

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

John 8:10, 11

Christ and the Woman Taken In Adultery by Emile Signol Circa 1842



5TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

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**Diocese of Peoria
Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 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.

Mass Intentions

St. Paul Church

Saturday, April 5

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

Sunday, April 6

7:30AM † Joy Markey

10:00AM † Joan Pano

Monday, April 7

5:15PM † Pat Arnold

Tuesday, April 8

7:00AM † Thon Van Dinh & Xat Thi Nguyen

Wednesday, April 9

7:00AM Lindsey Britton & Maximus Weston

Thursday, April 10

7:00AM Nathan & Theresa Young

Friday, April 11

9:15AM † Deceased Members of Women's Guild

5:15PM † Elmer & Mildred Genenbacher

Saturday, April 12

5:15PM † Richard C Franck

Sunday, April 13

7:30AM † John Hoffbeck

10:00AM † Ceal Majeres

St. Rose Church

Saturday, April 5

5:00PM † Jim Kerr

Sunday, April 6

8:00AM † John B. Whelen

Saturday, April 12

5:00PM † Virgil Duesterhaus

Sunday, April 13

8:00AM † John B. Whelen

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 6

Monday

Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Num 21:4-9

Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gen 17:3-9

Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13

Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28

Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49



Eucharistic Minister Training

Fr. Marc will be holding a Eucharistic Minister training for **Current and NEW Eucharistic Ministers of St. Paul Parish and St. Rose of Lima Parish on Monday, April 7th from 6:15 to 8:00 pm** at the St. Paul Church. Eucharist Ministers for both home bound and nursing home ministry as well as serving at week-end Mass should plan to attend. Ministers must be re-certified every three years. Due to circumstances, many of us are beyond our certification. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the parish office. Please register at the parish office for this event so that we will have enough materials available for all who attend.



**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.
(No Mass on Thursday, April 17.)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



St. Paul Church

1:30 PM

7:00 PM

St. Rose of Lima Church

5:00 PM

5 REASONS TO PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- They offer strength in times of suffering.
- They instill in us a compassion for those who suffer.
- They remind us of the vast love of God.
- They give us a sign of great hope.



K of C Fish Fry

Every Friday of Lent thru April 18, 2025
4:30 to 6:30 pm

Dine-in, carry-out, online order

<https://knights-of-columbus-682.square.site>

St. Paul School gym

St. Paul Catholic Church • Macomb, Illinois

Let Us Pray For

The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Steven Carvell, Yesenia Santos Cruz, Mary Caruso, 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

This year, precisely on April 26 & 27 will be the SMA mission appeal. A call to support generously the mission of Fr. Marc NKULU, SMA. We thank you in advance for your generosity in order to meet the needs of those experiencing hardship and poverty in the church of God in the Democratic Republic of Congo, faced with a problem of lack of peace due to war and insecurity.

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**

Scheduling Requests –Change

It is time to put in your requests for weekend scheduling of Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Cantors, Servers and Ushers for the **May-June 2025 cycle**. If you have any special requests, please go online to the Ministry Scheduler Pro website and put in your availability. **Requests should be entered by Monday, April 21, 2025**. New schedules will be online by April 25, 2025.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Classes will begin for those children that are wanting to make their First Communion this year on Wednesday, April 9th 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 during the 10 am Mass.

YOUTH EASTER CHOIR

All young people 5 and older are invited to sing a familiar hymn (Hallelujah Is Our Song) after Communion on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, at both Masses. A practice recording will be sent to each family and there will be one rehearsal on Saturday, April 19. If your child would like to participate, please email benda@comcast.net with names, ages, which Mass you will attend and phone number for text messages. You may text Mary Kay Benda with any questions at 309-333-2468.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 5 & 6, 2025

Mass	Mass of Creation #886
Entrance Hymn	O God Our Help in Ages Past, #576
Prep. of Gifts Hymn.....	The King of Love My Shepherd Is, #450
Communion.....	O Sacrament Most Holy, #343
Recessional	The Glory of These Forty Days, #141

2024 St. Paul Annual Diocesan Appeal

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

Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

April	10	Susan Lawhorn
April	11	Nancy Stoneking
April	14	Nancy Badord

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, April 10th

7:30am – 5:00pm

Benediction at 5:00pm

St. Paul Chapel



OCIA

OCIA will meet on **Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 to 8:00 PM** at St. Paul Church..

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) or Sally Adams (sa-adams2@wiu.edu). Come for the fellowship and a doughnut!

Penance Service

Where: St. Paul Church, Macomb

When: April 14th 6:00-7:00 PM

Note: No Confessions will be available on April 19 & 20, 2025.

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: \$13,700
As of 2/28/2025

Upcoming Birthdays

April 7 Justin Sillars
 April 8 Mark Thompson

Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekly Mass will held on
 Wednesday, **April 16th** 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 Jenna Greiwe, "Beautiful Eucharist":

"Whenever you are filled with worry, desperate for hope, looking for clarity, or just need a moment of peace, go to a quiet place and visit Jesus in the Eucharist. Just talk to Him like He's sitting on the altar. He'll give you exactly what you need."

Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Lent God's Justice

The story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery is sometimes considered as a put-down of the scribes and Pharisees. They were hoping to get Jesus to cause a scandal by refuting the law, or, if he upheld the law, the woman would be killed with Jesus' approval. Jesus had a better idea. He shows that God's justice is mercy and forgiveness. He also knew that someone whose sins were forgiven would be willing to forgive the woman.

That's what St. Paul means in the second reading. He says he has given up the idea of making himself righteous (right with God) by keeping the laws of his people. Now he depends on his faith in Christ and Christ's forgiveness, which was shown in his death and resurrection. Why did Paul come to this kind of faith? Because he had been forgiven for persecuting Christians. He had persecuted them, not because he was evil, but because he thought he was keeping the law.

So is keeping the law a bad thing? No, but the important thing is why we keep the law. We can do it like the Pharisees—keeping the law as a status symbol: "I'm too good (or too important) to break the law." Or we can choose to follow Jesus' way of love. Then we still keep the laws and commandments, only because they are examples of how to love God and love each other.

Tom Schmidt



Upcoming Events

St. Paul Parish

Monday, April 7

6:15PM Eucharistic Minister Training.....St. Paul

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

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

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

Thursday, April 10

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

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

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

Friday, April 11

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 12

5:15PM Mass begins with procession.....St. Paul

Sunday, April 13

7:30AM Mass(begins as usual).....St. Paul

10:00AM Mass begins with procession.....St. Paul

Monday, April 14

6:00PM Penance Service.....St. Paul

St. Rose Parish

Friday, April 4

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

Monday, April 7

6:15PM Eucharistic Minister Training.....St. Paul

St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Wednesday, April 9

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



St. Paul

Income Needed

Fiscal YTD (7/1/24-3/30/2025)..... \$333,626.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD..... \$317,393.86

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

Offertory (3/24-30/2025)..... \$3,135.00

Roof Fund..... \$12.00

Building Fund..... \$640.00

Cemetery Fund..... \$50.00

St. Rose- week ending March 30

Weekly Envelopes..... \$890.00

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

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

St. Paul Home & School Gala
April 26, 2025



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



(See enclosed information)

Easter Triduum Liturgy Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 17	7:00 PM St. Paul Church
	7:00 PM St. Rose Church
Office of Tenebrae	10:00 PM St. Paul Church
Good Friday, April 18	3:00 PM St. Paul Church
	3:00 PM St. Rose Church
Easter Vigil, April 19	7:30 PM St. Paul Church
	7:30 PM St. Rose Church
Easter Sunday, April 20	7:30 AM St. Paul Church
	8:30 AM St. Rose Church
	10:00 AM St. Paul Church