

# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No disciple is superior  
to the teacher; but when  
fully trained, every disciple  
will be like his teacher."

Luke 6:40



Diocese of Peoria

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**March 2, 2025**

## 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	4:00-5:00 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 1

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

### Sunday, March 2

7:30AM Safety of US Migrants

10:00AM † Joan Pano

### Monday, March 3

5:15PM † Clara Delle Thompson

### Tuesday, March 4

7:00AM All Farmers & Ranchers

### Ash Wednesday, March 5

12:00PM Lindsey Britton & Maximus Weston

5:15PM Family of Kathleen Salem

### Thursday, March 6

7:00AM † Robert Genenbacher

### Friday, March 7

9:15AM World Peace

5:15PM † Joe & Eileen Irlle

### Saturday, March 8

5:15PM † Emily Dukovac

### Sunday, March 9

7:30AM † Joy Markey

10:00AM † Ceal Majeres

## St. Rose Church

### Saturday, March 1

5:00PM † Victoria McNeely

### Sunday, March 2

8:00AM † Charles Maurer, Sr.

### Wednesday, March 5

5:00PM † Lorraine Klem

### Saturday, March 8

5:00PM † Suzanne Bartlett

### Sunday, March 9

8:00AM † Charles Maurer, Sr.

## Women in Faith

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

St. Francis Newman Center

Coffee & light refreshment available



## Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

March 5, 2025

12:00 pm St. Paul Church, Macomb

5:00 pm St. Rose Church, Rushville

5:15 pm St. Paul Church, Macomb

7:00 pm St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center,  
Macomb

During Lent, Mass on Wednesdays at St. Paul  
will be at noon.

During Lent, Adoration at St. Paul will be on Thursdays.

# Scripture Readings

## For the Week of March 3

### Monday

Sir 17:20-24

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7

Mk 10:17-27

### Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12

Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23

Mk 10:28-31

### Wednesday Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

Dt 30:15-20

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

Lk 9:22-25

### Friday

Is 58:1-9a

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19

Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday

Is 58:9b-14

Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Lk 5:27-32

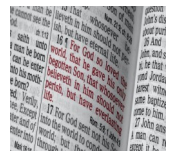
### Sunday First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10

Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13



## 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

## SAVE THE DATE:

St. Paul Home & School Gala

April 26, 2025



# St. Paul Catholic Church • Macomb, Illinois

## Let Us Pray For

### The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Michelle Marck, Barb Grindstaff, Mary Margaret Harris, Michael McGowan, Rose Scheetz, Christopher Humeland, Cooper Hendrix, Joe Zaehringer, 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 Terri Burnham and her family. Her mother, Marge John, recently passed away. May she rest in peace.

St. Paul Church extends our sympathy to the family of Pat Arnold. Pat passed away last week. May she rest in peace.

## St. Paul Kindergarten Raising Saints

Join us for an Open House to learn more about Raising Saints in Kindergarten!  
When: March 6

Where: St. Paul Kindergarten Classroom  
Enjoy speaking with parents and teachers about the Kindergarten experience!  
322 West Washington  
Time: 5:30pm

For all parents with children who will be 5 by September 1, 2025.  
Questions: Call 309-833-2470  
lcody@stpaulmacomb.com



## 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/>.

## THANK YOU!

We are beyond grateful for the incredible generosity of our parish and school community! Thanks to your kindness and support, our Preschool & 6th Grade Lots of Love Cereal Drive collected an amazing 218 boxes of cereal! Your donations will make a big difference for those in need, and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. Together, we are spreading love, one box at a time!



## Blessed Palms

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are usually derived from burning the blessed palms from previous Palm Sunday celebrations. The ashes are blessed, sprinkled with holy water and aired with incense. If you have any blessed palms to be used, please leave them in the basket in the narthex by Monday, March 3rd.

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 1 & 2, 2025

Mass ..... Mass of Creation #886  
Entrance Hymn ..... Come, Christians, Join to Sing, #542  
Prep. of Gifts Hymn..... Beautiful Savior, #208  
Communion..... Alleluia No. 1, #590  
Recessional ..... Alleluia! Alleluia!, #190

## Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, March 6th

7:30am – 5:00pm

Benediction at 5:00pm  
St. Paul Chapel



## Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

March 5 Paula Rhodes

## 2024 St. Paul Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$66,163  
Pledged: \$87,960.50  
Collected: \$82,248.85  
As of 1/31/2025

## OCIA & Adult Religious Education

OCIA and Adult Religious Education will meet on Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 to 8:00 PM at St. Paul Rectory.

## Coffee & Doughnuts

Coffee and Doughnuts will be held this Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. Free will donations are welcomed and can be made by contacting Mary Ann Severs ([seversmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:seversmaryann@gmail.com)) or Sally Adams ([sa-adams2@wiu.edu](mailto:sa-adams2@wiu.edu)). Come for the fellowship and a doughnut!

## 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.

## 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 309-833-2496 or leave a message on the answering machine. You can also email your requests to: [churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com](mailto: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.



## 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: \$11,348  
Pledged: \$12,450  
Collected: \$12,250  
As of 1/31/2025

## Upcoming Birthdays

March 6 Faye Henricks

## 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, "The Seven Levels of Intimacy":**

***"The significance of positive relationships in our quest for happiness cannot be understated. Positive relationships make every trial bearable and every triumph sweeter. Positive relationships influence every aspect of our lives and are the trademark of all happy lives."***

## 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: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time God's Grace in the Here and Now

Mental healthcare professionals will tell you that constantly looking back on the past leads to depression and constantly looking toward the future causes anxiety. The one-two punch of anxiety and depression together can cause many a person to live a rather miserable reality. But is considerable consideration of both past and future even living at all? God's grace is not in the future. God's grace is not in the past. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present" (Bill Keane).

What moment do we find ourselves in right now? We are on the cusp of the holy season on Lent. We are standing on the edge of the precipice, looking at the spiritual disciplines that lie before us, getting ready to sink or swim. Perhaps the water we jump into will be muddy and murky, requiring much effort just to resurface. Perhaps it will be clean and pristine, cleansing us from the moment our toes make contact.

When truly lived to the full. Lent is not for the faint of heart. Listen to the words of our second reading. "When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: *Death is swallowed up in victory.*" What exactly does that mean? We must allow ourselves to be changed, to be transformed. We who were once corruptible, must now flee from sinfulness. We who were once dead in our sins can be brought to everlasting life in Christ's forgiveness.

And who is the victor over death? We certainly cannot earn our own immortality. It is Christ who swallows it up through His death. Death conquered by death sounds so ludicrous. Why did it have to be this way? Of course God could simply say the word and we would all be saved, but He chose to send His Son and He chose to require our cooperation. "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."

And so it was that God Almighty sent the most unfathomable present to our here and now, our very own Teacher. His grace is with us in this moment, leading, guiding and loving. Let us receive this gift and open our hearts to all the lessons and graces He has in store for us today.

Tami Urcia

# Upcoming Events

## St. Paul Parish

### Tuesday, March 4

8:00AM Women in Faith.....Newman Center

### Wednesday, March 5

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

5:15PM Mass.....St. Paul

### Thursday, March 6

7:30AM Adoration.....St. Paul

5:00PM Benediction.....St. Paul

6:30PM OCIA.....St. Paul

### Friday, March 7

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 5

5:00PM Mass.....St. Rose

### Friday, March 7

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

## St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

### Wednesday, March 5

7:00PM Mass.....Newman Center



## St. Paul

### Income Needed

**Fiscal YTD (7/1/24-2/23/2025)**..... \$299,478.00

**Offertory Received Fiscal YTD**..... \$265,558.75

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

**Offertory (2/17-23/2025)**..... \$3,454.00

**Roof Fund**..... \$24.00

**Building Fund**..... \$10.00

**Cemetery Fund**..... \$2.00

## St. Rose- week ending Feb. 23

**Weekly Envelopes**..... \$573.50

**Online Giving**..... \$220.00

### 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>



St. Paul



St. Rose

## 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.



## GIFTING TO ST. ROSE CHURCH, ST. PAUL CHURCH OR SCHOOL

There is good news if you have reached age 70 ½ and you would like to help St. Paul Church, St. Rose of Lima Church or St. Paul School. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to your parish, school or ministry during 2023 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 ½ to help St. Paul Church, St. Rose of Lima Church or St. Paul School. Please contact the custodian of your IRA or your tax advisor.

## 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.**