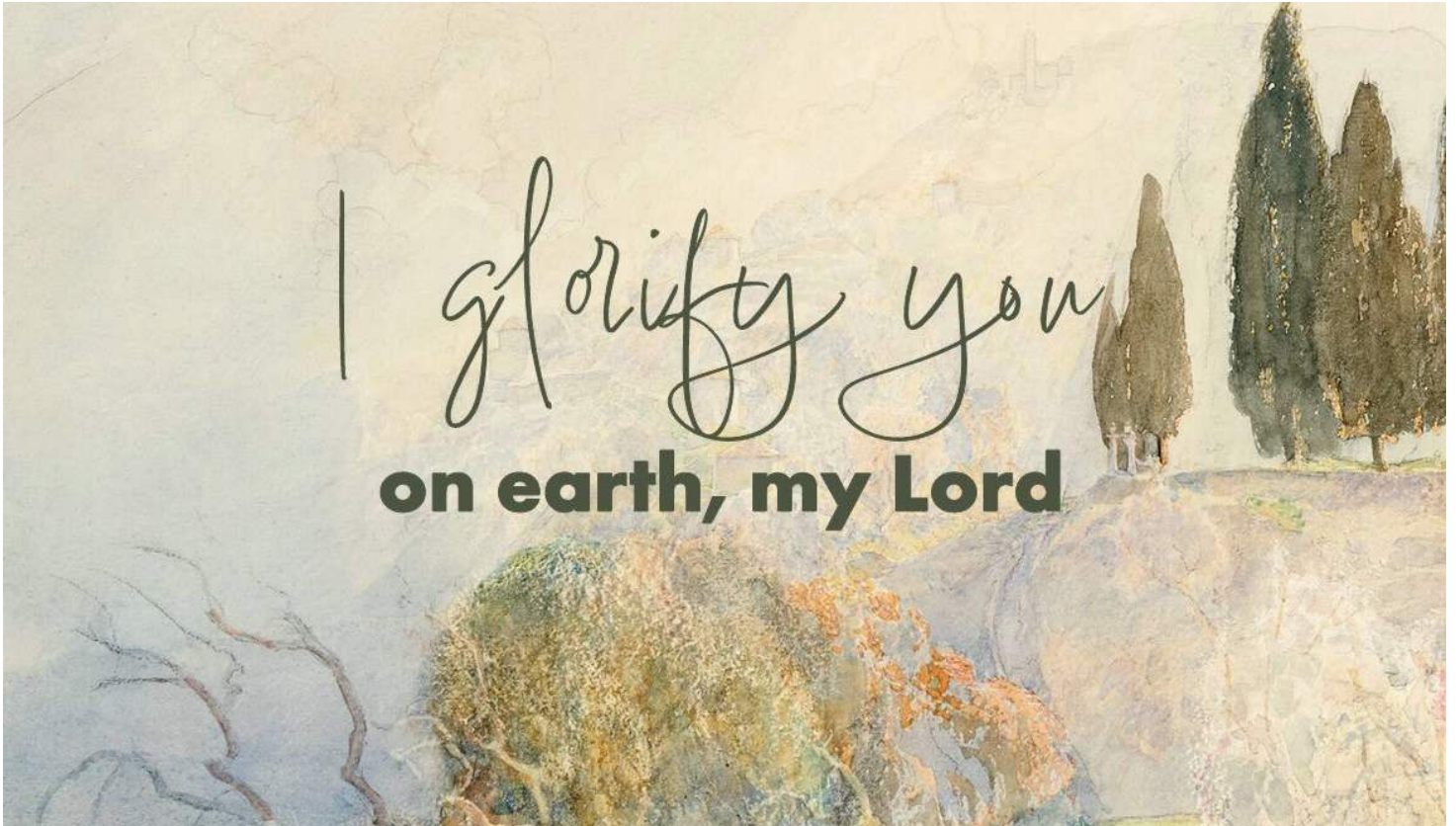


# St. Hubert Parish - Diocese of Peoria



## The Ascension of the Lord May 17, 2026

### 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 (or by appointment):

Saturday	4:00–5:00 PM
Sunday	7:00–7:15 AM 9:30–9:45 AM

#### Rosary:

Sunday	2:00 PM
Monday/Wednesday/Friday	4:40 PM
Tuesday/Thursday	After Mass

#### Adoration:

Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All are welcome to participate.  
The church is open from 6:30 AM to 8:00 PM daily.

#### Parish Office

309 W. Jackson St. Macomb, IL 61455  
Phone: (309) 833-2496  
Email address: [churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com)

#### Parish Office Hours (CST)

Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM–12:00 PM, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

### St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

319 N. Franklin St.  
Rushville, IL 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

#### Adoration: Wednesday at 8:00 AM before Mass at 8:30 AM

All are welcome to participate.

#### Parish Staff

Fr. Marc Nkulu, SMA, Administrator  
Fr. James Pallardy, Parochial Vicar  
Sharon Hoffbeck, Business Manager  
Jim Foxall, Parish Secretary

#### St. Paul

Deacon Larry Adams, Religious Education Coordinator  
Laura Cody, Principal, St. Paul School  
Mary K. Benda, Music Director

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday by Noon**

# St. Hubert Parish

## Upcoming Events



### St. Paul Church

Tuesday, May 19

8:30 AM Women in Faith.....Newman Center

### Friday, May 22

10:00 AM School Mass.....St. Paul

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

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

### St. Rose Church

Wednesday, May 20

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

### St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Sunday, May 17

12:00 PM Mass.....Newman Center

## Dear Parishioners & Members of our Parish Councils,

I thank God for the successful launching of our three-year Parish Capital Campaign. Your presence, prayers, encouragement, and generous spirit have shown the deep love you have for our parish and its future. I sincerely thank our Parish Council members, Finance Council, Building Committee, and Capital Campaign members, and every parishioner for your commitment and collaboration. Your support reminds us that when we work together in faith, great things are possible. Let us continue to pray, sacrifice, and give with joyful hearts. May God bless every family in our parish, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary guide and protect this mission. Amen.

This year, like many other dioceses, we have seen a remarkable increase in participation in our diocese. The number of participants in the Rite of Election nearly doubled from 2025 to 2026.

While we recognize this growth as the work of the Holy Spirit bringing people to conversion, it also calls for our attention and reflection. Bishop Lou would like to better understand what is contributing to this growth and how the diocese can more effectively support parishes and campus ministries in the years ahead. Those who have recently joined the Church are kindly asked to take a few minutes to complete this survey to assist the diocese in this important effort.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peoria-ocia-2026>

Father Marc NKULU  
Administrator

## Diaper Drive Thank You

The St. Paul Women's Guild extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Spring Diaper Drive. The WIRC-CAA Bottom Line Program was deeply appreciative of the many donations received, which will help support families and meet important needs within our community.



## Our Stewardship

### St. Hubert Parish

Fiscal YTD needed (7/1/25-5/10/26).....\$414,045.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD .....\$418,601.94

Offertory Needed Each Week .....\$9,201.00

### St. Paul

Offertory (5/4/26-5/10/26) .....\$26,961.00

Online Giving .....\$2,900.00

Roof Fund .....\$15.00

Building Fund .....\$20,806.00

Cemetery Fund .....\$51.00

### St. Rose

Offering.....\$379.00

Online Giving.....\$1,330.00

## 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 <https://stroserushville.com> or <https://stpaulmacomb.com/church> to get started today. You can set up and manage your account at Online Giving at St. Hubert Parish:

<https://osvhub.com/sthubertmacomb/giving/funds>



## Envelope Collection

Please make all checks payable to **St. Hubert**. If you have any questions, please ask the parish office.

## Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign for the new parish hall is now underway. Prayerfully consider supporting this important project as we continue building for the future of our parish community. **Scan the QR code** below to learn more and make your pledge online.



## St. Paul Catholic Church - Macomb, Illinois

### The Ascension of the Lord

May 16 & 17, 2026

Mass.....Mass of Spirit & Grace  
Entrance.....Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise, #198  
Prep. of Gifts (5:15 & 7:30).....We Walk by Faith, #482  
Communion.....One Love Released, #331  
Recessional.....Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth, #380

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, May 16

5:15 PM † Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council #682

#### Sunday, May 17

7:30 AM Len Harzman & Family  
10:00 AM † Joan Pano

#### Monday, May 18

9:15 AM Unity in our Church, Community & Country

#### Tuesday, May 19

7:00 AM † Wendy Gilbert

#### Wednesday, May 20

5:15 PM † Carol Zaehringer

#### Thursday, May 21

7:00 AM First Communicants  
6:00 PM St. Paul Graduates

#### Friday, May 22

10:00 AM St. Paul Students  
5:15 PM World Peace

#### Saturday, May 23

5:15 PM † Tim Sullivan

#### Sunday, May 24

7:30 AM † Msgr. Thomas Cahalane  
10:00 AM † Bridget Franck Schroeder

### Let Us Pray For

#### The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Joe Zaehringer, Kevin Payne, Janelle Butzow, Kathleen Markey, Roger Baucom, Rosemary Mendenhall, Catherine Brecken, Diana Powell, Bob Scott, John Moore, Mary Harris, Rose Scheetz, Jim Zahrndt, Maureen Maheu, Kay Winkel, Jacqueline Martin, Patricia Heap, John Lafferty, Rosemary Lynn, Monica Wolf, Ron Ruebush, Carol Goodin, Haegen Waller, all those who are suffering & their caregivers.

### Upcoming Birthdays

#### (for over 75 years of age)

May 17 Leonard Harzman  
May 19 Charlene Goehl

### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Friday, May 22

10:00 AM–5:00 PM,  
Benediction at 5:00 PM  
St. Paul Chapel

## St. Rose Catholic Church - Rushville, Illinois

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, May 16

5:00 PM † Jim Kerr

#### Sunday, May 17

8:00 AM † Eldon & Irene Vaughn

#### Wednesday, May 20

8:30 AM † Jim Lee

#### Saturday, May 23

5:00 PM † Jan Thompson

#### Sunday, May 24

8:00 AM † Jim Lee

### Lector Schedule

#### May Lectors

Saturday Ellen Ehrgott

Sunday John Sullivan

#### June Lectors

Saturday Mark Thompson

Sunday Linda Butler

### Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, May 20**, with Adoration at 8:00 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM, then Coffee Club at 9:00 AM.

### Let Us Pray For

Let us keep ALL the sick in our thoughts and our prayers, especially:

Faye Henricks, Cathy Campbell Green, Markus Schneider, Regina Ehrhardt, Diana Pleviak, Joanne Ballow, Eileen King, Rick Phillips

### Upcoming Birthdays

May 17 Dominic Thurman  
May 18 Dianne Pleviak  
May 18 Abigail Thompson  
May 19 Bridget Phillips  
May 22 Kelley Stinson

### Rummage Sale

The St. Paul Rummage Sale will be held **Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30** in the St. Paul School gym, 322 West Washington in Macomb. Friday hours are 9:00 AM–5:00 PM and feature a “fill-a-bag” sale for general items, with bag size determining price. Higher-end items are individually priced and not included in the bag sale. A snack shack will be available Friday from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM. Saturday hours are 8:00 AM–11:00 AM, with half-price bags for general items and half-price on individually priced items. For full details, visit:

[stpaulmacomb.com/church/rummage-sale](http://stpaulmacomb.com/church/rummage-sale)

# Announcements & Events

## Block Party – Save the Date

St. Hubert Parish will host its annual Block Party on **Saturday, Jul. 25**. Kids activities will take place from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM, with adult festivities from 6:00–11:00 PM. Johnny Lackey and the Pocket Aces will be the featured band for the evening. All proceeds will support local organizations that benefit children in our community. We hope to see you there!

## St. Paul School Fun Run Thank You



Thank you to everyone who supported the St. Paul School Fun Run fundraiser! Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the school surpassed its \$10,000 goal and **raised \$17,315**. The funds helped provide event shirts for all students, new ukuleles for the music program, and a new floor for the playground gaga pit. We are grateful for the continued support of our school and students!

## Coming Soon: Alumni Open House

Join us on **Jun. 26** from 5:00–7:00 PM for our St. Paul School Alumni Open House! Stop by to enjoy cookies and special lemonade while walking the halls of your old school. Invite your friends and come share memories, laughter, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

## St. Hubert Parish Hall – Artist’s Rendering



## Custodian Needed

St. Paul School is looking for one part-time custodian. This position is 20 hours a week, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM. Start time could be June or August. If interested, please contact Laura Cody, Principal, at (309) 833-2470 or [lcody@stpaulmacomb.com](mailto:lcody@stpaulmacomb.com)

## Totus Tuus Camp

Totus Tuus (“Totally Yours”) returns **Jun. 21–26** at St. Paul School. This Catholic youth program is open to students entering 1st through 12th grade. Grades 1–6 attend the daytime program, and grades 7–12 attend the evening program. We are also seeking host families, volunteers to provide meals for the missionaries, and high school helpers for the daytime sessions. To volunteer or for more information, contact Laura Cody at [lcody@stpaulmacomb.com](mailto:lcody@stpaulmacomb.com) or (309) 255-4408.

## Block Party Donations

St. Hubert Parish will host its annual Block Party on **Saturday, Jul. 25**. This community event raises funds to support programs that benefit local children, including youth safety initiatives, educational support, and organizations such as Sleep in Heavenly Peace, McDonough County Resource Officers, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and YMCA youth programs. Donations are welcome and may be sent to **St. Hubert Parish**.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Sophie Wilson** on receiving a \$500 scholarship from the Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. She received the honor at the Rose Award Mass held Saturday, May 9, at Sacred Heart Church in Peoria. The award recognizes outstanding senior young women throughout the Diocese of Peoria.



## Baby Bottles for Birthright

The Baby Bottles for Birthright fundraiser began Mother’s Day weekend and baby bottles will continue to be available at the back of the church throughout May. Parishioners are invited to take a bottle, fill it with coins, cash, or checks, and return it by **Father’s Day, Jun. 21**. Birthright supports expectant and new mothers and their babies throughout West Central Illinois by providing free assistance such as diapers, baby clothes, cribs, car seats, and other essential items. Birthright is a volunteer-run organization. Thank you for your generosity, support, and prayers.

## Dear Macomb Friends,

Thank you for your thoughtful card and prayers for Easter. I still look fondly upon my time in Macomb and pray that you are all doing well. You all remain in my daily prayers. God Bless, **Fr. Austin Bosse**

# Readings & Reflections

## The Ascension of the Lord

### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of May 18

##### Monday

Acts 19:1-8  
Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab  
Jn 16:29-33

##### Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27  
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21  
Jn 17:1-11a

##### Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38  
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab  
Jn 17:11b-19

##### Thursday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
Jn 17:20-26

##### Friday

Acts 25:13b-21  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab  
Jn 21:15-19

##### Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Ps 11:4, 5 and 7  
Jn 21:20-25

##### Sunday – Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
Jn 20:19-23

## Treasures From Our Tradition

There was a curious custom years ago that perhaps developed in an age when Easter was seen less as a baptismal season than as a kind of tour through the deeds of the Risen Christ. The paschal candle, sign of Christ's presence, was removed from public view on Ascension Thursday, banished to the baptistery.

Ascension day does speak of the hidden aspects of Christ's life among us, but it does not have much to do with God's absence. Christ has not shed his human life like an inconvenient shell, but rather has taken humanity into heaven. The theologian Karl Rahner said that it is a festival of "the nearness of God." In vanishing from our sight, Christ has become utterly available to all at every time and every place, and is "closer to us than he ever was."

Today is the feast of believing that beyond our final breath is a presence that waits for us, a banquet prepared, a tender homecoming embrace. **(continued on next column)**

## Treasures From Our Tradition (continued)

Rahner said that today is a festival of the future of the world, a day for anticipating the world's true destiny, and therefore hardly a day to be going around hiding candles!

**-Rev. James Field**



## The Word in our Lives

### Look, Up in the Sky!

Around holidays, people tend to look fondly back on past celebrations and romanticize old relationships. For some, remembering the past is the best part of their holiday. That is the image we get from the first reading as the apostles look up to heaven after the Ascension. They think it is Jesus' last Resurrection appearance and that they will never see him again. Maybe they were still amazed at seeing him ascend that way. Or maybe they were remembering all the things he said and did with them.

We too sometimes look at the great feasts of Christmas and Easter in that way. We may dwell on the beauty of the decorations, on the innocence of the baby Jesus, on the horror of his passion and death, or on the wonder of his resurrection. Then when the holy day is over, we go back to our normal routine. Perhaps we need an angel to chide us for "looking at the sky."

The angels were trying to tell the apostles two things. One was that Jesus would return as he left—in glory. This was not a time to say goodbye but a time of hope; the Lord who had changed their lives so radically would change the world next. While they certainly should remember Jesus and all he taught them, they should also expect to see him again. Once they received the Holy Spirit, they would see how Jesus was present in the church, the mystical Body of Christ.

The second thing the angels were telling them was to begin following Jesus' command to spread the Good News to all nations. They would soon realize that Jesus was alive in them, not just as a fond memory, but with the power of his Spirit. With this power they would do mighty deeds in Jesus' name and be his witnesses to the world.

Because of what the apostles accomplished, we are now Jesus' witnesses to the world. We celebrate his death and resurrection not as a fond memory, but to encourage each other to spread the Good News. We too have the hope of seeing Jesus come in glory, even as we see him now with the eyes of faith.

**-Tom Schmidt**

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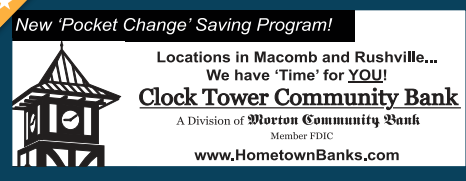
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