

November 23, 2025

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: 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

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 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.



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	11/22	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Rita Sheming</u> req by Family and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	11/23	11:00 am—	<u>In Remembrance of Jim & Jeanette O'Grady's Wedding Anniversary</u> req by Family
Mon	11/24	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	11/25	8:30 am—	+ <u>Dale Knickrehm</u> req by Family
Wed	11/26	8:30 am—	+ <u>Betty Knickrehm</u> req by Tom & Lou Hagemaster
Thr	11/27	9:00 am—	+ <u>Dale Knickrehm</u> req by Family
Fri	11/28	8:30 am—	+ <u>Peter Claxton</u> req by Dolorita Farmer-Gordon
Sat	11/29	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Jeannie Scheiman</u> req by the Adamsick Family
Sun	11/30	11:00 am—	+ <u>Gene Richter</u> req by Betsy Richter 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.

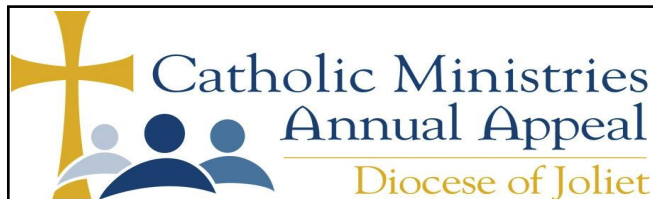


The flowers at the altar are in memory of **Mr. Harry Braun**, from his family.

The Thanksgiving Day flowers are given in memory of **Mr. Dale Knickrehm**, from his family.

JOHN HENRY VI
was baptized on
November 16, 2025.

He is the son of
John Henry Bush V & Jade Dianna Raines.
Welcome to the parish family!



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 11/16/25:

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$35,917
AMOUNT PAID:	\$34,612
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 1,305
NUMBER of DONORS:	122
2025 REBATE:	\$13,308



**CATHOLIC
CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development!** As a parish, we raised **\$693** to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources." #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.

We introduce our **OCIA CANDIDATES** who are seeking full admittance into the Catholic Church:

Mr. Jakob Berlongieri
Mr. Clay Melhorn
Mr. Dennis Nehmer
Mrs. Rhylee Schubbe

Today is their Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens.
We warmly welcome them into the Community!

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.



St. Paul K of C Council #11232 invites children in grades K through 8 to participate in our **"Keep Christ in Christmas"** poster contest. Poster material and entry forms are available on the table across from the RE Office in the classroom hallway. Completed posters and entry forms are due back no later than November 30. Certificates and prizes for winning entries will be presented at the "Donuts with Santa" event following 11AM Mass on Sunday, December 7th.

During this holiday season, please consider donating non-perishable food items in the collection boxes in the lobbies. St. Paul Council will distribute them promptly to Helping Hands. The collection boxes are available year round, as the need is always there. Thank-you for your generosity!

St. Paul K of C Council #11232 is honored to sponsor 2 Silver Rose Ceremonies in December. The Silver Rose is associated with the Culture of Life and with Our Lady of Guadalupe. Ceremonies will follow the 4PM Mass on Saturday, December 13, and will follow the 11AM Mass on Sunday, December 14. All are invited.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

presented by Knights of Columbus St. Liborius Council #14562

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH 9AM-1PM



Pancakes, Sausage, and a choice of
Coffee, Milk, or Juice

**Adults \$8 Seniors \$7
Kids (under 12) \$5**

**St. Liborius Parish Hall
71 W 35th Street Steger, IL**

On Saturday, December 6 at 4pm Mass, Fr. Thomas will be installed by Bishop Ronald Hicks as Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle.

A "finger-food" hors d'oeuvres / dessert reception will be held after Mass.



We are asking you to:

- RSVP if you are attending,
- Bring a dessert and / or finger food / hors d'oeuvres to share,
- Help with set-up on Friday, December 5 at 1pm and / or clean-up after the reception.

Sign-ups can be found on the table at the back of the church. Please RSVP by **Monday, December 1**, so we can plan accordingly.

We look forward to celebrating together and officially welcoming Fr. Thomas as pastor of our parish!

The following is the **St. Paul Choir Schedule** through 2025:

Saturday, November 22: 2:30-3:30 p.m. rehearsal

Saturday, November 29: 2:30-3:30 p.m. rehearsal

Saturday, December 6: 2:30-3:30 p.m. rehearsal
4 p.m. Fr. Thomas Installation Mass

Saturday, December 13: 2:30-3:30 p.m. rehearsal

Saturday, December 20: 2:30-3:30 p.m. rehearsal

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Mass

9:00 p.m. ~ Practice with Brass

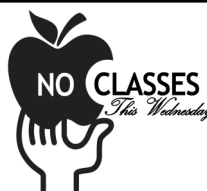
9:30 p.m. ~ Brass / Choir Sing-Along

10:00 p.m. ~ Mass begins

Thank you to all choir members for sharing your time and talent with St. Paul's congregation!

If you are able to attend practices and would like to be part of the choir, we'd love to have you!

Contact Sue Williams at 815 370-6287 if you would like to join, or have any questions about this music ministry.



There are no **Religious Education / Faith Formation** classes this Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

We hope to see you and your families at Masses on November 29 or 30 for the **1st Sunday of Advent!**

Jesus Christ the King of the Universe

This passage, often read on the Solemnity of Christ the King and central to our understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, offers profound truths in Catholic teaching.

Jesus is a King of Self-Sacrifice: The crowd and soldiers challenge him: "He saved others; let him save himself!". Christ's kingship is not about escaping suffering but about redeeming it. The cross is his throne, and his crown is made of thorns. His refusal to come down demonstrates his perfect obedience to the Father and the depth of his Atonement.

The *Titulus* and the True Reign: The inscription on the cross, reads, "This is the King of the Jews". This title points to Jesus' true, universal reign, a spiritual kingdom established through his sacrifice.

The exchange between the two criminals is central to the passage, illustrating two opposing responses to Christ in the face of death. The Penitent Criminal rebukes his companion, acknowledging the justice of their own condemnation: "We indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds." This is a crucial admission of sin and repentance. He recognizes Jesus' innocence acknowledging "this man has done nothing wrong" and, despite all appearances, his royalty and prays to Jesus "remember me when you come into your kingdom". His faith is extraordinary—it looks past the shame and apparent defeat of the cross to a future, ruling Kingdom. This is faith born out of humility and desperation, requiring nothing more than a simple, humble request for remembrance. His is a Model of perfect contrition.

His sorrow for sin arising from the love of God, not merely fear of punishment. This sincere acknowledgment of sin is the first step in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ation. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." This is a profound leap of faith. The repentant thief recognizes Jesus' innocence, and he acknowledges his divine majesty and future Kingdom. He places his hope entirely in Christ's mercy.

Jesus' promise to the Good Thief is often cited as a powerful testament to God's Divine Mercy and the efficacy of salvation offered at the final hour. "Today you will be with me in Paradise" This promise is the forgiveness of sins. Jesus grants full and immediate forgiveness, because Jesus himself is offering the Eternal Sacrifice for the atonement. This demonstrates his sovereign power to remit all sin and guilt. Since Good thief is promised immediate entry into Paradise (a state of blessed union with God), his soul must have been cleansed of

all sin and temporal punishment (the punishment due to sin). The Church teaches that this final purification is what we call Purgatory; however, by an act of absolute, sovereign grace, Christ dispensed with any needed purification for the repentant thief.

The story of the repentant sinner offers immense hope, confirming the teaching that perfect contrition (sorrow for sin out of love for God) can secure immediate salvation, even when the opportunity for formal Sacraments is absent. The door to his Kingdom remains open until our very last breath, provided we turn to him with a contrite heart.

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.



CCW **Christmas** **Bunco Party**

BUNCO

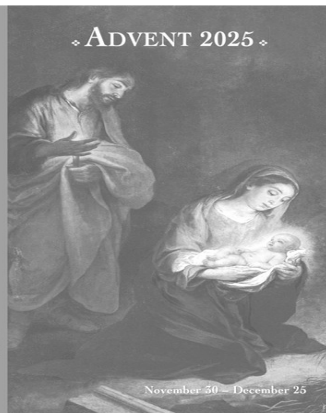
Tuesday,
December 2 at

6:30pm—all women of the parish and their friends are invited to this night of Fun, Friendship and Laughter, plus refreshments!

Please feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. P.S.: We will teach you how to play!

A sign-up is in the lobby.

THE MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION



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COMPANIONS
are available in both
lobbies.



You're invited to a special

Christmas Nativity

presented by our Farmers

Pictures with Santa
Live camel & donkey
Carter's Corner open for shopping
Coffee, cocoa, cider & food for purchase
Train ride for purchase
22155 S 104th Avenue Frankfort, IL
December 5th, 2025
Doors open at 6:00 PM | show starts at 7:00 PM
Link attached to purchase tickets (3 & under free)



COLLECTION SUMMARY: November 15—16, 2025

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,855.00
Minus	(\$ 350.53)
Envelopes used / distributed	72 / 531
<i>*Includes 7 Online Givers</i>	
CCHD	\$ 693.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 579.00
Seminarians	\$ 120.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
All Souls	\$ 30.00

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.



Tuesday, November 25

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Immanuel UCC at 7pm

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am

There will be no Adoration
 or Confession

Tuesday, December 2

CCW Christmas Party Bunco

Saturday, December 6

Fr. Thomas' Installation Mass and Reception

Sunday, December 7

K of C Donuts with Santa after 11am Mass

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30am

Tuesday, December 9

50th Annual CCW Christmas Party for the Sisters at St. Francis Woods (Frankfort)

Wednesday, December 10

RE / Parish Reconciliation

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.



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



The St. Paul Council of Catholic Women invites you to join them in the **50th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** for the **FRANCISCAN SISTERS** of the **SACRED HEART** living at St. Francis Woods (Frankfort) on **Tuesday, December 9 from 1-3PM**. If you have any questions, please call or text Clem at 708 710-1831.



Please try to join us--the good sisters love company!

Bingo Prize Suggestions:

- *Candy all kinds – especially chocolate (there are three sisters who are diabetic)
- *Snacks--individually packaged
- *Small plants--Christmas ones are very popular:
Christmas cactus, pine tree, holly
- *Stamps
- *Lotion
- *Hot chocolate--individual packages
- *Starbucks bottled coffee
- *Christmas decorations (not religious), wall hangings, wreaths, ornaments
- *Many of the sisters wear street clothes, holiday socks, jewelry (no earrings)

Some bingo prizes are "re-gifted" by the sisters to their friends / family.

Each sister has her own room and bathroom

- *Decorative towels
- *Decorative pillows
- *Holiday soaps
- *Decorative soft soap dispensers
- *Adult coloring books



We would like to give each of the 29 sisters and 1 priest a \$20 gift card from any of the following stores: **Walgreens, Walmart, Dollar Tree**

Gift cards can be placed in the boxes at each of the entrances to the church. Checks should be made out to the CCW with a note in the subject line "**sister's Christmas party.**"

Bingo prizes can be placed in the boxes near the two church entrances.

There are sign-up sheets for **cookie donations** for this much appreciated and fun afternoon. Please have cookie donations at church **by Monday, December 7.**

The sign-up poster for **ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING** is in the lobby. Everyone—families, singles, seniors, RE / FF classes, etc.—is invited to participate in this beloved tradition!



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Our next **BAPTISMAL CLASS** is scheduled for **Thursday, December 4 at 6pm.**

Parents and godparents are required to attend a class before making arrangements for the baptism of their child. If parents and godparents have attended a baptismal class within the last two years, there is no need to attend again. We encourage you to attend the class during your pregnancy so there will be no delay in your child's baptism.

If you plan to attend, please call the parish office.



ST. JOSEPH'S MANTENO

Knights of Columbus Council #11358



- 1ST PLACE** Whole Hog Processed
- 2ND PLACE** ½ Hog Processed
- 3RD PLACE** ½ Hog Processed

Drawing on: Dec. 14, 2025

Tickets: \$10.00 Each

For more information or to purchase a ticket contact:

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