

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

*John 3:14,15*

The Brazen Serpent by James Tissot, circa 1899



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

*Diocese of Peoria  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 10, 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
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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.**

**No Mass at Newman Center on March 12th and 14th..**

# Mass Intentions

## St. Paul Church

**Monday, March 11**

5:15PM † Phil & Sylvia Flott

**Tuesday, March 12**

7:00AM † Tim Mast

**Wednesday, March 13**

12:00PM † Dcn Tony Ensenberger

**Thursday, March 14**

7:00AM † Frank Risavy

**Friday, March 15**

9:15AM NO MASS

5:15PM † Tim Sullivan

**Saturday, March 16**

5:15PM Lindsey Britton

**Sunday, March 17**

7:30AM People of the Parish

10:00AM The O'Hern Families

## St. Rose Church

**Saturday, March 9**

5:00PM † Kelly Needham

**Sunday, March 10**

8:30AM † Brent Manning

**Saturday, March 16**

5:00PM † Pat O'Brien

**Sunday, March 17**

8:30AM † Shirley Johns

## 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.**

## GROCERY VOUCHERS

Offered 1x/month

**TUESDAYS**

**10-Noon & 2:00PM-4:00PM**

PRAIRIEVIEW TOWNHOMES  
425 N. PRAIRIE AVENUE

Proof of McDonough County address  
and Photo ID required every visit



## Good Food Collaborative

**New Pantry Hours**  
(effective 3/5/2024)

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**

**1-5 PM**

**133 W. Jackson St.**  
**Macomb**

**309-255-4710**

## Scripture Readings

**For the Week of March 11**

**Monday**

Is 65:17-21

Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b

Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**

Is 49:8-15

Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18

Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday**

Ex 32:7-14

Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Jn 5:31-47

**Friday**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday**

Jer 11:18-20

Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12

Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Jer 31:31-34

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33



## 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.

**NO MASS on Tuesday, March 12 nor Thursday,**

**March 14 due to spring break.**

**Women Growing in Faith**

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

**St. Francis Newman Center**

**Coffee & light refreshment available**

Videos are available at [divinemercyplus.org](http://divinemercyplus.org) – search under Videos for Fr. Chris Alar to view personally. **All are welcome.**

## 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, 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.**

## FOOD COLLECTION

Jacob Petitgout, a senior at Macomb Senior High School and a member of the Macomb Youth Leadership Organization and St. Paul Church will conduct a food drive at all Masses on the weekend of March 16 and 17. All donations are being given to The Good Food Collaborative. Please consider donating to assist Jacob with his service project.

### *For God so Loved the World!*

John 3:16 contains one of the most well-known Bible verses to mankind: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." The Christian theologian Charles Spurgeon said, "If we were asked to read to a dying man who did not know the gospel, we should probably select this chapter as the most suitable one for such an occasion; and what is good for dying men is good for us all, for that is what we are."

Another interesting point, found in the "Enduring Word" commentary states, "The Jews of that day rarely thought that God *loved the world* but that God only loved *Israel*. The *universal* offer of salvation and life in Jesus was revolutionary [and remains] a distinctively Christian idea that God's love is wide enough to embrace *all* mankind." This leads to the foundation of Catholicism as universal, the term first used by St. Ignatius about 100 years after Christ walked the Earth.

As Catholics, we believe that the love God offers is available to all and that there are no limits to His love. There is nothing we can do that would make him stop loving us, we just have to choose to accept His love for us in return. What wondrous love it is! God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, together, exist in an ongoing triangle of love. Simply put, Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, offering to any person who chooses to love Him infinite love in return. What greater news than this! How blessed we are to be the adopted sons and daughters of God!

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

## EASTER FLOWER FUND

If you would like to donate to our Easter Flower Fund in honor of a loved one, in memory of someone deceased or as a gift, please fill out the envelope that you received with your offertory envelopes and put it in the offertory basket. If you don't receive offertory envelopes, you can still put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flower fund" and drop it in the offertory basket. Thank You!! Plants may be taken after the 10 am Easter Sunday Mass.



## Fourth Sunday in Lent

**March 9 & 10, 2024**

Mass .....	Chant Mass
Entrance Hymn .....	What Wondrous Love, #485
Prep. of Gifts Hymn.....	Open My Eyes, Lord, #405
Communion.....	Ashes to Ashes, #116, Lenten verses
Recessional .....	Lift Up Your Cross, #713

## 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

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

## Upcoming Birthdays

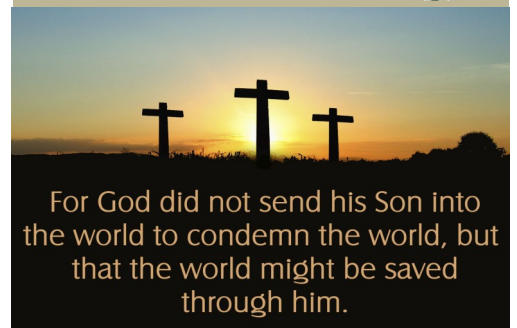
*(for over 75 years of age)*

March 11	Mary Helene Halsey
March 12	Patricia Zahnle
March 16	Wilma Williams
March 17	Paul Wilson



## 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 Pre-school 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.



## 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)  
 Craig Luitjohn for melanoma (Estela Hamilton)

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

## Lector Schedule

### March Lectors

Saturday Natalie Schneider  
 Sunday Connie Pepple

### April Lectors

Saturday Linda Butler  
 Sunday Theresa Korsmeyer

*From Fr. Jean-Pierre De Caussade,*

*“Abandonment To Divine Providence”:*

*“Since God wishes to do all for us, let us place everything in His hands once and for all, leaving to His infinite wisdom; and trouble no more about anything but what concerns Him.”*

### 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

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



“...SO THAT  
 EVERYONE  
 WHO BELIEVES  
 IN HIM MAY  
 HAVE ETERNAL  
 LIFE.”



## Upcoming Birthdays

March 11 Kris Ford  
 March 12 Estella Hamilton  
 March 13 Shelby Thompson  
 March 16 Parker Hill



### Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Lent Saying, Doing, or Being?

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that we are saved through grace: God’s actions of sending his Son to die for us, and raising Jesus from the dead show the love God has for us. It comes entirely from God. We are saved by our faith in Jesus, but even that faith comes from God. So when Paul says that no one can boast about being saved, he means that we can’t add up our good deeds like reward points for heaven. He also means that we can’t brag about our faith because we can recite the creed or answer an altar call. So if being saved is not a matter of saying the right things, or doing good deeds, what is it?

The answer comes from the gospel. Jesus tells us that he will be lifted up, or crucified, so that we can believe in him and have eternal life. Notice he doesn’t give a list of facts about God that we are required to believe. When we “believe in” someone, we put our love and trust in that person. We want to be with that person as much as we can. We know that we are loved and so respond by giving love. Our response of love is not just a happy feeling. It inspires us to stop being selfish and start noticing that others need our help. Jesus describes it as living in the light: we are not ashamed to help someone, forgive someone, or comfort someone. While we do not force our faith on others, we don’t hide it either. Our life is in the light, open to anyone who wants to see what God has done for us.

That brings us back to the question about salvation: it is not something we do or say. It is what God does for us. Our response of faith is also his gift. So when we recognize all that God has done for us and believe in his Son Jesus, the Spirit will guide us to live that faith and share it with others.

# Upcoming Events

## St. Paul Parish

### Wednesday, March 13

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

### Friday, March 15

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

### Saturday, March 16

5:15PM Food Drive during Mass..... St. Paul

### Sunday, March 17

7:30AM Food Drive during Mass..... St. Paul  
 10:00AM Food Drive during Mass..... St. Paul

## St. Rose Parish

### Friday, March 15

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

## St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

### Sunday, March 10

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

### Tuesday, March 12

5:00PM NO Mass ..... Newman Center

### Thursday, March 14

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](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org).



## St. Paul

### Income Needed

**Fiscal YTD (7/1/23-3/3/2024)**..... \$324,014.00  
**Offertory Received Fiscal YTD**..... \$280,441.00  
**Offertory Needed Each Week**..... \$8,537.00  
**Offertory (2/16-3/3/2024)** ..... \$8,620.50  
**Roof Fund** ..... \$105.00  
**Building Fund** ..... \$385.00  
**Cemetery Fund**..... \$165.00

## St. Rose- week ending March 3

**Weekly Envelopes** ..... \$372.00  
**Online Giving**..... \$160.00

### 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



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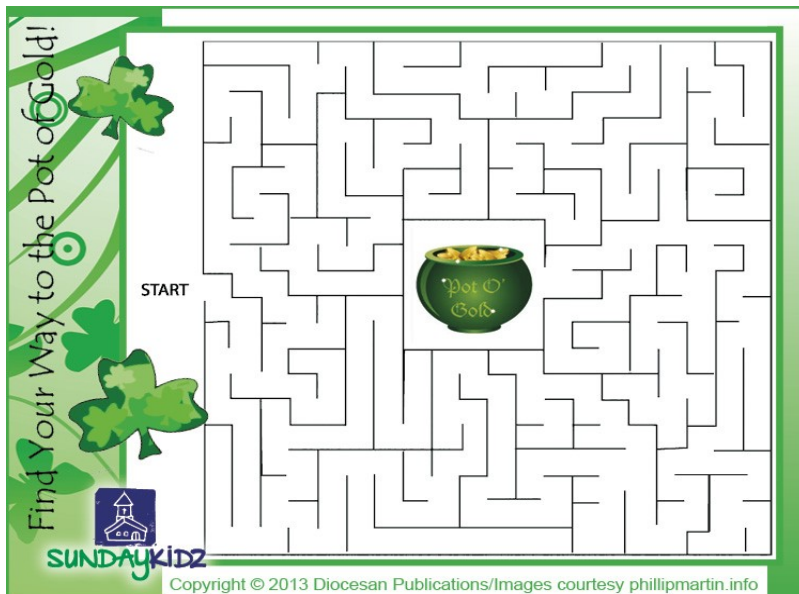
## K of C Fish Fry

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



## 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.