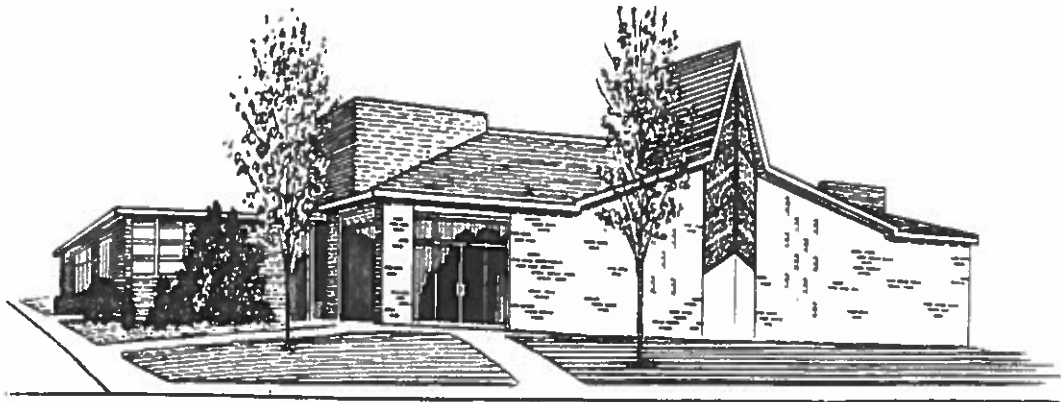




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October 18, 2026

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: Saturday, April 10, 2027

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

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION OCTOBER: For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry by established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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

Saturday	10/17	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>	
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>	
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Tom Adamsick—86th Birthday Remembrance</u> and the <u>People of the Parish</u>	req by Family
Sunday	10/18	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>	
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Theodore S. and Mary B. Litak</u>	req by T.R. Litak
Monday	10/19	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>	
Tuesday	10/20	7:30 am—	+ <u>Patrick Kelly</u>	q by the James Kelly Family
Wednesday	10/21	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>	
Thursday	10/22	7:30 am—	+ <u>Deacon Norbert Szudarski</u>	
		6:00 pm—	<u>ADORATION</u>	
		7:15 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>	
Friday	10/23	7:30 am—	<u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u>	
Saturday	10/24	3:00 pm—	<u>CONFESSION</u>	
		3:30 pm—	<u>ROSARY</u>	
		4:00 pm—	+ <u>Ken Roczniak</u>	req by Barb Hodgett & George Schuitema
Sunday	10/25	10:30 am—	<u>ROSARY</u>	
		11:00 am—	+ <u>Donna Dionne</u> and the <u>People of the Parish</u>	req by Tim & Cindy Reed

*The ALTAR FLOWERS from October 17 to November 1
are given in loving memory of Mr. Dale Knickrehm, from family.*

Please keep **Pope Leo XIV**, the Adamsick Family, Arline Clark, Frances Librera Biondo, Ashley Doody, Rev. Tom Ewing, Rich Harms, Bernie Iversen, **the Janssen Family**, Emily Klamkin, Frances Librera, Anna Smaga, Marcel Smaga, Judy Strubin, Mary Jane Szewka, Julie Szudarski, Jean Vinezeano, Larry Woss 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.

Prayer
LIST



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Deacon Norbert Szudarski, 91, of the Diocese of Rockford, who passed away October 14, 2026. He was the brother of Arnie (Julie) Szudarski.

+May he rest in peace. +

Please pray for the **deacons of the Diocese of Joliet** who are attending their convocation this weekend. The first permanent deacons in the Diocese of Joliet were ordained in 1974. Today more than 250 permanent deacons serve our Diocese across parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons and more.





In today's Gospel passage, the Pharisees and Herodians—two groups normally at odds—join forces to trap Jesus with a controversial political and religious question: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" If Jesus answered "no," he could be reported to Roman authorities as a revolutionary inciting rebellion against Rome. If he answered "yes," he risked alienating the Jewish population, who viewed Roman taxation and Caesar's claim to divinity as idolatrous oppression. Instead, Jesus asks for the coin used for the tax (a Roman

denarius) and asks whose image and inscription are on it. When they answer, "Caesar's," Jesus replies: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Jesus acknowledges that earthly governments hold a legitimate sphere of civil authority. Paying taxes recognizes the basic civic structures and services provided by human governance. However, by adding "and to God the things that are God's," Jesus clearly places a limit on earthly power. Caesar may claim a coin, but Caesar does not possess supreme authority over human allegiance or conscience. The Denarius is stamped with the image of Caesar; it belongs to Caesar's civic realm. The human person is created in the image and likeness of God; every human soul ultimately belongs to God. While Caesar can lay claim to currency bearing his likeness, God lays claim to the human heart, soul, and life, which bear His likeness.

This passage provides a foundational framework for understanding of the Christian vocation—how believers live faithfully in the world. It calls for fulfilling civil obligations, including obeying laws, participating in civic life, and paying taxes, in service of the common good. It calls also for recognizing that no earthly system, political party, nation, or ideology may claim the absolute worship, trust, or obedience that belongs to God alone.

Today is 'The World Mission Sunday'. It gives a glimpse to our baptismal call to share the Gospel, manifest Christ's love, and stand in solidarity with universal mission territories—especially those facing poverty, conflict, and persecution. Rooted in Christ's Great Commission—"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations"—mission is not merely an institutional effort or an occasional activity; it is the fundamental identity of every believer. Mission does not start with a task, a doctrine, or a program; it flows directly from a personal encounter with the love and mercy of God. When we experience grace deeply, sharing it becomes a natural overflow rather than an obligation.

Mission Sunday reminds us that the Church transcends geographic, national, and cultural boundaries. Through our prayers, financial support, and spiritual communion, we support missionaries and local communities globally, declaring that no member of the human family is forgotten. True Christian mission reflects Christ's own ministry—healing the brokenhearted, feeding the hungry, advocating for justice, and bringing peace. Mission is both proclamation, words of hope and faith, and presence actions of compassion, mercy, and solidarity.

The Mission Field at Our Doorstep: While World Mission Sunday highlights global territories and frontline missionaries, it also invites us to examine our immediate surroundings. Every home, workplace, neighborhood, and parish community is a mission field waiting for authentic witnesses of kindness, joy, and hope.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas Theneth CMI

Thank you to all who participated in the 5-week Bible study. Hopefully it was a rewarding experience which has enriched our faith, and given us an appreciation of our fellow parishioners who came and shared. Also thank you to all who prayed for the success of this parish endeavor!



This is the final weekend for **UNDY SUNDAY** donations. Thank-you for your continued support!



St. Paul choir rehearsals are starting soon for the upcoming Christmas season. Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays from 5--6pm (after 4pm Mass), with the exception of the rehearsal on November 14, which will be held from 2:30--3:30pm. Rehearsals start on November 7. Please attend if you are interested in joining. We welcome all new members regardless of prior musical experience!

Kristen Jester, Choir Director

COLLECTION SUMMARY:

October 10—11, 2026:

Budgeted \$3,205.53

Sunday Offertory* \$2,954.00

Minus \$ 251.53

Envelopes used / distributed 67 / 468

**Includes 8 Online Givers*

Mission Sunday \$ 843.00

Providing for Our Future \$ 23.00

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ST. PATRICK CHURCH
HARVEST SOCIAL /CARD PARTY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026
11:30am HELD AT
WILTON CENTER COMMUNITY BUILDING
14355 W. JOLIET RD.
MANHATTAN, IL. 60442
TICKETS ARE \$10.00
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
DOOR PRIZES
SPLIT-THE-POT RAFFLE
\$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00
ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF
FELLOWSHIP WITH FAMILY AND
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More info call: 815-693-8234

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL
TURKEY
Dinner
november 1, 2026
SERVING FROM 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes and Bread
\$13.00 PER DINNER
Church Basement Hall
207 South Main Street
Manteno, Illinois