

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

*Luke 9:28, 29*

Transfiguration of Jesus  
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF

LENT

©Diocesan

*Diocese of Peoria  
Second Sunday of Lent  
March 16, 2025*

## St. Paul Catholic Church

309 W. Jackson St.

Macomb, IL 61455-2112

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

### Mass Times:

Monday/Friday	5:15 PM
Wednesday (during Lent)	12:00 PM
Tuesday/Thursday	7:00 AM
Saturday	5:15 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

### Confessions:

Saturday	4:00-5:00 PM
Sunday	7:00-7:15 AM 9:30-9:45 AM

or by appointment

### Rosary:

Sunday	2:00 PM
Monday/Wednesday/Friday	4:40 PM
Tuesday/Thursday	After Mass

**Adoration: Friday after 9:15 AM Mass to 5:00 PM**

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	8:00 AM
Wednesday	8:30 AM

### Confessions:

Saturday	4:30—4:50 PM
Sunday	7:30 – 7:50 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. Marc Nkulu, SMA, Administrator**

**Fr. Sixmund Henry, 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.**

**NOTE: The Parish office will be closed  
March 17 through March 21, 2025.**

# Mass Intentions

## St. Paul Church

### Saturday, March 15

5:15PM † Timothy Sullivan

### Sunday, March 16

7:30AM † Bernard & Margie Lewis

10:00AM † Carol Adams

### Monday, March 17

5:15PM † Jeanie Keyes

### Tuesday, March 18

7:00AM Lindsey Britton & Maximus Weston

### Wednesday, March 19

12:00PM † Joe Irlle

### Thursday, March 20

7:00AM † Christian Markey

### Friday, March 21

9:15AM † Dan Donovan

5:15PM Raymond 'Rusty' Ross

### Saturday, March 22

5:15PM † Lois Wynena Wilson

### Sunday, March 23

7:30AM † Joy Markey

10:00AM † Mary Otte

## St. Rose Church

### Saturday, March 15

5:00PM † Don & Armela Bilodeau

### Sunday, March 16

8:00AM † Charles Maurer, Sr.

### Wednesday, March 19

8:00AM † Becky Pluister

### Saturday, March 22

5:00PM † Jim Kerr

### Sunday, March 23

8:00AM † Charles Maurer, Sr.

# Scripture Readings

## For the Week of March 17

### 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 Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sam 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

### Thursday

Jer 17:5-10

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

Lk 16:19-31

### Friday

Gen 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 3:1-8a, 13-15

Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9



## Caring Need for Fr. Joseph Family

You may recall the brother of Fr. Joseph Domfe died in an accident in Ghana while Father was serving at St. Paul's. This left a family of four young children without income. Father has been helping provide for his brother's family but it has become very difficult. If anyone would care to give a donation at this time for the Domfe family in Ghana, you may put your donation in an envelope, write Fr. Joseph Domfe Family on the outside and drop it in the Sunday collection until March 30. Make checks payable to: St. Paul Church Memo line: Fr. Joseph Family Fund. Thank you for your consideration of this family in need.



## Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Newman Center

The regular Mass schedule:

Sundays -- 12:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday — 5:00 PM

Confessions are available 30 minutes prior to Mass.



## 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 in Faith

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

St. Francis Newman Center

Coffee & light refreshment available



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Paul Church 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

St. Rose of Lima Church 5:00 PM



# St. Paul Catholic Church • Macomb, Illinois

## Let Us Pray For

### The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Raymond Ross, Mary Caruso, Michelle Marck, Mary Margaret Harris, Michael McGowan, Rose Scheetz, Cooper Hendrix, Joe Zaehring, Graham Hockenbrock, Janet Moore, Jonelle Schauble, RoseMarie Lynn, Ron Ruebush, Jim Zahrndt, Shirley Pawlias, Maureen Maheu, Kay Winkel and all those who are suffering and their caregivers.

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

## Sympathy

St. Paul Church extends our sympathy to Dan Markey. His wife, Joy Markey, recently passed away. May she rest in peace.

St. Paul Church extends our sympathy to Judith Sanchez and her family. Her husband, Julian Cuatlatl recently passed away. May he rest in peace.



## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

St. Paul School registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year! Visit <https://spl-il.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=2400> today and secure your child's place. We have limited seats in our Kindergarten through Sixth grade. Our Preschool 4 year old program currently has a waiting list. Check us out at <http://www.stpaulmacomb.com/>.

## Matthew 25: Ministries

Thanks to all of you who have helped process our backlog of pill bottles for delivery to Matthew 25 Ministries! We are sufficiently caught up with processing and will accept your pill bottles during the month of March. Unfortunately, we are not able to continue this ministry after that time, so make sure to bring any pill bottles you've been collecting/saving to the narthex this month. They will be cleaned and repurposed for the distribution of medicines in developing countries.



## OCIA

OCIA will meet on **Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 to 8:00 PM** at St. Paul Church..

## PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

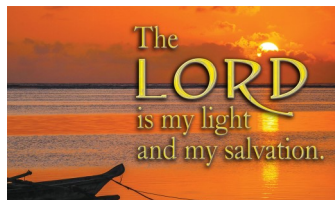
When: March 18, 2025

Time: 5:00 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](mailto:lcody@stpaulmacomb.com)



## Second Sunday of Lent

**March 15 & 16, 2025**

**Mass** ..... Mass of Creation #886  
**Entrance Hymn** ..... 'Tis Good Lord, To Be Here, #126, 3 verses  
**Prep. of Gifts Hymn**..... I Have Loved You, #610  
**Communion**..... Humbly, Lord, We Worship You, #210  
**Recessional** ..... Be Thou My Vision, #410

## 2024 St. Paul Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$66,163  
 Pledged: \$88,257  
 Collected: \$84,175  
*As of 2/28/2025*

## Upcoming Birthdays

*(for over 75 years of age)*

March	17	Paul Wilson
March	17	Gene Curtis
March	22	Kate Joswick
March	22	Gene Connor

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday, March 20th**  
 7:30am – 5:00pm  
 Benediction at 5:00pm  
 St. Paul Chapel



## BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS YOU!

By volunteering with Birthright of Macomb you'll help provide free and confidential services to expectant and new mothers and their families. Some of the services Birthright offers are pregnancy testing, education, layettes, diapers, baby supplies, and referrals to community resources. Birthright is non-political, non-judgmental, nondenominational and exists solely to assist mothers in need. There are many ways to help – as an office volunteer or assisting behind the scenes with fundraising and marketing. To learn more, contact the Birthright office at 309-836-2021 or [birthrightmacomb22@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightmacomb22@gmail.com).

## CANDLE OFFERING

If lighting a candle in memory or honor of someone, we are asking a dollar donation to cover the cost of the candles. Envelopes are available at the rack and donations can be put in the Sunday collection, dropped at the rectory office or left in the sacristy (even under the sacristy door).

## Gift Cards

Hy-Vee and Walmart gift cards are available for purchase in the **SCHOOL office** during regular hours, Monday-Friday 8am –2:30pm or by appointment or please contact the SCHOOL office at 309-833-2470. **St. Paul Building Fund** receives a portion of each gift card sold.





## Lector Schedule

### March Lector

Saturday Linda Butler

Sunday Schuyler Isley

### April Lector

Saturday Mark Thompson

Sunday Theresa Korsmeyer

### 2024 St. Rose Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$11,347

Pledged: \$13,850

Collected: \$13,700

As of 2/28/2025

## Upcoming Birthdays

March 18 Sr. Jean Patrick Ehrhardt

March 22 Camille Isley

March 23 Alondra Sanchez

## Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekly Mass will held on  
Wednesday, **March 19th** with  
Adoration at 8:00 AM,  
Mass at 8:30 AM,  
then coffee club at 9:00AM.  
Come join us!

(no Mass on second Wednesday of the month)



## 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)

Joanne Ballow for health issues(Theresa Korsmeyer)

Schuyler Isley for health issues (friends)

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.

**From Matthew Kelly, "33 Days to Divine Mercy":**

**"Mercy isn't earned. This is the essential dilemma we face as modern Christians when it comes to mercy. It isn't something you can earn. Not even with virtue. It is given. Freely. Completely. Mercy is bestowed on beggars."**

## Pill Bottle Collection

Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies. Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment. A box for empty pill bottles (labels discarded) is located in the back of St. Rose Church.

## Reflection: Second Sunday of Lent

### Have Faith

The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the Luke's Gospel this week is similar to the ones in Matthew and Mark. One difference I noticed in Luke's version is that Jesus does not tell the three disciples to keep it secret. It seems they decided on their own not to tell anyone. Maybe Luke knew that Jesus had asked them to keep quiet, but wanted to show that the disciples were not about to tell what they had seen and heard. Why not?

One reason may be that the experience was so personal and overwhelming that they didn't have the words to express it fully. All three Gospels mention white clothing and Matthew says that Jesus' face shone like the sun (17:2). Perhaps they could not look at Jesus directly without hurting their eyes. It brings to mind the Old Testament idea that if you looked at the face of God, you would die. So the disciples may not have wanted to talk about what they could not understand.

The other reason may be what they heard. While Matthew and Mark just say that Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, Luke is more specific: They "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). Jesus had just said that he would suffer, die, and be raised from the dead in Luke 9:22. It was bad enough that Jesus was telling them this. They probably hoped he was just telling them the worst that could happen, not what really would happen. So hearing it from Moses and Elijah as well as from Jesus was too much for them.

This is where we come in. The apostles were afraid to face the coming passion and death of Jesus. I think we are like them in that we suffer more in anticipating what would hurt us than we do going through it. Our fears are often worse than the reality. That is where faith can help. In faith, we hear Jesus tell us not to fear, as he often told his disciples. We know that Jesus suffered on the cross, so he knows what suffering is. And faith tells us that he is with us even when the suffering is the result of our own sins. After all, he himself suffered because of our sins. So have faith!

Tom Schmidt

# Upcoming Events

## St. Paul Parish

### Tuesday, March 18

8:00AM Women in Faith.....Newman Center  
 5:00PM Preschool Open House.....St. Paul Preschool

### Wednesday, March 19

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

### Thursday, March 20

7:30AM Adoration.....St. Paul  
 5:00PM Benediction.....St. Paul  
 6:30PM OCIA.....St. Paul Church

### Friday, March 21

6:00AM That Man Is You (TMIY).....St. Paul  
 9:15AM School Mass.....St. Paul  
 1:30PM Stations of the Cross.....St. Paul  
 4:30PM K of C Fish Fry.....St. Paul School  
 7:00PM Stations of the Cross.....St. Paul

### Saturday, April 26

6:30PM St. Paul Home & School Gala.....Park Place

## St. Rose Parish

### Wednesday, March 19

8:00AM Mass.....St. Rose

### Friday, March 21

5:00PM Stations of the Cross.....St. Rose

### Saturday, April 5

6:00-10:00AM Pancake Breakfast.....St. Rose

## St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

### Wednesday, March 19

7:00PM Bible Study.....Newman Center



## St. Paul

### Income Needed

**Fiscal YTD (7/1/24-3/9/2025)**..... \$308,015.00  
**Offertory Received Fiscal YTD**..... \$305,271.86  
**Offertory Needed Each Week**..... \$8,537.00  
**Offertory (3/3-9/2025)**..... \$31,570.11  
**Roof Fund**..... \$50.00  
**Building Fund**..... \$201.51  
**Cemetery Fund**..... \$40.00

## St. Rose— week ending March 9

**Weekly Envelopes**..... \$507.00  
**Online Giving**..... \$745.00

### 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:** <https://osvhub.com/stpaulmacomb/giving/funds>

**St. Rose:** <https://osvhub.com/stroserushville/giving/funds>



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## SAVE THE DATE:

**St. Rose Men's Group  
 Annual Pancake Breakfast  
 April 5, 2025  
 6:00—10:00 AM**



**St. Paul Home & School Gala  
 April 26, 2025**



## MASS INTENTIONS:

What greater tribute to a loved one or to a special family member or friend than to have a Mass said in their honor? 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 (available at both churches) 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 Marilyn Sillars, Linda Butler or Fr. Marc **at St. Paul Church** see Sharon in the parish office, for either church call (309) 833-2496.

## IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. PAUL or ST. ROSE CHURCH

please register so that events may be shared with you. Other Benefits of Being a **Registered Parishioner:** Besides being part of the sacramental and communal life of the Body of Christ, parishioners often seek verification letters in order to become Godparents for Baptism or Sponsors for Confirmation. Also, it gives the opportunity for donations to be recorded for tax purposes. Please contact the office either by phone (309) 833-2496 or by email [churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com) and I would be happy to email the form to you. Forms are also located in the church on the bulletin table and on the Parish website, <https://stpaulmacomb.com/church/>.

## Please Support Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes still needs your help! Loaves and Fishes has provided monthly grocery assistance to families in need in McDonough County. Loaves & Fishes is open on Tuesdays, from 10 am to noon and 2 to 4 pm. Loaves & Fishes typically assists 400 families per month spending \$15,000 per month. Please consider donating to Loaves & Fishes. Checks can be sent to:  
**Loaves & Fishes, PO Box 9, Macomb, IL 61455.**