

Diocese of Peoria  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 17, 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 on  
Good Friday, March 29, 2024.**

“The hour has  
come for the  
Son of Man  
to be glorified.  
Amen, amen,  
I say to you,  
unless a grain of  
wheat falls to the  
ground and dies,  
it remains just  
a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies,  
it produces  
much fruit.”

*John 12: 23,24*

Jesus Discourses with His  
Disciples by James Tissot  
Circa 1886-1894



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

# Mass Intentions

## St. Paul Church

### Monday, March 18

5:15PM Maureen Maheu

### Tuesday, March 19

7:00AM † Tim Sullivan & Louise Sullivan

### Wednesday, March 20

12:00PM † Carl & Mary Richard

### Thursday, March 21

7:00AM † Dan Donovan

### Friday, March 22

9:15AM Schuyler-Industry Schools & Rushville Community

### Saturday, March 23

5:15PM † Emilie Schauble

### Sunday, March 24

7:30AM People of the Parish

10:00AM † David Haulk, Harley Haulk, Patricia Fry

## St. Rose Church

### Saturday, March 16

5:00PM † Pat O'Brien

### Sunday, March 17

8:30AM † Shirley Johnes

### Saturday, March 23

5:00PM † Mark Ebbing

### Sunday, March 24

8:30AM † Mary Margaret Murphy



## 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

## IT'S A CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars! We are excited to invite you to join us in celebrating— Father Adam Stimpson's 15th anniversary in the priesthood.

Event Details:

Date: **May 25, 2024**

Time: 5:15 PM Mass and Dinner after in the St. Paul gym

Following the Mass, we will host a parish party in the St. Paul gym to honor Father Stimpson's dedication and service. It will be an evening filled with joy, fellowship, and gratitude for the wonderful contributions Father Stimpson has made to our community.

Please keep an eye on your email and the bulletin as the date approaches for additional details and an RSVP link. Your presence will make this celebration even more special.

We hope to see you there!

# Scripture Readings

## For the Week of March 18

### Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday

Gn 17:3-9

Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Jn 8:51-59

### Friday

Jer 20:10-13

Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday

Ez 37:21-28

Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13

Jn 11:45-56

### Sunday Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39



## Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Newman Center

The regular Mass schedule is:

Sundays -- 12:00 PM

Tuesdays/Thursdays— 5:00 PM (NO Mass on March 28th)

Confessions are available 30 minutes prior to Mass.

**"Clarity & Love Symposium"** on understanding the churches response to abuse, divorce and annulment, held Saturday, February 17, 2024 is available now on **You Tube**. It helps explain and answer many questions, and was presented by the Peoria Diocese Tribunal and Diocese Council of Catholic Women.

# St. Paul Catholic Church • Macomb, Illinois

## Let Us Pray For

### The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Janet Moore, Caroline Allen, 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.

## 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.

## EASTER TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum is made up of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil. Special Masses and services are offered during this time. Please consider signing up to assist in one of many positions that are open in these special days. We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Ushers. ALL positions are an important part of helping our Masses run smoothly. Either sign up in the Ministry Scheduler App or contact Sharon in the parish office at (309) 833-2496 or email at churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com.

## EASTER FOOD BLESSING

Father will have a blessing of the Easter food at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 30th in the church. Please put your baskets of food on the altar steps for the blessing.

## DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Jesus, eternal High Priest, I pray for our seminarians, Your future priests. Give them humility, meekness, prudence, and a burning zeal for souls. Fill their hearts with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to know and love the Church, that they may always and everywhere speak, act, and think with her. Teach them generosity and detachment from things of the world. But above all, teach them to know You and love You, the one and eternal priest. Good Shepherd of souls, hear this my prayer for saintly priests. Amen  
*St. Therese, Patroness of Vocations Pray For Us*

## NOTE CHANGES IN MASS SCHEDULES

There will be no 7 AM Mass at St. Paul Church on Holy Thursday, March 28 nor 5 PM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center.

There will also be no Confessions nor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29.

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 16 & 17, 2024

Mass ..... Chant Mass  
Entrance Hymn ..... From the Depths We Cry to You, #132  
Prep. of Gifts Hymn..... Be Thou My Vision, #407  
Communion..... Seed, Scattered and Sown, #345  
Recessional ..... Though the Mountains May Fall, #436

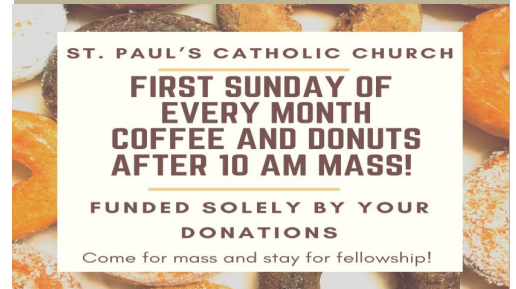
## 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$57,533.00  
Pledged: \$76,263.00  
Collected: \$68,351.00  
*As of 2/29/2024*

## Upcoming Birthdays

*(for over 75 years of age)*

March 22 Marilyn Ruebush  
March 22 Kate Joswick  
March 22 Gene Connor



## PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

When: March 20, 2024  
Time: 5:30 PM  
Where: St. Paul Preschool  
342 W. Washington St



For those who will turn 3 by Sept 1. (Four year old class currently has a waiting list)  
Questions: 309-833-2470 or email lcody@stpaulmacomb.com

## 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.





## 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

### 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$10,833  
Pledged: \$13,160  
Collected: \$12,660  
As of 2/29/2024

"AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DIES, IT REMAINS JUST A GRAIN OF WHEAT; BUT IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES MUCH FRUIT."

## Upcoming Birthdays

March 18 St. Jean Patrick Ehrhardt  
March 22 Camille Isley



**From Matthew Kelly, "The Rocking Chair Prophet":**

***"Throughout history, most problems have been caused by a single idea: the idea that some people are different. But the minute we start thinking we are different, or others are different, divisions emerge, and that's when things begin to deteriorate."***

## Baptism †

Welcome to the newest members of our parish family. John Lane was baptized March 9th. His parents are Daniel Lane and Emily Sullivan.

### Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Lent Father, Forgive Them

The promise made by the LORD in the first reading is very bold. He says that all people shall know him, without having to be taught by others. He doesn't restrict the promise to only the holiest people: He says that the way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, he is speaking to the Israelites, who had so many laws and commandments, they needed scribes and Pharisees to keep track of them. When they broke a commandment or law, they were isolated from the community. So the promise that God would place his law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they want to, not because they were feared punishment or rejection.

Jesus says something similar in today's gospel. He tells the disciples that his crucifixion would draw everyone to him. Now, Jesus' death showed that he took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. In Luke's gospel he even prays for those who crucified him, asking God's forgiveness. (Lk 23:34) By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, he shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love.

Getting back to the first reading, we experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. After all, if I can forgive someone, surely God will forgive them. We also help others to know God when we share or experience of being forgiven. Still not sure if God has forgiven you? The sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the other sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts.

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## St. Rose Parish Council

The next Parish Council will meet on Thursday, March 21st at 5:30 PM in the Church Hall. All are invited to attend.

# Upcoming Events

## St. Paul Parish

### Saturday, March 16

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

### Sunday, March 17

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

8:45AM OCIA.....St. Paul Rectory

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

### Wednesday, March 20

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

### Friday, March 22

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 NO Mass ..... St. Paul

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

## St. Rose Parish

### Friday, March 22

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

## St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

### Sunday, March 17

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

### Tuesday, March 19

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

### Thursday, March 21

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

## Easter Triduum Liturgy Schedule

**Holy Thursday, March 28** 7:00 PM St. Paul Church  
7:00 PM St. Rose Church

**Office of Tenebrae** 10:00 PM St. Paul Church

**Good Friday, March 29** 3:00 PM St. Paul Church  
3:00 PM St. Rose Church

**Easter Vigil, March 30** 7:30 PM St. Paul Church  
7:30 PM St. Rose Church

**Easter Sunday, March 31** 7:30 AM St. Paul Church  
8:30 AM St. Rose Church  
10:00 AM St. Paul Church

## 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.**



## St. Paul

### Income Needed

**Fiscal YTD (7/1/23-3/17/2024)** ..... \$332,551.00

**Offertory Received Fiscal YTD** ..... \$289,061.00

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

**Offertory (3/4-10/2024)** ..... \$9,161.00

**Roof Fund** ..... \$66.00

**Building Fund** ..... \$135.00

**Cemetery Fund** ..... \$50.00

## St. Rose- week ending March 10

**Weekly Envelopes** ..... \$556.00

**Online Giving** ..... \$1,290.00

## Online Giving

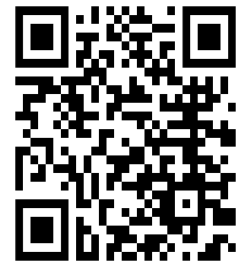
Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacation times. Go to your parish website at <http://stroserushville.com/> or at <http://stpaulmacomb.com/> church to get started today 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

## 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).

## 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,