

“Sir, leave it
for this year
also, and I shall
cultivate the
grounds around
it and fertilize it;
it may bear fruit
in the future.
If not you can
cut it down.”

Luke 13:8, 9

The Vine Dresser and
the Fig Tree
by James Tissot, circa 1890s



3RD SUNDAY OF
LENT

©Diocesan

*Diocese of Peoria
Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 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, March 22

5:15PM † Lois Wynena Wilson

Sunday, March 23

7:30AM † Joy Markey

10:00AM † Mary Otte

Monday, March 24

5:15PM † Tony Ensenberger

Tuesday, March 25

7:00AM Caesar DeLeo

Wednesday, March 26

7:00AM Lindsey Britton & Maximus Weston

Thursday, March 27

7:00AM World Peace

Friday, March 28

9:15AM Shirley Pawlias

5:15PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 29

5:15PM † Mitch Corey

Sunday, March 30

7:30AM † Christian Markey

10:00AM † Sharon Garthaus

St. Rose Church

Saturday, March 22

5:00PM † Jim Kerr

Sunday, March 23

8:00AM † Charles Maurer, Sr

Wednesday, March 26

8:00AM † Becky Pluister

Saturday, March 29

5:00PM † Patrick Haugh

Sunday, March 30

8:00AM † Lorraine Klem

Caring Need for Fr. Joseph Family

You may recall the brother of Fr. Joseph Domfe died in an accident in Ghana while Father was serving at St. Paul's. This left a family of four young children without income. Father has been helping provide for his brother's family but it has become very difficult. If anyone would care to give a donation at this time for the Domfe family in Ghana, you may put your donation in an envelope, write Fr. Joseph Domfe Family on the outside and drop it in the Sunday collection until March 30. Make checks payable to: St. Paul Church Memo line: Fr. Joseph Family Fund. Thank you for your consideration of this family in need.

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.
- They enable us to feel Jesus' suffering

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 24

Monday

2 Kings 5:1-15ab
Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Lk 11:14-23

Friday

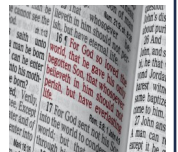
Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Paul Church 1:30 PM
7:00 PM
St. Rose of Lima Church 5:00 PM



St. Paul Catholic Church • Macomb, Illinois

Let Us Pray For

The Following Parishioners and Friends:

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 Zahndt, 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 th Raymond 'Rusty' Ross family. Rusty recently passed away. May he rest in peace.

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.



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/>.

OCIA

OCIA will meet on **Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 to 8:00 PM** at St. Paul Church..

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 esources. 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.



3rd Sunday of Lent

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Well Drink Living Water Spring
Eternal Life Spirit Truth Savior

Third Sunday of Lent

March 22 & 23, 2025

Mass Mass of Creation #886
Entrance Hymn From the Depths We Cry to Thee, #143
Prep. of Gifts Hymn..... What Wondrous Love Is This, #422
Communion..... Ashes to Ashes, #139, Lenten verses
Recessional Take Up Your Cross #704

2024 St. Paul Annual Diocesan Appeal

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

Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

March	22	Marilyn Ruebush
March	25	Peggy Kwacala

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, March 27th

7:30am – 5:00pm

Benediction at 5:00pm

St. Paul Chapel



The Lord
is Kind
and Merciful.



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 **SCHOOL office** during regular hours, Monday-Friday 8am –2:30pm or by appointment or please contact the SCHOOL office at 309-833-2470. **St. Paul Building Fund** receives a portion of each gift card sold.





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: \$11,347
 Pledged: \$13,850
 Collected: \$13,700
 As of 2/28/2025

Upcoming Birthdays

March 30 Kelsey Korsmeyer
 March 30 Natalie Schneider

Weekday Mass Reminder



Weekly Mass will held on
Wednesday, March 26th 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, "33 Days to Divine Mercy":

"Mercy is love reaching out to misery. Just know this: The next time you are miserable. God is reaching out to you. And that reaching out is mercy—love is reaching out to misery."

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: Third Sunday of Lent Overconfident?

As we get to the halfway point of Lent, we may be tempted to overconfidence: "The first three weeks weren't so hard. I can go a few more weeks without the things I gave up. And I've only committed a few sins; maybe I'll go to confession right before Easter." If so, it might be a good idea to look at the second reading and the Gospel.

St. Paul says that anyone who is overconfident about their lack of sin "should take care not to fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). He compares those people to the ones Moses brought through the desert. Just because they were God's chosen people and had survived years in the desert doesn't mean they are perfect. In fact, many were punished because they were tempted to follow false gods or to complain about the food and drink God provided them. Could the same thing happen to us?

One form of overconfidence is rejecting what we learned as children. We may think, "I'm old enough to decide if I should go to church" or "I can take care of myself now; I don't need God's help." Or we may think that holiness is just for priests and religious: "I go to church on Sundays; no need to pray the other days of the week." If these sound familiar because you have thought that way yourself, Paul has a warning. His analogy of the Rock following the Hebrews in the desert refers to God's constant presence to the people. In the same way, he is present to us today. A couple of chapters after our second reading Paul says, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27). But just as God was not pleased with those in the desert, God may not be pleased with us if we continue to ignore the Lord.

That brings us to the Gospel. In the parable of the fig tree, the owner is not pleased—the tree has not produced any fruit. Unlike the fig tree, God would be happy with any fruit we produce. We could be generous to the poor, we could fight for the unborn child's right to life, we could welcome new members to the church, or we could simply teach our children how to pray. But if all we give is one hour a week in church, and ignore God the rest of the time, we need to take heed. Like the owner of the fig tree, God is patient, but we only have so much time. So when do you plan to bear fruit?

Tom Schmidt

Upcoming Events

St. Paul Parish

Tuesday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 26

7:00AM Mass...(NOTE Change in time).....St. Paul

Thursday, March 27

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

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

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

Friday, March 28

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 26

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

Friday, March 28

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

Saturday, April 5

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

St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Wednesday, March 26

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



St. Paul

Income Needed

Fiscal YTD (7/1/24-3/16/2025)..... \$316,552.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD..... \$305,271.86

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

Offertory (3/10-16/2025)..... \$.00

Roof Fund..... \$.00

Building Fund..... \$.00

Cemetery Fund..... \$.00

St. Rose— week ending March 16

Weekly Envelopes..... \$.00

Online Giving..... \$.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

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.

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 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



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