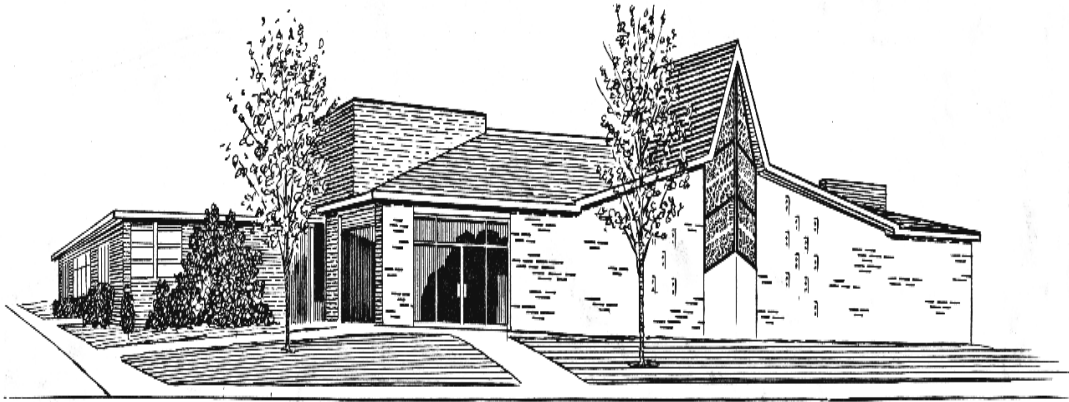




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May 10, 2026

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:

Grades 1 through 8: Wednesday from 6:15pm—7:30pm

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 at 11am
at St. Anthony (Frankfort)

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

Happy Mother's Day
from the staff of St. Paul the Apostle Parish.

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	5/9	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	<u>Our Confirmandi and Their Families</u>
Sun	5/10	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	<u>All Mothers— Living and Deceased</u>
Mon	5/11	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	5/12	8:30 am—	<u>Celebrant's Intentions</u>
Wed	5/13	8:30 am—	+ <u>William J. Gordon, Jr.</u> req by Tim & Cindy Reed
Thr	5/14	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	5/15	8:30 am—	+ <u>Betty Latoza</u> req by Ann Nagel
Sat	5/16	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Jeannie Scheiman</u> req by Don & Kathie Brooks
Sun	5/17	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Mary B. Litak</u> req by T.R. Litak

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.

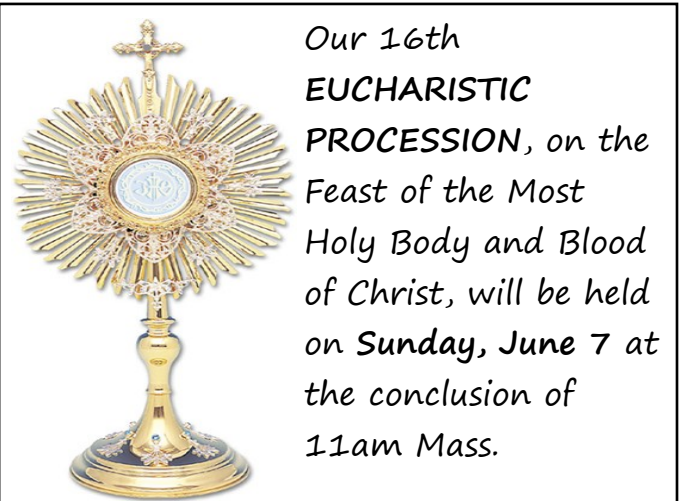


*The flowers at the altar
are dedicated in
memory of the
deceased members of
the Battermann and
Fiedor families.*

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.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for MAY 2026:

*That everyone might have food
Let us pray that everyone,
from large producers to small
consumers, be committed to
avoid wasting food, and to en-
sure that everyone has access
to quality food.*



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

*We are in need of volunteers to assist
with:*

- Altar serving / leading the Procession;*
- Providing, setting-up and clean-up of
light refreshments following the Proce-
sion;*

*We warmly invite and encourage our
1st Communicants and Confirmands to
participate with their families.*

*Sign-ups will be in the rear of the
church next weekend.*

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.
Please visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details.*



We're here to help!

In today's Gospel Jesus is preparing His disciples for His departure, but His words are a promise of a new, interior mode of presence. From a Catholic perspective, this passage is a foundational text for understanding the Trinity, the Sacraments, and the nature of Grace.

In Catholic theology, love (*agape*) is not merely a feeling; it is an act of the will. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Here Jesus establishes a "theological grammar" where love and obedience are inseparable. We do not keep commandments to earn God's love; we keep them because we have His love. Just as Jesus' love for the Father is expressed through His obedience unto death, the believer's love for Jesus is expressed through a life lived according to the Gospel.

Jesus is the first Advocate, and he promises "another" Advocate, the Holy Spirit, the *Paraclete*. He is revealed as a distinct Divine Person. The term *Paraclete* suggests one who is "called to one's side", a counselor, comforter, and legal advocate. Jesus promises us that the Spirit "will be in you." This is the basis for the Catholic doctrine of Divine Indwelling, where the soul becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit through Sanctifying Grace. The Indwelling is possible because God is transcendent.

Jesus remains present in the Church not just as a memory, but through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Jesus gives us hope through his own resurrection. "Because I live, you will live" points to our participation in Christ's Resurrection. Through Baptism, we are grafted into His life.



Jesus clearly speaks about the indwelling of the Father in him and he in the Father through which our life in the Triune God is made possible. "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you." This describes a profound mystical union and the mutual indwelling of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The stunning claim here is that humans are invited into this divine circle. We are "in Christ," and by extension, we are brought into the life of the Father.

Obedience is the "fruit" of a lived relationship with Christ. When we keep His commandments, we are not restricted; we are cleared of the obstacles that prevent the Holy Spirit from making a home within us. The Holy Spirit is our constant guide and the soul of the Church. God does not just watch us from afar; He lives within the justified soul. This is called Grace. The goal of the Christian life is total communion with the Trinity. As St. Teresa of Avila famously noted, this interior "Castle" of the soul is where we meet the Christ who promised never to leave us as orphans. The concept of Divine Indwelling is one of the most profound mysteries of spiritual life. The Triune God does not merely observe us from a distance but truly resides within the soul of a person in a state of grace. Here is a reflection on the nature, requirements, and effects of this indwelling. God is present in all things by His power, presence, and essence upholding them in existence. However, the "Indwelling" refers to a special, supernatural presence called Sanctifying Grace.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

On the second weekend of each month—this 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 **registration book in the lobby**. Couples who register will also receive an anniversary card.

Fred & Paula Prium
May 13, 1995
31 years

Herb & Mary Ann Battermann
May 25, 1996
30 years



MAY
ANNIVERSARIES

May 7, 1984

Happy 42nd Ordination Anniversary, Fr. Thomas!
May God continue to bless



you in your vocation and in your service to His church.

COLLECTION SUMMARY: April 25—26, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,185.00
Minus	\$ 53.47
Envelopes used / distributed	64 / 484

**Includes 6 Online Givers*

Catholic Home Missions	\$ 763.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 25.00

COLLECTION SUMMARY: May 2—3, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,935.00
Plus	\$ 729.47
Envelopes used / distributed	80 / 484

**Includes 7 Online Givers*

Catholic Home Missions	\$ 140.00
Mother's Day	\$ 986.00

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.



Prayer LIST

Please keep 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, Dorothy Simikowski, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiacomio, Julie Szudarski, Aris Tomac, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Ray Romito, Francesca Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, the Adamsick Family, Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita Hall, 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 can be added to the list.

Religious Education

The Sacrament of Confirmation was conferred Saturday, May 9, at St. Anthony (Frankfort) Church by Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop Emeritus of Joliet (2011-2020).

Our prayers and congratulations are extended to:

Travis Richard Acton	<i>St. Andrew</i>
Griffin Robert Allen	<i>St. Paul the Apostle</i>
Nathan Lawrence Durano	<i>St. Michael the Archangel</i>
Brooke Roxann Jellema	<i>St. Padre Pio</i>
Ava Sophia Kozlowski	<i>St. Therese of Lisieux</i>
Henry John Stachniak	<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>

A special thank-you is extended to their RE / FF teacher, Mr. Ed Carriel.

Final RE / FF classes—Wednesday, May 13

Stay tuned for information on ecumenical **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



Our CCW will hold a **SUMMER FUN BASKET RAFFLE** for 3 weekends beginning May 16 / 17. Tickets will be sold after Masses. Ticket prices are:

1 for \$2 / 3 for \$5
8 for \$10 / 20 for \$20

Look for prizes to help make this summer a fun-filled time!

The raffle drawing will be held at 12:30pm on Sunday, May 31.

Thank-you again for your continued support!





Kankakee County Storm Damage
3/10/26



On March 10, severe storms and tornadoes caused widespread destruction in the area, damaging homes, vehicles, Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and affecting families throughout our diocese—including those of some of our priests. Many now face a long and challenging recovery. We continue to pray for all who were injured or suffered loss.

A Special Second Collection

To offer concrete support, I am asking every parish in the Diocese of Joliet to take up a special second collection.

How the Funds Will Be Used

Every dollar collected will directly support two urgent needs:

- Families in Need - Catholic Charities of Joliet will administer a grant process to provide financial assistance to families who have suffered significant hardship.

Bishop McNamara Catholic School - Assistance with repairs to buildings, buses, athletic fields, and other property not covered by insurance.

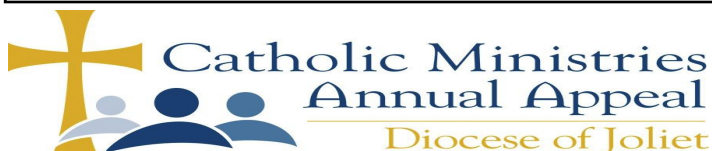
How to Donate —

Donations can be sent to: Diocese of Joliet / c/o Finance Office / 16555 Weber Rd / Crest Hill, IL 60403 **or in today's second collection. Envelopes are in the rear of the church for your convenience or you can drop in a personal check.**

All funds will be distributed responsibly to those in need.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and care for one another. May the hope of Easter strengthen us as one Body of Christ.

+ Dennis E. Spivey



Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish
as of May 3, 2026

Monthly pledge payments are due in the next few days. These payments are essential to reaching our parish goal. Since we reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

If you still plan on making 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 joliectdioceseappeal.org.

PARISH GOAL:	\$16,700
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$26,180
AMOUNT PAID:	\$17,589
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 8,591
DONORS:	86
REBATE:	\$ 622

Are you widowed and still hurting?
Please join us.
Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat
May 30th & 31st 2026
St Joan of Arc Parish, Lisle, IL
No Overnight Accommodations available
For more information, call: 708-354-7211
or
e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org
For Registration visit: www.joyfulagain.org

**Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle
Catholic Parish**

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
- () Please send envelopes
- () Interested in Religious Education
- () **Interested in Ministry Programs**
- () Would like to be contacted by a priest



**CATHOLIC
HOME
MISSIONS
APPEAL**

Thank you for your generous support of the **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

APPEAL on April 25—26. As a parish we raised \$923 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States.

If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give—please visit:

www.usccb.org/home-missions.

HAPPY ARMED FORCES DAY — May 16, 2026

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.



HAYES MICHAEL was baptized on April 25, 2026.
He is the son of Dane and Samantha Brown Engwall.
Welcome to the parish family!