

# St. Hubert Parish - Diocese of Peoria

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 14, 2025**

## 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 PM daily.

## 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 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

### 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

### St. Rose of Lima

Bridgett Phillips, Religious Education Coordinator

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**WHO IS**  
**TO COME?**

# St. Paul Catholic Church - Macomb, Illinois

## Mass Intentions

### St. Paul Church

#### Saturday, December 13

5:15 PM † Shirley Pawlias

#### Sunday, December 14

7:30 AM † Marjorie John

10:00 AM † Jim Nixa

#### Monday, December 15

5:15 PM † Danny Keyes

#### Tuesday, December 16

7:00 AM † Art Keyes

#### Wednesday, December 17

5:15 PM All Farmers & Ranchers & Their Safety

#### Thursday, December 18

7:00 AM † Frank Risavy

#### Friday, December 19

9:15 AM † Bill Heap

5:15 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

#### Saturday, December 20

5:15 PM † Shirley Pawlias

#### Sunday, December 21

7:30 AM The John Family

10:00 AM † Edward Garthaus

## Mass Intentions

What greater tribute to a loved one than to have a Mass offered in their honor or memory? Envelopes are available at both churches; include the name, intention, and \$10 donation, and place it in the collection basket or contact the parish office. At St. Paul, see Jim Foxall; at St. Rose, see Marilyn Sillars, Linda Butler, or Fr. Marc. For either church, call **(309) 833-2496**.

## Let Us Pray For

### The Following Parishioners and Friends:

Joe Zaehring, Kevin Payne, Janelle Butzow, Mary Aurelio, Roger Baucom, Rosemary Mendenhall, Catherine Brecken, Diana Powell, Bob Scott, John Moore, Mary Margaret Harris, Rose Scheetz, Cooper Hendrix, Jim Zahndt, Maureen Maheu, Kay Winkel, Jacqueline Martin and all those who are suffering and their caregivers.

## Upcoming Birthdays

### (for over 75 years of age)

December 13 Joyce Wilson

December 18 Carol Kersting

December 19 Donna Reagan

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Friday, December 19

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Benediction at 5:00 PM

St. Paul Chapel

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 13 & 14, 2025

Gloria.....Not Sung  
Mass.....Mass of Creation, #868  
Entrance Hymn.....O Come, Divine Messiah, #44  
Prep. of Gifts Hymn.....Ready the Way, #63  
Communion.....Christ, Circle Round Us, #57  
Recessional.....Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, #59

## Church Decorating

Members of the Decorating Committee and Parish Council invite everyone to help decorate St. Paul Church beginning at 11:00 AM, after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 21. Many hands make light work!

## Special Delivery to Our Parish Homebound

Christmas bags with the names of our 23 homebound and nursing home parishioners will be available in the narthex beginning December 6. Please feel free to drop a Christmas card or holiday note into any of the bags. The bags will remain out until after the 7:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 21, when they will be delivered. This is a simple way to remember our friends this Christmas.

## Food for Finals at the Newman Center

Volunteers are needed to help provide lunch meals for WIU students on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 11:00 AM–2:00 PM. Please supply “grab and go” desserts or snack mixes (cookies, brownies, bars, snack mixes, etc.) that can be easily packaged in sandwich bags. Avoid frosted or refrigerated items. Donations may be dropped off at the Newman Center on Sun., Dec. 14 (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM) or Mon., Dec. 15 (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM).

## Calling Young Singers for Christmas Eve

Children ages 6 and up are invited to sing simple carols before the 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass. Music and practice recordings will be provided to families, and there will be one group rehearsal. To participate, email [benda@comcast.net](mailto:benda@comcast.net) with your child's name, age, and a phone number for text messages. Questions may be directed to Mary Kay Benda at **309-333-2468**.

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# St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church - Rushville, Illinois

## Mass Intentions

### St. Rose Church

**Saturday, December 13**

5:00 PM † Tom Duesterhaus

**Sunday, December 14**

8:00 AM † Janet Yakle

**Wednesday, December 17**

8:30 AM † Larry Lee

**Saturday, December 20**

5:00 PM † Luan Phillips

**Sunday, December 21**

8:00 AM † Larry Lee

## Lector Schedule

*November Lectors*

**Saturday** Mark Thompson

**Sunday** Theresa Korsmeyer

*December Lectors*

**Saturday** Tim Kettering

**Sunday** Linda Butler

## Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, December 17** with Adoration at 8:00 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM, then coffee club at 9:00 AM.



Call Jane Schneider at (217) 216-0041, the St. Hubert Parish Office at (309) 833-2496, or email [churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com) with prayer intentions.



## Let Us Pray For

Let us keep ALL the sick in our thoughts and our 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)

Diana Pleviak for health issues (friends)

Joanne Ballow for health issues (Theresa Korsmeyer)

Eileen King for health issues (Kelly Stinson)



## Upcoming Birthdays

December 14 Jill Schneider Usiak

December 15 Bonnie Billingsley

December 15 Joe Dorsey

December 19 Tracey Hill

December 19 Sara Boysen

December 19 Spencer Boysen



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## Upcoming Events



### St. Paul Church

**Tuesday, December 16**

8:00 AM Women in Faith.....St. Paul  
6:00 PM OCIA.....St. Paul

**Wednesday, December 17**

8:30 AM Coffee & Doughnuts.....St. Paul  
9:00 AM Bible Study.....St. Paul  
6:00 PM First Reconciliation.....St. Paul

**Friday, December 19**

6:00 AM That Man is You.....St. Paul  
9:15 AM School Mass.....St. Paul  
10:00 AM Adoration.....St. Paul  
5:15 PM Mass.....St. Paul

### St. Rose Church

**Wednesday, December 17**

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

### St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

**Sunday, December 14**

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

**Tuesday, December 16**

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

**Thursday, December 18**

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

## Christmas Mass Program

### St. Paul Church

**Wednesday, December 24**

5:30 PM Christmas Vigil Mass.....St. Paul  
10:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass.....St. Paul

**Thursday, December 25**

9:30 AM Christmas Mass.....St. Paul

### St. Rose Church

**Wednesday, December 24**

5:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass.....St. Rose

**Thursday, December 25**

8:30 AM Christmas Mass.....St. Rose

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



### Lessons & Carols at St. Paul Church

Join us for a traditional Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 4:00 PM. This service weaves together Scripture, carols, and prayer, reflecting on the Fall, the promise of the Messiah, and the joy of Christ's birth. The St. Paul Women's Guild invites the parish and community to this beautiful hour of music and reflection. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the narthex. All are welcome..

# Our Stewardship

## St. Hubert Parish

**Fiscal YTD needed (7/1/25-12/7/25)**.....\$211,623.00

**Offertory Received Fiscal YTD** .....\$182,781.00

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

### St. Paul

**Offertory (12/1-12/7/2025)** .....\$6,637.00

**Online Giving** .....\$3,974.00

**Roof Fund** .....\$77.00

**Building Fund** .....\$6,395.00

**Cemetery Fund** .....\$280.00

### St. Rose

**Offering**.....\$507.00

**Online Giving**.....\$610.00

## 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.

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.

## 2025 St. Hubert Annual Diocesan Appeal

**Goal**.....\$86,888.00

**Pledged**.....\$70,575.00

**Collected**.....\$57,082.00

*As of 10/31/2025*

## Scheduling Requests

Time to submit weekend scheduling requests for Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Cantors, Servers & Ushers for the Jan-Feb 2026 cycle. For special requests, use the Ministry Scheduler Pro website to enter availability. Requests due Monday, Dec. 22, 2025. New schedules online by Dec. 24, 2025.

## Third Sunday of Advent

### Scripture Readings

#### *For the Week of December 15*

##### **Monday**

Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a

Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9

Mt 21:23-27

##### **Tuesday**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23

Mt 21:28-32

##### **Wednesday**

Gen 49:2, 8-10

Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,17

Mt 1:1-17

##### **Thursday**

Jer 23:5-8

Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Mt 1:18-25

##### **Friday**

Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Lk 1:5-25

##### **Saturday**

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Lk 1:26-38

##### **Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Rm 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

## The Word in our Lives

### The Prophet's Profit

If you read the books of the prophets in the Old Testament, you might notice that they were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people (especially the rulers of the people) to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist (who could be called the last Old Testament prophet and the first prophet of the New Testament) suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, they believed that God's people must obey His commandments faithfully and love the Lord above all things. They had faith that God would protect them and support them, and that God would always keep His promises.

Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. They patiently waited for God to keep those promises, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses or their failure to change the behavior of the people of Israel.

The third gift of the prophets was hope: That by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Prayer, for our spiritual health, is an exercise just as important as aerobics for physical health.

Second, we need patience and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Sometimes even saints could not see their own spiritual growth.

Finally, the gift of hope helps us be patient because we trust that God will keep his promises and give us whatever we need. The reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear His word, (Is 35:5) and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Is 35:10).

**-Tom Schmidt**

### Titles of Mary

#### OUR LADY OF EXPECTATION

**December 18**

Devotion to Mary under this title is observed in Spain, Portugal, Poland, Italy, and elsewhere one week before Christmas. The Blessed Virgin, about to give birth, awaits with joy the arrival of her divine Son, the Prince of Peace.

## Treasures From Our Tradition

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace in between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities.

Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life

**-Rev. James Field**



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