

September 14, 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/SaintPaultheApostlePeotone)

## 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

HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY, POPE LEO XIV—

September 14, 1955



**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 | 9/13 | 3:00 pm—  | <b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>   |
|     |      | 4:00 pm—  | + <b><u>Louise Kotel</u></b><br>req by the James Kelly Family<br>and<br><b><u>People of the Parish</u></b> |
| Sun | 9/14 | 11:00 am— | + <b><u>Jim Balmer</u></b><br>req by Peggy Schwiesow   |
| Mon | 9/15 | 8:30 am—  | <b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>  |
| Tue | 9/16 | 8:30 am—  | <b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>  |
| Wed | 9/17 | 8:30 am—  | <b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>  |
| Thr | 9/18 | 8:30 am—  | <b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>  |
|     |      | 6:00 pm—  | <b><u>ADORATION</u></b><br><b><u>NO CONFESSION</u></b>   |
| Fri | 9/19 | 8:30 am—  | + <b><u>Betty Knickrehm</u></b><br>req by Tom & Lou Hagemaster   |
| Sat | 9/20 | 3:00 pm—  | <b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>   |
|     |      | 4:00 pm—  | + <b><u>Peter Claxton</u></b><br>req by Bernie Iversen   |
| Sun | 9/21 | 11:00 am— | + <b><u>Scott Starkey</u></b><br>req by Rick & Denise Starkey<br>and<br><b><u>People of the Parish</u></b> |

***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 Peotone Senior Assistance Center serves clients by appointment only this **Thursday, September 18** from **10am—3pm**. This is part of our Respect Life Ministry, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county, state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, IL License Plate Discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. We are also a certified SHIP site (Senior Health Insurance Program). The center is staffed by volunteers who serve the community without cost. For information on specific services, please leave your name and phone number at 708-258-6917 then press 5. **Please make an appointment.**



## THANK YOU

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss.

To all my family at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church...for your support and prayers during this difficult time. Norman loved all of you.

Sharon Andrews



## COLLECTION SUMMARY: September 6—7, 2025

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| Budgeted                          | \$3,069.00 |
| Sunday Offertory*                 | \$3,783.00 |
| Plus                              | \$ 714.00  |
| Envelopes used / distributed      | 79 / 531   |
| <b>*Includes 10 Online Givers</b> |            |
| 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.

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.

The convocation will be this week—Tuesday, September 16 through Thursday, September 18. **Communion services will be held at 8:30am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.** 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.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **MR. DON STIGLICH**, who passed away September 10, 2025. He was the husband of Linda. + May he rest in peace. +

***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross***  
***Num. 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17***

Today's Gospel passage contains some of Jesus' most profound teachings about salvation, his identity, and God's love for the world. This passage is part of a larger conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Jesus says, "No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man." This statement highlights Jesus' unique identity. By referring to himself as the "Son of Man," Jesus uses a title with deep roots in the Old Testament, particularly the Book of Daniel, where the Son of Man is a divine, heavenly figure. Jesus is asserting his pre-existence and divine origin—that he is the only one with the authority and knowledge to speak of heavenly things because he is from heaven. The phrase also points to his future ascension back to heaven after his earthly ministry. "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." The Israelites, after complaining against God, were being bitten by poisonous snakes. God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and lift it on a pole. Those who looked upon the serpent were healed and lived. This analogy is rich with meaning: the bronze serpent was an object of healing and life, and by looking at it, the Israelites showed their faith and trust in God's provision. Similarly, Jesus predicts his own crucifixion—his "lifting up" on the cross, the cross, which appears to be an instrument of death, becomes the means



of salvation and eternal life for all who look to him in faith. Just as the Israelites were healed from physical death by looking at the serpent, believers are healed from spiritual death by looking to Christ's sacrifice. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." These verses encapsulate the very heart of the Christian gospel. The primary motivation for Jesus' mission is God's profound and unconditional love for the entire world. This love is not limited to a select group but is offered to all humanity. The expression of this love is the giving of his "one and only Son." This sacrifice highlights the immense cost and value of salvation. Jesus is God's unique and ultimate gift to humanity. The promise of eternal

life is available to "whoever believes in him." This emphasizes that salvation is not earned through works or merit but is received as a gift through faith. The Greek word for "believe" implies not just intellectual assent but a complete trust and reliance on Jesus. Today's gospel gives us a glimpse of the divine identity of Jesus and the purpose of his crucifixion as a means of healing and eternal life, all rooted in the boundless love of God for a world he sought to save, not condemn. It is a foundational text that beautifully connects God's love, Jesus' identity and mission, and the path to eternal life through faith.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES began Wednesday, September 10!**

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**

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

Next Sunday, September 21 is  
**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY.**  
 We will bless our Catechists  
 at Masses next weekend.



**Medicare Open Enrollment**

**Oct 15 – Dec 7**

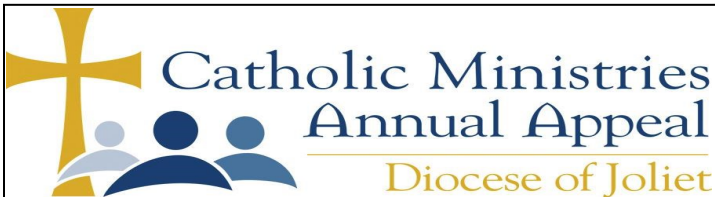
The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone will begin scheduling appointments Sep 1 for an annual review of Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans.

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





### 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 so that our parish will reach our goal. 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 9/7/25:

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|---------------------------|----------|
| <b>PARISH GOAL:</b>       | \$15,600 |
| <b>AMOUNT PLEDGED:</b>    | \$40,042 |
| <b>AMOUNT PAID:</b>       | \$36,987 |
| <b>REMAINING BALANCE:</b> | \$ 3,055 |
| <b>NUMBER of DONORS:</b>  | 121      |

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- HM2 Chuck Claxton** (Navy—29 Palms, CA)  
Son of Dennis & Pat Claxton
- AN Chase Clyden** (Navy—Asian Seas)  
Grandson of Laura (Tom) Jacques;  
Great-nephew of Barbara Grantz
- SFC Nicholas Hupke** (Army)  
Nephew of Paula (Fred) Prium
- MAJ Jori Ingersoll** (Air Force—Washington State)  
Daughter of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.
- SSGT Nate Kijowski** (Marines)  
Son of Debbie (John) Ziolkowski Kijowski
- PVT Jake L. O'Connor** (Marines)  
Grandson of Marge Brooke
- SSG Sean Rodgers** (Army—Ft. Campbell, KY)  
Grandson of Barbara Grantz;  
Great-nephew of Laura (Tom) Jacques
- CAPT Joseph Walan** (Air Force—Las Vegas, NV)  
Son of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.

*Please pray for their safety, spiritual and physical well being and that God will give His peace to their parents and families.*



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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Larry & Nancy Pilotto | September 3, 1966 |
| Randy & Renee Burge   | September 6, 1992 |
| Rich & Marge Harms    | September 7, 1968 |

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

On the second weekend of each month, 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 blessing.

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

Like to sing?



will begin Saturday,  
October 11 @ 2:30pm and  
will continue every Saturday  
from 2:30—3:30pm

*The goal of our church choir is to enhance the church liturgy through music.*

Scheduled dates for choir to sing:

- Saturday, November 8** @ 4pm Mass
- Saturday, December 6** @ the 4pm Installation Mass for Father Thomas
- Wednesday, December 24 / Thursday, December 25** - TBD

### INTERESTED?

Please return the completed form found in the church entrance to Sue Williams, or leave it in the manilla envelope on the choir poster.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Sue Williams @ 815-370-6287

### POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS for SEPTEMBER 2025:

**For our relationship with all of creation:** Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

