



*Diocese of Peoria*  
**EASTER Sunday**  
**April 20, 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.**

# Mass Intentions

## St. Paul Church

### Saturday, April 19

7:30PM † Blanca Dean

### Sunday, April 20

7:30AM † Calvin & Joann Moore

10:00AM The O'Hern Families

### Monday, April 21

5:15PM NO MASS

### Tuesday, April 22

7:00AM Marika Neuhardt

### Wednesday, April 23

5:15PM Lindsey Britton & Maximus Weston

### Thursday, April 24

7:00AM † Joe Kersting

### Friday, April 25

9:15AM Caesar DeLeo

5:15PM Maureen Maheu

### Saturday, April 26

5:15PM † Steven M Wilson

### Sunday, April 27

7:30AM † Tony Ensenberger

10:00AM First Communicants

## St. Rose Church

### Saturday, April 19

7:30PM † Jeff & Angie Langner

### Sunday, April 20

8:00AM † John B Whelen

### Wednesday, April 23

8:00AM † Becky Pluister

### Saturday, April 26

5:00PM † Don & Armela Bilodeau

### Sunday, April 27

8:00AM † John B Whelen

# Scripture Readings

## For the Week of April 20

### Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22

Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Ps 118:24

Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday

Acts 3:11-26

Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

Lk 24:35-48

### Friday

Acts 4:1-12

Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a

Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday

Acts 4:13-21

Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21

Mk 16:9-15

### Sunday Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Jn 20:19-3



**NO Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul Church on Monday, April 21 at 5:15 pm.**



**Women in Faith**  
Tuesdays - 8:00 -9:30 a.m. @  
St. Francis Newman Center  
Coffee & light refreshment available



**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.

## 5K/1 Mile Run/Walk & Pancake Breakfast

**Date:** Saturday, May 3

**Start Time:** 7:30 am

**Where:** St. Paul School Parking Lot, 322 W. Washington St.

### Registration Prices:

**Adults (13 +):** \$30 (Includes meal & shirt)  
**Child (Ages 3 -12):** \$20 (Includes meal & shirt)  
**Child (Ages 2 & under):** Free (Includes meal only.)  
(For a shirt, register child as a 3-12 year old.)

### Breakfast Prices:

**Adults(13+):** \$6  
**Child(3-12):** \$4  
**Child(under 3):** Free



# St. Paul Catholic Church • Macomb, Illinois

## Let Us Pray For

### The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Michelle Marck, Mary Margaret Harris, Michael McGowan, Rose Scheetz, Cooper Hendrix, Joe Zaehring, Graham Hockenbrock, Janet Moore, Jonelle Schauble, RoseMarie Lynn, Marilyn and Ron Ruebush, Jim Zahrdt, 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.**

## SMA MISSION APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

By nature the church is missionary and for many years now, St. Paul Parish has been known as a good soil that receives missionaries and generously sends their support in different churches as a great sign of their love for their sister churches, supporting missionary training all over the world.

Mission appeal initiated by our patron saint, St. Paul, the first to set an example of a call to generosity for the Church of Jerusalem, has become a good practice in our Church. Many people and churches are grateful to St. Paul for his unending contribution in the life of the church of Christ. Let us remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40. May God continue to bless your families and reward you with abundant Easter blessings.

Father Marc NKULU, SMA

## St Paul Women's Guild Spring Diaper Drive

Please contribute to the St Paul Women's Guild Spring Diaper Drive to benefit WIRC Care Market, which can distribute donated diapers to local families.

The Care Market appreciates donations of any size diaper but distributes both newborn and size 5 the quickest. They also mentioned that clients have requested pull-ups, size 6 and adult diapers. Monetary donations would also be accepted with checks written to St Paul's Women's Guild.

We will be collecting the diapers in the church narthex and St Paul's School from April 21 to May 4. Please leave your donation in the designated containers. Members of St Paul's Women's Guild can bring their donations to our next meeting on May 4th at 3 pm.

Thanks for your generous almsgiving for our greater community as we celebrate the Easter season.

## Easter Vigil

*April 19, 2025*

Mass ..... Mass of Spirit & Grace #906  
 Sprinkling Rite ..... Water of Life, #929  
 Prep. of Gifts Hymn..... Come to the Water, #611  
 Communion..... Christ, Be Our Light( vigil), #168  
 Recessional ..... Hallelujah Is Our Song, #175

## Easter Sunday

*April 20, 2025*

Mass ..... Mass of Spirit & Grace #906  
 Entrance Hymn ..... Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, #194  
 Sprinkling Rite ..... Water of Life, #929  
 Prep. of Gifts Hymn..... The Strife Is O'er, #585  
 Communion..... Ye Sons and Daughters, #184  
 Recessional ..... Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, , #180

## 2024 St. Paul Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$66,163  
 Pledged: \$88,665  
 Collected: \$85,903  
*As of 3/31/2025*

## Upcoming Birthdays

*(for over 75 years of age)*

April 22 Rosemary Raleigh  
 April 24 Cathy Crain

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, April 25th**  
 7:30am – 5:00pm  
 Benediction at 5:00pm  
 St. Paul Chapel



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Classes have begun for those children that are wanting to make their First Communion this year. The next class will be on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6 pm in St. Paul Church. This would be for any child in the Second grade or older who is Baptized or will be Baptized prior to May 3rd. First Communion will be celebrated Sunday, May 4th at the 10 am Mass.

## 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 Parish office during regular hours, Monday-Friday 8am –noon 1-3pm 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.



## Lector Schedule

### April Lector

Saturday Mark Thompson  
 Sunday Theresa Korsmeyer

### May Lector

Saturday Ellen Ehrgott  
 Sunday Joan Sullivan

### 2024 St. Rose Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$11,347  
 Pledged: \$13,850  
 Collected: \$13,800  
 As of 3/31/2025

## Upcoming Birthdays

April 21 Mike Blaesing  
 April 22 Candy Ackman  
 April 24 Stuart Korsmeyer  
 April 24 Jonathan Kettering

## Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekly Mass will held on  
 Wednesday, **April 23rd** 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:

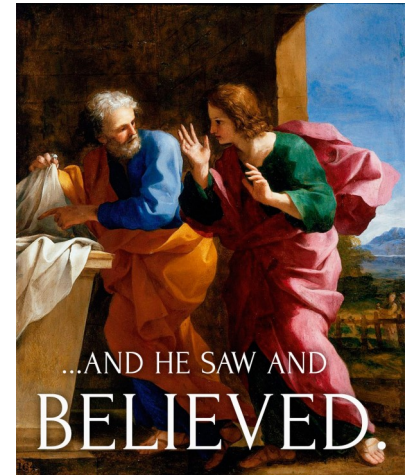
Faye Henricks for MS (friends)  
 Cathy Campbell Green for MS (Dave & Barb Rowland)  
 Markus Schneider for NF2 (family)  
 Regina Ehrhardt for health issues (friends)  
 Diane Pleviak for health issues(friends)  
 Joanne Ballow for health issues(Theresa Korsmeyer)  
 Schuyler Isley for health issues (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 Carrie Gress,

**“Nudging Conversions”:**

**“The truth is that we all need God. Like a fish that doesn’t know he is in water, the water is still vital for his existence. The same is true of God and the tenets of the Church.”**



**Reflection: Easter Sunday**  
**Childish or Child-like?**

The Gospel for Easter this year reminds me of little children. Mary of Magdala runs from the tomb when she sees it has been opened. Then Peter and the other disciple race each other to the tomb. The other one wins the race but Peter goes in first (John 20:1–5). I can picture the disciple stopping suddenly and Peter running into him, tripping and ending up in the tomb. But putting slapstick aside, there is another way they are like children.

Remember the Gospel about St. Thomas, who would not believe Jesus’ resurrection until he could see him? Compare that to the disciple in today’s reading, who “saw [the empty tomb] and believed” (John 20:9). That is real faith. For all he knew, someone could have taken Jesus’ body and left the cloths behind. But he must have remembered Jesus saying that he would rise again. That is the kind of faith we find in a little child.

Children will believe in things they cannot see, especially if there is a good reason. We “bribe” them into believing in Santa Claus or the tooth fairy by giving them Christmas presents or money under the pillow. They will also believe in Someone real who they cannot see. If we teach them that God made them and loves them, if we love them ourselves and teach them to love others, they will have good reasons to believe in God. As they get older, we can teach them how to pray, save money for the poor, visit the sick, or volunteer to help the homeless. We can reinforce what they learn in religion class and encourage them as they prepare for First Communion or confirmation.

Jesus didn’t say that only children could enter the Kingdom. He said we must become like children if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3). What he means is that not only can we help teach children how to have faith, we can also learn from them about faith. Becoming like children does not mean being selfish or stubborn, throwing tantrums when we don’t get our way. Those are childish behaviors that we put aside. Instead, we can keep a child-like faith and trust in God. Teaching them about God is a great way to help our own faith to grow. By giving them real examples of God’s love for them, they will continue to believe long after they have given up the fairy tales of childhood.

Tom Schmidt

## Upcoming Events

### St. Paul Parish

#### Monday, April 21

5:15PM NO Mass.....St. Paul

#### Tuesday, April 22

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

#### Wednesday, April 23

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

6:00PM First Communion Class.....St. Paul

#### Thursday, April 24

7:00AM Mass.....St. Paul

#### Friday, April 25

9:15AM School Mass.....St. Paul

10:00AM Adoration.....St. Paul

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

#### Saturday, April 26

5:15PM Mass & Mission Appeal.....St. Paul

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

#### Sunday, April 27

7:30AM Mass & Mission Appeal.....St. Paul

10:00AM Mass & Mission Appeal.....St. Paul

#### Saturday, May 3

7:30AM Fun Run.....St. Paul School

#### Sunday, May 4

10:00AM First Communion Mass.....St. Paul

### St. Rose Parish

#### Wednesday, April 23

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

### St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

#### Wednesday, April 23

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



### St. Paul

#### Income Needed

Fiscal YTD (7/1/24-4/13/2025)..... \$350,700.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD..... \$334,685.86

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

Offertory (4/7-13/2025)..... \$6,713.00

Roof Fund..... \$68.00

Building Fund..... \$40.00

Cemetery Fund..... \$20.00

### St. Rose- week ending April 13

Weekly Envelopes..... \$609.00

Online Giving..... \$845.00

### 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

## 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, non-denominational 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).

## SAVE THE DATES:

St. Paul Home & School Gala  
April 26, 2025



St. Paul Home & School Fun Run  
May 3, 2025

(See enclosed information)

## 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.

## Food For Finals Update

Numbers are apparently low on campus this semester, plus many faculty are giving finals on line - thus the number of meals needed will be hard to predict. However, all of the churches typically involved still want to help those students on campus have food. Grab and go meals will be provided Monday 5/5 - Wednesday 5/7. St. Paul needs to provide "grab and go" treats for dessert. (Brownies, cookies, trail mix etc). Homemade or store purchased, already placed in sandwich bags is preferred. Items can be taken to Newman Sun 5/4 12-1pm or on Monday 9AM-Noon.