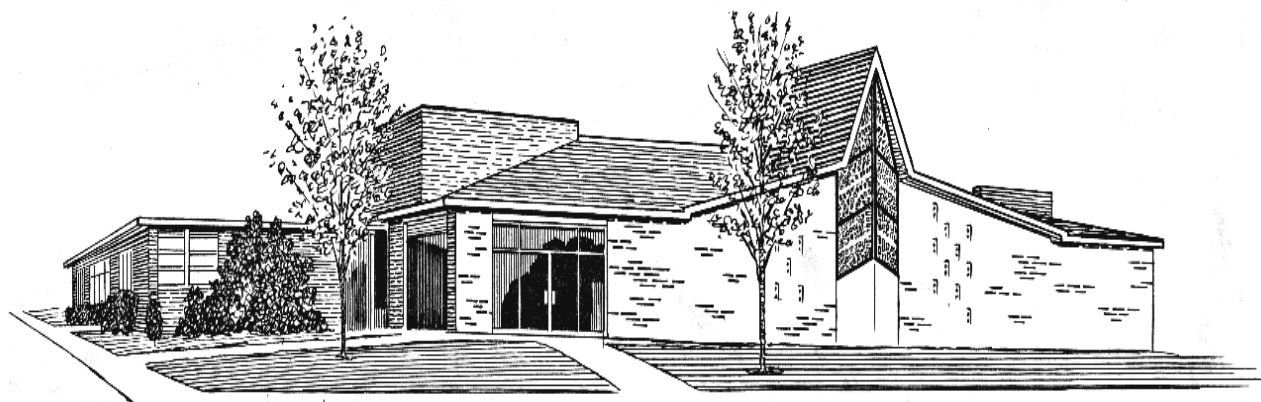




November 2, 2025

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Peotone, IL 60468-9290

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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](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulPeotone)"

Website: StPaulPeotone.org

YouTube: [Saint Paul the Apostle Peotone](https://www.youtube.com/SaintPaultheApostlePeotone)

'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: To be announced
FIRST COMMUNION: To be announced
CONFIRMATION: **May 9, 2026 at 11am**
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

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK:

November 2—8, 2025



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.

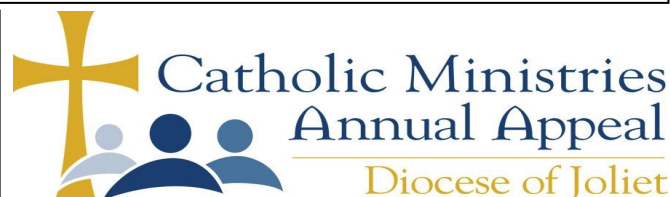
Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	11/1	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Peter Claxton</u>
			req by Herb & Mary Ann Battermann
Sun	11/2	11:00 am—	+ <u>For the Eternal Salvation of the</u>
			<u>Departed Litak and Gulik</u>
			<u>Families</u>
			req by T.R. Litak and
			<u>The deceased of the parish</u>
Mon	11/3	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	11/4	8:30 am—	+ <u>Chad Carder</u>
			req by Family
Wed	11/5	8:30 am—	+ <u>Joseph B. Koomar, +Mike Koomar</u>
			req by Family & Friends
Thr	11/6	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	11/7	8:30 am—	+ <u>Deceased of the Rittmanic Family</u>
			req by Family
Sat	11/8	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Norman Andrews, Sr.</u>
			req by Larry & Donna Hansen and
			<u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	11/9	11:00 am—	+ <u>Betty Knickrehm</u>
			req by David & Kathleen Wilk

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.



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle

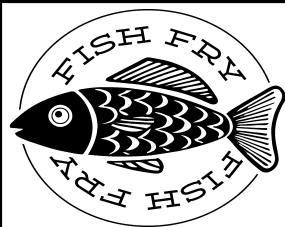
Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid. Since we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. As of 10/26/25:

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$35,417
AMOUNT PAID:	\$33,877
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 1,540
NUMBER of DONORS:	121
2025 REBATE:	\$12,794

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 11 following 8:30am Morning Mass for coffee and breakfast casserole, apple french toast casserole, breakfast muffins and carrot birthday cake.

Join us for Veteran's Day fellowship and to celebrate Fr. Thomas' birthday!

The sign-up sheets for **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION** and **LECTORS** are in the rear of the church. Please sign-up where you are available.



St. George Catholic Church (Bourbonnais, IL)
79th annual **STAG & FISH FRY**
Friday, December 5 from 5pm-11pm in the parish hall
All the fish you care to eat / \$12 donation
No carry-outs



The flowers at the altar are dedicated in honor of the deceased members of the Rittmanic 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 \$76 and can be shared between one or more parishioners.

POPE'S INTENTIONS for NOVEMBER 2025:

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



The gourmet wine dinner originally scheduled for Sunday, November 9 has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Apologies for any confusion caused.

The next business meeting for St. Paul the Apostle Council will be Tuesday November 4 at 7PM at St. Paul the Apostle. All members are encouraged to attend.

Boys and girls in K through 8th grade, be aware that the Council is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest during November. Details to follow.

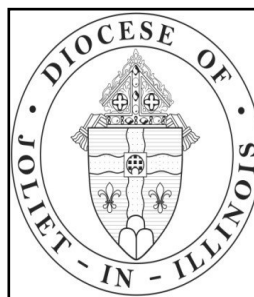
The Council will have its regularly scheduled Orange Shirt (Corporate Communion) Mass on Sunday November 9 at 11AM Mass at St. Paul the Apostle.

Book of the Names of the Dead



During the month of November, our "**Book of Remembrance**" will be in the rear of

the church near the Holy Family for anyone who would like to write the names of their loved ones who have died. Those who are included in this books will be included in a general petition offered at Masses during the month of November.



Please visit www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers for up-to-date information on employment in parishes, schools and diocese offices.



Helping Hands Holiday Meals

Helping Hands is Peotone's Non-profit Food Pantry that currently provides food and other basic essentials twice a month to approx. 80-90 households (about 650 people per month) in the Peotone area who are in need of assistance.

It is organized by a group of volunteers from various churches and the community. It would not be possible without the support and generosity of the community and churches. For every \$1 received, Helping Hands is able to purchase \$8 of food. They distribute over 7 tons of food each month!

Helping Hands is purchasing 180 holiday dinners

**A \$20.00 donation will provide a
Holiday Meal for a family of four!**



Thanksgiving: turkey and all the trimmings!

Christmas: ham and all the trimmings!



Anyone wishing to make a donation can mail it to:

**Helping Hands
P.O. Box 508
Peotone, IL 60468**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

Let's **MAKE** Disciples for Jesus!

Download and read Bishop Hicks' new pastoral letter, **MAKE**, to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in your community.



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MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet

¡Hagamos discípulos para Jesús!

Descargue y lea la nueva carta pastoral del Obispo Hicks, **MAKE**, para descubrir cómo usted y sus seres queridos pueden vivir como discípulos y ayudar a hacer otros discípulos en su comunidad.

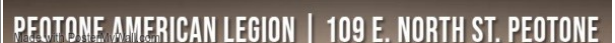


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All Souls Day is not a standalone celebration. It is connected with 'All Saints Day'. In the creed we say the Communion of Saints. It is known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, and is a deep dive into the theological themes of memory, intercession, hope, and the profound unity of the Church.

The Unity of the Church: The Communion of Saints: The Christian tradition views the Church not just as the living on Earth, but as three distinct, yet united, groups:

The Church Triumphant (All Saints): Those in Heaven, who are already united with God and intercede for us.

The Church Militant (The Living): We, who are still fighting the good fight of faith here on Earth.

The Church Suffering (All Souls): Those who have died and are undergoing a final purification (Purgatory) before entering the joy of Heaven.

All Souls Day reminds us that death does not break the bonds of love and prayer. Our relationship with our departed loved ones continues. We are called to fulfill an act of charity by praying for them, helping to expedite their final purification and hasten their entry into the beatific vision of God. This doctrine underscores the radical love and interdependence of the entire People of God.

If we believe that Christ died and rose again, then we also believe that all those who trust in him will be raised with him.

The traditional Mass readings for All Souls' Day often focus on the promise of eternal life: *"But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died... but they are at peace."*

Jesus says, "This is the will of Him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day."

This day is not meant for grief without comfort, but for a sorrowful hope. We grieve the absence of our loved ones in this life, but we hold fast to the promise that their journey in Christ will end in glory. Our prayers are not a plea for an uncertain outcome, but an act of love and confidence that God's mercy will be perfected in them.

The celebration of All Souls' Day is also a sober reminder of our own mortality. By focusing on the process of purification after death, we are reminded of the imperfections and venial attachments to sin that hold us back from perfect union with God *now*.

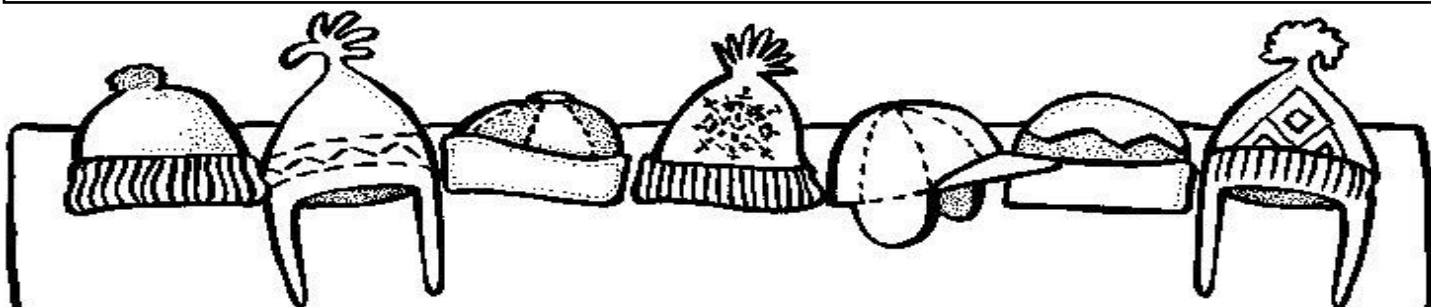
To deepen our reflection on All Souls' Day, we might consider one of these traditional practices: The Mass is considered the most powerful prayer for the dead, as it makes present the ultimate act of Christ's sacrifice. Spend time praying at the grave of a loved one or any grave. Light a candle at home or in a church as a symbol of the light of Christ guiding the souls out of darkness and into eternal peace.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI

Father Thomas will have **OFFICE HOURS** on Tuesday after 8:30am Mass until 10:30am / Wednesday after 8:30am Mass until 10:30am / Thursday from 5—6pm / Friday after 8:30am Mass until 10:30am or by appointment.



The CCW **"BUNDLE UP"** weekends this year will be November 8 / 9 through November 15 / 16. Join us as we try to fill our **"Bundle Up"** basket with new mittens, scarves and stocking hats, sizes for children as well as adult to be donated to Catholic Charities. The cold weather is approaching fast. Help us to keep someone warm this year!



COLLECTION SUMMARY: October 25—26, 2025

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,999.54
Minus	(\$ 205.99)
Envelopes used / distributed	71 / 531
<i>*Includes 8 Online Givers</i>	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 35.00

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Peotone Public Library District (515 N 1st St / Peotone) will be hosting a **BLOOD DRIVE**, sponsored by the Peotone HS Student Council on Thursday, November 13 from 1pm – 6pm. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

Medicare Open Enrollment

Oct 15 – Dec 7

The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone will begin scheduling appointments Sep 1 for an annual review of Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans.

Premiums, drug tiers and formularies change from year to year. A review ensures you are on the best plan at the lowest cost.

Call 708-258-6917 Ext 5

Please leave your name and phone number

Laura Jacques, Nancy Pilotto, Rev. Tom Ewing, Michael Doyle, Mary Ellen Hanlon, Ashley Doody, Luke Payne, Dave Castaneda, Greg Nalepka, Kathleen Callahan, Deacon Mark Otten, Jeff Furtek, Charles Claxton, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Karen Haave, Dorothy Simikowski, Joe Ladislav, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiacomo, Julie Szudarski, Sharon Andrews, Sue Gomez, 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, Cassidy Novak, 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.

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



CCW NEWS: Our next *meeting* will be this Monday, November 3 at 6:30pm. All ladies are invited to attend!



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL TURKEY Dinner



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SERVING FROM 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

*Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes and Bread*

\$13.00 PER DINNER

Church Basement Hall
207 South Main Street
Manteno, Illinois



GAVIN COLE was baptized on October 26, 2025. He is the son of Ken and Kaitlin Lyman Maurer. Welcome to the parish family!

VOCATIONS OFFICE

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How to Support Your Priests

Parishioners can encourage the priesthood by praying daily for vocations and for priests, by encouraging men they know to consider the priesthood, and by actively supporting the church's vocation ministry. Encouraging a priestly vocation includes recognizing spiritual commitment, such as regular participation in prayer and spiritual events, and speaking to potential candidates to offer support and invite them to explore the possibility of a vocation. A supportive community that fosters openness to God's call is crucial for men and women to discern and respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

The Propaedeutic and Discipleship Stages

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS
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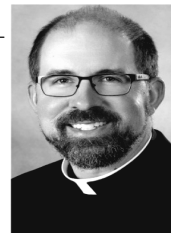
A man's formation for priesthood takes place over the course of four stages. The first of these is the Propaedeutic Stage, a year of preparation before diving into academic work. During this year, the seminarian takes time to build a solid foundation in prayer, Scripture, catechesis and community. It is a season of deepening conversion where one learns to live a Christian rhythm of life. The goal is simple: to help a man center his life on Christ.

Upon completion of the Propaedeutic Stage, a man

begins the Discipleship Stage, during which a man begins the study of philosophy. Concurrently, the seminarian deepens his understanding and witness as a follower of Jesus in daily life. He grows in virtue, learns self-discipline, and gains a broad understanding of the human person and the world through his studies. It is a time of becoming a "disciple in heart and mind."

Together, these two stages foster the necessary interior and exterior freedom to hear and respond to the call to the priesthood. Without a firm spiritual foundation built on the habits of a true

disciple, later formation would lack stability. The priesthood is not a job one takes up but a calling one receives—and the earliest stages are about preparing the soil so that the Lord's call can take root and flourish.



This is Part 2 in a 3-part series of columns on the importance of your help in the formation of new priests

ABOUT FATHER BORELLO

Fr. Steven Borello is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet currently serving as the Director of Vocations.

Fr. Steven grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and is the oldest of 4 children.

He attended the University

of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where he studied chemistry and chemical engineering.

While there, he received a call to the seminary to discern the priesthood.

He received his Bachelors in Theology and Masters of Divinity from Mundelein Seminary

and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Joliet in 2011.

He first served as an associate pastor at Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills and was then transferred to Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville in June of 2014.

In August of 2015, he began

serving at St. John Vianney College Seminary as a spiritual director, director of human formation, and instructor to over 120 men discerning a priestly vocation.

He returned to the Diocese of Joliet in August 2018 to begin as the Director of Vocations.



Diocese of Joliet

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND



Support our future priests through the second collection for Seminarian Formation!

Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these holy men can transform bread and wine into the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Spirit has blessed the Diocese of Joliet with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood.

Currently, our diocese has 27 men in seminary formation, which costs \$53,900 a year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet has established this second collection.

At Masses next weekend, our parish will take up a second collection for this effort. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this second collection.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 ALL SOULS DAY	3 MEDICARE PART D 9—1pm CCW MEETING 6:30pm	4 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 7pm	5 SERVING GOD'S FAMILY 9:45am-11:30am RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	6 MEDICARE PART D 9—1pm ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-8pm	7	8 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING WEEKEND BUNDLE-UP BASKET CHOIR 2:30-3:30pm CONFESSION 3pm CHOIR MASS 4pm
9 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING WEEKEND VETERANS' BLESSING BUNDLE UP BASKET	10 MEDICARE PART D 9—1pm	11 VETERANS DAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. THOMAS!! Coffee andfollowing 8:30am Mass	12 RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	13 MEDICARE PART D 9—1pm ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-8pm	14	15 BUNDLE-UP BASKET CHOIR 2:30-3:30pm CONFESSION 3pm
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23 CHRIST the KING	24	25 ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE at IMMANUEL UCC 7pm	26 NO RE / FF CLASSES	27 THANKSGIVING MASS at 9am	28	29 CHOIR 2:30-3:30pm CONFESSION 3pm
30 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT		COMMUNION SERVICE (or MASS) at the ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME at MANTENO on TUESDAY at 2PM	MASS (or COMMUNION SERVICE) at BEECHER MANOR on THURSDAY at 10AM		 NOVEMBER	1 CHOIR 2:30-3:30pm CONFESSION 3pm