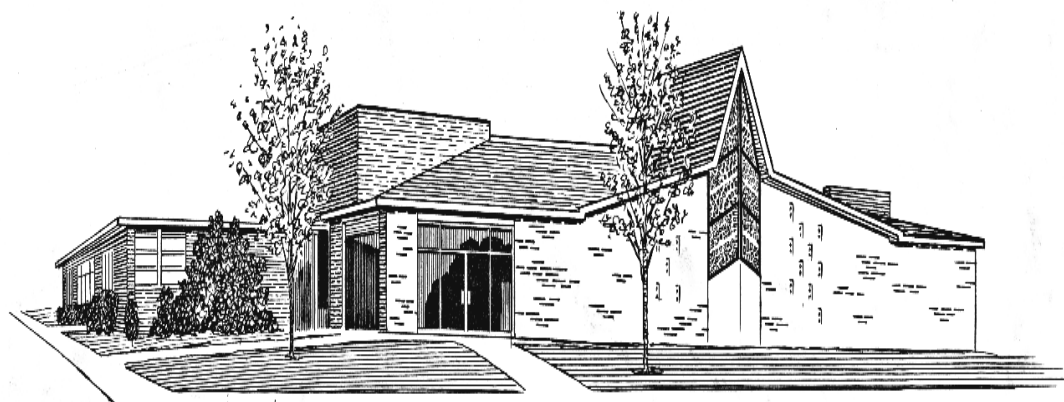




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September 27, 2026

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:

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	9/26	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Richard W. Strubin</u> req by Bob & Helen Lewis and <u>The People of the Parish</u>
Sun	9/27	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>
		OUTDOOR 11:00 am—	+ <u>Donna Dionne</u> req by Tim & Cindy Reed
Mon	9/28	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Tue	9/29	7:30 am—	+ <u>Joe Ladislas</u> req by Peggy Schwiesow
Wed	9/30	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
Thr	10/1	7:30 am—	+ <u>Candace Marevka</u> req by Peggy Schwiesow
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u> <u>NO CONFESSION</u>
Fri	10/2	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
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

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
September 19--October 2 are given in loving
memory of the deceased family members of
Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI.**



Altar
Flowers

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.

The Mission of St. Paul
the Apostle at Peotone,
within the parish of
St. Patrick, Wilton Center, was founded on
October 2, 1949.



The St. Patrick Respect Life Ministry and
St. Gianna Shrine Committee invite you to the

*Memorial Hope and Healing Mass
for the Loss of a Child*

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 6:00 PM
St. Patrick Church | 406 Walnut St. Yorkville, IL

 View Live Stream at stpatrickyorkville.org/livestream

Mothers, fathers, family members, and all who grieve the
loss of a child, recent or long ago, due to miscarriage, early
birth, stillbirth, abortion, illness, or accident are welcome.

A candlelight procession to the St. Gianna Molla Shrine will
follow after Mass



For more information about the St. Gianna Shrine,
please go to StGiannaShrine.org.

COLLECTION SUMMARY: September 19—20, 2026:

Budgeted	\$3,205.53
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,833.60
Minus	\$ 371.93
Envelopes used / distributed	74 / 468
*Includes 9 Online Givers	
Providing for Our Future	\$1,008.25



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,
October 10 and Sunday, October 18.

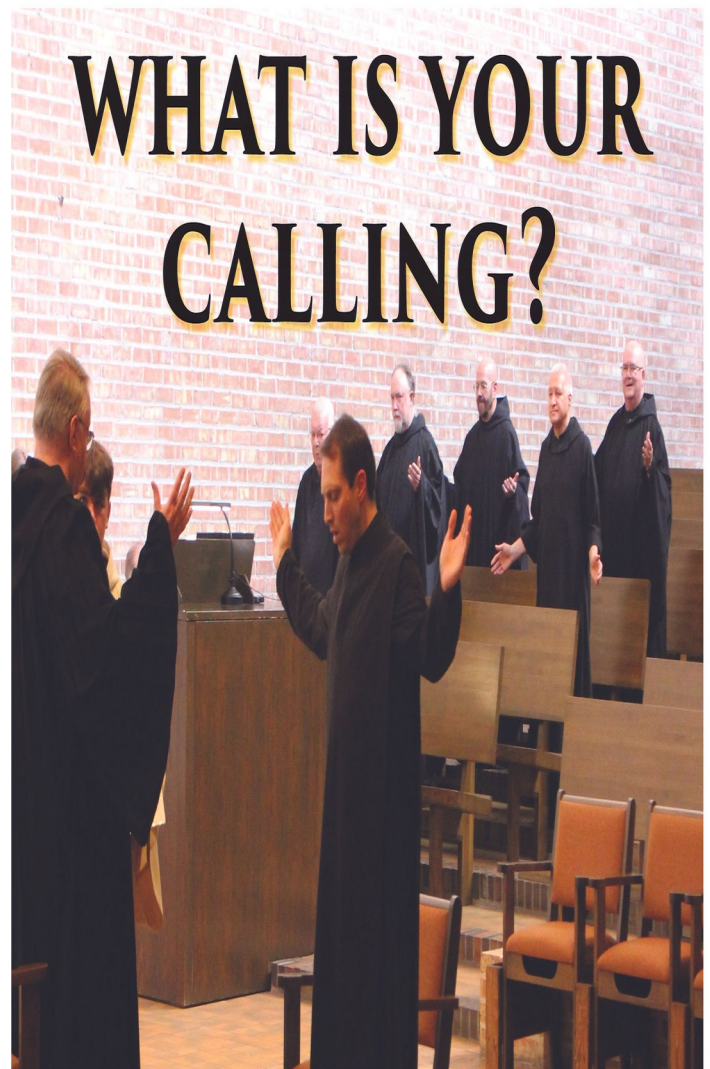
These everyday essentials are among the items our
clients need year-round, and your generosity
makes a meaningful difference for our neighbors
in need.

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The 3rd session of "***Eucharist***," the 5-week
Bible study, will be on Tuesday,
September 29, and continue the next two
Tuesdays. The morning session is at 9:30am,
and a repeat evening session at 6:30pm.

Study guide booklet is provided by the CCW.
Open to women and men. It's not too late to
join us!

Please contact Jean Adduci
at jeanadd@aol.com, for more information.

Please pray for the continued success of this
new parish endeavor!



Join us for a long weekend to learn about life as a professed monk or priest.
Contact the vocations director for more information or to secure your spot:

Br. Kevin Coffey, OSB
vocations@procopius.org (224) 474-3412

OCTOBER 2-4, 2026



ST. PROCOPIUS ABBEY

PRAYER | WORK | STABILITY

5601 COLLEGE ROAD | LISLE, IL. 60532 procopius.org

The monastic community of St. Procopius Abbey consists of men
dedicated to seek and serve God as Benedictine monks in the Catholic Church.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Two Sons. A father asks both of his sons to go work in his vineyard. The first son refuses initially but later regrets his defiance and goes. The second son answers with polite obedience, but never actually shows up. This short parable cuts directly to the core of grace, conversion (metanoia), and the relationship between faith and action. This parable refers to the refusal of the chief priests to recognize John the Baptist as a messenger of God. A good number of sinners were converted by John's preaching and confessed their sins. Such people were well disposed to receive the message of Jesus which opened for them the kingdom of God and showed them the true face of God the Father.

The second son represents hypocrisy; he has the correct religious vocabulary and external compliance but lacks internal commitment and actual fruit. Salvation requires cooperating with God's grace through action, not merely lip service. The Greek word 'metanoia' used for the first son's change of mind is a deep change of heart. Initial sin or defiance does not have the final say; what matters to God is a heart that responds to grace, repents, and submits to the Father's call. The tax collectors and prostitutes Jesus mentions are embodied by the first son. Though their initial lives were a clear "No" to God's law, their willingness to hear John the Baptist and repent opened them to the Kingdom. Jesus directs this parable at the chief priests and elders and points to the danger of 'Spiritual Presumption'. Their tragedy was not lack of religious knowledge, but spiritual pride. Presuming their righteous standing based on status or external duty blinded them to John's call to repentance.



In his Homilies on Matthew, St. Chrysostom emphasizes how Jesus cleverly brings the religious authorities to condemn themselves using their own moral judgment. Chrysostom notes that Jesus frames the parable so simply that the chief priests and elders cannot help but give the correct answer—that the first son did the father's will. By doing so, they unwittingly sign their own spiritual judgment, acknowledging that actions outweigh empty promises. Chrysostom highlights the sheer scandal of Jesus' message to the religious establishment: prostitutes and tax collectors—those who lived in blatant, public defiance of God's law represents the son who said "I will not" but repented at the preaching of John the Baptist and Jesus. Their later obedience (metanoia) put to shame the elders who claimed covenantal loyalty represents the son who said "Yes, sir" but refused to bear fruit.

The First Son represented the pagan nations (Gentiles) who initially lived in idolatry and rebellion against the true God ("I will not"), but upon hearing the Gospel, repented and entered the Church to do the Father's work. The Second Son represented the unbelieving Israel especially the so called spiritual leaders like Pharisees, and Scribes and those who possessed the Law, offered verbal adherence to the Covenant, and professed obedience, yet rejected the Messiah when He arrived. St. Augustine emphasized the psychological and spiritual shift in the first son who "afterward changed his mind." Grace is always available to turn an initial "No" into an active "Yes."

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI



Please join us next Sunday, October 4 after 11am Mass for the **BLESSING of ANIMALS**.

Bring all your animals, 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 will be hosting a **PARISH PICNIC** today following 11am **OUTDOOR (weather-permitting) MASS**.

The Knights will supply hamburgers and hot dogs and parishioners are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Sign-up sheets are available in the back of church.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



2026
Waterleaf
Baby Bottles for Life!

Scan to give securely online
Fill a bottle. Save a Life.

- ♥ Scan the QR code to give online
- ♥ Write check payable to Waterleaf
- ♥ Return cash and bottle to church

Start Date: September 18-19th End Date: October 3-4th
www.onechoiceonelife.org

The ***Baby Bottles for Life*** campaign to support the programs and services of **Waterleaf Medical Clinic and Education and Resource Center** located in Aurora, which helps pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies, will end next weekend.

Bottles are in the lobbies. Checks are preferred. If you wish a tax receipt, checks made out to **Waterleaf**, must be used.

Please keep the Adamsick Family, Arline Clark, Frances Librera Biondo, Ashley Dooddy, 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 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.



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The Pope's Intentions for September 2026—

For the care of water:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



Did you know you can request an **Apostolic Blessing Parchment** from Pope Leo for the following occasions?

- Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation
- Marriage
- Priestly Ordination
- Religious Profession
- Ordination of Permanent Deacons
- Anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 years) of Marriage, Priestly Ordination, Religious Profession
- Birthday (18, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100-110 years)

For more information, please visit:
www.elemosineria.va/parchments

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet

Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish as of September 20, 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:	\$24,839
BALANCE DUE:	\$ 1,936
DONORS:	90
REBATE:	\$ 5,697

EVERY FIRST SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH
AT ST. JOSEPH'S, MANTENO

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary

A beautiful opportunity to draw closer to Jesus through Mary and experience His peace, mercy, and love in a deeper way.



ROSARY
8:30 AM

We begin by praying the Rosary together, placing our intentions in Mary's loving care.



HOLY MASS
9:00 AM

We celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, united with Jesus and His Church.



FOLLOWED BY
15 MINUTE
GUIDED MEDITATION

A time of quiet reflection on the mysteries of the Rosary and Our Lady's love.

The First Saturday Devotion began after Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima in 1917. She asked the faithful to honor her Immaculate Heart and make reparation for sins through prayer and devotion. She promised special graces to those who faithfully observe this devotion with love and sincerity.

OUR LADY ASKED US TO PRACTICE FOUR THINGS ON FIVE CONSECUTIVE FIRST SATURDAYS:

- 1 Go to Confession
- 2 Receive Holy Communion
- 3 Pray five decades of the Rosary
- 4 Spend 15 minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary

*Come for the prayers.
Stay for the grace.*

MARY IS WAITING FOR YOU!

Bring your family and friends and let us honor Our Blessed Mother together!

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
207 S. Main St., Manteno, IL

Through Mary to Jesus. In reparation. In love.

OFFICE OF MISSION
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

JOLIET ON MISSION Service Retreat

A weekend service retreat with the Franciscans of the Eucharist in Chicago, IL

NOVEMBER 20-21, 2026

COST \$75

Cost includes a donation to the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels

Join the Diocese of Joliet for a weekend retreat serving at the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in Chicago, IL

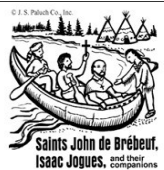
REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 18
Scan QR code or visit [THIS LINK](#)



Retreat will include

- Service to the Poor
- Providing a Community Lunch
- Time for Prayer and Adoration
- Talks by the Franciscans
- Time for Recreation
- Fellowship with the Community

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
abduldak@dioceseofjoliet.org | 815-221-6256

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 October	RESPECT LIFE MONTH 			1 ADORATION 6-8pm NO CONFESSION	1 The Mission of St. Paul the Apostle at Peotone, within the parish of St. Patrick, Wilton Center, was founded on October 2, 1949.	3 BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION ENDS CONFESSION 3pm
4 BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION ENDS ANIMAL BLESSING after MASS	5 CCW BOARD MEETING 6:30pm	6 "EUCHARIST" BIBLE STUDY 9:30am / 6:30pm	7	8 ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	9	10 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING UNDY SUNDAY COLLECTION CONFESSION 3pm
11 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING UNDY SUNDAY COLLECTION	12	13 "EUCHARIST" BIBLE STUDY 9:30am / 6:30pm	14	15 SR. ASSIST 10am-3pm (by appointment) FINANCE 5:30pm COUNCIL 6:30pm ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESS 7:15-7:45pm	16	17 UNDY SUNDAY COLLECTION CONFESSION 3pm
18 UNDY SUNDAY COLLECTION	19  Saints John de Brebeut, Isaac Jogues, and their companions	20	21	22 ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	23	24 CONFESSION 3pm
25	26	27	28  SAINTS SIMON & JUDE	29 ADORATION 6-8pm CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	30	31 CONFESSION 3pm