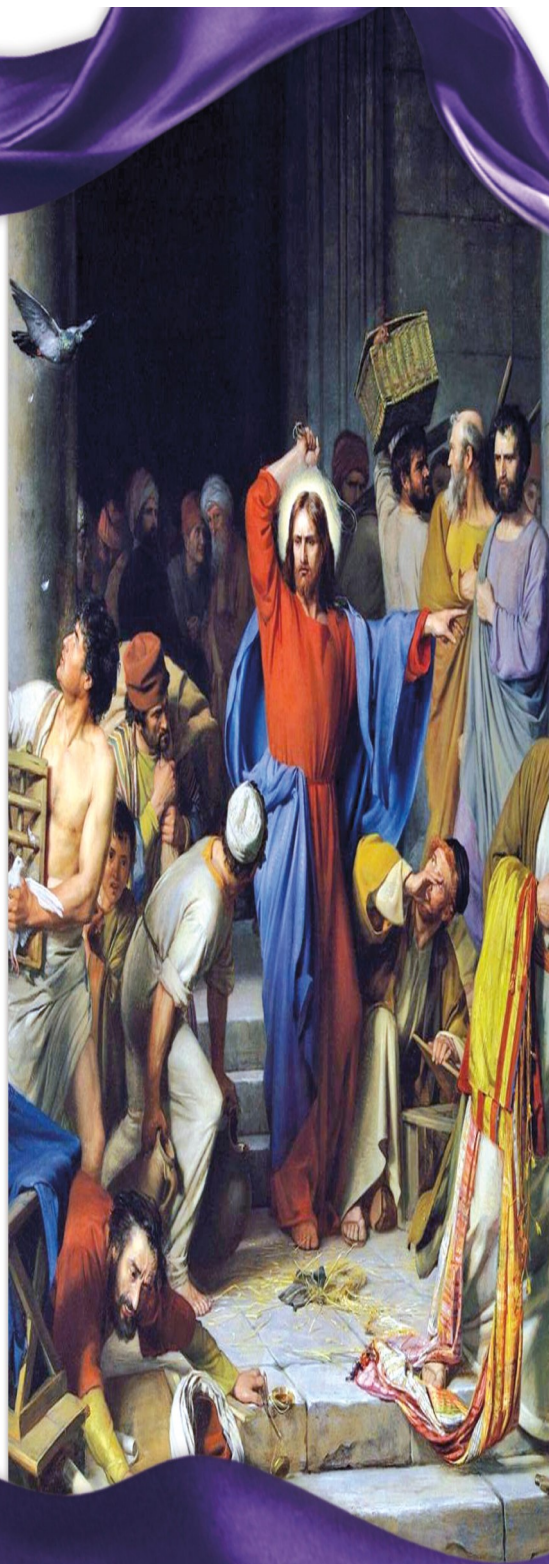


He made a whip  
out of cords  
and drove them  
all out of the  
temple area.  
“Take these out  
of here, and  
stop making my  
Father’s house  
a marketplace.”

*John 2:15,16*

Jesus Casting Out the Money  
Changers at the Temple  
by Carl Bloch, circa 1800s



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*Diocese of Peoria  
Third Sunday of Lent  
March 3, 2024*

## St. Paul Catholic Church

309 W. Jackson St.

Macomb, IL 61455-2112

website: [stpaulmacomb.com/church](http://stpaulmacomb.com/church)

### Mass Times:

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](http://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 be closed Monday, March 4th and will re-open on Tuesday, March 5th at 8 AM.**

**On Thursday, March 7th, the office will open at 9:30 am.**

# Mass Intentions

## St. Paul Church

### Monday, March 4

5:15PM † Judy Marshall

### Tuesday, March 5

7:00AM † Clara 'CD' Thompson

### Wednesday, March 6

12:00PM † Robert Genenbacher

### Thursday, March 7

7:00AM † Lorraine Hender

### Friday, March 8

9:15AM † Dan Donovan

5:15PM † Emily Dulovac

### Saturday, March 9

5:15PM † Deceased Members of Women's Guild

### Sunday, March 10

7:30AM People of the Parish

10:00AM † Joan Pano

## St. Rose Church

### Saturday, March 2

5:00PM † John B. Whelen

### Sunday, March 3

8:30AM † Connie Setterlund

### Saturday, March 9

5:00PM † Kelly Needham

### Sunday, March 10

8:30AM † Brent Manning

# Scripture Readings

## For the Week of March 4

### Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3

4; Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday

Jer 7:23-28

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Lk 11:14-23

### Friday

Hos 14:2-10

Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17

Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday

Hos 6:1-6

Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab

Lk 18:9-14

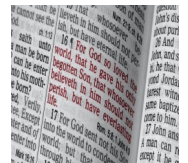
### Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21



MAGNIFY

Morning  
Retreat



All are welcome to join us  
Saturday, March 9th

The Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception  
9:00 am - 11:00am

Adoration/Most Holy Rosary/Music/Confession  
Eucharistic Procession  
Holy Mass

Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
Women Connect Ministry



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.**

## 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**



# St. Paul Catholic Church • Macomb, Illinois

## Let Us Pray For

### The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Joanne Ballow, 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.**

### *He Understands Us Well*

Jesus came to save. From what? From sin, yes. From death, yes. But he goes to the very root cause of those things in every word and action of his life – and the root is hypocrisy and egoism, which is pride. In order to restore and defend man’s authentic relationship with God, Jesus must cleanse us from everything that gets in the way of that relationship, particularly whatever detracts from authentic faith and sincere worship. He came to save us from ourselves and our own contradictions.

The Temple officials directed their fellow Jews in the proper rituals, but had allowed the provision for that worship to gradually become adulterated with unholy practices. So when Jesus sees how the Temple has become a place of buying and selling, greed and worldly ambition (the businesses that provided proper sacrifices and the currency exchange making a lot of money for themselves), he cannot bear the hypocrisy that is detracting from true worship and sacrifice.

In his righteous anger, Jesus demonstrates uncharacteristic outrage. The very few times in the Gospel that we see Christ angry, it is to condemn hypocrisy. Hypocrites are holding themselves outside of the Kingdom, even as they claim to be at the pinnacle of it. We are all prone to this, due to the effects of Original Sin; by thinking of ourselves as exemplary citizens of God’s Kingdom, we are subtly seeking to be rulers of our own kingdom.

We are created to be Temples of the Lord’s Presence, but too often we allow lesser things to gradually occupy us and obscure the One Thing That Matters. Even if we are doing all the proper things on the outside, our hearts can become distracted and filled with lesser things.

Jesus understands us well. He knows the needs and desires and contradictions of our hearts and the many ways we fall as we try to walk in His ways. While our failures may surprise us, they do not surprise him. While we may forget we need to be saved and cannot save ourselves, he is ever our strong Savior, redeeming and refreshing and reminding us that we need to get up and look anew in the right direction.

And he delights to come to our aid! Lent is a time when we repent and ask the Lord to dust us off and clean our glasses so that we can see aright who we are and who He calls us to be, and adjust our course. We do not need to be perfect before we place all our confidence in Him – it is in placing all our confidence in Him that we grow in the way of perfection. He allows us to see our need so that we can entrust ourselves completely to His Heart, aching and beating and burning and pouring Himself out completely for love of us. This Lent, we can open ourselves anew to His Presence within us and entrust all our needs to Him.

By Kathryn Mulderink



## Third Sunday in Lent

*March 2 & 3, 2024*

Mass .....	Chant Mass
Entrance Hymn .....	Lord, Who Through These Forty Days, #139
Prep. of Gifts Hymn.....	Psalm 42, #512
Communion.....	I Am the Bread of Life, #342
Recessional .....	Open My Eyes, Lord, #405

### 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)*

March 10 Kevin Breheny

### Got Lectio?

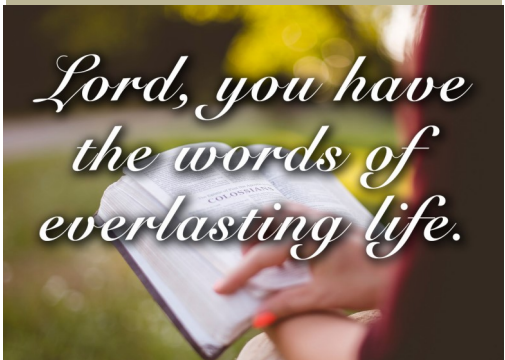
We meet in the chapel at St. Paul on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm. Please join us Tuesday, March 5th. A short "sacred reading" is shared. The intent is finally resting in the Word of God. Please allow 20-30 minutes for prayer. All are welcome!

### 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/>



### 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 Building Fund** receives a portion of each gift card sold.

# St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church • Rushville, Illinois



## 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](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com) with prayer intentions.

## Lector Schedule

### March Lectors

Saturday Natalie Schneider  
 Sunday Connie Pepple

### April Lectors

Saturday Linda Butler  
 Sunday Theresa Korsmeyer

**From Dick & Martha Lyles, "Answer Your Call":**

***"The most meaningful goals in life are those that can only be accomplished with the help of God's graces. We should use those graces to give us confidence that, with God's guidance and help, our gifts are capable of being developed well beyond our imagined potential."***

### 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

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



## Upcoming Birthdays

March 6 Faye Henricks  
 March 6 Jobert Kalikat



### Reflection: Third Sunday of Lent

As we are now well into Lent, we can take a look at what it means to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. A good place to start would be the Ten Commandments. The reading from Exodus presents us with one of the first listings of the Commandments. In this passage, God explains some of the laws to show how serious they are. For the first one, God includes making images to be used for worship. Now you might jump to the conclusion that all the statues and crucifixes in our churches must be destroyed. Not so.

In the days of Moses, people of other cultures made images of their gods and declared that the image was the god, and so should be worshipped. The LORD wanted his people to remember that God cannot be limited to an image or idea. That is still true today. Our images and statues are meant to help us pray to God, not to that work of art. In that sense, they are no worse than using a beautiful sunset or mountain scene to help you pray.

On the other hand, some people give a superstitious meaning to religious articles. Burying a statue to help sell your house could be one example. If you want to ask for a favor from God, just ask Him. God is much more likely to listen to a sincere prayer than a superstitious action.

The reason God gives for the first commandment is that he is a passionate God, who has chosen the Israelites to be his people. When he punishes sin, he allows the effect of our bad choices to hurt us and those around us. But when we repent and change our ways, his love is everlasting.

God also emphasizes some commands by duplicating them. He tells us not to steal from others, and also not to plan to steal from our neighbor. The same with adultery: Planning it is just as bad as doing it. Taking his name in vain originally meant perjury after taking an oath to tell the truth. That is similar to the eighth commandment about false witness.

Jesus simplified all these commands when he reminds us to love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Let's remember that as we turn away from sin to serving God better during Lent.

Tom Schmidt

# Upcoming Events

## St. Paul Parish

### Tuesday, March 5

4:30PM Lectio Divina..... St. Paul

### Wednesday, March 6

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

### Friday, March 8

6:00AM That Man Is You..... St. Paul

9:15AM School Mass..... St. Paul

4:30PM K of C Fish Fry .....St. Paul School

5:15PM MASS ..... St. Paul

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

## St. Rose Parish

### Friday, March 8

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

## St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

### Sunday, March 3

12:00PM Mass ..... Newman Center

### Tuesday, March 5

5:00PM Mass ..... Newman Center

### Thursday, March 7

5:00PM Mass ..... Newman Center

## St. Mary's Cathedral

### Saturday, March 9

9:00AM Magnify: Mini Retreat .....St. Mary's Cathedral

## 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](http://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](http://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) ..... \$315,477.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD ..... \$276,976.00

Offertory Needed Each Week ..... \$8,537.00

Offertory (2/19-25/2024) ..... \$3,465.00

Roof Fund ..... \$43.27

Building Fund ..... \$49.00

Cemetery Fund ..... \$10.00

## St. Rose– week ending February 25

Weekly Envelopes ..... \$625.00

Online Giving ..... \$195.00

## 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

## OCIA Class

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

## 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.