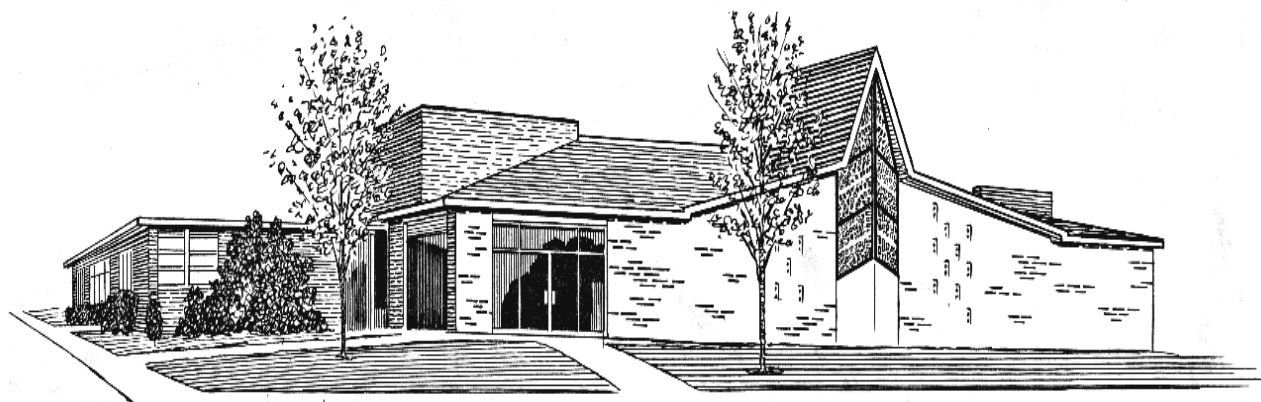




October 26, 2025

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**"

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 Parish

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in relationship with Him, live the Faith, and share His Good News with others.

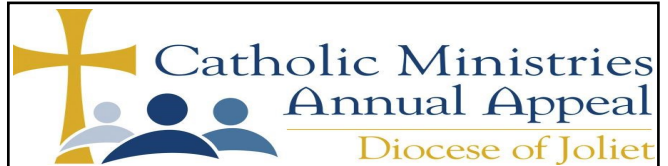
Mass Intentions For The Week

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Sat	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
Mon	10/27	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	10/28	8:30 am—	<u>+Bernard Powers</u> req by Family
Wed	10/29	8:30 am—	<u>+Mary Kwain</u> req by Family
Thr	10/30	8:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	10/31	8:30 am—	<u>+Betty Latozza—</u> <u>91st Birthday Remembrance</u> req by the Nagel & Hetzer Family
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>

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 10/19/25:

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$35,167
AMOUNT PAID:	\$33,372
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 1,795
NUMBER of DONORS:	120
2025 REBATE:	\$12,440



The St. Paul Council of Catholic Women will be participating in **Peotone**

Trunk or Treat 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!

Our next **meeting** will be Monday, November 3 at 6:30pm. All ladies of the parish are invited!

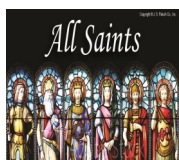


Thank-you! The generous parishioners of St. Paul contributed 51 packages and \$66 in cash.



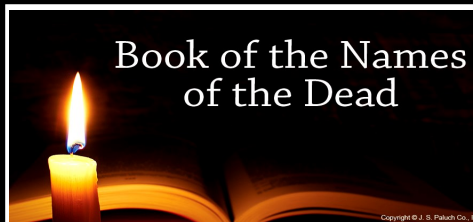
The flowers at the altar are dedicated in honor of **Elizabeth Ann Meaney**, from the Knickrehm Family.

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



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. During our 4pm Sunday Vigil Mass and at 11am Mass, we will pause to remember our loved ones and other members and friends from St. Paul who have departed this earth.



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



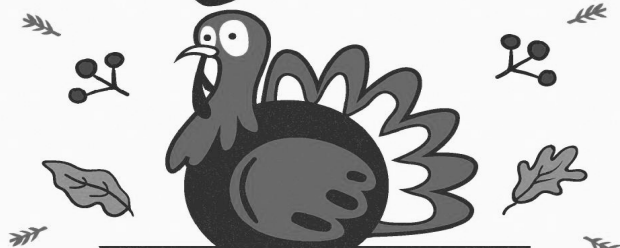
**Remember
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clocks back
before bed
next
Saturday,
November 1.**

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection:
Called to Serve Moms in Need respect-
life.org/called-to-serve-reflection**



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**



Dinner and Wine tasting at Scrementi's Restaurant

Presented by:



**KNIGHTS
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IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Peotone/Monee Council 11232

• Wine sampling and sales presented by
Dustin Lang

• Cash Bar • Pick-A-Prize Auction

Dinner includes - Bread, Salad, Mostaccioli, Roasted Pork, Lemon Butter Cod, Roasted Potatoes and Green Beans served family-style plus Ice Cream, Coffee and Soft Drinks

\$50 per person

ONLY 100 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

Contact Dan Mott at (708) 277-7086

Sunday, November 9th 6:00pm

Scrementi's Restaurant

3760 Chicago Rd., Steger, IL 60475

All Profits to benefit
Knights of Columbus Charities

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14**

Today's Old Testament reading makes the same point Jesus made in last Sunday's Gospel: God hears and answers all prayers, including the most desperate and needy. He has infinite goodness, infinite wisdom and infinite power. He is just as well as loving.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us through the story of the prayer of a Pharisee and a publican. Publican was ancient Roman name for a tax collector and was hated by everyone. In the prayer one personifies pride and the other who epitomizes humility.

The Pharisee represents the person who trusts in their own religious performance. His prayer is a boastful comparison: He thanks God not for grace, but that he is not like other people, especially the tax collector. This attitude of contempt for others is the very thing Jesus warns against. He lists his accomplishments: fasting more than required and tithing everything he gets. He sees his good works as a basis for standing before God. His prayer is essentially a justification of himself; he does not ask God for anything, revealing a heart that believes it has no need of mercy. Spiritual pride blinds him to his own sin and his need for God's grace. He has exalted himself.

The Tax Collector (Publican) represents a notorious sinner, someone despised by society for collaborating with the Roman authorities and often extorting his own people. His posture and prayer are a complete contrast: He stands at a distance, demonstrating his sense of unworthiness. He won't even look up to heaven, and he beats his breast—a gesture of deep remorse and grief for sin. His prayer is simple and desperate: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." He makes no claims of goodness; he relies entirely on God's mercy. He has humbled himself.

The surprising conclusion of the parable reveals a core principle of the Gospel: Jesus declares that the Tax Collector is the one who "went down to his house justified (made right with God) rather than the other." Justification—being declared righteous in God's sight—is granted to the one who humbly admits their need for mercy, not the one who proudly asserts their own merit. The Pharisee, despite his rigorous religious practice, went home unjustified because his pride rejected the need for divine mercy.

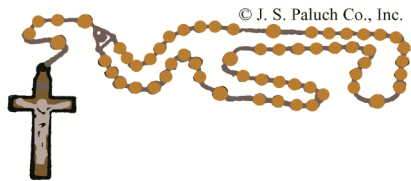
Jesus summarizes the lesson with a foundational truth found throughout his teaching: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." This principle challenges our natural human inclination to seek status or recognition, especially in matters of faith. True humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less, and thinking rightly of God's perfect holiness and our utter dependence on His grace. It's the willingness to stand before God empty-handed, trusting only in His mercy.

This parable is a timeless warning against comparing ourselves to others as a measure of spiritual health. The only valid comparison is against the perfect righteousness of God, which forces us all into the position of the tax collector, pleading for mercy. This parable invites us to examine our own hearts. It is a call to abandon self-trust and embrace the radical dependence on God's mercy for salvation.

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.



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

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.

ATTENTION COUPLES with NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Please sign-up in the binder in the lobby to be included in the bulletin announcement, 2nd weekend blessing at Mass and to receive an anniversary card from Father.

COLLECTION SUMMARY: October 18—19, 2025

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,997.00
Minus	(\$ 208.53)
Envelopes used / distributed	71 / 531
<i>*Includes 7 Online Givers</i>	
Providing for Our Future	\$ 658.03

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.



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 at the Masses starting Saturday October 25.

For more information, to donate silent auction items, or purchase tickets contact Dan Mott, Event Chairman at 708 277-7086 or Ron LeClaire, Grand Knight, at 708 204-6277 (see ad on page 3).

St Paul the Apostle Council will be participating in the **Peotone Trunk or Treat** event Sunday October 26 from 11AM to 2PM Downtown Peotone. Come see us!

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

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 Furtak, 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, 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.



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!

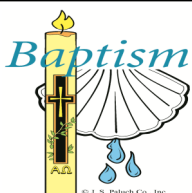
Christmas: ham and all the trimmings!



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!



LYLE WILLIAM was baptized on October 19, 2025.
He is the son of Luke and Susannah Marevka Schubbe.
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 Four Dimensions of Priestly Formation

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS
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When a man enters seminary to discern the priesthood, he begins a journey of conversion and formation that touches every part of his life. The Church, through the Program for Priestly Formation (PPF), outlines four key dimensions—sometimes called “pillars”—that shape this journey.

The first is human formation, the foundation of it all. A priest must be a man of integrity, balanced and virtuous, capable of relating well to others. Next comes spiritual formation, which roots him in friendship

with Christ through daily prayer, the Eucharist, and a life centered on holiness. Intellectual formation, the rigorous studies in philosophy and theology, prepare the man to explain the faith clearly and faithfully. Finally, pastoral formation prepares them to be shepherds—through hospital visits, parish ministry, encounters with the poor, and hands-on experiences of serving God's people.

These dimensions aren't separate boxes to be checked. They are woven together so that the seminarian is gradually shaped into a man configured to Christ

the Good Shepherd. Formation is not just training but transformation—a work of grace, in cooperation with human effort. In the end, priestly formation aims at this: a man so conformed to Christ that he can lay down his life for the flock.



This is Part 1 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.



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