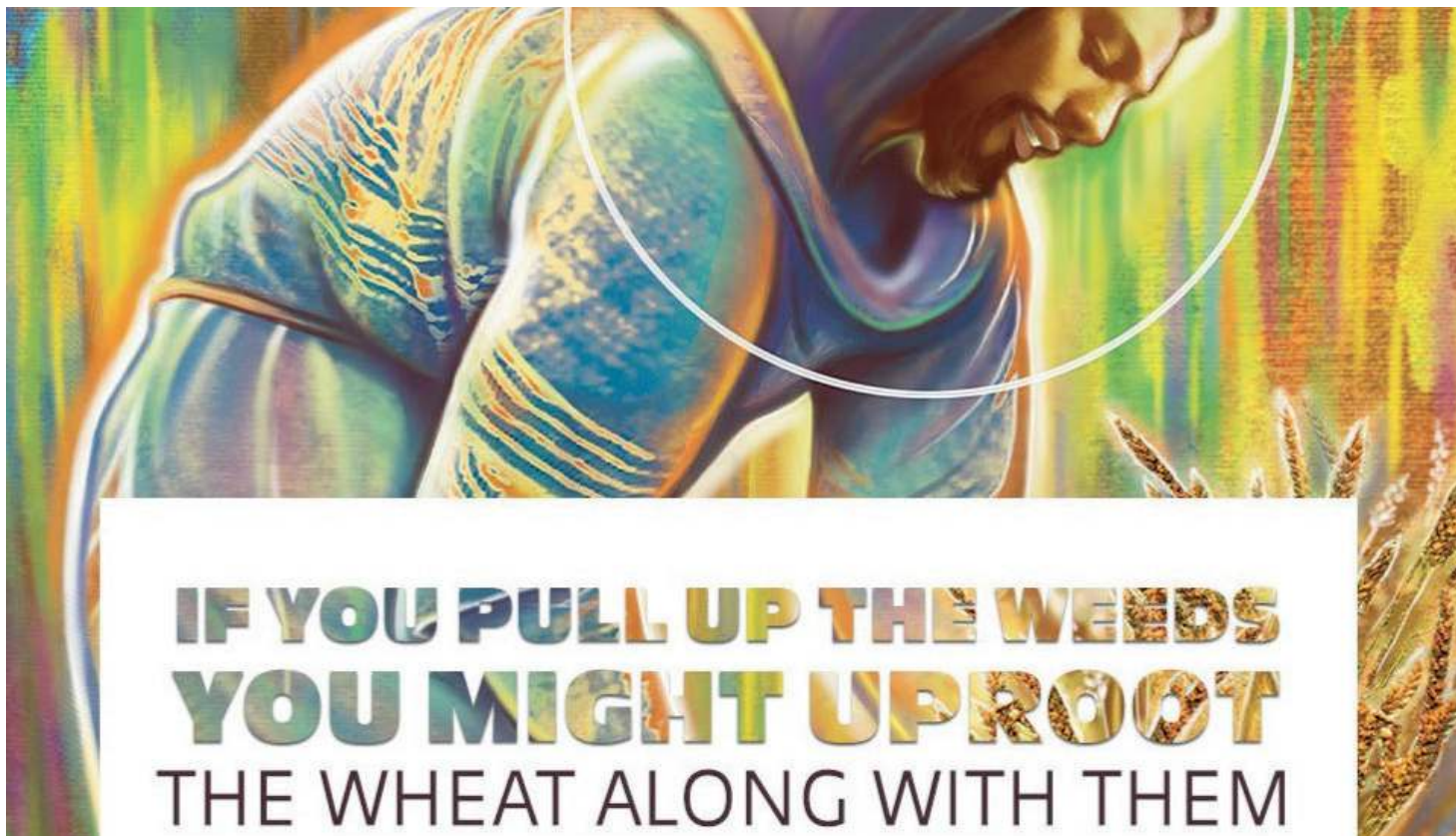


St. Hubert Parish - Diocese of Peoria



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YOU MIGHT UPROOT
THE WHEAT ALONG WITH THEM**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2026

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 (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

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
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, Pastor
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, July 21

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

Friday, July 24

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

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

Saturday, July 25

10:00 AM Block Party-Children.....St. Paul

6:00 PM Block Party-Adults.....St. Paul

St. Rose Church

Wednesday, July 22

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

Mass Intentions

What greater tribute to a loved one than to have a Mass offered in their honor or memory? Envelopes are available at either church; include the name, intention, and \$10 donation, and place it in the collection basket. For assistance or questions, please contact the parish office at (309) 833-2496.

2026 Block Party

Join us for St. Hubert Parish's annual Block Party on Saturday, July 25!

Kids Activities: 10:00 AM–12:00 PM on the St. Paul parking lot. Please park in the Spoon River parking lot or by the rectory.

Adult Festivities: 6:00–11:00 PM on the playground, with entrance through the St. Paul preschool. Enjoy live music by Johnny Lackey and the Pocket Aces. In case of rain, the adult festivities will be moved to the Icehouse. All proceeds benefit local organizations that serve children in our community. We hope to see you there!

Thank You Baby Bottle Donors!

The successful fund drive raised **\$5,355** to meet the needs of Birthright clients and office expenses for another year. We give thanks and blessings to the six churches participating: Argyle Bible (Colchester), Immanuel Lutheran (Macomb), Sacred Heart (Abington), St. Augustine (Augustine), St. Bernard (Bushnell), and St. Paul (Macomb). Your support is truly appreciated!



150th Anniversary Vicariate Mass

Join Bishop Louis Tylka and the clergy of the Macomb Vicariate as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Peoria on **Tuesday, August 25**, at 5:00 PM at St. Paul Church. A light reception will follow Mass. All are welcome!

Our Stewardship

St. Hubert Parish

Fiscal YTD needed (7/1/26–7/12/26).....\$17,116.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD\$19,930.00

Offertory Needed Each Week\$8,558.00

St. Paul

Offertory (7/6/26–7/12/26)\$6,590.00

Online Giving\$830.00

Roof Fund\$38.00

Building Fund\$5,363.00

Cemetery Fund\$100.00

St. Rose

Offering.....\$977.00

Online Giving.....\$1,055.00

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.



Visit website to see progress:
<https://stpaulmacomb.com/church/our-family/parish-hall-progress/>

St. Paul Catholic Church - Macomb, Illinois

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18 & 19, 2026

Gloria.....Mass of Wisdom, pew card
Mass.....Mass of Creation, #868
Entrance.....O Bless the Lord, My Soul, #581
Prep. of Gifts.....These Alone Are Enough, #428
Communion.....Remember Your Love, #662
Recessional.....Give Thanks to the Lord, #555

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18

5:15 PM † Jonelle Schauble

Sunday, July 19

7:30 AM † Deceased Members of Knights of
Columbus Council #682

10:00 AM † Ronald Garthaus

Monday, July 20

5:15 PM † Julia Noble

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 AM † Lin VanVleet

Wednesday, July 22

5:15 PM † Jane Corman Young

Thursday, July 23

7:00 AM † Albert & Emma Ludwig

Friday, July 24

5:15 PM † Victor & Patricia Tatham

Saturday, July 25

5:15 PM † Dan Phelan

Sunday, July 26

7:30 AM † Patricia Tebbe

10:00 AM † Barbara Garthaus

Let Us Pray For

The Following Parishioners and Friends:

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

Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

July 18 Toni Ainslie

July 24 Ray Majeres

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, July 24

10:00 AM-5:00 PM,

Benediction at 5:00 PM

St. Paul Chapel

St. Rose Catholic Church - Rushville, Illinois

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18

5:00 PM † Lisolette Kramer

Sunday, July 19

8:00 AM † Myrtle Hoffbeck

Wednesday, July 22

8:30 AM † Jim Lee

Saturday, July 25

5:00 PM † Ramon Escapa

Sunday, July 26

8:00 AM † Jeronie Funke

Lector Schedule

July Lectors

Saturday Tim Kettering

Sunday Schuyler Isley

August Lectors

Saturday Ellen Ehrgott

Sunday Theresa Korsmeyer

Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, July 22**, 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, Diana Pleviak, Joanne Ballow, Eileen King

Upcoming Birthdays

July 18 Jack Baker

July 18 Enan Abeve

July 24 Madalyn Thompson

July 24 Maggie Michel

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Announcements & Events

Regional Evangelization Summit

Join us on **Saturday, Aug. 15**, at Immaculate Conception Church in Monmouth for a one-day retreat and workshop. Through presentations, lunch, and Eucharistic Adoration, participants will deepen their relationship with Jesus and learn to share His love in everyday life. For more information, contact the parish office or register at cdop.org/mission.

St. Paul Golf Outing 2026

Join us for the 18th Annual St. Paul Home and School Association Golf Outing on **Saturday, Aug. 22**, at Harry Mussatto Golf Course. Registration begins at 8:00 AM, with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM. Golfers and sponsors are welcome, and all proceeds benefit St. Paul School. Come out and enjoy a day with family and friends because golfing "fore" St. Paul School is PAR-tastic!

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Be part of this historic moment as Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen is beatified on **Thursday, Sep. 24, 2026**, at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis. Tickets are now available. Scan the QR code below to reserve your tickets and view event information. Additional events and pilgrimage opportunities will take place throughout the week in Peoria and St. Louis.



Purchase Tickets Here

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.

St. Hubert Parish Hall – Artist's Rendering



Please refrain from touring the parish hall on your own during construction.

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels is a ministry of Catholic Charities serving more than 900 families in need each month across the Peoria Diocese. To support this mission, Catholic Women are organizing a diocesan collection of supplies by vicariate. St. Hubert Parish will collect donations beginning the weekend of **Aug. 9–10** through **Thursday, Aug. 20**.

Items needed in August: Toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, bar soap, Band-Aids, first aid ointment, and pain relievers (such as Tylenol or ibuprofen). Religious items are also appreciated, including small statues, holy cards, rosaries, Bibles, notepads, pens, and pencils.

Your generosity helps families throughout the Peoria Diocese meet basic needs while experiencing Christ's love in action. As Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25:40, *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Please prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry.

Families in need may meet the St. Nicholas Van at the following locations in August:

- Wednesday, August 19, 2:30 PM – Jameson Center, 1025 S. 2nd Street, Monmouth
- Friday, August 21, 8:45 AM – St. Mary Church, 159 E. Chestnut Street, Canton

Celebrate Father Six

Join St. Philomena Parish in Monticello as they honor Father Sixmund Nyabenda Henry on the occasion of his 25th Jubilee of Priesthood and bid him farewell as he returns to Tanzania. The celebration begins with the 4:00 PM Mass on **Saturday, Aug. 9**, followed by a reception. All are welcome. RSVP by Aug. 3 by calling St. Philomena Parish at **(217) 762-2566**.

St. Paul Choir

If you would like to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" (Ps 100:1) with our choir, please contact Terry Hostert at terry.hostert@gmail.com.

Cemetery News

The cemetery exit road at the northwest corner which opens onto University Drive will be closed until repairs can be made to the lower portion which has suffered damage from a number of factors including the severe spring rains. Repairs will be followed up by a scheduled oil and chipping of the surface. Please plan on using the old exit road which opens onto US Hwy 67/ N. Lafayette St. until work is complete.

Readings & Reflections

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 20

Monday

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8

Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8

Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b; or 2 Cor 5:14-17

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13

Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11

Mt 13:10-17

Friday

Jer 3:14-17

Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13

Mt 13:18-23

Saturday Feast of Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Mt 20:20-28

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

Treasures from our Tradition

By the dawn of the fourteenth century, the sacrament of confirmation was ripe for a rescue, since vast numbers of the faithful never received it, and when it was celebrated, it was done so in isolation from baptism and Eucharist.

A bishop named William Durandus set out to reclaim this liturgy, but he had a creative touch and added some things into the mix that had never been thought of before. One was a slap. Oddly, he replaced the kiss of peace at the end of confirmation with a slap on the cheek that endured to modern times. This “wake-up call” was related in his imagination to a custom in the military, wherein ceremonies of knighthood and investiture involved a symbolic wound as a sign of willingness to suffer.

Within every congregation today there are people who have memories of fretting through their confirmation liturgies, anxious to know how enthusiastic a slap the bishop would bestow. **(continued on next column)**

Treasures from our Tradition (continued)

Durandus loved symbolism and had a reason for every ritual and practice, but his creative spin on the celebration shows how sadly adrift confirmation was from its anchorage in baptism, how far off-course from its home port of the eucharistic community.

—Rev. James Field



The Word in our Lives

A Mighty God

The first reading says that God’s might is the basis for divine justice. We might take this to mean that God uses mighty power to punish sinners, in the legal sense of justice. But the reading also talks about God’s lenience and clemency. So maybe God’s power is so great that punishment is not necessary. Sinners can be forgiven. After all, we usually punish those we fear will hurt us again. But God is too powerful to be injured by our sins. God can afford to wait for us to repent. That is the point of the parable of the wheat and the weeds.

We are used to expecting swift justice. We like TV shows in which the bad guy is caught and convicted in an hour. The idea of God giving sinners until the end of time to repent is almost un-American—at least, until we realize that we are sinners, too. “But my sins are so minor.” Even the smallest sin says that we know better than God what is right. Yet God is still willing to wait for all of us to repent.

On the other hand, we hear people who say they don’t deserve to be forgiven. True, but no one could ever deserve forgiveness. That is the wonder of God’s love, that God’s Son came to die for sinners, even before we sinned. As we experience that forgiveness, we learn the depth of God’s love for us. Hopefully, we also learn to share that love with others.

Of course, that means that we also share forgiveness with others. If God waits till “the end of the age” before burning the weeds, shouldn’t we be willing to forgive those who hurt us?

The Church encourages us to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation often. Many people today wait till they have a lot of sins, or at least one whopper, to confess. But the more often we go, the more we are reminded of God’s love and forgiveness. Those reminders can help us to be more willing to show mercy ourselves. Let us ask God for the courage to seek forgiveness and the strength to forgive.

—Tom Schmidt

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