

Diocese of Peoria
First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025

St. Paul Catholic Church

309 W. Jackson St.

Macomb, IL 61455-2112

website: 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

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 8

5:15PM † Emily Dukovac

Sunday, March 9

7:30AM † Joy Markey

10:00AM † Ceal Majeres

Monday, March 10

5:15PM Neil Hendrickson

Tuesday, March 11

7:00AM † Mary Helene Halsey

Wednesday, March 12

12:00PM † Tim Mast

Thursday, March 13

7:00AM Lindsey Britton & Maximus Weston

Friday, March 14

5:15PM † Lisa Woodrum

Saturday, March 15

5:15PM † Timothy Sullivan

Sunday, March 16

7:30AM † Bernard & Margie Lewis

10:00AM † Carol Adams

St. Rose Church

Saturday, March 8

5:00PM † Suzanne Bartlett

Sunday, March 9

8:00AM † Charles Maurer, Sr.

Saturday, March 15

5:00PM † Don & Armela Bilodeau

Sunday, March 16

8:00AM † Charles Maurer, Sr.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Paul Church 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

St. Rose of Lima Church 5:00 PM



Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 10

Monday

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11

Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8

Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19

Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8

Mt 5:43-48

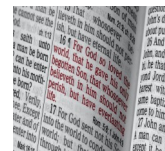
Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1

Lk 9:28b-36



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



St. Paul Catholic Church • Macomb, Illinois

Let Us Pray For

The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Raymond Ross, Mary Caruso, Michelle Marck, Barb Grindstaff, 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.



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.

*Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble.*

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, March 13th
7:30am – 5:00pm
Benediction at 5:00pm
St. Paul Chapel



OCIA

OCIA will meet on **Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 to 8:00 PM** at St. Paul Rectory.

First Sunday of Lent

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

—James Field

First Sunday of Lent

March 8 & 9, 2025

Mass Mass of Creation #886
Entrance Hymn Led By the Spirit, #130
Prep. of Gifts Hymn Amazing Grace, #571
Communion On Eagle's Wings, #565
Recessional Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, #140

2024 St. Paul Annual Diocesan Appeal

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

Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

March	10	Camille Breheny
March	10	Kevin Breheny
March	12	Patricia Zahnle
March	16	Wilma Williams

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.



*... Jesus returned
from the Jordan
and was led by
the Spirit into
the desert...*

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).

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. You may use a canceled check unless the amount of a single check is over \$250, then you will need a receipt.



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.

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

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)



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

"Jesus gives us the grace to start again. But to embrace our new beginning, we need to release our grip on the things that no longer serve us: regret, bitterness, pride, fear, and doubt."

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: First Sunday of Lent Putting God to the Test

I always thought of the temptations in the desert as part of Jesus' growth in "wisdom, age, and grace" (Luke 2:52). They show how Jesus was tempted to be a Messiah in a way that matched human expectations—those of Jews waiting for a messiah—instead of doing what his Father wanted. So he could have provided for all our needs (turn stones into bread,) brought peace to the world as a great leader (worship the devil,) or been a superhero (jump off the temple without harm). But I also wonder if these temptations are what we expect of God.

Do we expect God to provide for our needs by turning stones into "bread" (i.e., money)? When we ask God to help us by doing everything for us, we are tempting the Lord. God does help us with our troubles, but usually by giving us the strength to get through them with our God-given abilities. This might mean finding a better job that uses more of our talents. It might be forgiving us, if we are the cause of our own troubles, and giving us the courage to start over. It might be a friend who helps us find the right doctor for a medical problem.

Or do we expect God to bring peace to the world by instantly removing all nuclear weapons or capturing all terrorists? When we pray for peace, we could pray that God show us what we can do to bring about that peace. We could follow Jesus' command to love those around us, so that peace spreads from our actions. We could be generous in giving to the poor, especially where poverty is the cause of war.

Maybe we expect God to be a superhero for us, curing diseases, stopping hurricanes or earthquakes, and strengthening our faith with spectacular miracles. Jesus would tell us the same thing he told the devil: "Don't put the Lord your God to the test" (see Luke 4:12). Instead, as we take time to pray over the scriptures, read spiritual books, and share our faith with others, we will find our faith growing and know that the Lord has been with us all along the way.

Tom Schmidt

Upcoming Events

St. Paul Parish

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

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

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

Thursday, March 13

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

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

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

Friday, March 14

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

Friday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 19

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

Saturday, April 5

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

St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Wednesday, March 12

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



St. Paul

Income Needed

Fiscal YTD (7/1/24-3/2/2025)..... \$299,478.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD..... \$273,701.75

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

Offertory (2/24-3/2/2025)..... \$8,143.00

Roof Fund..... \$70.00

Building Fund..... \$209.00

Cemetery Fund..... \$210.00

St. Rose- week ending March 2

Weekly Envelopes..... \$450.00

Online Giving..... \$185.00

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

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 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.**