

September 7, 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

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Facebook: "[St. Paul the Apostle Peotone](https://www.facebook.com/StPaultheApostlePeotone)"

Website: [StPaulPeotone.org](http://StPaulPeotone.org)

YouTube: [Saint Paul the Apostle Peotone](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqWz8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)

## 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:** To be announced

**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

# WELCOME BACK

## RE / FF STUDENTS and FAMILIES!



**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	9/6	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Peter Claxton</u></b> req by Nancy Powers
Sun	9/7	11:00 am—	+ <b><u>Roberto Davila, Sr.</u></b> req by the Esquivel Family and <b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>
Mon	9/8	8:30 am—	<b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE9</u></b>
Tue	9/9	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>Mary Kathleen Kwain</u></b> req by Family
Wed	9/10	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>Maria Librera</u></b> req by Francesca Biondo and <b><u>Special Intention</u></b> req by Mary Ann Battermann
Thr	9/11	8:30 am—	<b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>
		6:00 pm—	<b><u>ADORATION</u></b>
		7:15 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
Fri	9/12	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>John Pirog</u></b> req by Family
Sat	9/13	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Louise Kotel</u></b> req by the James Kelly Family and <b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>
Sun	9/14	11:00 am—	+ <b><u>Jim Balmer</u></b> req by Peggy Schwiesow

*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.*

## SEPTEMBER 2025 RAFFLE WINNERS

\$150.00	#199	Aidan Lynch
\$100.00	#378	Larry Wroblicky
\$ 50.00	#343	Rich Harms
\$ 50.00	#666	Angelo Christopher
\$ 25.00	#167	Robert Astroth
\$ 25.00	#472	Joannie Chirafisi



Dianne Russell, Nancy Pilotto, Sheela Jose, 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, Tina Butler, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Karen Haave, Joyce Svatos, Dorothy Simikowski, Deacon Milt Lepert, Joe Ladislav, Scott Rosenberg, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiacomo, Julie Szudarski, Owen Ruhbeck, Sharon Andrews, Sue Gomez, CJ Ogalla-Arebalo, 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, 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.*

## COLLECTION SUMMARY:

### August 30—31, 2025

Budgeted	\$3,069.00
Sunday Offertory*	\$3,172.50
Plus	\$ 103.50
Envelopes used / distributed	78 / 531
<b>*Includes 7 Online Givers</b>	
Assumption	\$ 25.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 100.00

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**ONLINE GIVING**



is available at [GiveCentral.org](https://GiveCentral.org). Please put in zip code **60468** to find the St. Paul portal. A credit card or bank account can be linked.



Please consider remembering **St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church** when preparing your will.

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-Third Sunday in OT****Wis. 9: 13-18b; Phil 9b-10,12-17; Lk 14:25-33**

Through today's Gospel, Jesus outlines the radical requirements of discipleship. He lays out three conditions for anyone who wishes to follow him challenging the popular notion of an easy, comfortable faith.

The first and most jarring condition is that a person must "hate" his father and mother, wife and children, and even his own life to be Jesus' disciple. This is not a call to genuine animosity. Jesus used the Greek word '*miseo*' and in a Jewish context, this word means "to love less" or to prioritize something less. Jesus is using hyperbole to make a critical point: nothing, not even the most sacred human relationships or one's own life, should come before one's devotion to him. This challenges the deeply ingrained values of the family unit in first-century Jewish society. It doesn't mean we should harbor ill will toward our loved ones. Rather, it means that our love and loyalty to Jesus must be so absolute that, in comparison, our love for our family shall not prevent us loving him more than anything else. It is the ultimate test of a disciple is where their primary allegiance lies.

The second condition is to "bear his own cross" and follow Jesus. This phrase would have been instantly understood by the crowd. A person carrying a cross was on their way to execution. This is a powerful metaphor for being willing to embrace sacrifice, hardship, and even death for the sake of following Christ. It signifies a complete surrender of one's own will and a commitment to endure whatever suffering comes from living a life devoted

to God. For Jesus' followers, it signifies a willingness to die to oneself—to surrender one's own will, ambitions, and safety for the sake of the kingdom. It is a call to radical self-denial and a preparedness for hardship, rejection, or even martyrdom.

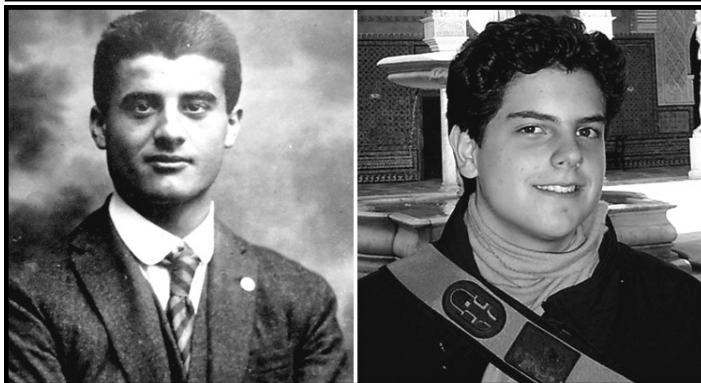
The final section of the passage uses two parables to illustrate the importance of "counting the cost" of discipleship. The first parable is about a man who begins building a tower but cannot finish it because he did not plan properly. The second is about a king who goes to war without first assessing if he can defeat his enemy. Both parables emphasize that following Jesus is a serious commitment that requires foresight and unwavering dedication. Jesus concludes by saying, "So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple".

These parables are a call for intentionality and commitment. Jesus is encouraging people to think critically about what it truly means to follow him. True discipleship is not a casual decision; it requires careful consideration and a willingness to commit everything—family, possessions, and life itself—to the cause of Christ. The final verse, "So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple," summarizes the total and unconditional surrender required.

In short, today's Gospel forces us to confront the seriousness of discipleship. It is not a path for the half-hearted but requires a complete reordering of our priorities, with Christ at the center of everything.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI*



The canonizations of two young saints, **Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis**—one from the early 20th century, the other the first of the 21st century — will take place in Rome this Sunday, September 7, 2025.

## 2025 SHREDDING DAY



Peotone Financial Center  
Saturday, September 20, 2025

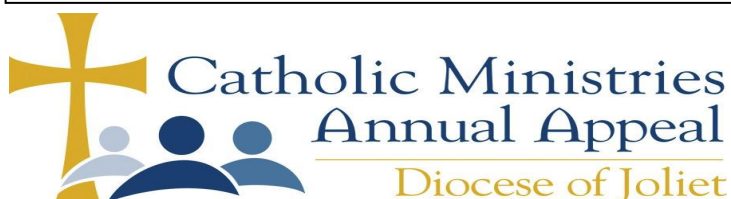
Hours are 9-11 AM. Bring your unwanted papers to be destroyed securely by a licensed shredding company. It's the perfect opportunity to declutter your home and protect your personal information - all for free!



FDIC



We congratulate **Lynn Therese Merigold and Daniel James Gaskin** who were married at St. Paul on September 5, 2025.



### CMAA Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle Parish

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 8/31/25:

<b>PARISH GOAL:</b>	\$15,600
<b>AMOUNT PLEDGED:</b>	\$40,042
<b>AMOUNT PAID:</b>	\$36,637
<b>REMAINING BALANCE:</b>	\$ 3,405
<b>NUMBER of DONORS:</b>	121
<b>2025 REBATE:</b>	\$14,726

## Medicare Open Enrollment

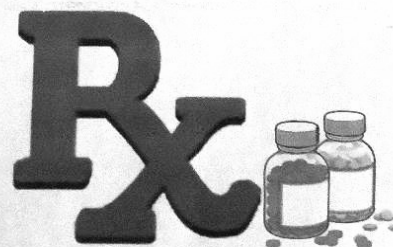
Oct 15 – Dec 7

The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone will begin scheduling appointments Sep 1 for an annual review of Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans.

Premiums, drug tiers and formularies change from year to year. A review ensures you are on the best plan at the lowest cost.

**Call 708-258-6917 Ext 5**

Please leave your name and phone number



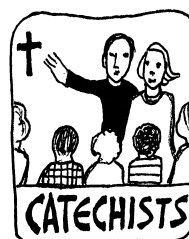
### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES begin this Wednesday, September 10 from 6:15—7:30pm.

2025-26 registration forms for new and returning RE/FF students are due and should be returned as soon as possible. Please mail to the RE Office or drop them off at church.

Would you like to share your faith with the children of our parish? We are in need of a *3rd-4th-5th grade RE teacher, aides and substitutes for all grades*. Classes are held on Wednesday from 6:15-7:30pm. Please contact Deacon Jim if you are interested or have any questions.

#### TEACHERS

1st Grade:	Sophie Novoa and Spencer Cann
2nd Grade:	Denise Carriel
3rd, 4th and 5th Grade:	<b>TEACHER / AIDES NEEDED</b>
6th and 7th Grade:	Jessica Smith
Confirmation:	Ed Carriel



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**Sunday,  
September 21 is  
CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY. We will  
bless our Catechists  
at 11am Mass.**



Every other year the Bishop of Joliet requires that all the priests in the Diocese gather for a convocation in which various topics of concern to the local church are discussed.

This convocation will be held Tuesday, September 16 through Thursday, September 18. *Communion services will be held at 8:30am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week.* There will be no Confession offered on Thursday, September 18. Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 19 at 8:30am.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit guide those participating in the Convocation.