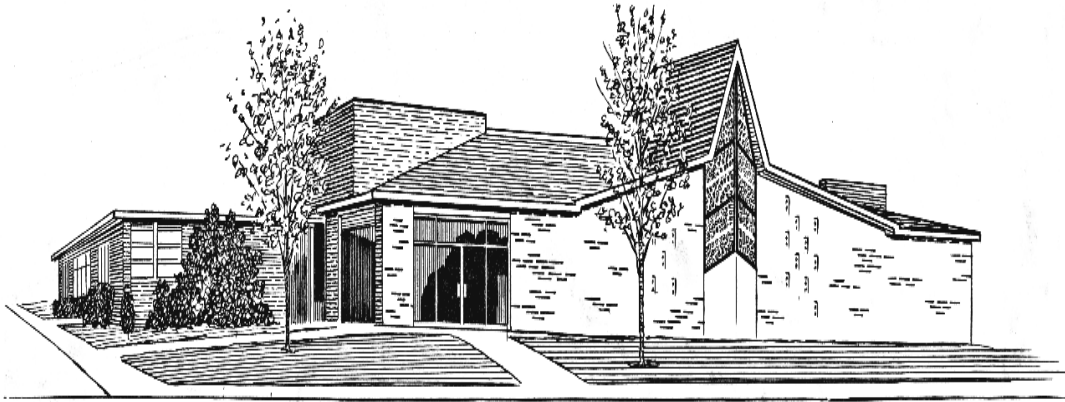




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May 17, 2026

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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WORSHIP COMMISSION: Paula Prium

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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



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Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday —
the birthday of the Church —
please wear RED!!

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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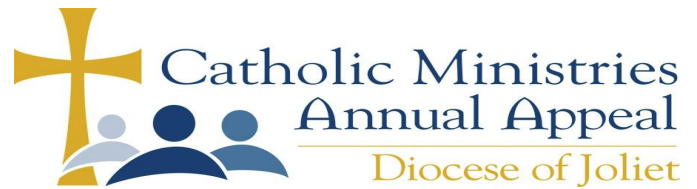
Sat	5/16	3:00 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u> 3:30 pm— <u>ROSARY</u> 4:00 pm— + <u>Jeannie Scheiman</u> req by Don & Kathie Brooks and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	5/17	10:30 am— <u>ROSARY</u> 11:00 am— + <u>Mary B. Litak</u> req by T.R. Litak
Mon	5/18	8:30 am— <u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	5/19	8:30 am— <u>Celebrant's Intentions</u>
Wed	5/20	8:30 am— + <u>William J. Gordon, Jr.</u> req by Lorraine Wood
Thr	5/21	8:30 am— <u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u> 6:00 pm— <u>ADORATION</u> 7:15 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	5/22	8:30 am— <u>Celebrant's Intentions</u>
Sat	5/23	3:00 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u> 3:30 pm— <u>ROSARY</u> 4:00 pm— + <u>Joe Ladislas</u> req by Marge Brooke
Sun	5/24	10:30 am— <u>ROSARY</u> 11:00 am— + <u>Steven Braun</u> req by Family and <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.



The Altar flowers are given in memory of the deceased members of the Rogers Family.

If you are interested in sponsoring our bi-weekly altar flower arrangement (when liturgically permitted), 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.



Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish as of May 10, 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:	\$26,280
AMOUNT PAID:	\$17,946
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 8,334
DONORS:	88
REBATE:	\$ 872

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



We are in need of many volunteers — please visit the table behind the last pew in the church to see where YOU can help make this event a public testament to our belief in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

The Feast of the Ascension marks a pivotal transition in the life of the Church—moving from the visible presence of Jesus to His invisible, yet universal, presence through the Holy Spirit. This mystery can be understood through three primary lenses: The Glorification of Humanity, The Mission of the Church, and The Hope of the Return.

The Ascension is not simply Jesus "going away"; it is the moment a human body entered the heart of the Trinity. St. Augustine famously noted that while Christ descended to earth without leaving heaven, He ascended to heaven without leaving us. By taking His glorified, scarred body into the divine presence, He opened a path for all humanity. It serves as a profound reminder of the dignity of the human person. If Christ is the "Head" and we are the "Body," where the Head has gone, the Body is destined to follow.

In the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples stand gazing at the sky until two men in white ask, "*Why are you standing there looking at the sky?*" This is a call to move from passive observation to active mission, or we can call it 'From Sight to Faith.' Jesus withdrew His physical presence so that He could be present *within* us. No longer limited by time or geography, He becomes available to every soul through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

The Ascension is the "handover," the Great Commission. Jesus entrusts the Word to His followers. We become His "feet on the ground," tasked



with making the Gospel visible through our charity and witness. In the Gospel of Matthew, the "Great Commission" serves as the final, definitive instruction of the Risen Christ. Before Jesus gives a command, He gives a declaration: "*All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*" This is the foundation of our confidence. We do not go out in our own strength, our own intellect, or our own charisma. We go under the authority of the One who has conquered death. Matthew's Gospel begins with the name Emmanuel ("God with us") and ends with this promise. Jesus is not leaving them as orphans. While His visible presence ascends, His spiritual presence remains through the Holy Spirit and the Eucharist. He is the "bookend" of history, standing with the believer in every trial.

The liturgy of the Ascension is characterized by "holy joy." We do not mourn an absence; we celebrate a victory. We believe Jesus sits at the right hand of God the Father, acting as our eternal High Priest. He is constantly interceding for us, presenting His sacrifice on our behalf. The period between the Ascension and Pentecost is the original "Novena." It is a season of prayerful waiting for the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) who empowers us to live out the truth of the Resurrection. "I am with you always, until the end of the age." The Ascension reminds us that Christ's departure was actually a new way of being close to us.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI

The **Peotone Senior Assistance Center** serves clients, by appointment only, this **Thursday, May 21**, from 10am—3pm. This is part of our Respect Life Ministry, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county, state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, Illinois License Plate Discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. We are also a certified SHIP site (Senior Health Insurance Program). The center is staffed by volunteers who serve the community without cost.

For information on specific services, please leave your name and phone number at 708 258-6917 then press 5.

Please make an appointment.

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.



The Knights of Columbus are conducting a cleaning of the wood of the pews in St. Paul the Apostle Church. Cleaning begins Wednesday May 20th at 5:00 PM. All are welcome to help! Bring your own bucket.

Like what the Knights of Columbus are doing locally? Join us for free!

Use the URL "<https://www.kofc.org/get-involved/join-kofc/>" from your PC or smartphone browser to join. Select 11232 as your council, and SARODRIGUEZ in the promo code for your free membership. For assistance or questions, contact Ron LeClaire, Grand Knight 708-204-6277.

COLLECTION SUMMARY: May 9—10, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,405.00
Plus	\$ 199.47
Envelopes used / distributed	89 / 484
<i>*Includes 10 Online Givers</i>	
Storm Relief	\$ 761.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 50.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 25.00
Mother's Day Mass Intentions	\$ 110.00

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
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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 Digiaco, 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 will be added to the list.

Religious Education

Our final RE / FF classes were held Wednesday, May 13. We'd like to thank our teachers:

1st Grade:	Mirella Arroyo
2nd Grade:	Denise Carriel
3rd, 4th and 5th Grade:	Catherine Gonzalez
6th and 7th Grade:	Jessica Smith
Confirmation:	Ed Carriel
Aides:	Sophie Novoa and Spencer Cann



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



CCW
Council of Catholic Women

Our CCW is holding a **SUMMER FUN BASKET RAFFLE** beginning this weekend until May 31 / June 1. 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 fun-filled time!

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

Thank-you again for your continued support!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me, perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence. --James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.