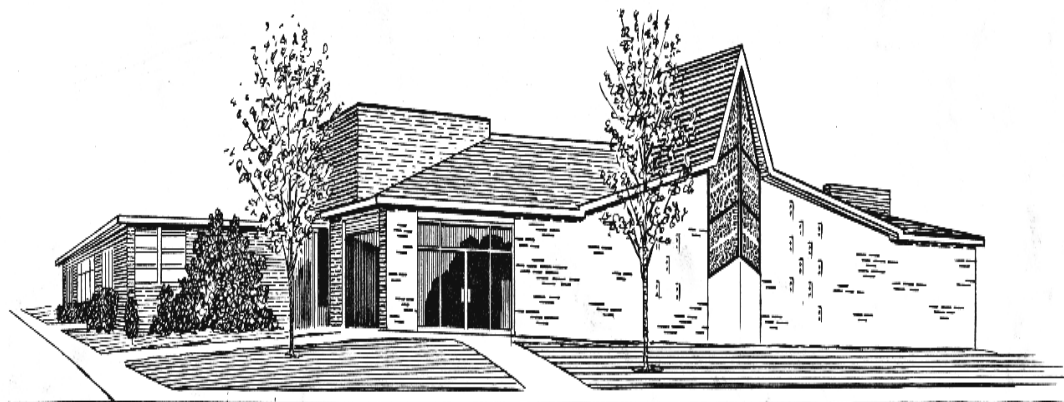




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October 4, 2026

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Are held at St. Joseph in Manteno

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: t / b / a
FIRST COMMUNION: Sunday, May 2, 2027

CONFIRMATION: t / b / a

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 and Thrs 7:30am
Communion Services: Mon, Weds and Fri 7:30am

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 sheets for **Lectors** and **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** are in the rear of the church. Please sign-up where you are able.

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	10/3	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Tina Strubin</u> req by Al & Jan Leffelman and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
Sun	10/4	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Jim Henderson</u> req by Carol Henderson and + <u>Jim Egelski</u> req by Egelski Family
Mon	10/5	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	10/6	7:30 am—	+ <u>Pat Motyka</u> req by Family
Wed	10/7	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Thr	10/8	7:30 am—	+ <u>John R. Tierney, Jr. & Family</u> req by Family
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	10/9	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Sat	10/10	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Mae Ann Johnson</u> req by Family and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
Sun	10/11	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Jim Egelski</u> req by Egelski Family and + <u>Jim Henderson</u> req by Carol Henderson

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 Altar flowers from
October 3--October 16 are given
in loving memory of Mr. Jim
Egelski and Mr. Jim Henderson,
from family.**

All dates for 2026 have been filled. Please contact the parish office to reserve dates in 2027.



**Pastor's
Office Hours**

TUESDAY after
7:30am Mass until approximately 4pm and **THURSDAY**
after 7:30am Mass.

Father celebrates Mass
at Beecher Manor on Thursday
at 10am and will be
available after that prior to
Adoration / Confession.

Please keep the Adamsick
Family, Arline Clark, Frances
Librera Biondo, Ashley Dood-
dy, Rev. Tom Ewing, Rich
Harms, Bernie Iversen, Emily
Klamkin, Frances Librera,
Peggy Schwiesow, Anna Smaga, Marcel
Smaga, Judy Strubin, Mary Jane Szewka, Julie
Szudarski, Jean Vinezeano, Larry Woss and
those that go unnamed in your prayers.

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



Please remember these men and
women in your daily prayers—
Priests, Deacons, Seminarians
and women & men Religious in
the Diocese of Joliet:

- 3 Sr. Lucille Krippel OSF, Sr. Kathy Salewski, OSF,
Sr. Janice Keenan OSF, Sr. Louise K. Bernier OSF
- 4 Fr. Gregory Rothfuchs
- 5 Sr. Madelyn Gould OSF, Sr. Barbara Rowan OSF,
Sr. Carol Stevens OSF
- 6 Dcns. David Prete, Edward Ptacek,
Joseph Pusateri, Victor Puscas
- 7 Seminarian Jared Beltz
- 8 Sr. Paula Bingert OSF
- 9 Sr. Anita Beloin OSF
- 10 Fr. Néstor F. Sánchez
- 11 Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh O.S.A.,
Fr. Joseph McCormick O.S.A.,
Fr. John Merkelis O.S.A.

**Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer;
and only through prayer can they persevere
and bear fruit.
—Pope Francis**

COLLECTION SUMMARY: September 26—27, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,062.00
Minus	\$ 143.53
Envelopes used / distributed	72 / 468
*Includes 6 Online Givers	
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.

St. Paul the Apostle CCW
is once again participating
in **UNDY SUNDAY**,
Catholic Charities Diocese
of Joliet's annual collec-
tion of basic necessities
for individuals and fami-
lies in need.

This year we have been
asked to collect:

***Men's Boxer briefs in all sizes;
Adult incontinence underwear sizes L — 3XL,
pull-up style only, no tabbed briefs, please.***

Please donate ***new, unopened items*** and bring
them to the church lobbies between Saturday, **Oc-
tober 10 and Sunday, October 18.**

These everyday essentials are among the items our
clients need year-round, and your generosity
makes a meaningful difference for our neighbors
in need.

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The fourth session of "Eucharist," the 5-week
Bible study will be on Tuesday, October 6th, and
the last session is Tuesday, October 13th. This
week's theme is "All are Called". The morning
session is at 9:30 AM, and a repeat evening ses-
sion at 6:30 PM. Study guide booklet is provided
by the CCW. Open to women and men. It's not
too late to join us, even if you haven't come be-
fore!

Contact Jean Adduci at jeanadd@aol.com for
more information.

Please pray for the continued success of this par-
ish endeavor!



**CMAA Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle
Parish as of September 27, 2026**

Monthly pledge payments are due in the
next few days. Since we have reached our goal in
paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be
returned to our parish for our needs.

If you would still like to make your gift,
please prayerfully consider how you can elevate
your faith beyond all expectations in support of
those in need. Pledge envelopes are available in
the pews, or you can use the envelope you
received in the mail from the diocese. We also
welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

PARISH GOAL:	\$16,700
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$26,775
AMOUNT PAID:	\$24,959
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 1,816
DONORS:	90
REBATE:	\$ 5,781

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

On the second weekend of each month—
next weekend—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 bless-
ing

If you would like your names and anniver-
sary date **printed in the bulletin**, you need to regis-
ter in the **registration book in the lobby**. Couples
who register will also receive an anniversary card.

The ***Baby Bottles for Life*** campaign to
support the programs and services of **Water-
leaf Medical Clinic and Education and Re-
source Center** located in Aurora, which
helps pregnant women facing crisis or unin-
tended pregnancies, ends this weekend.

Please return your bottle to the basket
in the lobbies. Checks are preferred. If you
wish a tax receipt, checks made out to **Wa-
terleaf**, must be used.

God the Father, is the landowner, in today's Gospel, who lovingly plants, equips, and hedges His vineyard. He entrusted this vineyard to the responsibility of the religious authorities and spiritual leaders to guide His people. The servants are the Old Testament Prophets sent by God, who were repeatedly rejected, beaten, and martyred. Jesus Christ, sent as the ultimate heir, whom the tenants kill outside the vineyard walls; prefiguring Christ's Crucifixion outside Jerusalem's city gates. In this parable, Jesus explicitly distinguishes Himself from all previous prophets. While others were "servants," He is uniquely "the Son" and "the Heir." This passage serves as a clear Biblical foundation for Christ's divine Sonship and His foresight of His upcoming Passion. This is a clear and distinct Christological and Trinitarian Revelation.

In Catholic theology, Christ is the Cornerstone upon which the Church is built. Here Jesus uses the Old Testament Typology from Psalm 118:22–23. Jesus quotes Psalm 118 that refers the Christ: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." The "builders" (religious leaders) deem the stone useless, but God elevates it to hold the entire structure of salvation together. God does not abandon His covenantal promise or abolish Israel. Instead, He transfers leadership from unfaithful stewards to new ones—the Apostles and the Church, which is the New Israel. The Kingdom is given to a people who will produce its spiritual fruit through the Sacraments and faithful living. The tenants' fatal sin was believing the vineyard belonged to them. Grace requires a response. Faith without works (producing the "fruit" of justice, charity, and obedience) leaves a soul spiritually barren.



Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Augustine bring complementary perspectives to Matthew 21:33–43. Chrysostom notes that the landowner did all the heavy labor Himself—he planted the vineyard, set the hedge, dug the winepress, and built the tower. The tenants were left with minimal work: simply to preserve what was given and return the fruit. Their failure was not due to a lack of resources, but sheer spiritual idleness and ingratitude. He interprets the landowner going away as a metaphor for God's long-suffering patience. God does not strike immediately after a sin occurs but gives humans time and space to repent. Chrysostom addresses why God speaks conditionally. God does not speak out of ignorance. Rather, the phrasing highlights what ought to have happened, removing any excuse from the tenants and ensuring His prescience isn't misconstrued as forcing their free will. By asking the chief priests, "When the owner comes, what will he do to those tenants?", Jesus leads them to pronounce judgment upon themselves before they even realize He is speaking about them.

Augustine focuses on Christ as the Cornerstone connecting two walls. He explains that the Cornerstone binds together two previously divided groups into a single building: the Jewish believers and the Gentile believers. The "builders" rejected the stone because it did not fit their narrow nationalistic framework, yet God made it the primary support of the whole Church. Augustine highlights the phrase: "They took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him" explaining how this prefigures Jesus' suffering and dying outside the gates of Jerusalem, at Golgotha, rejected by His own people.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI



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Please join us TODAY, October 4 after 11am Mass for the **BLESSING of ANIMALS**. Bring all your pets, great and small, for a special blessing.

Animal blessing services are a way for humans to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), embodying his love of animals and all mankind. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment and founder of the Franciscan order.

The Knights of Columbus would like to extend our appreciation to all those who attended our picnic on Sunday. Not only did we have outstanding weather for our outdoor Mass and picnic, we had an overwhelming amount of delicious food donated by so many people. It was truly a day filled with fellowship, food, and friends both new and old. The music was outstanding, and we truly appreciate your talent. We wish to thank all the generous parishioners who continue to support the Knights of Columbus.

