

Jesus took Peter,
James, and John
and led them up
a high mountain
apart by
themselves.
And he was
transfigured
before them,
and his clothes
became dazzling
white.

Mark 9:2,3

Transfiguration of Jesus
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT

©Diocesan

*Diocese of Peoria
Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024*

St. Paul Catholic Church

309 W. Jackson St.

Macomb, IL 61455-2112

website: stpaulmacomb.com/church

Mass Times:

(WATCH the Calendars for temporary Mass schedule)

Monday/Wednesday/Friday	5:15 PM
Tuesday/Thursday	7:00 AM
Saturday	5:15 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Confessions:

Saturday	4:00-4:45 PM
or by appointment	

Rosary:

Sunday	2:00 PM
Monday/Wednesday/Friday	4:55 PM
Tuesday/Thursday	After Mass

All are welcome to participate.

The church is open from 6 am to 7 pm daily.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

319 N. Franklin St.

Rushville, Illinois 62681-0194

website: stroserushville.com

Mass Times:

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:30AM

Confessions:

Saturday	4:30-4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00-8:15 AM

Parish Office: 309 W. Jackson St., Macomb, IL 61455

Phone: (309) 833-2496

Parish Office Hours (CST)

Monday-Friday • 8:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00PM-3:00PM

Parish Staff

Fr. Adam Stimpson, Pastor

Fr. Joseph Domfe, SMA, Parochial Vicar

Sharon Hoffbeck, Business Manager

St. Paul

Deacon Larry Adams, Religious Education Coordinator

Laura Cody, Principal, St. Paul School

St. Rose of Lima

Bridget Phillips, Religious Education Coordinator

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday by Noon.

The parish office will close at noon on Thursday, February 29th and will re-open on Tuesday, March 5th at 8 AM.

Mass Intentions

St. Paul Church

Monday, February 26

5:15PM † Deacon Tony Ensenberger

Tuesday, February 27

7:00AM † Lorraine Hender

Wednesday, February 28

12:00PM Maureen Maheu

Thursday, February 29

7:00AM † John Theis

Friday, March 1

9:15AM † Judy Marshall

Saturday, March 2

5:15PM † Clara Delle Thompson

Sunday, March 3

7:30AM † Joe Kersting

10:00AM † Helen Garthaus

St. Rose Church

Saturday, February 24

5:00PM † Mary Margaret Murphy

Sunday, February 25

8:30AM † Bill Miller

Saturday, March 2

5:00PM † John B. Whelen

Sunday, March 3

8:30AM † Connie Setterlund

Temporary Mass Schedule

Monday	5:15 PM	St. Paul Church
Tuesday	7:00 AM	St. Paul Church
	5:00 PM	Newman Center
Wednesday	12:00 PM	St. Paul Church
	<i>(ends on 3/27/24)</i>	
Thursday	7:00 AM	St. Paul Church
	5:00 PM	Newman Center—NO MASS
Friday	9:15 AM	St. Paul Church
	5:15 PM	St. Paul Church—NO MASS

Please watch the Mass Intention calendar, above, or the Upcoming Events calendar on page 5 for more info.

Please Support Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes provides monthly grocery assistance to families in need in McDonough County. St. Paul Church was a founding member over 25 years ago and continues to be major supporter. In January 2024, Loaves & Fishes served 430 families providing \$15,610 of grocery assistance. Please consider donating to Loaves & Fishes.

Checks can be sent to: **Loaves & Fishes, PO Box 9, Macomb, IL 61455.**

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 26

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10

Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20

Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

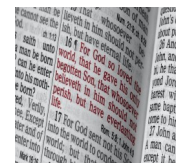
Sunday Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25



Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Newman Center

The regular Mass schedule is:

Sundays -- 12:00 PM

Tuesdays/Thursdays— 5:00 PM

Confessions are available 30 minutes prior to Mass.

From Feb. 5 through March 5th, no Thursday Mass.

OCIA Class

The next OCIA class will meet on Sunday, **March 10** at 8:45am in the St. Paul Parish rectory conference room.

St. Paul Catholic Church • Macomb, Illinois

Let Us Pray For

The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Joanne Ballow, Robert Scott, Linnea Andersson, Margo Rutledge, Paul Schauble, RoseMarie Lynn, Marilyn Emigh, Mary Aurelio, Ron Ruebush, Jim Zahrndt, Carol Goodin, McKenna Hawkins, Linda Burke, Shirley Pawlias, Maureen Maheu, Jeremy Ludin, Kay Winkel and all those who are suffering.

Call: Sharon at the St. Paul & St. Rose Parish office at (309) 833-2496 or e-mail: churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com with prayer intentions.

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 1st, 10:00am – 7:00pm
Benediction at 6:50pm
St. Paul Chapel



Sympathy

St. Paul Parish extends our sympathy to Dan Walter and his children, Bryce and Ainsley. Dan's wife and Bryce and Ainsley's mother, Karen Walter, recently passed away.

From Mike Aquilina, "Understanding The Mass: 100 Questions, 100 Answers"

"It may change clothes as it moves from country to country or age to age, but the Mass is always fundamentally the same, with the same elements and the same miracle of meeting Christ face to face at its heart."



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

St. Paul School registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year! Visit <https://spl-il.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=2400> today and secure your child's place. We have openings in our Preschool 3 year old program and limited seats in our Kindergarten through Sixth grade. Check us out at <http://www.stpaulmacomb.com/>



Got Lectio?

We meet in the chapel at St. Paul on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm. Please join us Tuesday, March 5th. A short "sacred reading" is shared. The intent is finally resting in the Word of God. Please allow 20-30 minutes for prayer. All are welcome!

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT

If you are in need of a tax receipt for your regular offertory or building fund donations, please call the rectory at 833-2496 or leave a message on the answering machine. You can also email your requests to: churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com. You may use a canceled check unless the amount of a single check is over \$250, then you will need a receipt.

Second Sunday in Lent

February 24 & 25, 2024

Mass	Chant Mass
Entrance Hymn	'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here, #124
Prep. of Gifts Hymn.....	Christ Before Us, #416
Communion.....	On Eagle's Wings, #441
Recessional	Forty Days and Forty Nights, #130

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$57,533.00
Pledged: \$76,163.00
Collected: \$65,825.50
As of 1/31/2024

Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

February 26	Joan Frohne
February 26	Dean Wesley
March 1	Nancy Jones
March 1	Fred Jones



Coffee & Doughnuts

Coffee and Doughnuts will be held next Sunday after the 10 am Mass. Free will donations are welcomed and can be made by contacting Mary Ann Severs (seversmaryann@gmail.com) or Sally Adams (sa-adams2@wiu.edu). Come for the fellowship and a doughnut!

Bins in the Narthex:

- **Plastic Cap & Lid Collection**– Help build recycled plastic picnic tables.
- **Pill Bottle Collection**–Matthew 25: Ministries where they will be included in medical supply shipments to those in need.
- **Coupons for Military Families**– Please save coupons for military families.
- **Lost and Found**—Please check the Lost and Found bin in the Narthex near the kitchenette for any items you may have accidentally left behind.

Gift Cards

Hy-Vee and Walmart gift cards are available for purchase in the parish office during regular hours, Monday-Friday 8am to noon, 1 to 3pm or by appointment or please contact the parish office for delivery options including mailing. **St. Paul Church** receives a portion of each gift card sold.



Please Pray

Let us keep ALL the sick in our thoughts and prayers, especially:

Faye Henricks for MS (friends)
Cathy Campbell Green for MS (Dave & Barb Rowland)
Markus Schneider for NF2 (family)
Regina Ehrhardt for health issues (friends)
Diane Pleviak for health issues (friends)
Joe Isaak for health issues (Estelle Hamilton)
Joanne Ballow for health issues (Theresa Korsmeyer)

Call: Jane Schneider at (217) 216-0041 with prayer intentions or the St. Paul & St. Rose Parish office at (309) 833-2496 or e-mail: churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com with prayer intentions.

Lector Schedule

February Lectors

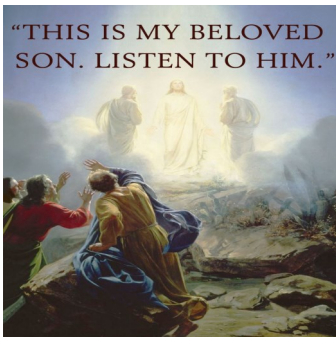
Saturday Tm Kettering
Sunday John Sullivan

March Lectors

Saturday Natalie Schneider
Sunday Connie Pepple

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$10,833
Pledged: \$13,150
Collected: \$12,500
As of 1/31/2024



Upcoming Birthdays

February 27 George Henricks



From Jenna Greiwe, "Beautiful Eucharist":

"Whenever you are filled with worry, desperate for hope, looking for clarity, or just need a moment of peace, go to a quiet place and visit Jesus in the Eucharist. Just talk to Him like He's sitting on the altar. He'll give you exactly what you need."

Reflection: Second Sunday of Lent

This is a Test

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test—in verses left out or our reading, he tells the servants that he and Isaac will return after the sacrifice; he also tells Isaac that God will provide the offering. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us: By dying, Jesus showed us the promise of resurrection, which shows us that we can also have new life by the forgiveness of our sins. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? Or as Paul says, if He is on our side, who can hurt us?

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. We sometimes suffer for no apparent reason. We may lose someone we love through death. We may be tempted to lose faith when we see wars, killer tornados, terrorist attacks—if "God is for us," why does he allow these things? Because he is still testing us. And not necessarily testing the victims of these troubles. If I get angry at God because I hear about someone's death, I haven't passed the test.

Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. And some accidents are just accidental; no one is necessarily at fault. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. But as long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested.

Tom Schmidt

St. Rose Parish Council

The next Parish Council will meet on Wednesday, February 28th at 5:30 PM in the Church Hall. All are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events

St. Paul Parish

Wednesday, February 28

12:00PM Mass..... St. Paul

Friday, March 1

6:00AM That Man Is You..... St. Paul
 9:15AM School Mass..... St. Paul
 10:00AM Adoration St. Paul
 4:30PM K of C Fish Fry St. Paul School
 5:15PM NO MASS St. Paul
 6:50PM Benediction St. Paul
 7:00PM Stations of the Cross..... St. Paul

Sunday, March 3

11:00AM Coffee & Doughnuts..... St. Paul

St. Rose Parish

Wednesday, February 28

5:30PM Parish Council Meeting..... St. Rose

Friday, March 1

7:00PM Stations of the Cross..... St. Rose

St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Sunday, February 25

12:00PM Mass Newman Center

Tuesday, February 27

5:00PM Mass Newman Center

Thursday, February 29

5:00PM NO Mass Newman Center

National Eucharistic Congress 2024

The National Eucharistic Revival will lead up to the a National Eucharistic Congress that will be held on July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN. It will be only the 10th National Eucharistic Congress to take place in the U.S. and will be a pivotal, unifying, and transformative moment for the Church in the United States. More information regarding the National Eucharistic Congress can be found at www.eucharisticcongress.org.



K of C Fish Fry

Every Friday of Lent
 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Dine-in, carry-out, online order
<https://knights-of-columbus-682.square.site>
 St. Paul School gym

Women Growing in Faith

Tuesdays - 8:00 -9:30 a.m. @

St. Francis Newman Center

Coffee & light refreshment available

Videos are available at divinemeracyplus.org – search under Videos for Fr. Chris Alar to view personally. All are welcome.



St. Paul

Income Needed

Fiscal YTD (7/1/23-2/25/2024) \$306,940.00
 Offertory Received Fiscal YTD \$272,663.00
 Offertory Needed Each Week \$8,537.00
 Offertory (2/12-18/2024) \$2,781.00
 Roof Fund \$2.50
 Building Fund \$31.50
 Cemetery Fund \$21.50

St. Rose– week ending February 18

Weekly Envelopes \$320.00
 Online Giving \$310.00

Online Giving

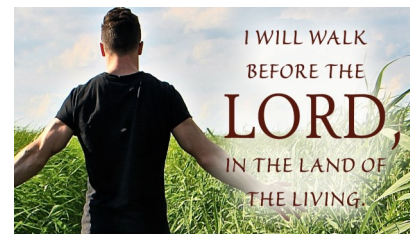
Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacation times. Go to your parish website at <http://stroserushville.com/> or at <http://stpaulmacomb.com/> church to get started today or set up and manage your account at ONLINE GIVING at
 St. Paul: <http://osvhub.com/stpaulmacomb/funds>
 St. Rose: <https://osvhub.com/stroserushville/funds>



St. Paul



St. Rose



MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like to have a mass said in honor of someone or in memory of someone, simply put their name and the intention in an envelope along with the recommended donation of \$10 and place it in the collection basket or contact the parish office or at St. Rose Church see or see Marilyn Sillars or Fr. Stimpson.

at St. Paul Church see Sharon in the parish office, (309) 833-2496.

Mass intention envelopes are available.