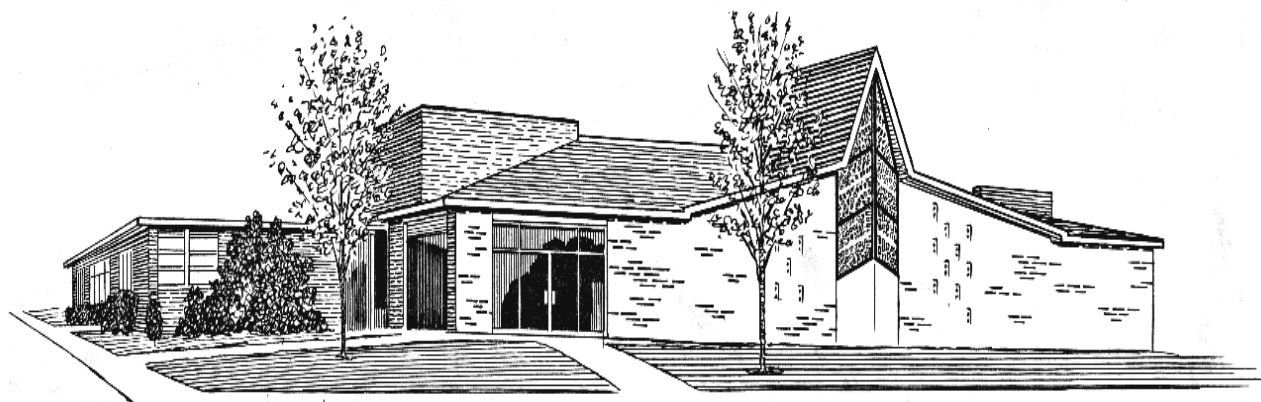




October 12, 2025

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Peotone, IL 60468-9290

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815 468-1954 / Theneth52@gmail.com

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GRAND KNIGHT of K of C: Ron LeClaire

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FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: Al Leffelman

WORSHIP COMMISSION: Paula Prium

CHRISTIAN FORMATION / EDUCATION COMMISSION:

SOCIAL SERVICES COORDINATOR: Mary Ann Battermann

MINISTERS OF CARE: Barb Egelski

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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

It's Respect Life Month!

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month.

Visit respectlife.org/celebrate



The Mission Statement of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
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	10/11	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Norman J. Andrews, Sr.</u> req by St. Paul Parish and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	10/12	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>For the Eternal Salvation of Mary & Theodore Litak</u> req by T.R. Litak
Mon	10/13	8:00 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	10/14	8:00 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		8:30 am—	<u>Health Intentions of Anita</u> req by Bob & Helen Lewis
Wed	10/15	8:00 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		8:30 am—	+ <u>Peter Claxton</u> req by Mary Ann Battermann
Thr	10/16	8:00 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	10/17	8:00 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		8:30 am—	+ <u>Betty Knickrehm</u> req by the Setticasia Family
Sat	10/18	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Tom Adamsick—</u> <u>85th Birthday Remembrance</u> req by Family
Sun	10/19	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Patrick Kelly</u> req by the James Kelly Family 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.



Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Diocese of Joliet

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 10/5/25:

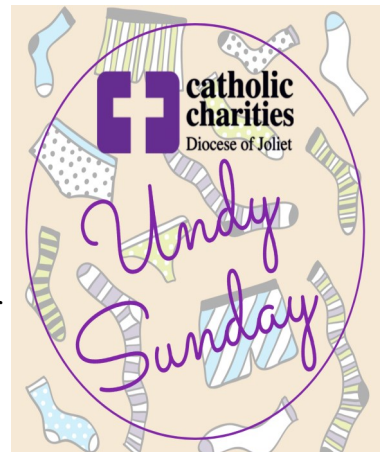
PARISH GOAL:	\$15,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$40,117
AMOUNT PAID:	\$38,092
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 2,025
NUMBER of DONORS:	121
2025 REBATE:	\$15,744

The St. Paul CCW will again be participating in the Catholic Charities **UNDY SUNDAY** collection drive through **next Sunday, October 19.**

Hampers for your donations and envelopes for checks (made out to **Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet with Undy Sunday on the memo line**) are in both lobbies.

The underwear, socks, undershirts, and diapers that we collect are distributed to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet clients throughout the year.

Thanks for your support!



There will be a:

- FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on Wednesday, October 15 at 5:30pm;
- PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:30pm.



LAINY GRACE was baptized on October 5, 2025.
She is the daughter of Timothy and Kelly Gasik Mensik.
Welcome to the parish family!



SWEETEST DAY is a holiday that is celebrated in the Midwestern US, and parts of the Northeastern US, also in the northern part of Florida on the 3rd Saturday in October (**this Saturday, October 18**). It is a day to share romantic deeds or expressions and acts of charity and kindness.

—Wikipedia

POPE'S INTENTIONS for OCTOBER:

For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH AFTER 11AM MASS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY KICK-OFF SOCIAL: MOVIE, BRUNCH AND GAMES

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-35



MORE INFORMATION
AND REGISTRATION

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**

An old Irish proverb says, *'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.'* Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them:

uscbb.org/end-of-life-care

—USCCB Secretariat
of Pro-Life Activities
Caring for Loved Ones
at Life's End

¡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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Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Our warmest wishes to all who celebrate with us. If you are not registered at St. Paul or need to make changes, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office (511 N. Conrad Street / Peotone, IL 60468).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

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Phone _____

Email Address _____

- () New Parishioner, please contact me
 () New Address or New Phone Number
 () Moving—Please remove from membership list
 () Email—Please add email address to your records
 () Interested in becoming Catholic
 () Please send envelopes
 () Interested in Religious Education
 () **Interested in Ministry Programs**
 () Would like to be contacted by a priest



Choir will continue on Saturdays from 2:30pm—3:30pm. The goal of our church choir is to enhance the church liturgy through music.

Scheduled dates for choir to sing are:

—Saturday, November 8 @ 4pm Mass

—Saturday, December 6 @ 4pm for the Installation Mass for Fr. Thomas

—Wednesday, December 24 / Thursday, December 25 - TBD

Sue Williams @ 815 370-6287

Come out to Wilton Center to **My Church** (14360 W. Joliet Rd) TODAY—October 12—

from 11:45am—4pm and

make a donation that costs you nothing, but can save someone's life. **Have a bowl of homemade soup while you are there!**

To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or call the church at 708 267-3140.



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



—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 book will be included in a general petition offered at Masses during the month of November;

—We turn clocks back on Saturday evening, November 1

—Saturday, November 1, is **ALL SAINTS DAY**, it is *not* a holy day of obligation this year;

—Sunday, November 2 is **ALL SOULS DAY**, a day to remember all the departed souls.

On November 1 during our 4pm Sunday Vigil Mass and on Sunday, November 2 at 11am Mass, we will pause to remember our loved ones and other members and friends from St. Paul who have departed this earth. You are invited to bring a small photo of your loved one to place on a table that will be in the front of the church.

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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Kgs 5:14-17; 2Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19



The story of the ten lepers in today's Gospel is a rich passage that offers several profound themes for reflection, focusing on faith, obedience, and especially gratitude.

All ten lepers demonstrated an initial act of faith by crying out to Jesus for mercy. Their faith, however, was most clearly manifested in their obedience to his seemingly illogical command: "Go, show yourselves to the priests." At the time Jesus spoke, they were still lepers and had not yet been healed. Going to the priests was a legal requirement after a leper was cleansed, for the priest to declare them clean and allow them back into society (Levi 14:1-3). Even before their healing they trusted and obeyed the words of Jesus. Their healing happened on the way, confirming that their obedience was an expression of their trust in Jesus' words. The result of obedience to the will of God is something greater than we expect. Obeying God's commands even when we can't yet see the result is the manifestation of our faith.

The central point of the passage is the contrast in response after the healing. Only one man, a Samaritan, returned to Jesus. He didn't just feel thankful; he acted on it by turning back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and falling at Jesus' feet, thanking him. The other nine, having received their physical blessing, simply continued on their way to the priests to complete the ritual and re-enter their lives. They moved on as if the healing was something they deserve. This makes us think about the many blessings we received but the question remains, did we thank him? Did I return to him with gratitude? Do we stop at simply receiving a blessing, or do we return to the Giver with gratitude? Is our thankfulness an act of public worship and humility, or merely a private feeling?

Jesus' final words to the Samaritan are crucial: "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." All ten men were physically healed, but only the Samaritan who returned in grateful faith was described as being made well or saved. The Greek word Jesus used is *sōzō*, which can mean to save, heal, or make whole. This implies that the Samaritan received a double miracle: physical healing as well as spiritual wholeness/salvation through his active faith expressed in gratitude. Most of us are happy if we get a physical healing which we ask for. We are to look for our inner healing as well as our temporal "gifts." Do we pray for our inner healing which makes us whole?

Evangelist Luke often highlights Jesus' compassion for the marginalized. Lepers were already social outcasts, but the returning man was a Samaritan, a foreigner and enemy to the Jews. His double marginalization makes his return even more significant. He was less likely to be "expected" to be faithful or grateful, yet he was the one who was. This points to the expansive nature of God's grace, which reaches across all social, racial, and religious boundaries.

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI

Gentlemen and ladies are invited to a **brief informational session** presented by our K of C Council in our meeting room following the Saturday, October 19 4pm Mass and the Sunday, October 19 11am Mass. Discover what the Council supports through its charitable and service activities. Learn what benefits are available to members and families of Knights of Columbus. Knights will be available to answer any questions you may have.

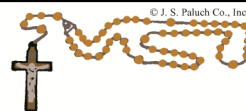
No obligation, all are welcome.



Mark your calendars for the **GOURMET WINE DINNER**, sponsored by our K of C Council, at Scrementi's on Sunday, November 9 at 6pm. This highly popular event features a 6 course family style dinner and dessert. A wine merchant will provide free tastings, and the opportunity to purchase wines you like for your own use, or for holiday gifts. We will also conduct a silent auction. Donations for the silent auction are welcome. Tickets for the dinner will be only \$50 each, and go on sale at the Masses starting Saturday, October 25. For more information, to donate silent auction items, or purchase tickets contact Ron LeClaire, Grand Knight, at 708 204-6277.

OCTOBER 2025 RAFFLE WINNERS

\$150.00	#18	Spencer Wysocki
\$100.00	#160	Robert Astroth
\$ 50.00	#304	Colleen Domke
\$ 50.00	#467	Tracy Sheehan
\$ 25.00	#641	Dave Zenere
\$ 25.00	#269	Mary Ann Battermann



We will pray the **ROSARY** 30-minutes prior to weekend Mass and 30-minutes prior to weekday Mass / Communion Service in October.



... whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all ...

Galatians 6:10, NRSV

COLLECTION SUMMARY: October 4—5, 2025

Budgeted	\$3,069.00
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,828.00
Plus	\$ 759.00
Envelopes used / distributed	78 / 527
<i>*Includes 11 Online Givers</i>	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 10.00

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.



A meeting for *current* and those *interested* in
serving the parish as an **Extraordinary Min-
ister of the Eucharist (EM)** and / or **Minis-
ter of Care** will be held this Thursday,
October 16 at 6:15pm.

The requirements for a person to be an Ex-
traordinary Minister of the Eucharist are quite
simple—the individual must be baptized and
confirmed and, if married, married in the
Church.

You are encouraged to join us prior to the
meeting for Adoration at 6pm.

All are welcome!

Janet Ditta, Laura Jacques, Nancy
Pilotto, Sheela Jose, Rev. Tom
Ewing, Michael Doyle, Mary El-
len Hanlon, Ashley Doody, Luke
Payne, Dave Castaneda, Greg Na-
lepka, 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 Digiacomio, Julie Szudarski, Sharon An-
drews, Sue Gomez, Aris Tomac, Bob Johnson, Pete
Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpen-
ter, Ray Romito, Francesca Librera Biondo, Mike
Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard
Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, the Ad-
amsick 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 family member will be
added to the list.*



Don & Jeanette Neybert October 5, 2019
Ernie & Kathy Yost October 11, 1999
Dennis & Maria Nehmer October 17, 1991

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

On the second weekend of each month,
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 anni-
versary 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.

