

REQUIEM AETERNAM ("Eternal Rest")



POPE FRANCIS

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Requiem Prayer



*Diocese of Peoria
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 27, 2025*

St. Paul Catholic Church

309 W. Jackson St.

Macomb, IL 61455-2112

website: 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

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.

**The Rectory Office will be closed April 28-May 2, 2025.
I will be available by phone and email.**

Mass Intentions

St. Paul Church

Saturday, April 26

5:15PM † Steven M Wilson

Sunday, April 27

7:30AM † Tony Ensenberger

10:00AM First Communicants

Monday, April 28

5:15PM † Eleanor Derry

Tuesday, April 29

7:00AM Lindsey Britton & Maximus Weston

Wednesday, April 30

5:15PM Special Intention

Thursday, May 1

7:00AM OCIA Participants

Friday, May 2

9:15AM † Julien Eilers

5:15PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 3

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

Sunday, May 4

7:30AM † Kelly Jameson

10:00AM First Communicants

St. Rose Church

Saturday, April 26

5:00PM † Don & Armela Bilodeau

Sunday, April 27

8:00AM † John B Whelen

Wednesday, April 30

8:00AM †

Saturday, May 3

5:00PM †

Sunday, May 4

8:00AM † John B Whelen

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 27

Monday

Acts 4:23-31

Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 4:32-37

Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33

Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20

Jn 3:31-36

Friday Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 5:34-42

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5

Jn 14:6-14

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Rev 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14



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.



Happy Birthday to
Fr. Sixmund Henry
April 30, 2025

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:

Marika Neuhardt, 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

NO COFFEE & DONUTS on Sunday, May 4th.

WHAT'S YOUR GIFT?

Can you read out loud? Can you say hello? Can you sing? Can you help with Mass? Can you serve the Lord while you are at Mass? WE NEED YOU!! We need servers, lectors, cantors and ushers. Our homebound ministries need help. Please contact the office today! Phone (309) 833-2496 or email churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com. Don't forget that if you have an iOS or Android device, you can use the MinistrySchedulerPro mobile app! After downloading, you'll need the following Organization ID to sign in: **stpaul1**

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 until 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 3pm.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 26 & 27, 2025

Mass Mass of Spirit & Grace #906
Entrance Hymn Three Days, #185 vs 1 & 3
Prep. of Gifts Hymn..... O Love of God Incarnate, #413 vs 1 & 3
Communion.....In the Breaking of the Bread, #353
Recessional We Walk by Faith, #483

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)

May 1 Rosemary Mendenhall

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 2nd
10:00am – 5:00pm
Benediction at 5:00pm
St. Paul Chapel



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server training will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at 12 noon for all students grades 4 through 12 who want to serve at either daily Mass or at weekend Mass. Fr. Marc will lead this training. If you are already serving, but want a refresher training, come to the training on Saturday, May 3rd. What an honor to serve the Lord and your parish family!

Women's Guild Meeting

The next Women's Guild meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 4th** at 3pm in the Church Narthex. All women of the parish are welcome to attend! Light refreshments will be provided.

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.





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

April Lector

Saturday Mark Thompson
 Sunday Theresa Korsmeyer

May Lector

Saturday Ellen Ehrgott
 Sunday Joan Sullivan

From James Allen, "As A Man Thinketh":

"Of all the beautiful truths pertaining to the soul which have been restored and brought to light in this age, none is more gladdening or fruitful of divine promise and confidence than this—that man is the master of thought, the moulder of character, and the maker and shaper of condition, environment, and destiny."



2024 St. Rose Annual Diocesan Appeal

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

Reflection: Second Sunday of Easter Believe It or Not

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." While this was a common greeting, Jesus was using it to remind them of his saying, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27). The disciples were hiding in fear, so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples.

Now that he is raised from the dead, they can take heart that no one can truly hurt them—even death has been overcome. The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be treated the same way. So when Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show that he was not a ghost (a spirit or vision of someone who is still dead). He has risen from death and it has no more power over him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage.

That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples when he tells them that they can forgive sins also (John 20:23). Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. As Jesus was sent by his Father, he now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us.

Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). That includes everyone down to the present generation who has believed on the word of others—from the apostles in the scriptures to holy people in our own time who have experienced the Lord in their lives. We often think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection.

Tom Schmidt

Upcoming Birthdays

April 28 Ken Schneider
 April 30 Susan Pleviak Long
 May 3 Jenny Kerr

Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekday Mass will held on Wednesday, **April 30th** 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)



Upcoming Events

St. Paul Parish

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

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

Friday, May 2

9:15AM School Mass & May crowning.....St. Paul

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

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

Saturday, May 3

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

12:00PM Server Training.....St. Paul

Sunday, May 4

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

St. Rose Parish

Wednesday, April 30

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

Sunday, May 4

8:00AM Mass & May crowning.....St. Rose

Sunday, May 11

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

St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Wednesday, April 23

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

Sunday, May 4

12:00PM Last Spring Semester Mass.....Newman Center

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.



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

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.



St. Paul

Income Needed

Fiscal YTD (7/1/24-4/20/2025)..... \$360,172.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD..... \$340,569.86

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

Offertory (4/14-20/2025)..... \$5,884.00

Roof Fund..... \$14.50

Building Fund..... \$111.50

Cemetery Fund..... \$61.50

St. Rose– week ending April 20

Weekly Envelopes..... \$810.00

Online Giving..... \$265.00

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 DATES:

St. Paul Home & School 5K Run/Walk

May 3, 2025 7:30 am Start



Breakfast will be served by K of C

Women's Guild Annual Rummage Sale

May 30 9am-5pm, May 31 8am

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.