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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**

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

FILLED RICE BOWLS can be returned to the Religious Education or Parish Office!

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 16—17, 2024

Sunday Offertory*	\$2,898.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Minus	\$ 467.38
Envelopes used / distributed	79 / 514
<i>*Includes 8 Online Givers</i>	
Lent / Easter Environment	\$ 40.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 36.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 750.00



Peggy Schwiesow, Collin Bias, Barb Egelski, Tom Skill, Scott Rosenberg, Betty Knickrehm, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiacoimo, 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, Joseph 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, Lorraine Mihelic, Irene Manning, the Robert Polacek family, Rich Harms, TJ Stefanski, Linda Galica and those that go unnamed.

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



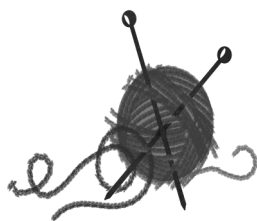
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ONLINE GIVING is available
 at
GiveCentral.org.
 Please put in zip code 60468 to
 find the St. Paul portal.

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 information by contacting Membership Coordinator Dan Mott at 708 277-7086 or mottd@rushenterprises.com; contacting Grand Knight Patrick Frencl, visiting with any current member of the Knights or visiting our website at www.kofc.org.



Thanks to everyone who supplied soup and bread for our Lenten Friday night soup suppers and to the CCW and Knights of Columbus for leading stations!

Our next **BAPTISMAL CLASS** is scheduled for this Wednesday, March 27 at 6pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend a class before making arrangements for the baptism of their child. If parents and godparents have attended a baptismal class within the last two years, there is no need to attend again. We encourage you to attend the 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.



Donations of **yarn** (new and partial skeins) are sought by the *Serving God’s Family Outreach Group* of St. Paul the Apostle Parish. The yarn will be used to make lap robes, shoulder wraps, caps, or items dictated by the yarn for use by parishioners and / or friends of our parish and / or Vitas Hospice. Please place yarn in the boxes in the lobbies the weekends of April 7 and 14.

Donations of **interfacing** for use making walker bags would also be appreciated and may be deposited in the lobby boxes as well. If you have any questions, please contact Laure Sander at 708 258-9779 or Jean Hesperen at 708 258-6364.

Clothe God’s Children” is now “Serving God’s Family”! The name change is to better reflect the range and diversity of garments and or objects provided for various age groups. Thank you for your past and future support and prayers



Mass Intentions

Sat 3/23 3:00 pm— CONFESSIO
 4:00 pm— +Burton Olsen
 req by Joan Olsen

Sun 3/24 10:30 am— +Joseph Onak
 req by Rick & Denise Starkey and
People of the Parish

Mon 3/25 7:15 am— +Bernard Powers
 req by Larry & Nancy Pilotto

Tue 3/26 7:15 am— Communion Service

Wed 3/27 7:15 am— +Bernard Powers
 req by Bev Fitzgerald
 (rescheduled from 3/13/24)

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

Thr 3/28 8:00 am— MORNING PRAYER
 7:00 pm— People of the Parish

GOOD FRIDAY

Fri 3/29 DAY of FAST and ABSTINENCE
 8:00 am— MORNING PRAYER
 3:00 pm— ECUMENICAL STATIONS
of the CROSS
 7:00 pm— Reading of the Passion,
Veneration of the Cross
and Communion

HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL

Sat 3/30 8:00 am— MORNING PRAYER
 12:00 pm— Blessing of Easter Food
 7:30 pm— People of the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY

Sun 3/31 10:30 am— People of the Parish

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.

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.

WHY DO WE VEIL IMAGES?

The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss and they serve as a reminder to get ready!



The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veils seem out of place, and even counterintuitive. It can seem strange that images are covered up during Passiontide. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened and we become more aware of what is missing. Similarly, the suppression of the Alleluia during Lent effectively demonstrates that we are in exile from our true Home, where the angels sing Alleluia without ceasing.

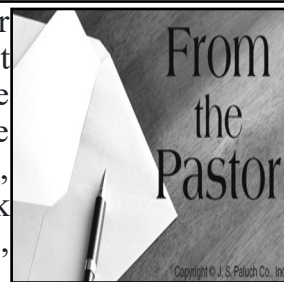
When images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection.



Little Books
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LITTLE BOOKS—
 six-minute reflections on the Resurrection Narrative according to Matthew—are in the lobbies.

Season of Lent was meant to prepare us to be amazed of what God did for us in order to redeem us from the grip of evil and everlasting death. He didn't just ask us to change our ways from wrongdoing into righteousness, but He became one of us and showed us the way, so we can follow it. He didn't crumple up the fallen world like a rough draft, throw it into the trash, and start again. No, He "emptied himself" coming down into the mess of this sinful world. He took upon himself the suffering and pain that mankind had unleashed through its sins, even though He himself had never sinned.



Imagine a man carrying an important message through the jungle. Off the path he sees something moving through the trees. It shines like gold. He doesn't want to leave the path, because the message is urgent, and the jungle is dangerous - there are tribes of cannibals around. But then he sees the flashing gold again. His curiosity is piqued. He wants the gold. He abandons his mission, leaves the path, and goes after the gold. He follows it far from the path. Suddenly he feels the ground beneath him give way. It's an enemy's trap. He finds himself in a pit. The walls are too sheer for him to climb. They are too high for him to pull himself out. He is doomed. This is Adam from the garden of Eden. He had been given a mission by God, to fill and cultivate the earth. But lured by the devil, he had abandoned his mission and his God and had thrown mankind into the pit of sin.

Now imagine another man finding the pit with Adam inside. He can't save Adam with his arm or with a branch, because the walls are too slippery and high. So he climbs down into the pit himself. Now the trapped man can climb onto his shoulders, reach the edge of the pit, and escape. But the second man has to stay behind. This second man is Christ. He came among us and freely took upon himself our own sufferings, restoring our friendship with God and giving us a fresh chance to fulfill our mission. We can continue climbing on Jesus' shoulders because, even though He suffered and died for our sins, He rose from the dead and as Risen Lord is always there for us. Evil and death has no more power over us. This is the victory we celebrate.

We all have an opportunity to relive this again in the services of Holy Triduum, not just only His Resurrection on Easter Day but also His Last Supper on Holy Thursday (7pm) and His Passion and Death on Good Friday (7pm). On Holy Saturday we have an extended celebration of Easter Vigil (7:30pm). Even though it's longer than Masses on Easter Sunday, it's worth to go to it, because it's so much more profound experience. I encourage you to come and celebrate these with the rest of our parish family.

+ Rev. Roger D. Kutzner

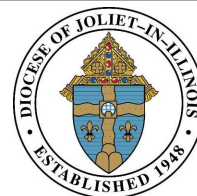
Did you know?
OSV Newsweekly, under the name of *Our Sunday Visitor*, was founded in 1912 by Father John Francis Noll. OSV Newsweekly speaks the truth in a way that seeks unity in our increasingly polarized world and is an indispensable source of information and formation for Catholics who love their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

Complimentary copies are available in both lobbies.

THE LORETTO CHAPEL

This Tuesday, March 26, a DVD presentation of *"The Staircase"*, built in the 1800's in the Sisters of Loretto Chapel, in Santa Fe, New Mexico will be shown at 8am or following the Communion Service.

Come to view the 90 minute program or sign out the DVD with Deacon Jim thereafter.



Please visit
DiocofJoliet.org
for information on
employment
opportunities
currently available at
the Diocese,
in parishes and at
schools.

**Pontifical Good Friday
Collection
March 29, 2024**



During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land are experiencing unique hardships in these challenging times. Many Christians depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic and now the war has stopped pilgrims from coming. The Christians are now less than 2% of the Holy Land population, down from 23% a century ago. With the war, many more are thinking about leaving.

The *Pontifical Good Friday Collection* offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of Christians. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.custodia.org and www.myfranciscan.org.

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH
The Sacred Paschal Triduum**

Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox. For Christians, Easter is the anniversary of the creation of the world.

Did you know that the full moon rises just as the sun sets? And that it sets when the sun rises? On the night of a full moon there is no moment of the night when the moon isn't shining. Christians think that this phenomenon makes a wonderful image of heaven's perpetual light. Easter is our sacramental entrance into the light of Christ, the light of eternity.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, the three-day Passover of the Lord, is our Easter festival. It begins on Holy Thursday at sunset. We count the days in the Jewish manner, from sunset to sunset. In this way the Triduum begins on the biblical "sixth day of the week," the day God created human beings. Its middle day is the "seventh day of the week," the Sabbath, the day of rest. And its final day is the "first day of the week," the day God began the work of creation by creating light and separating it from darkness. God the Father chose a "first day" to raise his Son from the dead. God the Spirit gave birth to the Church on a "first day" as well, the day of Pentecost.

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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.



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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 7

Class / Family Mass 10:30am—Snack & Chat follows

1:30-2:45pm Confession

3pm Divine Mercy Service

ST. BONIFACE 2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 28

5:30pm Soup Supper

7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration until 10pm.

Good Friday, March 29

3:00pm Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Communion

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 30

12:00pm Easter Basket Blessing

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00am Mass



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UPCOMING RE / FF EVENTS

No RE / FF Classes on March 24 or March 31

First Communion:

Sunday, April 28 at 10:30am Mass

May Crowning at Masses

weekend of May 4-5

Final RE / FF classes:

Sunday, May 5

Confirmation:

Confirmation will be conferred on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 11am by at St. Anthony (Frankfort)

Stay tuned for information on ecumenical **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** in June!



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.



Are you called to the *permanent diaconate*?
 Please see the poster and brochures in the lobby
 for more information.

