

Then let us
celebrate
with a feast,
because this
son of mine
was dead,
and has come
to life again,
he was lost, and
has been found.

Luke 15:23, 24

The Return of the Prodigal Son
by Barolomé Esteban Murillo,
circa 1670



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*Diocese of Peoria
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 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 29

5:15PM † Mitch Corey

Sunday, March 30

7:30AM † Christian Markey

10:00AM † Sharon Garthaus

Monday, March 31

5:15PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 1

7:00AM † Agnes Babuka

Wednesday, April 2

7:00AM Lindsey Britton & Maximus Weston

Thursday, April 3

7:00AM All Farmers & Ranchers

Friday, April 4

9:15AM The O'Hern Families

5:15PM † Tony Ensenberger

Saturday, April 5

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

Sunday, April 6

7:30AM † Joy Markey

10:00AM † Joan Pano

St. Rose Church

Saturday, March 29

5:00PM † Patrick Haugh

Sunday, March 30

8:00AM † Lorraine Klem

Wednesday, April 2

8:00AM † Becky Pluister

Saturday, April 5

5:00PM † Jim Kerr

Sunday, April 6

8:00AM † John B. Whelen

Eucharistic Minister Training

Fr. Marc will be holding a Eucharistic Minister training for **OLD 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 weekend 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 by April 4th so that we will have enough materials available for all who attend.

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 31

Monday

Is 65:17-21

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

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Ps 46:2-3,5-6, 8-9

Ps 51:12a, 14a

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15

Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14

Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20

Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Phil 3:8-14

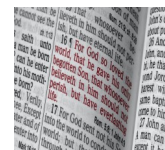
Jn 8:1-11

Scrutiny Readings: Ez 37:12-14

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



**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:

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 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.

Sympathy

St. Paul Church extends our sympathy to the family of Joanne Arnold. Joanne recently passed away. May she 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.



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.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 29 & 30, 2025

Mass Mass of Creation #886
Entrance Hymn I Heard the Voice of Jesus, #458
Prep. of Gifts Hymn..... Shepherd of Souls, #369
Communion..... You Are the Healing, #492
Recessional Forty Days and Forty Nights, #132

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)

April 1 Vicky Looman
April 5 Janet Gallagher

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, April 3rd
7:30am – 5:00pm
Benediction at 5:00pm
St. Paul Chapel



OCIA

OCIA will meet on **Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 to 8:00 PM** at St. Paul Church..

Coffee & Doughnuts

Coffee and Doughnuts will be held next 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

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 31	Joe Pleviak
March 31	Erin Wilson
April 1	Grace Bartlett
April 6	Jake Ashcraft

Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekly Mass will held on Wednesday, **April 2nd** 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 Anne Costa,

“Healing Promises: The Essential Guide to the Sacred Heart”:

“At Holy Mass, we enter into the heart of Jesus, who is offered as the perfect sacrifice to the Father through the Holy Spirit. Thus, the Mass is alive and eternal; it is the truest and highest means of uniting ourselves with Jesus.”

CCD Update:

Thank you all for the continued support for the children of St. Rose (especially the snack fairies). Please keep the students in prayers as 5 of the children will make their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, April 2nd and First Communion during Mass on Sunday, May 11th.

Almighty God, please bless Eli, Clay, Jack, Mia and Avery as they prepare for this exciting time.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

The St. Rose Men’s Club will host a PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST **Saturday, April 5th from 6:00 – 10:00AM** in the parish hall.

Carry outs are available. Free-Will offering accepted.

Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Lent Arm the Photon Torpedoes

The book of Joshua tells of the Israelites coming into the Promised Land, where they no longer needed to be fed with manna as in the desert. They had been wandering much longer than expected because of their unfaithfulness. But now they are forgiven, and so celebrate the Passover with food from the land. Then we hear the Gospel parable about another feast. This one is also a celebration of forgiveness, for the prodigal son has returned to his father, and the father’s forgiveness shows us how willing God is to forgive us. That’s where we end the parable, right?

Wrong. The parable continues with the older son’s complaint about a feast for his brother. That son cannot forgive his brother and is angry at the father for welcoming the prodigal back. This is where we come in. Most of us have no trouble asking God’s forgiveness. But we may have trouble forgiving others. We are so used to thinking in terms of justice that we are not satisfied with forgiveness. When I have been hurt, I feel like hitting back.

So we have to ask ourselves whose idea of justice we live by. Is it the human expectation of an eye for an eye? Or is it God’s justice, which is mercy and forgiveness? When someone cuts you off in traffic, do you feel like firing the photon torpedoes, or offering forgiveness? The Golden Rule could be “Forgive others as you would be forgiven.” Jesus gave his life for the sins of the world. Do we have the right to ask for more? Tom Schmidt

Upcoming Events

St. Paul Parish

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

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

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

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

Friday, April 4

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

Monday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 9

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

Monday, April 14

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

St. Rose Parish

Wednesday, April 2

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

Friday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 5

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

Monday, April 7

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

St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Wednesday, April 2

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

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.

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 (7/1/24-3/23/2025)..... \$325,089.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD..... \$314,258.86

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

Offertory (3/10-23/2025)..... \$8,987.00

Roof Fund..... \$40.79

Building Fund..... \$48.50

Cemetery Fund..... \$8.50

St. Rose— weeks ending March 16 & 23

Weekly Envelopes..... \$738.25

Online Giving..... \$.1,02000

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



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