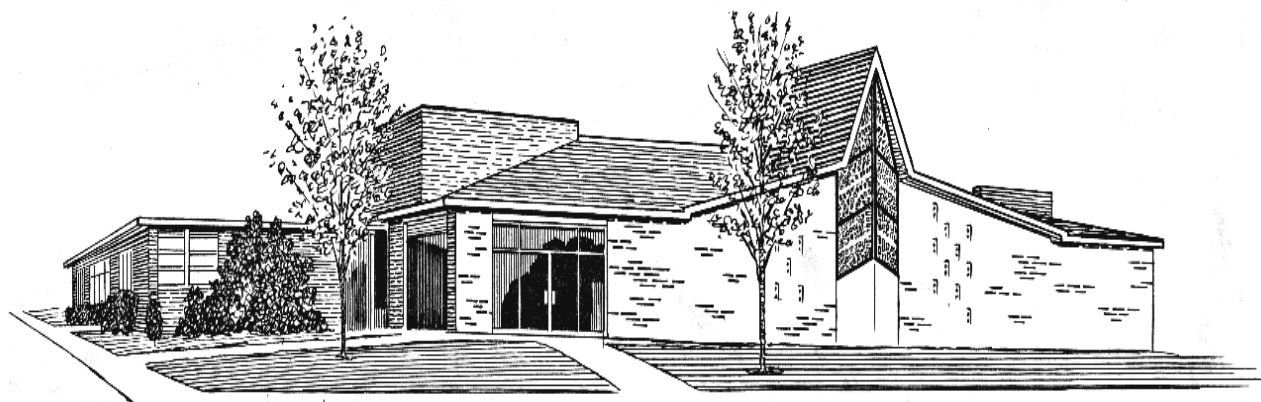




October 19, 2025

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

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.

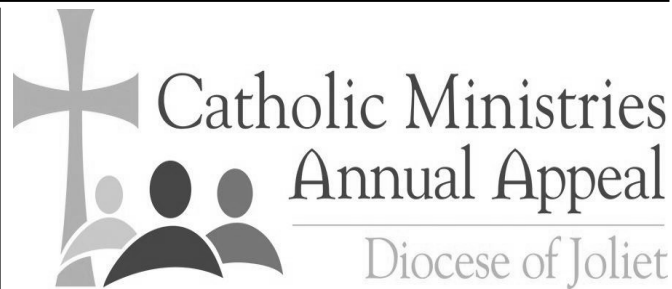
Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	10/18	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>
Mon	10/20	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	10/21	8:30 am—	+ <u>Mark Varner</u> req by Luann Varner
Wed	10/22	8:30 am—	+ <u>William Mitchell</u> req by the Schubbe Family
Thr	10/23	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	10/24	8:30 am—	+ <u>Michael & Marlene Setticasì</u> req by the Knickrehm Family
Sat	10/25	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Jim & Ellen Kelly</u> req by Elaine Doyle and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	10/26	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Mae Ann Johnson</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 10/12/25:

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$35,117
AMOUNT PAID:	\$33,232
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 1,885
NUMBER of DONORS:	120
2025 REBATE:	\$12,342

The St. Paul CCW Catholic Charities **UNDY SUNDAY** collection drive will end this weekend. 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!



The flowers at the altar are dedicated in honor of **Elizabeth Ann Meaney**, from the Knickrehm Family.

If you are interested in sponsoring our bi-weekly altar flower arrangement, 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.

Gentlemen and ladies of all ages are invited to a brief informational session presented by St Paul the Apostle K of C Council following the Saturday, October 19 4PM Mass, and the Sunday October 19 11AM Mass in the meeting room. 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 Sunday November 9 for the **gourmet wine dinner** sponsored by St. Paul the Apostle K of C Council at Scrementi's 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 starting Saturday, October 25. For more information, to donate silent auction items, or purchase tickets contact Ron LeClaire, Grand Knight, at 708-204-6277.

Today is World Mission Sunday! Every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—**"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"**—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5).

Our offerings last week of **\$694** provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, **"Each of us is a mission on this earth"** (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

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.diojoli.org



MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet

WORDS of LIFE

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

Pope Saint John Paul II,
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¡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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This week Girl Scouts from SU714, Boy Scout Troop 315, and several High School volunteers will be distributing grocery bags to your home for our annual **Food Drive for Helping Hands of Peotone**. On Saturday, October 25 we will be back

to pick up any donation you may have.

Helping Hands is looking for non-perishable food, personal care products, as well as things you use to clean a home. The need never seem to diminish. The Girl Scouts in this area have been doing this community service project since the 1970's.

Please have your donation on your front porch by 8:30am Saturday, October 25. If possible, please make it visible from the street. If your donation is missed, please call Mary Ann Drexler at (708) 738-0952.

There are also donation bins at 1049 Heron, First Community Bank and Trust, Old National Bank and the American Legion.

Thank you in advance and know these donations help your neighbors and others in the Peotone School District.

ANNUAL TURKEY Dinner

november 2, 2025

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

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.



Knights of Columbus is hosting an all you can eat

Chicken Noodle Soup and Bread Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 25 • 5-8:30pm

\$10 for adults

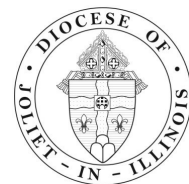
\$8 for children under 16 years of age • \$35 maximum for families

Mac and Cheese with Chicken Nuggets will be available • Beverages provided

Location: St. Joseph's Basement Hall, 207 S. Main Street

Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow. Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details. We're here to help!



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 17:8-13; 2Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Today's Gospel is often called "The Parable of the Persistent Widow," is a powerful teaching on the necessity of constant and unwavering prayer. The passage begins with Jesus' explicit purpose for the parable: "to show them that they should always pray and not give up". Prayer is a discipline of persistence and faith. The widow's ceaseless pleas eventually wear down the judge, a man who "neither feared God nor cared what people thought". Her success illustrates that if persistence works with a bad judge, how much more will it work with a good God?

Unjust Judge is an example of human corruption, acting only out of self-interest. He grants justice only to be rid of the nuisance. Jesus contrasts this "unjust judge" with God, who is inherently just and eager to vindicate His "chosen ones". If the judge grants a request he is reluctant to grant, imagine how readily God will respond when He desires to grant it. The lesson is that God is not like the judge; He is not put off by our prayer, nor does He need to be pestered. It reminds us that our cries for justice and deliverance—whether personal or global—are not unheard or ignored.

The parable ends with a sobering, penetrating question: "However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" This shifts the focus from God's faithfulness to human faithfulness. The greatest challenge is not God's willingness to answer, but our capacity to keep praying and believing while waiting.

The widow's persistence is a metaphor for a deep, abiding faith that refuses to be discouraged by silence or

delay. It challenges us to reflect: are we maintaining that persistent, simple, demanding faith, or do we "give up" when answers do not arrive on our timeline? The persistence is not meant to change God's mind, but to change our heart, shaping it into one that truly trusts in God's timetable and goodness, despite the waiting.

This passage calls us to: (1) Pray without ceasing for spiritual and temporal needs. (2) Trust in God's perfect character, knowing He is the opposite of the judge—He is good. (3) Continue the wait, letting persistence be the proof of genuine faith.

Today is World Mission Sunday. The Church is, by nature, missionary. It is not just about what a few people do "overseas," but about the call each baptized person receives to proclaim

the Good News—through prayer, sacrifice, and the witness of a loving life. It reminds us of three things. (i) Renewed Commitment: Recommitting ourselves to sharing God's love and salvation with those who have not yet encountered it, both far away and right in our own communities. (ii) Solidarity: Uniting in prayer and financial support for the vital work of missionaries and the young, poor, or persecuted local Churches around the world. (iii) Holistic Mission: Recognizing that mission involves both spiritual proclamation and responding to human needs through loving service—bringing the Gospel and hope to those facing poverty, conflict, and injustice.

In short, Mission Sunday challenges us to look beyond ourselves and participate actively in God's mission to bring the light of the Gospel to the whole world.

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.



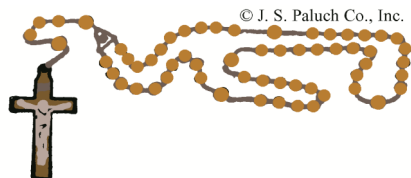
St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center
HARVEST SOCIAL CARD PARTY
 Wednesday, October 29 from 11:30-3pm at
 Wilton Center Community Building.

Tickets \$10 — lunch will be served, door prizes and a split the pot raffle (\$1 each or 6 for \$5).

Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with family and friends. Call (815) 693-8234 for more information.

St. Paul is on Facebook

Stay connected and be involved. Find us at "**St. Paul the Apostle Peotone**" and sign up to have parish events and updates from other Catholic interests sent right to your home computer or mobile device. It's a great way to know what is going on and maybe even get to know your fellow parishioners better.



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

COLLECTION SUMMARY: October 11—12, 2025

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,519.00
Minus	(\$ 886.53)
Envelopes used / distributed	71 / 531
<i>*Includes 7 Online Givers</i>	
Mission Sunday	\$ 694.00

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.



The St. Paul Council of Catholic Women, with help from the Knights of Columbus, will be participating in **Peotone Trunk or Treat** next Sunday, October 26, from 11am—2pm on 1st Street, which will be closed during the event between Corning Avenue and Main Street. This is a fun and safe way for area children to trick or treat. Come and say hi!

Janet Ditta, 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, Laverne 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 family member will be added to the list.

The Peotone Public Library District (515 N 1st St) 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



—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.

