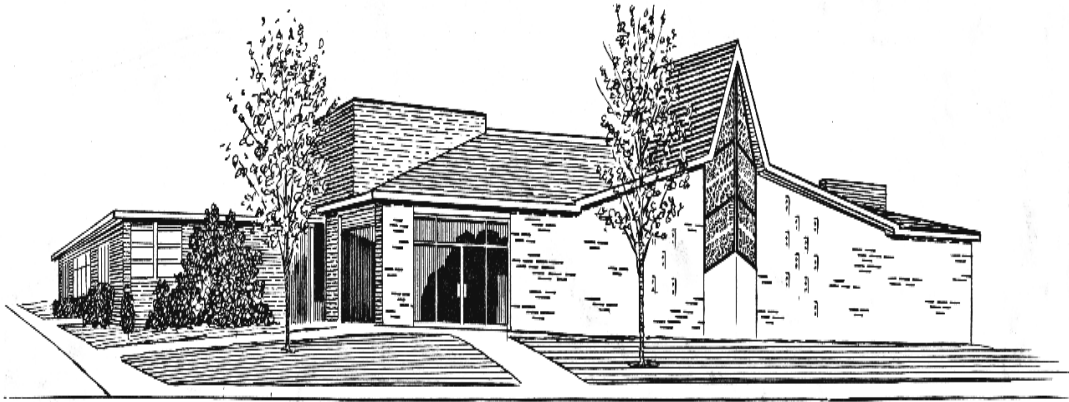




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ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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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



Traveling? Find a Mass at **www.MassTimes.org**.

For your convenience, copies of previous
St. Paul bulletins are available in both lobbies.

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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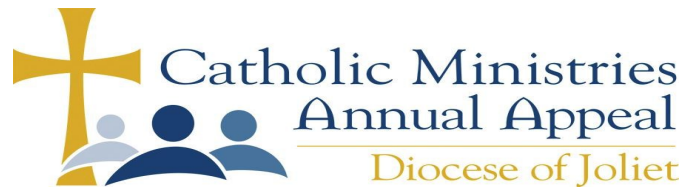
Sat	5/23	3:00 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u> 3:30 pm— <u>ROSARY</u> 4:00 pm— + <u>Joe Ladislas</u> req by Marge Brooke
Sun	5/24	10:30 am— <u>ROSARY</u> 11:00 am— + <u>Steven Braun</u> req by Family and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Mon	5/25	8:30 am— <u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	5/26	8:30 am— + <u>William J. Gordon, Jr.</u> req by Brenda Myers
Wed	5/27	8:30 am— + <u>Jeannie Scheiman</u> req by Tim & Lynne Coughlin
Thr	5/28	8:30 am— <u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u> 6:00 pm— <u>ADORATION</u> 7:15 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	5/29	8:30 am— <u>Continued Blessings on</u> <u>St. Paul the Apostle Parish</u>
Sat	5/30	3:00 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u> 3:30 pm— <u>ROSARY</u> 4:00 pm— + <u>Scott Carder</u> req by Family and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	5/31	10:30 am— <u>ROSARY</u> 11:00 am— + <u>John R. Tierney & Family</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.



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, 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 17, 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:	\$18,646
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 7,634
DONORS:	87
REBATE:	\$ 1,362

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.



At the Illinois State K of C Convention, St. Paul the Apostle Council was awarded the "Illinois In Action" award at the gold level for meeting or exceeding a large number of goals, reporting, and programming. St. Paul the Apostle Council also was named a "5 Star

Charitable Council" for meeting all of the Illinois State Charities goals. Our council was the first council in the state to achieve those goals.

We congratulate our fellow parishioner and brother knight Genaro Meza who was awarded the "Illinois State Knight of the Year". Genaro and his wife Victoria attended the Illinois State Convention as guest of the Illinois State Council, and received his award there. Genaro and Vickie were also named "Family of the Month for Illinois in March" by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

A resolution recognizing November 5th as "**Remembering Peter M. Claxton Day**", his birthday, was passed unanimously. Peter was the first Knight of Columbus in the state of Illinois to both participate and compete in Special Olympics, and to serve in the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard at the Special Olympics.

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.



Victoria Meza, Genaro Meza and State Deputy Lloyd J. Reinkensmeier with Genaro's Illinois Knight of the Year award.



Please review this list and inform the parish office if anyone may be removed from it.

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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 Digiacomio, Julie Szudarski, Aris Tomac, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Francesca Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, the Adamsick Family, Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, 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.

Our CCW is holding a **SUMMER FUN BASKET RAFFLE**.

Tickets will be sold after Masses in the lobby. 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 **NEXT SUNDAY** at 12:30pm.

Thank-you again for your continued support!



Grateful for Those Who Gave All



We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Jesus has been repeatedly telling His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to accompany them in their future mission. Jesus' return to the Father is not the end of His association with the disciples, but he would be present to them through the Holy Spirit whose presence is essential for the mission of the disciples. The descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles is the event that we celebrate on the Pentecost Sunday. The arrival of the Holy Spirit reminds us of the first creation.



At Pentecost a new creation takes place. This new creation is witnessed by people from all over the Jewish world who came to Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, which is celebrated 50 days after the Passover. The disciples, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, must move out and make the message of Jesus known to the world. The apostles were able to do it, and Christians of all ages took it to their heart and proclaimed the Gospel to all parts of the world with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Before Pentecost, the disciples were locked in the Upper Room, paralyzed by the trauma of the Crucifixion and the uncertainty of the future. At the Pentecost, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the disciple became bold enough to go out and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ without fear. This happens within us also when the Spirit breaks through our internal walls of fear, forcing us out into the world. The Holy Spirit prepares us with his grace to draw us to Christ. He manifests the risen Lord to us, opening our minds.

One of the most striking parts of the Pentecost story is that people from every nation heard the disciples speaking in their own native languages. The Spirit did not make everyone speak one "holy" language. Instead, it allowed everyone to understand the Truth within their own cultural and personal context. In a world that is increasingly polarized, Pentecost is a call to radical listening. It is a reminder that "Spirit" is found in the effort to bridge the gap between "us" and "them" without erasing our differences.

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" This passage mirrors Genesis 2:7, where God breathes life into the dust to create man. By breathing on the disciples, Jesus is performing a "New Creation." He is giving them a new kind of life—one that is no longer dictated by the fear of death. It suggests that the Spirit is as essential to our soul as oxygen is to our lungs.

The Pentecost is an invitation for transition from being a spectator of faith to being a participant in a living, breathing movement of love and justice.

Jesus shows his hands and his side, the scars as credentials. This is a profound theological moment, they are his 'Identity'. The wounds prove it is really him, the one who suffered is the one who is now glorified. It reminds us that the

Resurrection does not erase our scars; it transfigures them. Our greatest pains, when touched by the Divine, can become the very things that testify to our healing.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI

On **May 29, 1961** the mission of St. Paul the Apostle was canonically designated as a parish and the first pastor assigned was Rev. John George.

Rev. William Cullen succeeded Rev. George, and the parish center (our current facility) was built during his Pastorate. The cornerstone is dated 1965.

The expansion of the church, with the addition of the sanctuary, occurred when Rev. James Murray (1971-80) was Pastor. The sanctuary was dedicated on November 18, 1979.

Happy 65th Anniversary!

REJOICE
Always

*Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!*

--Philippians 4:4 NAB

COLLECTION SUMMARY: May 16—17, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,387.00
Minus	\$ 818.53
Envelopes used / distributed	61 / 484
*Includes 8 Online Givers	
Storm Relief	\$ 50.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 645.47

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Paul portal. A credit card or bank account can be linked.

