

November 26, 2023

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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

Please sign-up in the lobby to light the
ADVENT WREATH!



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 18—19, 2023

Sunday Offertory*	\$x,123.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Plus	\$ 2.62
Adult envelopes used / distributed	xx / 528
<i>*Includes 6 Online Givers</i>	
Seminarians	\$ 134.50
CCHD	\$ 931.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 603.50



Secure and convenient **ONLINE GIVING** is available at [GiveCentral.org](https://www.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 mottd@rushenterprises.com; contacting Grand Knight Patrick Frencl, visiting with any current member of the Knights or visiting our website at www.kofc.org.

**The ADVENT season begins next weekend!**

You are invited to sign-up on the poster in the lobby to light the **ADVENT WREATH**; **LITTLE BLUE BOOKS**—Daily 6-minute reflections on the Infancy Narrative of Luke are available in the lobbies.



Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiaco, 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 Leppert, 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.

CCW Christmas Bunco Party!

Ladies, its Christmas Bunco party time! A favorite fun filled event !

Mark your calendars for **Monday , December 11th at 6:30pm!**

We will play bunco, have a lot of laughs and enjoy each others company!

Please feel free to bring a friend **and an appetizer or dessert to share!**

A sign up will be posted in the entryway ! We look forward to seeing you and having a fun filled evening!

CCW board members will set up on Sunday, December 10 after 10:30am Mass.

**CHRIST, KING OF ALL**

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Mass Intentions

Sat	11/25	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u> 4:00 pm— + <u>Dale Knickrehm</u> req by Betty Knickrehm and + <u>Jack Joseph Kubu</u> — <u>9th Birthday Remembrance</u> req by Ed & Michelle Palmisano
Sun	11/26	10:30 am—	+ <u>Lionel L. Brashares</u> req by the James Kelly Family and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Mon	11/27	7:15 am—	+ <u>Dale Knickrehm</u> req by Betty Knickrehm
Tue	11/28	7:15 am—	<u>Communion Service</u>
Wed	11/29	7:15 am—	+ <u>Abbot Hugh R. Anderson, OSB</u>
Thr	11/30	7:15 am—	+ <u>Sr. Augustine Marie Molnar, SSCJ</u> 6:00 pm— <u>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</u> 7:30 pm— <u>CONFESSION</u>
Fri	12/1	7:15 am—	+ <u>Dorothy Alvarez</u> req by Terri Hanlon
Sat	12/2	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u> 4:00 pm— + <u>Marie Hansen</u> req by Marsha Henning and <u>People of the Parish</u>
Sun	12/3	10:30 am—	+ <u>George & Hazel Lewis</u> req by Bob & Helen Lewis

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.



There are sign-ups for attendance and cookie donations and donation suggestions for the CCW **Christmas Party for the Sisters at St. Francis Woods** (Tuesday, December 12 from 13pm) in the lobbies.

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.

STAG & FISH FRY

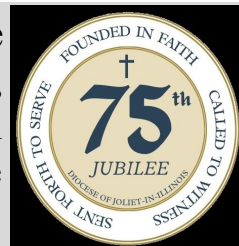
ALL THE FISH YOU CAN EAT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023
ST. GEORGE CHURCH HALL
5272 E. 5000N. Rd, Bourbonnais, IL
Serving starts 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
DOOR PRIZES • Donation: \$12.00
FOODS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME

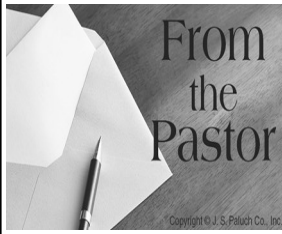
RAFFLE

1st Prize\$750.00 Cash
2nd Prize.....\$500.00 Cash
3rd Prize.....\$250.00 Cash

DONATION: \$5.00 each • Winner need not be present

The Diocese of Joliet will celebrate an Opening Mass for the **75th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diocese** on Monday, December 11 at 6pm at the Cathedral in Joliet. Each parish has been given 4 tickets for attendance. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.





In a healthy family, the parents are very concerned about the well-being of their children. They worry about all the bad things that might happen to their children. And so, in the early years, they protect their children from harm and teach them to be careful, good, and smart. As the children grow up, the parents have two choices. The first choice is to gradually give the children more freedom and responsibility, as corresponds to their age. But this is a risk. There is a chance that the children will abuse their freedom, as the Prodigal Son did, and do damage to themselves. The second choice is to put the children in straight jackets and control absolutely everything that happens to them: force them to eat only the most nutritious food; watch only good quality entertainment; have contact only with good people; never be exposed to temptations or dangers. This way, they completely minimize the risk of injury, hardship or youthful mistakes. The only negative aspect of this choice is that the children are no longer being treated as human beings.

Which choice is more loving, more merciful? Clearly, gradually giving the children more freedom and responsibility is the more loving thing to do, even though it involves a risk - the risk that the children may abandon their parents altogether, in fact.

God is our Father. He loves us too much to put a straight jacket on us; he loves us so much, that he is even willing to let us go, if we so desire. That's why the existence of Hell doesn't contradict God's infinite mercy. There is so called Last Judgement and there is possibility for anyone to be forever separated from God and His Eternal Kingdom. In fact these truths about our destiny help us better understand the importance of our right choices we make in life. This is why Pope Benedict, in his second encyclical, called the Last Judgment an "image of hope."

"Only God can create justice. And faith gives us the certainty that he does so. The image of the Last Judgement is not primarily an image of terror, but an image of hope; for us it may even be the decisive image of hope. Is it not also a frightening image? I would say: it is an image that evokes responsibility, an image, therefore, of that fear of which Saint Hilary spoke when he said that all our fear has its place in love. God is justice and creates justice. This is our consolation and our hope. And in his justice there is also grace." (*Spe salvi*, #44)

+Rev. Roger D. Kutzner

CCW Christmas Bunco

Monday, December 11 at 6:30pm

CCW Christmas Party for the Sisters at St. Francis Woods

Tuesday, December 12 from 1—3pm (see page 3)

Parish / RE Penance Service

Thursday, December 21 at 6:30pm

St. Boniface Confessions

Friday, December 22 from 6pm to 8pm

4th Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023

Mass at 4pm / 10:30am

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023

Posada begins at 3:45pm / Mass begins at 4pm

RA Brass Ensemble begins at 10:30pm

Mass begins at 11pm

Christmas Day, December 25, 2023

Mass at 10:30am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (not a holy day of obligation)

January 1, 2024 Mass at 7:15am

Our second collection

next weekend is for our Advent / Christmas environment, which is used for decorating materials, poinsettias, etc. We appreciate all donations, as your generosity will help make the church truly beautiful during the upcoming Christmas season which lasts from December 24, 2023 to the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8, 2024!



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 19, 2023:

PARISH GOAL:	\$16,700
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$31,555
AMOUNT PAID:	\$30,265
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 1,290
# of DONORS:	115
2023 REBATE:	\$ 9,496

Thank-you for your generosity!



Friday, December 8, is the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, patronal feast day of the United States of America and a *holy day of obligation*. Masses will be celebrated at:

- St. Paul the Apostle at 7:15am / 6pm
- St. Boniface at 8:30am / 7:15pm
- St. Patrick (Wilton Center) at 5pm

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**.

Merry Christmas!









Thank you and God bless you!



Are you, or someone you know, widowed? **Retreat for Widowed Men and Women April 13/14** St. Mary's Retreat House (Lemont) All are welcome. For further information, call: 708 354-7211. or e-mail us at **joyfulagain7211@gmail.com**, or visit our website: **www.joyfulagain.org**.

VITAS Healthcare Yarn Donations

Donations of yarn, fleece, and material are running low for the volunteers at VITAS Healthcare in Tinley Park, who make blankets, robes, bags, prayer shawls, etc., for hospice patients. Please contact Joseph Calderone at 708 781- 4405 or email **Joseph.Calderone@VITAS.com** for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH NO REIFF CLASSES			DECEMBER © J. S. Paltrich Co., Inc.			2 RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm
3 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT REIFF CLASSES	4 CCW BOARD MEETING 6:30pm	5 MEDICARE PART D 8am-2pm KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 7pm	6 CLOTHE GOD'S CHILDREN 9:45-11am 	7 MEDICARE PART D 8am-2pm ADORATION 6-8pm RECONCILIATION 7:30-8pm	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (A HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION) MASSES 7:15am and 6pm	9 RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm 
10 2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT REIFF CLASSES	11 CCW CHRISTMAS BUNCO PARTY 6:30pm	12 CHRISTMAS PARTY at ST. FRANCIS WOODS 1-3pm 	13 	14 ADORATION 6-8pm RECONCILIATION 7:30-8pm 	15	16 RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm
17 3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT REIFF CLASSES Knights of Columbus SNACK & CHAT after 10:30am MASS	18 PARISH COUNCIL 6:30pm	19	20	21 SENIOR ASSIS'T CENTER 10am-3pm RE / PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE 6:30pm	22	23 RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm
24 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT MASS at 10:30am POSADA begins at 3:45pm MASS begins at 4pm RA BRASS ENSEMBLE at 10:30pm MASS begins at 11pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30am MASS 	26  ST. STEPHEN © J. S. Paltrich Co., Inc.	27	28 ADORATION 6-8pm RECONCILIATION 7:30-8pm 	29	30 RECONCILIATION 3-3:45pm