 am—	<u><b>People of the Parish</b></u>
Mon	3/11	7:15 am—	+ <u><b>Bernard Powers</b></u> req by Joan Olsen
Tue	3/12	7:15 am—	<u><b>Communion Service</b></u>
Wed	3/13	7:15 am—	+ <u><b>Bernard Powers</b></u> req by Bev Fitzgerald
Thr	3/14	7:15 am—	<u><b>An Increase in Vocations</b></u>
		6:00 pm—	<u><b>ADORATION</b></u>
		7:30 pm—	<u><b>CONFESSION</b></u>
Fri	3/15	7:15 am—	+ <u><b>Bernard Powers</b></u> req by Steve & Linda Kottmeyer
		6:00 pm—	<u><b>Soup Supper</b></u>
		7:00 pm—	<u><b>Stations of the Cross</b></u>
Sat	3/16	3:00 pm—	<u><b>CONFESSION</b></u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u><b>Don Blaser</b></u> <u><b>93rd Birthday Remembrance</b></u> req by Ernie & Kathy Yost and <u><b>People of the Parish</b></u>
Sun	3/17	10:30 am—	+ <u><b>Chad Carder</b></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.*



**PARISH /  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
PENANCE SERVICE**  
Monday, March 19 at 6:30pm

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Our thanks are extended to everyone who participated in the **Ecumenical Soup Supper / Service** hosted by St. Paul on Wednesday, March 6.

Whether you provided soup, bread or cookies, helped set-up or clean-up, attended the service, or provided a friendly welcome to our visiting brothers and sisters in faith, we appreciate you!

**Special thanks to the Beecher Manor ladies for coordinating the event.**



**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for MARCH 2024:**

*For the new martyrs*

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



Would you like to remember your living or deceased loved ones at one of our Masses? Perhaps for the anniversary of their death, to celebrate their birthday, wedding anniversaries or for their health. We have Mass cards, on request.

For more information, please call the office at 708 258-6917.

Applications for the Joliet Diocesan CCW Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students in grades 8-11 planning on attending a **Joliet Diocesan** Catholic High School for the 2024-25 school year. Applicants can obtain a BBSF application form from the Parish Office.



FACTS must be applied for online at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4FV06>

Request to be added to the **Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women—BBSF FACTS ID#32463**. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to **FACTS** at their online site.

If you have any questions regarding FACTS call: 1-866-412-4637. **DO NOT SEND** the FACTS application to the JDCCW office. There is a \$40 fee for the **FACTS** application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2022 income tax report.

Since the announcement of Fr. Thomas Milota as the new pastor coming to St. Paul, I have received from him a special letter to the parishioners. Here it is:

*“Dear Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!*

*When Bishop Hicks phoned me to let me know that I would be assigned as pastor of Saint Paul and Saint Boniface, I rejoiced. This was the assignment I had requested. Because I have heard that you are a very kind and welcoming community, I am looking forward to getting to know you and serving as your pastor.*

*I have read the information on your well-developed webpage with great interest. Saint Paul Parish in Peotone has a long tradition and connection with my present assignment of Saint Petronille in Glen Ellyn. Fr. Mike O’Keefe and Fr. William Cullen were both pastors at Saint Paul in Peotone many years ago and then pastors at Saint Petronille in Glen Ellyn. I am now moving in the other direction. I am moving from Saint Petronille to Saint Paul. There must be something about priests who serve in Peotone and Glen Ellyn and I look forward to finding out what it is.*

*I was glad to see that you have a Knights of Columbus Council in that I am also a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight of Columbus. I look forward to moving my membership to Council #11232. I first joined the Knights when I was a young priest and the Knights have always been supporters and defenders of vocations and the respect for human life at all of its stages.*

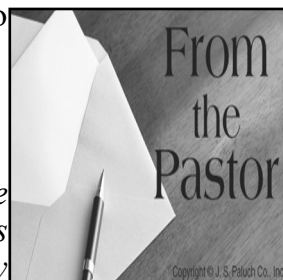
*Although I will not begin serving as pastor until July 1<sup>st</sup>, I want to offer my thanks and gratitude to Fr. Roger for his warm welcome to me and his fine priestly example in pastoring two parishes.*

*May Almighty God bless you and keep you.*

*Prayers.*

*In Christ,*

*Fr. Thomas Milota”*



I am so glad Fr. Thomas is happy with this new assignment, which eases a little bit the thought how much I am going to miss serving St. Paul’s. So far there is no new development about getting new parish for me. Thanks for your prayers, as also I pray for you in this time of the transition of pastors.

**+ Rev. Roger D. Kutzner**

Did you know?  
OSV Newsweekly, under the name of ***Our Sunday Visitor***, was founded in 1912 by Father John Francis Noll. OSV Newsweekly speaks the truth in a way that seeks unity in our increasingly polarized world and is an indispensable source of information and formation for Catholics who love their faith.

***Complimentary copies are available in both lobbies.***

This week we take up the ***Catholic Relief Services Collection*** to reveal Christ’s love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.



Learn more about the collection at  
[www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

-HM2 Chuck Claxton	(Navy—29 Palms, CA)	Son of Dennis & Pat Claxton; Brother of Peter 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
-CAPT Jori Ingersoll	(Air Force—Washington State)	Daughter of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.
-SGT Nate Kijowski	(Marines—Okinawa)	Grandson of Ron & Ann Ziolkowski
-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
-2LT Joseph Walan	(Air Force—Las Vegas, NV)	Son of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.



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

ST. BONIFACE 2024 LENT SCHEDULEWeekday Masses

There will be an 8:30am Mass on Monday and Wednesday only during Lent.  
There will be no morning Mass on Friday.

Fridays in Lent:

-**Mass:** Mass will be every Friday at 3pm.  
-**Stations of the Cross** will be every Friday immediately following the 3pm Mass.  
-**Confessions** will be heard every Friday while Stations of the Cross are being prayed and on Saturday immediately following the 5:30pm Mass.

**LAETARE SUNDAY**

Today—Roman Catholic priests and deacons have the option of wearing **rose** vestments to represent the joyful reward that comes from offering sacrifice with patience.

*Laetare Sunday* is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm" as we approach the darkness of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savor and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us on Easter Sunday—the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!

**WELCOME GIRL SCOUTS & FAMILIES**

*"The motivating force in Girl Scouting is spiritual."*—Preamble, Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA

At the heart of Girl Scouting are many **GIRL SCOUT** of the same values most faiths hold:

- Supporting girls
- Making our world a better place
- Building compassionate leaders



**SUNDAY**

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY** celebrates the powerful ties between Girl Scouting and faith. Girl Scouts are encouraged to connect their faith to the Girl Scout Law and earn the religious recognitions of their faith. Let's honor the Girl Scouts and adult volunteers who give their time and talents in service of others!

*Visit us at [girlscouts.org/faith](http://girlscouts.org/faith) for more info.*



**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.

The *Sacrament of Reconciliation* is offered on Saturday from 3—3:45pm, on Thursday from 7:30—8pm **or** by other arrangements with Father. Please call the parish office at 708 258-6917 or e-mail [StPaulOffice@att.net](mailto:StPaulOffice@att.net).

**CLERGY ASSOCIATION of GREATER PEOTONE  
ECUMENICAL SOUP SUPPER / PRAYER SERVICE**

March 13 United Methodist Church (Green Garden)  
March 20 St. John  
(serving at Faith Connection Wilton Center)  
Soup Supper begins at 6pm / Prayer Service begins at 7pm

**SOUP SUPPER / STATIONS of the CROSS**

Friday, March 15 and March 22, 2024  
A light supper of meatless soup and bread will be served at 6pm in the Red Room;  
Stations of the Cross begin at 7pm in the church.

**PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD  
Saturday, March 23 (Vigil)**

Confession 3pm—3:45pm  
Blessing of Palms  
Mass 4pm

**PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD  
Sunday, March 24**

Blessing of Palms  
Mass 10:30am  
No RE / FF classes

**Monday, March 25:** 7:15am Mass  
**Tuesday, March 26:** 7:15am Communion Service  
**Wednesday, March 27:** 7:15am Mass

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28: No 7:15am Mass**

Morning Prayer—8am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper—7pm  
(This includes the washing of feet, procession and transfer of the Holy Eucharist to the altar of repose and silent adoration until 10pm.)

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 29: No 7:15am Mass  
Day of Fast and Abstinence**

Morning Prayer—8am  
Divine Mercy Novena begins  
Ecumenical Stations of the Cross—3pm  
The Reading of the Lord's Passion Narrative with Veneration of the Cross and Distribution of Holy Communion—7pm

**The Pontifical collection for the Holy Land  
will be received.**

**HOLY SATURDAY, March 30**

Morning Prayer—8am  
Blessing of Easter Baskets—Noon  
Traditional blessing of food items for your Easter meal  
No Confessions / No 4pm Vigil Mass

**EASTER VIGIL MASS—7:30pm** (The most solemn of all vigils when we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord and welcome our new and fully initiated Catholics into the Church)

**EASTER SUNDAY of the  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, March 31**

Mass 10:30am  
No RE / FF classes



ST. PROCOPIUS ABBEY

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**COME & SEE  
EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT**

The Roman Catholic Benedictine Community of St. Procopius Abbey (Lisle, IL) invites Catholic men, ages 18 to 45, who are thinking about a religious vocation, to experience our community during this four-day retreat. The retreat offers an immersion into monastic life at St. Procopius Abbey during the Easter Triduum. Join the monks for prayer, work, and meals, as they prepare for and celebrate these holy days. Participants will also hear presentations on Benedictine monastic life and have opportunities for discussion and questions. The retreat is an excellent opportunity for furthering the discernment of one's vocation. The schedule includes time each day for silent prayer, reflection, and reading. **The Retreat begins on Holy Thursday, March 28 at 4pm and concludes Easter Sunday, March 31 at 1pm.**

For reservations & questions, email Br. Kevin Coffey, OSB, at [vocations@procopius.org](mailto:vocations@procopius.org).  
Space is limited!

**JOLIET YOUTH DAY**

Lewis University / Cost: \$75/person

This exciting, first-of-its-kind youth event will be held at Lewis University (1 University Parkway / Romeoville, IL) on **Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 9am to 5pm**

An unforgettable day conference dedicated to transforming the lives of 8th to 12th graders (current 7th to 12th graders) into passionate and joyful disciples, participants will:

- Engage with national keynote speakers
- Experience uplifting praise and worship
- Deepen their faith through Eucharistic adoration

Find renewal in Reconciliation

Register at

<https://www.diojoliet.org/w/jyd2024>