

November 12, 2023

ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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GRAND KNIGHT of K of C: Patrick Frencl

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Steve Maltese

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:

WORSHIP COMMISSION: Paula Prium

CHRISTIAN FORMATION / EDUCATION COMMISSION:

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FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:

Grades K through 8: Sunday from 8:45am-10:15am

Find us—

Facebook: "**St. Paul the Apostle Peotone**"

Website: **StPaulPeotone.org**

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: By appointment
RECONCILIATION: Thursday: 7:30pm to 8pm
Saturday: 3pm to 3:45pm
Any time by appointment

FIRST RECONCILIATION: t / b / a
FIRST COMMUNION: Sunday, April 28, 2024

CONFIRMATION: Saturday, May 11, 2024

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: 10:30am
Daily Mass: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri 7:15am
Communion Service: Tuesday 7:15am

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, VETERANS!
Thank-you for your service!



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.

COLLECTION SUMMARY: November 4—5, 2023

Sunday Offertory*	\$3,368.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Plus	\$ 2.62
Adult envelopes used / distributed	63 / 528
<i>*Includes 11 Online Givers</i>	
All Souls	\$ 96.00
All Saints	\$ 276.00



Secure and convenient **ONLINE GIVING** is available at GiveCentral.org.

Please put in zip code 60468 to find the St. Paul portal.

Are you a Catholic man 18 or older? Do you want to volunteer for your church and community? Are you ready to put your Faith into Action? Come learn about the Knights of Columbus! You can obtain information by contacting Membership Coordinator Dan Mott at 708 277-7086 or mott@d@rushenterprises.com; contacting Grand Knight Patrick Frencl, visiting with any current member of the Knights or visiting our website at www.kofc.org.



Veteran's Day, honor your veteran's service and sacrifice and make a donation to the **Helping Hands Food Pantry** in their name. The donation box and envelopes are located in the Religious Education entrance. Every dollar in cash equals \$8 of purchasing power for the pantry.

NOVEMBER RAFFLE

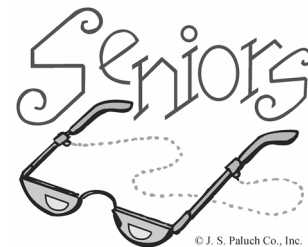
\$150.00	# 20	Patricia Claxton
\$100.00	#623	David Zenere
\$ 50.00	#367	Sean Culver
\$ 50.00	#645	Chet Furtech
\$ 25.00	#302	Bogs
\$ 25.00	#653	Sue Williams



Julie Szudarski, Joe Ladislas, Owen Ruhbeck, Sharon Andrews, Sue Gomez, Joan Olsen, CJ Ogalla-Arebalo, Aris Tomac, Joe Rojas, Terry & Mary Urbanek, June O'Flynn, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Ray Romito, Francesca Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Harry & Geri Mokry, Carole Reichert, Deacon Milt Lepert, Pastor Richard Young, Joseph Terri, John Fahs, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, Mary Ann Librera, the Adamsick Family, Cassidy Novak, Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita Hall, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne Mihelic, Irene Manning, the Robert Polacek family, Rich Harms, TJ Stefanski, Linda Galica, all affected by COVID-19 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.

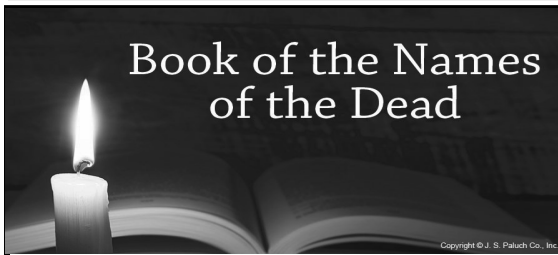
The **Peotone Senior Assistance Center** serves clients by appointment only this **Thursday, November 16**, from 10am—3pm. This is part of our Respect Life



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.



*Our **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** is available in the rear of the church. Those listed will be remembered during intercessions during Masses in November.*



Mass Intentions

Sat	11/11	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Charles Janus</u> req by Arnie & Julie Szudarski
Sun	11/12	10:30 am—	+ <u>William O'Flynn</u> req by June O'Flynn and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Mon	11/13	7:15 am—	+ <u>Daryl Schwiesow</u> req by Peggy Schwiesow
Tue	11/14	7:15 am—	<u>Communion Service</u>
Wed	11/15	7:15 am—	+ <u>Deceased of the Rittmanic Family</u> req by Betty Knickrehm
Thr	11/16	7:15 am—	+ <u>Daniel Wulsch</u> req by Joseph & Diane Kenny
		6:00 pm—	<u>EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</u>
		7:30 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	11/17	7:15 am—	+ <u>Ellen T. Kelly</u> req by Kim Walker
Sat	11/18	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Rita Sheming</u> req by Family and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	11/19	10:30 am—	+ <u>Deceased of the Wendt Family</u> req by Larry & Nancy Pilotto

If you are attending a Mass that you requested an intention to be said for, please sign the gift bearer book in the lobby and let an usher know you are here if you wish to bring up the gifts.



The CCW "**BUNDLE UP**" weekends begin this weekend through November 25 / 26. Join us as we try to fill our "**Bundle Up**" basket with new mittens, scarves, and stocking hats, sizes for children as well as adult to be donated to Helping Hands. The cold weather is approaching fast. Help us to keep some one warm this year!



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for NOVEMBER 2023:

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Would you like to remember your living or deceased loved ones at one of our Masses? Perhaps for the anniversary of their death, to celebrate their birthday, wedding anniversaries or for their health. We have Mass cards, on request. For more information, please call the office at 708 258-6917.

Sponsor a Needy Individual or Family for Christmas

Catholic Charities is providing the opportunity for you to help their clients at Christmas this year. The **Gift of Christmas** is an annual program that fulfills wish lists for individuals who are served by Catholic Charities.

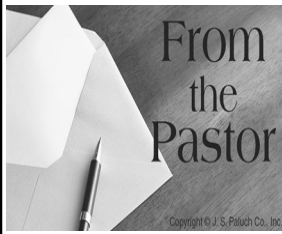
Read stories about clients and choose who you would like to help this Christmas. Or, if you prefer, you can direct your donation to an individual or family who hasn't been chosen yet.

Donating is simple: visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org and click on "donate." Or, call 815 724-1140 to make your donation over the phone. To send a check, please note "Gift of Christmas" in the memo and send checks to: **Catholic Charities / 16555 Weber Rd. / Crest Hill, IL 60403.**

If you have any questions, please call 815 724-1140 or email msnow@cc-doj.org.

Thank you, and God bless you!
Merry Christmas!





A few years ago, Steve McEveety, the producer of such Hollywood classics like, “*The Passion of the Christ*” and “*Braveheart*”, was giving a lecture near New York City. He was speaking to a group of promising Catholic college students who wanted to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. During the question and answer period one of the students boldly asked one of the most obvious, and perhaps hardest, questions that can come up in that kind of setting. She said, “Mr. McEveety, what is your goal in life?” The successful Hollywood Producer paused and looked out the window for a moment. We can just imagine what all the students were thinking at that time. They were probably going through their own list of personal goals, wondering how they would measure up in comparison. Then Mr. McEveety turned back to the audience and responded, matter-of-factly: “My goal in life? To get my kids into heaven. And I guess to get there myself, too.”

You could have heard a pin drop; it was as if that were the absolute last thing they expected to hear. And yet, that’s how all of us, as Christians, should answer that question. In one of the Eucharistic Prayers of the Mass we can follow the words the priest says: “that we may be counted in the company of Christ and be delivered from final damnation.”

I personally always look for opportunities to improve things, to make them better. Spending more time with Scriptures, reading good spiritual books, having important conversations with friends and strangers, being more diligent in praying or celebrating Mass for the congregation, etc.

One thing I am looking to improve is to see more people in confessional. I do confessions usually on regular basis on Saturdays (3-3:45 pm) and Thursdays (7:30-7:55). I recently noticed a decrease of penitents coming to confession. Believe me, I am not looking for crowds to stand in line before confessional but, on other hand, I am not happy when there are so few people coming to ask Lord’s forgiveness. I cannot force anybody to do that, but I want to encourage you to think about it, especially because of the upcoming Advent, which gives all of us time for reflection and reconciliation with God before Christmas. Use any opportunity to meet the Lord offering you freedom from sin and peace of clean conscience.

+Rev. Roger D. Kutzner

**Please respond generously to our second collection
for *seminarian education***

This weekend, our parish is taking up a second collection for the *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign. Your gifts will support the formation of seminarians preparing to serve as our parish priests.

The Diocese of Joliet currently has been blessed with 21 men discerning vocations to the priesthood through seminary formation. Gifts to the *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign are being invested in a new endowed fund to ensure the diocese can balance the cost of seminarian education — \$52,250 a seminarian/year — with other ministries essential to the Church’s mission.

Please show your gratitude for those who have answered the Lord’s call and prayerfully reflect on how you can best help support their formation with a gift to the *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign. You may place your completed second collection envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

To learn more about this campaign or make a gift online, go to jolietdioceseappeal.org.

The annual
**ECUMENICAL
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE** will be held
at Peotone United
Methodist Church
(105 N. West)
next **Sunday,**
November 19 at 6pm.
Please join us as we
gather with all the
Peotone area churches
for a time of Thanks-
giving worship!



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should continue to be made. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will fulfill our pledges. 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 November 5, 2023:

PARISH GOAL:	\$16,700
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$31,445
AMOUNT PAID:	\$29,640
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 1,805
# of DONORS:	115
2023 REBATE:	\$ 9,058

Thank-you for your generosity!



Helping Hands is purchasing 180 holiday dinners. A \$20 donation will provide a **Holiday Meal** for a family of four! Thanksgiving (turkey and all the trimmings) / Christmas (ham & all the trimmings).

Anyone wishing to make a donation can mail it to:

Helping Hands
P.O. Box 508 / Peotone, IL 60468

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- HM2 Chuck Claxton** (Navy—Camp Le Juene, NC)
 Son of Dennis & Pat Claxton;
 Brother of Peter 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
- CAPT Jori Ingersoll** (Air Force—Washington State)
 Daughter of Mary Jo (Frank) Fry, Jr.
- SGT Nate Kijowski** (Marines—Okinawa)
 Grandson of Ron & Ann Ziolkowski
- 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
- 2LT 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.




MADILYNN ROSE was baptized on November 5, 2023.
 She is the daughter of Jacob Daniel and Felicia Marie Taubr Fehil.
 Welcome to the parish family!

Diocese of Joliet
Office of the Bishop



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Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

November 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection November 18/19 brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, you empower those living in poverty in our own diocese, because one quarter of our collection stays within the Diocese of Joliet.

Local grant recipients in our diocese include emergency assistance and food pantry supplies for St. Vincent De Paul chapters, vocational job training for adults with disabilities, and community outreach programming for at-risk youth and families.

When you contribute to CCHD in your parish, not only do you help address the symptoms of poverty, but your donation also helps alleviate the root causes of poverty—both globally and locally. Twenty-five percent of your donation stays in your diocese to support organizations making a difference in the lives of your neighbors.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit the “CCHD Collection” section on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website at usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins. With every good wish, may God bless you.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald A. Hicks

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

National Effort, Local Impact

When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in the Diocese of Joliet to support the organizations addressing our parishioners’ needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities—and for keeping the lights on during a storm.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit the “About” section at usccb.org/cchd.

