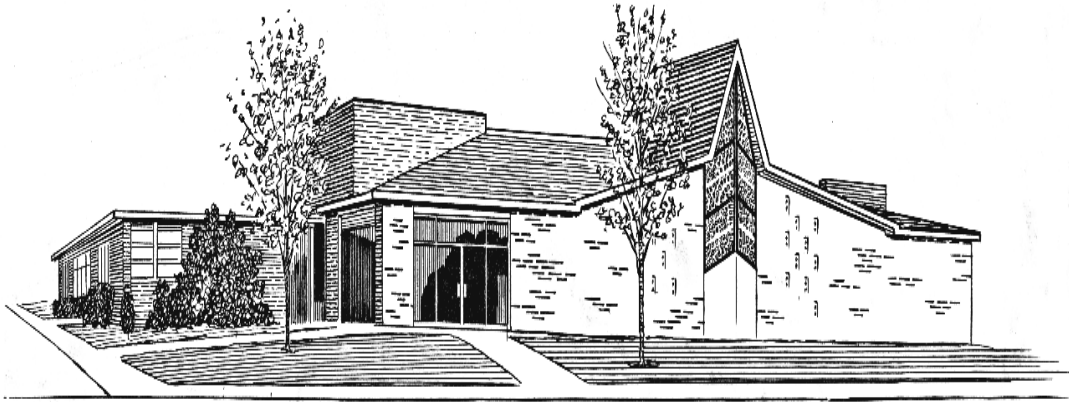




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# May 3, 2026

## 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](http://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

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

**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	5/2	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		3:30 pm—	<b><u>ROSARY</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>William J. Gordon, Jr.</u></b> req by Peggy Schwiesow and <b><u>The People of the Parish</u></b>
Sun	5/3	10:30 am—	<b><u>ROSARY</u></b>
		11:00 am—	+ <b><u>Linda Frencl</u></b> req by Family
Mon	5/4	8:30 am—	<b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>
Tue	5/5	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>John R. Tierney, Jr. &amp; Family</u></b> req by Family
Wed	5/6	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>Margaret Schwiesow</u></b> req by Family
Thr	5/7	8:30 am—	<b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>
		6:00 pm—	<b><u>ADORATION</u></b>
		7:15 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
Fri	5/8	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>Pat Motyka</u></b> req by Family
Sat	5/9	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		3:30 pm—	<b><u>ROSARY</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	<b><u>Our Confirmandi</u></b>
Sun	5/10	10:30 am—	<b><u>ROSARY</u></b>
		11:00 am—	<b><u>All Mothers—</u></b> <b><u>Living and Deceased</u></b>

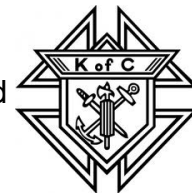
*If you are attending a Mass that you requested an intention to be said for, please sign the gift bearer book in the rear of the church and let an usher know you are here if you wish to bring up the gifts.*



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

**Altar Flowers** 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.

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.



**CCW**   
**Council of Catholic Women**

### Manteno Veteran's Home Collection

The CCW collection for the 8 ladies who reside at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno will end this weekend.

*If you have any questions, please call Janet Hase at 708 846-1603.*

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred this 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  
—St. Andrew  
Griffin Robert Allen  
—St. Paul the Apostle  
Nathan Lawrence Durano  
—St. Michael the Archangel  
Brooke Roxann Jellema  
—St. Padre Pio  
Ava Sophia Kozlowski  
—St. Therese of Lisieux  
Henry John Stachniak  
—St. Joseph the Worker

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

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus provides a "theological map" of the inner life of God. For the Church Fathers and Catholic theologians, this passage reveals that the Trinity is not a static concept but a dynamic communion of persons. The core of the Trinitarian relationship is the Mutual Indwelling. Jesus explains it to us by saying: *"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"* The Father and Son are distinct persons, yet they "occupy" one another completely because they share one divine essence. Because of this indwelling, the actions of the Son are the actions of the Father. When Jesus speaks or performs a miracle, it is the Father dwelling in Him who is doing His work.

Catholic theology distinguishes between the 'Immanent Trinity' which is God's inner life and the "Economic Trinity" God's action in history. In Patristic thought, especially the Greek Fathers like St. Basil, the Father is the unbegotten source. The Son is eternally begotten of the Father. Because the Son comes from the Father, He is the one who returns to the Father to prepare a place for us. His mission on earth is a visible extension of His eternal relationship with the Father. St. Thomas Aquinas notes that the Son is the "Image" of the Father. In John 14:9, Jesus explains that because He is the perfect "Word" or "Mirror" of the Father, to see the humanity of Christ is to perceive the divinity of the Father.

The Holy Spirit is the "Implicit" Presence. St. Augustine describes the Spirit as the 'Bond of Love' between the Father and the Son. The "greater works" the disciples will do are possible only because the Spirit will communicate the life of the Father and Son to the Church. The Trinity acts as a Unity: what the Father wills, the Son executes, and the Spirit per-

fects.

Today's Gospel is also a foundational text for Catholic Christology and Soteriology, set within the Upper Room Discourse. It marks the transition from Christ's physical presence to His sacramental and spiritual presence within the Church.

The *"Via, Veritas, Vita"* (Way, Truth, and Life). In this passage we see one of the most significant "I Am" statements. In the Catholic theology, it establishes the necessity of Christ for salvation.

Christ The Way (Via): He is the mediator. In Catholic liturgy, almost every prayer ends "Through our Lord Jesus Christ," acknowledging that human petitions reach the Father only through the Son's humanity.

Christ The Truth (Veritas): He is the fullness of Revelation. Catholic doctrine holds that there is no new public revelation after the Apostles; all truth necessary for salvation is found in Him.

Christ The Life (Vita): This refers to Sanctifying Grace given through the person of Christ. Through the Sacraments, the "Life" of Christ is infused into the believer, making them "partakers of the divine nature". Catholic theology teaches that through baptism, the believer is drawn into this Trinitarian indwelling.

Jesus' response to Philip's question, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father", is a primary scriptural defense for the Consubstantiality of the Son with the Father. It affirms the Nicene Creed's teaching that the Son is "God from God, Light from Light."

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI*



**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 ensure that everyone has access to quality food.**



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

On the second weekend of each month—next 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.

The **COLLECTION SUMMARY** for April 25-26 will appear in next week's bulletin.

Secure and convenient **ONLINE GIVING** is available at [GiveCentral.org](https://www.givecentral.org).

Please put in zip code **60468** to find the St. Paul portal. A credit card or bank account can be linked.



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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, Lorraine Mihelic, 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 by a family member will be added to the list.*

Announcing the 48th Annual  
Wedding Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 1pm



Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years are welcome to attend. Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrate the Mass at St. Raymond's Cathedral (604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet) and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Deadline to register: August 10, 2026

Questions? Contact Deacon Doug McIlvaine:

815-221-6136 / [dmailvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:dmailvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org).

# Religious Education

*May Crowning at Masses*  
May 2 / 3, 2026

*The Sacrament of Confirmation* will be conferred on Friday, May 9, 2026 at St. Anthony (Frankfort)

*Final RE / FF classes*  
Wednesday, May 13

Stay tuned for information on ecumenical **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** this summer!

A special **second collection** for storm relief requested by Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet, Bishop Dennis E. Spies, will be taken up at St. Paul **next weekend** — May 9 / 10, 2026. Envelopes for your convenience will be available **next weekend** in church and the lobbies.

If you'd like to put your donation in your own envelope, please include your name and envelope # on it—it can be dropped in the collection prior to May 9 / 10.

### **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.

