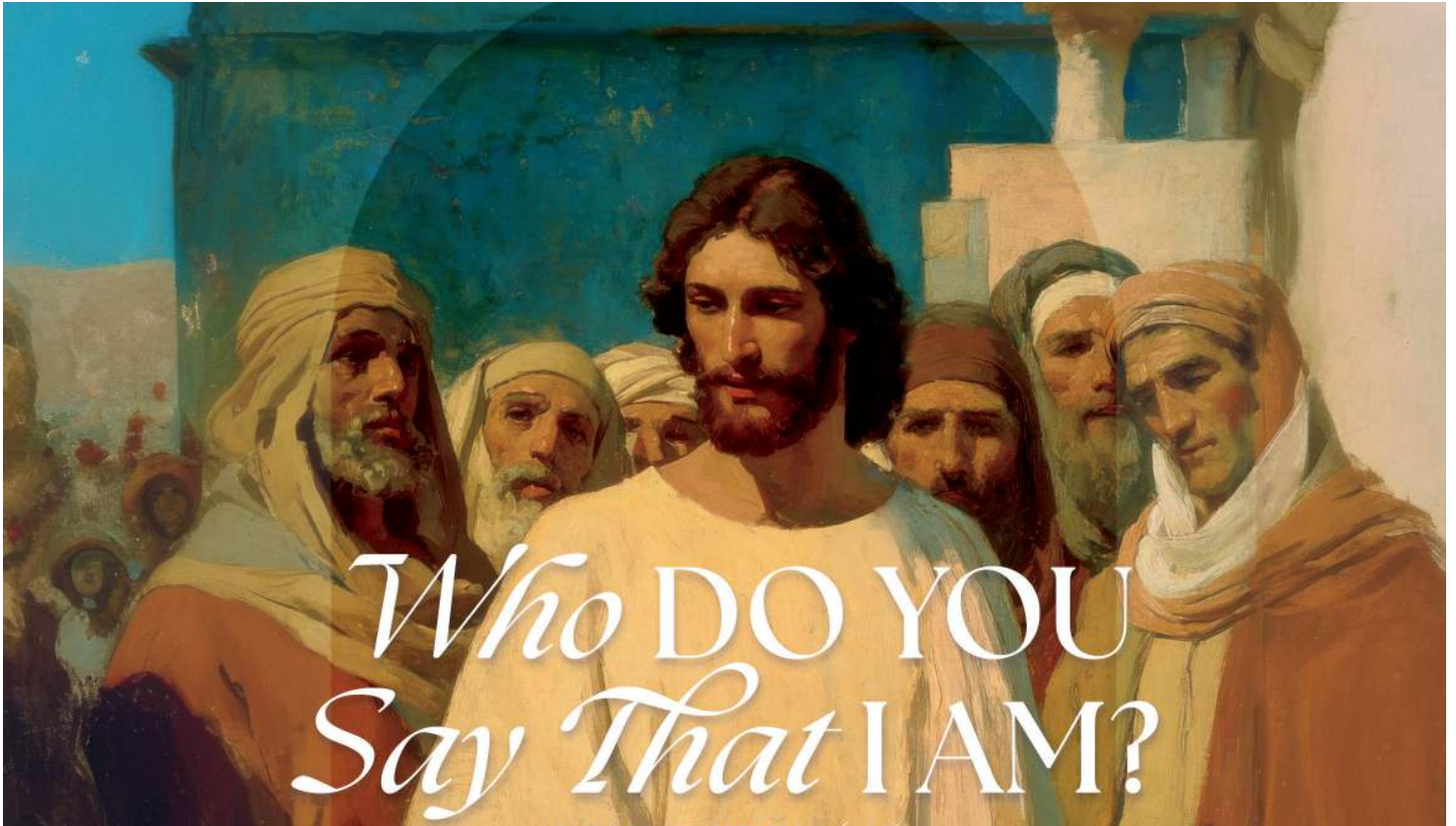


St. Hubert Parish - Diocese of Peoria



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 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
Fr. Jules Agossou, 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, August 25

8:30 AM Women in Faith.....Newman Center
5:00 PM Vicariate Mass.....St. Paul

Friday, August 28

9:15 AM School Mass.....St. Paul
10:00 AM Adoration.....St. Paul
5:15 PM Mass.....St. Paul

St. Rose Church

Wednesday, August 26

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

St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Sunday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 27

5:00 PM Mass.....Newman Center

Mass Intentions and the Newman Center

As the Newman Center remains connected in a special way with St. Hubert Parish, I would like to share a brief reflection on the beautiful Catholic tradition of having Masses offered for particular intentions. The Holy Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church. At every Mass, Christ offers Himself to the Father for our salvation, and we are invited to unite our prayers, joys, sorrows, and intentions with His sacrifice. For this reason, Catholics have the beautiful tradition of requesting a Mass to be offered for a particular intention: for a deceased loved one, someone who is sick or in need of prayer, a birthday or anniversary, in thanksgiving, or for any special intention.

A Mass stipend is the offering traditionally given by someone who requests a Mass. It is not a payment for the Mass or for the priest, since the grace of the Mass cannot be bought. It is an offering made in connection with the Mass intention and helps support the ministry of the Church. As the Newman Center continues its ministry to our students, I invite our parishioners to consider requesting Mass intentions through the Newman Center. You can offer a Mass for a loved one, a special intention, or in thanksgiving to God. In doing so, you are accomplishing two beautiful things: you are placing your intention before the Lord at the altar, and you are helping support the spiritual ministry of the Newman Center and its service to our students. If you would like to request a Mass intention for the Newman Center, please contact the parish office, the Newman Center Office or speak with me. Let us continue to make the Holy Eucharist the heart of our prayer and our mission.

Vicariate Mass – August 25

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, at **5:00 PM**, Bishop Tylka will celebrate the Vicariate Mass in thanksgiving for the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Peoria. This is a special opportunity to come together as one Catholic family, give thanks for the blessings of our Diocese, and pray for its continued mission. I warmly invite all parishioners to attend and celebrate this important milestone together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Father Marc NKULU, SMA
Pastor

Our Stewardship

St. Hubert Parish

Fiscal YTD needed (7/1/26–8/16/26).....\$59,906.00
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Offertory Needed Each Week\$8,558.00

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Building Fund\$27,236.50
Cemetery Fund\$1.50

St. Rose

Offering.....\$490.00
Online Giving.....\$735.00

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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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22 & 23, 2026

Gloria.....Mass of Wisdom, pew card
Mass.....Mass of Creation, #868
Entrance.....Humbly, Lord, We Worship You, #211
Prep. of Gifts.....Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning, #515
Communion.....Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All, #678
Recessional.....How Great Thou Art, #431

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22

5:15 PM † Tim Mast

Sunday, August 23

7:30 AM † Deceased Members of Womens Guild

10:00 AM † Barbara Garthaus

Monday, August 24

5:15 PM † Bruce Biagini

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 AM † Patrick Stump

5:00 PM St. Hubert Parish Community

Wednesday, August 26

5:15 PM † Patricia Johnson

Thursday, August 27

7:00 AM † Joy Markey

Friday, August 28

9:15 AM Rita O'Hern

5:15 PM † Won Hurh

Saturday, August 29

5:15 PM † Alena & Ivy Zahrndt

Sunday, August 30

7:30 AM † Patrick Stump

10:00 AM Rita O'Hern

Let Us Pray For

The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Joe Zaehring, Kevin Payne, Janelle Butzow, Kathleen Markey, Roger Baucom, Rosemary Mendenhall, Catherine Breckon, 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, Janet Gallagher, Becky Nichols, Linnea Andersson, Fr. Bo Schmit, all those who are suffering & their caregivers.

Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

August 28 Donna Von Kannon

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, August 28

10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Benediction at 5:00 PM – St. Paul Chapel

St. Rose Catholic Church - Rushville, Illinois

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22

5:00 PM No Mass

Sunday, August 23

8:00 AM † Jamie Taylor

Wednesday, August 26

8:30 AM † Patricia Tebbe

Saturday, August 29

5:00 PM † Janet Shea

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM † Luan Phillips

Lector Schedule

August Lectors

Saturday Ellen Ehgott

Sunday Theresa Korsmeyer

September Lectors

Saturday Linda Butler

Sunday Schuler Isley

CCD at St. Rose

Our CCD program at St. Rose continues to grow, and we need additional adult volunteers to help us offer smaller age-group classes.

CCD meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from **4:00–6:30 PM**. Volunteers can help regularly or occasionally—there is no need to commit to the entire year.

Thank you to everyone who provided snacks last year! Snack donations are also appreciated again this year.

To volunteer or register a child for CCD, please contact Bridget Phillips at **(815) 560-2521** or **Bridget.Phillips15@gmail.com**



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

August 28 Joan Sullivan

Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, August 26**, with Adoration at 8:00 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM, then Coffee Club at 9:00 AM.

Announcements & Events

Sympathy

St. Paul Church extends our sympathy to the family of Mark Sullivan. His father, John Michael 'Mike' Sullivan, recently passed away. May he rest in peace.

Religious Education Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for St. Paul's 2026–2027 Religious Education program for Preschool (age 4) through 7th Grade. Classes meet Sundays from 8:45–9:45 AM at St. Paul School, beginning **Sept. 20**. The registration fee is \$35 per student, and forms are due by **Sept. 6**. Completed forms and payment may be returned to St. Paul Church.

Confirmation Registration for 2026–2027

Registration is now open for 8th and 9th grade students preparing for Confirmation. The registration fee is \$40 per student, and forms are due by **Sept. 6**. A required Candidate and Parent Meeting will be held **Sunday, Sept. 13**, from 6:00–7:30 PM in the church. Confirmation sessions begin Sept. 27, with families choosing either the 4:00–5:30 PM or 6:00–7:30 PM session.

Scheduling Requests - St. Paul Church

Time to submit weekend scheduling requests for Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Cantors, Servers & Ushers for the September–October 2026 cycle. For special requests, use the Ministry Scheduler Pro website to enter availability. Requests due **Monday, Aug. 24, 2026**. New schedules online by Aug. 26, 2026.

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Join Holy Archangels Parish for this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to St. Louis on **Thursday, Sep. 24, 2026**. A charter bus will depart from the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Carthage at 7:00 AM and will leave St. Louis at approximately 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$100 per person which includes transportation and event ticket. Call or text **Barb Drozd** at **(217) 242-2189** to reserve your seat and for payment details.

Custodian Needed

St. Paul School is looking for one part-time custodian. This position is 10 hours a week, 6:00 AM–8:00 AM. Begin right away. If interested, please contact Laura Cody, Principal, at **(309) 833-2470** or lcody@stpaulmacomb.com.



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.

Annual Diocesan Appeal Kickoff Aug. 29–30, 2026

Next weekend, our parish will begin the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing with information about the Appeal, including a pledge card and return envelope. You may make a one-time gift or spread your pledge over eight months. Pledge cards will also be available in the pews next weekend.

Your generosity helps proclaim the Gospel throughout central Illinois by supporting ministries that form disciples, care for those in need, encourage vocations, and strengthen our Catholic schools and parishes.

Thank you for your faithful support of our parish, our Diocese, and the mission of the Church throughout the world. To learn more or make your gift, visit cdop.org/ada.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic? OCIA begins **Tuesday, Sep. 8**, with weekly meetings from 6:00–7:20 PM at St. Paul Church. Please invite family members, friends, neighbors, or others who may be interested. For more information, contact the parish office at churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com or **(309) 833-2496**.

Be Filled Retreat

The Shalom Catholic Community invites you to the Be Filled Retreat on **Saturday, Sep. 12**, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM at St. Matthew Parish in Champaign. Led by Fr. Cristiano Pinheiro and Shalom missionaries, this bilingual (English/Portuguese) retreat offers an opportunity to experience God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. Register by Sep. 4. The \$30 fee includes lunch. Visit bit.ly/shalom912. Optional online preparation talks for English speakers will be available before the retreat.

Please Support Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes of McDonough County now assists an average of 524 families each month with grocery vouchers for those in need, including many seniors and children. As the need continues to grow, your support is more important than ever. Please **use the QR code** to make a secure online donation. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting this vital community ministry.



Readings & Reflections

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 24

Monday Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rev 21:9b-14

Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17

Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18

Ps 128:1-2, 4-5

Mt 23:27-32

Thursday Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Cor 1:1-9

Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Mt 24:42-51

Friday Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 1:17-25

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:26-31

Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21

Mk 6:17-29

Sunday Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9

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

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

Treasures from our Tradition

One of the most memorable images from the pontificate of Pope John Paul II is not his shocked expression as he is hit by a bullet, but rather his tender meeting with his assailant, and his forgiveness. It is far more compelling because, although people are struck by bullets every day, true reconciliation is in relatively short supply. An outside observer might list attempting to kill the pope as an unforgivable sin, but of course we know that forgiveness of sin is woven deeply into our tradition of living as Christ did.

Interestingly enough, the Church took a hard line on these matters early on. Until the second century, people expected Christ's return in the near future, so they deferred judgment to him. Soon, however, bishops began to grant forgiveness for sin after baptism, but only once. What we know as the sacrament of penance takes its life from Jesus' work of reconciliation, but just as scripture shows Jesus forgiving people in one life changing encounter, so the church granted one chance only. **(continued on next column)**

Treasures from our Tradition (continued)

Great sins were the target, such as idolatry, adultery, and murder. Penance was lengthy, difficult, and public, and the bishop was in charge of the process. For the next several weeks, we'll look at subsequent creative and helpful changes in the celebration of this sacrament.

—Rev. James Field



The Word in our Lives

Rocky

Jesus gave Simon a name based on the word for "rock." Peter had just acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of God and the Messiah (Christ). Jesus used that as an opportunity to teach us about the importance of faith as the foundation of the church.

There were many variations on what people thought the messiah would be. Some expected a political leader who would unite the Jews and maybe even overthrow their Roman masters. Others thought he would be a wonder-worker, a super-hero, who would use his power to make Israel a great and free nation. Some thought the messiah would provide food and riches in abundance. In faith we learn that Jesus has fulfilled all messianic hopes. He unites not just the Jews, but all people who believe in him. He sets us free from sin and death. He feeds our spiritual hunger with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

By commending Peter's faith, he shows us that faith is the foundation (rock) of the church. For the church is a family of people who believe all that Jesus taught because we believe in the person of Jesus. That is, we don't just believe that Jesus was real. We affirm that he is alive and important to our lives. We have experienced him in his words, in the sacraments, and in each other. May our faith always be solid as a rock.

—Tom Schmidt



Titles of Mary

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

August 26

The creation of this Black Madonna in Czestochowa, Poland, also known as Our Lady of Jasna Gora, is attributed by legend to Saint Luke. It bears scars and gashes that have been inflicted on it over centuries of sometimes violent events in Polish history.

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