



March 3, 2024

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:

WORSHIP COMMISSION: Paula Prium

CHRISTIAN FORMATION / EDUCATION COMMISSION:

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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

LITURGICAL MINISTER SIGN-UPS
 for March 2—3 through April 29—30, 2024 are in the rear of the church.
 Please sign-up where you are able.



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: February 24—25, 2024

Sunday Offertory*	\$2,688.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Minus	\$ 677.38
Envelopes used / distributed	74 / 514
<i>*Includes 9 Online Givers</i>	
Lent/Easter Environment	\$ 30.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 63.00
Holy Land	\$ 10.00



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 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.



Reporting Sexual Abuse

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: (800) 25ABUSE / (800) 252-2873 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 Hicks 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.

St. Paul is on Facebook

Stay connected and be involved. Find us at “*St. Paul the Apostle Peotone*” and sign up to have parish events and updates from other Catholic interests sent right to your home computer or mobile device. It’s a great way to know what is going on and maybe even get to know your fellow parishioners better.



Peggy Schwiesow, Colin 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.

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

Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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
- Send Envelopes
- Interested in Religious Education
- Interested in volunteering**
- Would like to be contacted by a priest



Sat	3/2	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSIO</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Joan J. Potaczek</u> — <u>Birthday Remembrance</u> req by Family
Sun	3/3	10:30 am—	<u>People of the Parish</u>
Mon	3/4	7:15 am—	+ <u>Bernard Powers</u> req by Terri Hanlon
Tue	3/5	7:15 am—	<u>Communion Service</u>
Wed	3/6	7:15 am—	+ <u>Daniel A. Gallagher, Sr.</u> req by Bob & Helen Lewis
		6:00 pm—	<u>ECUMENICAL SOUP SUPPER</u>
Thr	3/7	7:15 am—	+ <u>Most Reverend Martin D. McNamara</u> — <u>First Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:30 pm—	<u>CONFESSIO</u>
Fri	3/8	7:15 am—	+ <u>Charles Svejkovsky</u> — <u>Birthday Remembrance</u> req by Paula Prium
		7:00 pm—	<u>Stations of the Cross</u>
Sat	3/9	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSIO</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Burton Olsen</u> req by Joan Olsen
Sun	3/10	10:30 am—	<u>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.

Next week our parish will take up the **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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.

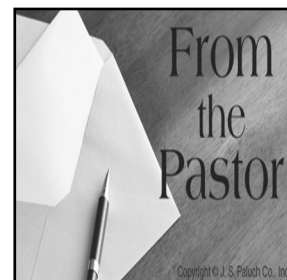
Applications for the Joliet Diocesan CCW Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students in grades 8-11 planning on attending a **Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School** for the 2024-25 school year. Applicants can obtain a BBSF application form from the Parish Office.



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.

There's an old story about a cowboy who walks into a saloon. He sits on a barstool next to his buddy. His buddy calls to the bar tender and orders a whiskey. When the whiskey arrives, the buddy slides it sideways along the bar to the cowboy and says, "Here's your solution; now tell me your problem." It's one of those old jokes that is kind of bittersweet, because there's a lot of truth in it. Not that alcohol or any drug is a solution to any problems - it isn't. But it is true that we all have problems; the right question isn't, "Do you have a problem?", but "What's your problem?"



I think that no one is completely satisfied in life, completely fulfilled; we are all searching for that happiness that we were made for. St Augustine expressed this beautifully at the beginning of his autobiography when he wrote: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord."

One of America's most renowned philosophers and writers, Henry David Thoreau, expressed this same idea less optimistically. He wrote, "Most men lead lives of quiet desperation." The human heart is hungry, but in this fallen world people don't always remember what it's hungry for. Jesus came to put hope into that desperation, to give direction to that restlessness. Only friendship with Him can lead us to the satisfaction we long for, not because it ends our search — that won't happen until heaven — but because it puts us on the sure path, the dependable, hope-filled path of the saints. But that friendship has a price - we have to let him clear away the false gods that are cluttering our hearts. Pope Paul VI summed this up beautifully: "He (Jesus) is the center of history and of the world; He is the one who knows us and who loves us; He is the companion and friend of our life."

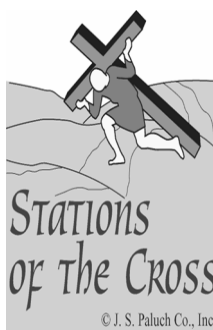
Our hearts are the real temple of God - the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Trinity dwell within us. But our sins and selfish actions and habits can turn that temple into a place of confusion, noise, and tension, instead of one where we encounter God and discover his love. Whenever we make a good confession, we give Jesus free entrance into our hearts, so that he can cleanse them, and fill them up again with the light and strength of his friendship.

+ Rev. Roger D. Kutzner

*Help us find the
2024 WOMAN OF THE YEAR*

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding woman in our parish as one who has carried on the mission of Christ through her family, church and community. To qualify for this award, the woman must: be 18 years or older, Catholic, registered at St. Paul and have not received the award in the past.

Nomination forms are in the lobbies — the deadline is SUNDAY, MARCH 17.



SOUP SUPPER / STATIONS of the CROSS on Fridays in Lent (March 8, March 15 & March 22)

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.

Parishioners, parish groups, RE / FF classes, families, etc. are invited to sign-up to provide **meatless soup and bread** and serve as hosts / hostesses. **Please sign-up in the rear of the church.**

Paper products, butter and cutlery will be provided.
Please join us in Lenten fellowship.



VIOLET ANN was baptized on February 24, 2024.

She is the daughter of Cody and Brittany Breazeale Larkins.

Welcome to the parish family!

***To the parishioners of St. Paul—
thank you!***

When I initially asked for donations and support for my mission trip to the Dominican Republic, I had no clue how overwhelmingly positive the response would be. I raised nearly \$3,000, blowing away my goal of \$2,500!

I would like to thank everyone who has donated toward my trip or prayed for me.

I would also like to give a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus, who donated \$500 to my cause! In just a couple of days, this trip was a dream that St. Paul turned into a reality. It made me emotional how the church community was able to come together to support me so that I can share the goodness of God with others.

The \$500 raised beyond my goal will be put toward buying medical supplies like Tylenol, vitamins, and gauze to take to the medical clinic where we will be working at in Santiago, DR, March 9th-16th.

It was clear how God answered prayers to make this trip possible for me and I am beyond grateful for each of you.

God Bless!
Julia Jennings

**Peotone
Ecumenical
Council of
Churches —
Lenten Soup
Suppers**



The Peotone Ecumenical Council of Churches extends an invitation to gather together as the people of God on five Wednesdays in Lent.

With the great success of the past, and the fellowship we have created as a community, we will gather to share a simple dinner and inspiring worship on these nights.

As in the past, soup will be served from 6—7pm and Worship will begin at 7pm.

We will be hosting at St. Paul **this week on Wednesday, March 6.** We will be in need of volunteers to help serve, provide 12 crock pots of soup, bread and several dozen cookies.

Please sign up on the table in the rear of the church if you can help!



Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10 — don't forget to spring forward 1 hour!

GIRL SCOUT







SUNDAY

Girl Scouts from any troop and their families are invited to join with us at 10:30am Mass next Sunday, March 10. Please be in uniform.

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**.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 RE/FF CLASSES CLASS / FAMILY MASS	4 CCW BOARD MEETING 6:30pm	5 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 7pm	6 SERVING GOD'S FAMILY 9:45-11am ECUMENICAL SOUP SUPPER / SERVICE 6pm / 7pm	7 ADORATION 6-8pm RECONCILIATION 7:30-8pm	8  SOUP SUPPER 6pm STATIONS of the CROSS 7pm	9 RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm
10 RE/FF CLASSES	11	12	13	14 ADORATION 6-8pm RECONCILIATION 7:30-8pm	15  SOUP SUPPER 6pm STATIONS of the CROSS 7pm	16 RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm
17 RE/FF CLASSES 1st RECONCILIATION after 10:30am MASS 	18 CCW VOTING MEETING 4pm ST. PAUL RE/FF PENANCE SERVICE 6:30pm	19	20 SERVING GOD'S FAMILY 9:45-11am	21 ADORATION 6-8pm RECONCILIATION 7:30-8pm	22  SOUP SUPPER 6pm STATIONS of the CROSS 7pm	23 RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm
24 NO RE/FF CLASSES PALM SUNDAY	25	26	27	28 HOLY THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER 8am MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER 7pm ADORATION FOLLOWING until 10pm	29 GOOD FRIDAY FAST & ABSTINENCE MORNING PRAYER 8am ECUMENICAL STATIONS of the CROSS 3pm READING of the LORD'S PASSION 7pm	30 HOLY SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER 8am EASTER FOOD BLESSING Noon EASTER VIGIL MASS 7:30pm
31 NO RE/FF CLASSES 	COUNCIL of CATHOLIC WOMEN WOMAN OF THE YEAR ballots available March 2-3, 9-10, 16-17	<h1>March</h1> © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.			1 WORLD DAY of PRAYER	2 RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm