

# November 30, 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

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!



**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.

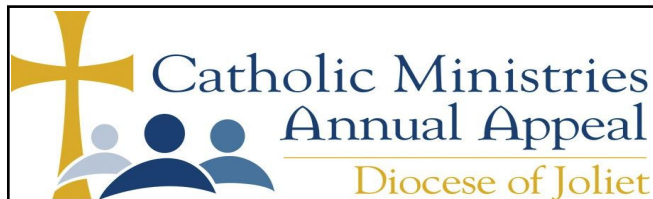
# Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	11/29	3:00 pm—	<u><b>CONFESSION</b></u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u><b>Jeannie Scheiman</b></u> req by the Adamsick Family
Sun	11/30	11:00 am—	+ <u><b>Gene Richter</b></u> req by Betsy Richter and <u><b>People of the Parish</b></u>
Mon	12/1	8:30 am—	<u><b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b></u>
Tue	12/2	8:30 am—	+ <u><b>Josephine Goncher</b></u>
Wed	12/3	8:30 am—	+ <u><b>Mary Svejkovsky and</b></u> <u><b>James F. Svatos</b></u> req by Paula Prium
Thr	12/4	8:30 am—	<u><b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b></u>
Fri	12/5	8:30 am—	<u><b>Special Intention</b></u> req by Parishioner
Sat	12/6	3:00 pm—	<u><b>NO CONFESSION</b></u>
		4:00 pm—	<u><b>The Intentions of</b></u> <u><b>Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI</b></u>
Sun	12/7	11:00 am—	+ <u><b>Paul Dee</b></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.*



## 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 11/23/25:

<b>PARISH GOAL:</b>	\$15,600
<b>AMOUNT PLEDGED:</b>	\$35,967
<b>AMOUNT PAID:</b>	\$34,692
<b>REMAINING BALANCE:</b>	\$ 1,275
<b>NUMBER of DONORS:</b>	122
<b>2025 REBATE:</b>	\$13,364

## 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.



MAKE.diojoliet.org



# MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People  
of the **Diocese of Joliet**



If you would like to bring a copy of the **2025 Heritage Missal** or **Misal del Dia** home with you, please take a copy from the box in the rear of the church.

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 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue Frankfort, IL  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Doors open at 6:00 PM | show starts at 7:00 PM  
Link attached to purchase tickets (3 & under free)

## POPE'S INTENTIONS for DECEMBER 2025

### *For Christians in areas of conflict*

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



Last chance to turn in your posters for St. Paul K of C Council # 11232

**"Keep Christ in Christmas"** poster contest. Completed posters and entry forms are due back no later than

November 30 in the collection box on the table across from the Religious Education Office in the classroom hallway. Be sure your entry is complete, signed by a parent, and attached to your poster. 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.



**BUNCO**

### **CCW Christmas Bunco Party**

This 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! Please sign-up in the lobby.



### Our next **BAPTISMAL CLASS** is scheduled for this **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.

Next 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, 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.





**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14a; Mt 24:37-44.**

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the importance of staying vigilant and prepared for the arrival of the Lord. It is a deeply personal message that speaks to our hearts and calls us to reflect on the state of our souls. Just as in the days of Noah, when people were caught off guard by the flood, we, too, can become complacent and lose sight of our spiritual journey. This Gospel urges us to be like the faithful servant who remains watchful, eagerly anticipating the return of the master. We need to be spiritually awake, continuously working on building a positive relationship with God and others.

The central command of this Gospel passage is simple: "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." This call to readiness is essential in Catholic teaching, not out of fear, but out of a hopeful desire to meet Christ, whether at the end of our life or at the end of time.

Jesus compares his second coming to the days of Noah. The people were engaged in normal, everyday activities, but they were spiritually unprepared for the flood, which came suddenly and "swept them all away." The danger is not in the normal activities of life, but the Spiritual Complacency, in allowing them to become a distraction that makes us forget the eternal. The people were lost not because they lived a normal life, but because they lost sight of God in their daily lives.

The people "taken" by the flood are those who are swept away in judgment, while Noah and his family, who were "left" in the ark, were saved for the new creation. Similarly, the two being in the field or at the mill,

the one "taken" is often interpreted as being taken for judgment, and the one "left" is left to enter the Kingdom.

Jesus uses the analogy of the thief to emphasize the unpredictable timing of his return. Just as a homeowner would stay awake and prepared if they knew the time a thief was coming, we must live in a continuous state of readiness because we do not know the hour. This is not about frantic worry or predicting dates. It is about living righteously today. It means living with a clear conscience, being faithful to our duties, practicing charity, and participating in the sacraments—especially Confession and the Eucharist—which are the primary means God gives us to "stay awake."

The passage serves as a constant reminder, especially during the liturgical season of Advent which focuses on both Christ's first and second coming. Do not let the legitimate worries and the "anxieties of daily life" make your heart "drowsy" or forget your ultimate destination. Be vigilant about sin and regularly seek God's forgiveness, ensuring that we are spiritually clothed in Christ. The preparation is not passive; it is active. We are called to be good stewards of the gifts and time God has given us.

This passage ultimately calls us to embrace the tension of the 'already and not yet': Christ has already come and saved us, but his Kingdom is not yet fully realized, so we must live with both hope and alertness.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI*



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 is a sign-up sheet for **cookie donations** for this much appreciated and fun afternoon in the lobby. Please have cookie donations at church **by 9am on Monday, December 7!**



**COLLECTION SUMMARY: November 22—23, 2025**

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,382.00
Plus	\$ 176.47
Envelopes used / distributed	75 / 531
<i>*Includes 7 Online Givers</i>	
CCHD	\$ 72.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 80.00

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, 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***

Jan Leffelman, 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, Dorothy Simikowski, Joe Ladislav, 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 Libreria Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Libreria, 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.*



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79th ANNUAL ST. GEORGE CHURCH

## STAG & FISH FRY

ALL THE FISH YOU CAN EAT!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025**

**ST. GEORGE CHURCH PARISH HALL**

5272 E. 5000N. Rd.: Bourbonnais, IL

**Serving starts @ 6:00pm - 11:00pm**

**\*NO CARRY OUTS\***

**DONATION: \$12.00 • DOOR PRIZES**

Ticklets available at the door.

## RAFFLE

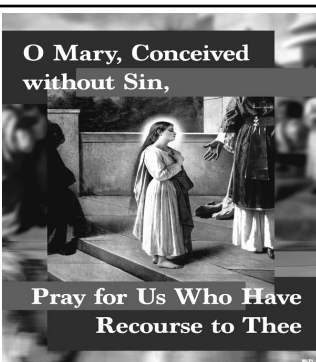
**1st Prize ..... \$750.00 Cash**

**2nd Prize ..... \$500.00 Cash**

**3rd Prize ..... \$250.00 Cash**

**DONATION: \$5.00 each**

Winner need not be present.






The Feast of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is Monday, December 8, 2025.  
***It is a holy day of obligation.***

Mass will be celebrated at:

St. Joseph (Manteno) 7am and 7pm

St. Paul (Peotone) 8:30am

St. Patrick (Wilton Center) 5pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE (or MASS) at the ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME at MANTENO on <b>TUESDAY at 2PM</b> MASS (or COMMUNION SERVICE) at BEECHER MANOR on <b>THURSDAY at 10AM</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
		CCW BUNCO 6:30pm KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 7pm	RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	ADORATION 6-8pm BAPTISMAL CLASS 6pm CONFESSION 7:15-8pm	INSTALLATION SET-UP 1pm	CHOIR 2:30-3:30pm FR. INSTALLATION RECEPTION after MASS
7 2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT K of C DONUTS with SANTA after 11am MASS	8	9	10	11	12	13
	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— a HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION 8:30am MASS	CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY for the FRANCISCAN SISTERS of the SACRED HEART (Frankfort) 1pm	RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm <b>PENANCE SERVICE—</b> RE CLASSES 6:30pm PARISH 7pm	ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-8pm		13 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING WEEKEND CHOIR 2:30-3:30pm CONFESSION 3pm K of C SILVER ROSE CEREMONY after Mass
14 3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT ANNIVERSARY BLESSING WEEKEND ORANGE SHIRT MASS K of C SILVER ROSE CEREMONY after Mass	15	16	17	18	19	20
			RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	SENIOR ASSISTANCE 10-3pm by appointment ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-8pm		CHOIR 2:30-3:30pm CONFESSION 3pm
21 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT	22	23	24	25	26	27
			CHRISTMAS EVE POSADA 2-45pm MASS 3pm CHOIR PRACTICE 9pm RA BRASS / HYMN SING 9:30pm MASS 10pm	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 11am 	 <b>ST. STEPHEN</b> <small>© J. S. Palush Co., Inc.</small>	CONFESSION 3pm
28 The HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH	29	30	31			
						