

# St. Hubert Parish - Diocese of Peoria

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 21, 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

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday by Noon**



God is  
with us

# St. Paul Catholic Church - Macomb, Illinois

## Mass Intentions

### St. Paul Church

#### Saturday, December 20

5:15 PM † Shirley Pawlias

#### Sunday, December 21

7:30 AM The John Family

10:00 AM † Edward Garthaus

#### Monday, December 22

5:15 PM † Tony Ensenberger

#### Tuesday, December 23

7:00 AM † Fred Morin

#### Wednesday, December 24

5:30 PM † Leona Zelnis

10:00 PM † Jim Drozd

#### Thursday, December 25

9:30 AM † Leona Zelnis

#### Friday, December 26

5:15 PM † Ceal Majeres

#### Saturday, December 27

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

#### Sunday, December 28

7:30 AM St. Hubert Parish Families

10:00 AM † Joan Pano

## 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, Bill Callahan, Patricia Heap and all those who are suffering and their caregivers.

## Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

December 22 Barbara Grindstaff

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Friday, December 26

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Benediction at 5:00 PM

St. Paul Chapel

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20 & 21, 2025

Gloria.....Not Sung

Mass.....Mass of Creation, #868

Entrance Hymn.....O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #39

Prep. of Gifts Hymn.....Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming, #97

Communion.....My Soul Rejoices, #802

Recessional.....The Advent of Our King, #73

## Sympathy

St. Paul Church extends our sympathy to Greg and Maria Montalvo and their family. Their daughter, Mariah Merino, recently passed away. May she rest in peace.

## 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!

## 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**.

## With Gratitude

Thank You for your generous donations received for my sister Clementine's gravestone. Funds received will cover both stone and installation costs. I realize both my family and church community shared the pain of this loss. I want to express my gratitude to all who have shown this great generosity, support, and a precious gift for my sister, on top of all the prayers and sympathy received.

May the Lord of the living and the dead, the God who answers our prayers through his Son our Lord Jesus Christ, bless and reward all of you with abundance of divine blessing and grant you your heart's desires.

Merry Christmas to all,  
Fr. Marc Nkulu, SMA



## St. Paul Church Choir Update

The choir will rehearse on December 18 at 6:45 PM and December 28 at 9:30 AM as we prepare to sing at the 10:00 AM Mass on December 28. Anyone interested in joining the choir is welcome to attend a rehearsal or email Terry Hostert at [terry.hostert@gmail.com](mailto:terry.hostert@gmail.com) for more information.



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

## Mass Intentions

### St. Rose Church

**Saturday, December 20**

5:00 PM † Luan Phillips

**Sunday, December 21**

8:00 AM † Larry Lee

**Wednesday, December 24**

5:00 PM † Larry Lee

**Thursday, December 25**

8:30 AM St. Rose Parishioners

**Saturday, December 27**

5:00 PM † Larry Lee

**Sunday, December 28**

8:00 AM † Larry Lee

## Lector Schedule

*December Lectors*

**Saturday** Tim Kettering

**Sunday** Linda Butler

*January Lectors*

**Saturday** Ellen Ehrgott

**Sunday** Connie Pepple

## Weekday Mass Update

There will be no Adoration or 8:30 AM Mass on **Wednesday, December 24**, due to the Christmas Eve schedule. The 5:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass will be celebrated as scheduled.

**SHE WILL BEAR  
A SON &  
YOU ARE TO  
NAME HIM JESUS**

## 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 21 Markus Schneider

December 21 Kristine Korsmeyer

December 23 Rick Bartlett

December 24 Foley Kouevi

December 25 Glenyce Fried

December 25 Holly Pollitt



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.



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## 4th Sunday of Advent

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Birth Child Spirit Angel Dream  
Wife Son Name Fulfill Emmanuel

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## Upcoming Events



### St. Paul Church

Tuesday, December 23

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

Friday, December 26

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

### St. Rose Church

Wednesday, December 24

8:00 AM NO Adoration.....St. Rose

### St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Sunday, December 21

12:00 PM NO Mass.....Newman Center

Tuesday, December 23

5:00 PM NO Mass.....Newman Center

Thursday, December 25

5:00 PM NO 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

## Office Hours

The Parish Office will be open Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23 from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The Parish Office will be CLOSED Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26.

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yours before it's  
too late!!





## 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.

View this bulletin online at [www.DiscoverMass.com](http://www.DiscoverMass.com)

# Our Stewardship

## St. Hubert Parish

Fiscal YTD needed (7/1/25-12/14/25).....\$220,824.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD .....\$208,086.00

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

### St. Paul

Offertory (12/8-12/14/2025) .....\$25,896.00

Online Giving .....\$515.00

Roof Fund .....\$31.00

Building Fund .....\$0.00

Cemetery Fund .....\$0.00

### St. Rose

Offering.....\$0.00

Online Giving.....\$935.00

## 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.....\$77,470.00

Collected.....\$68,130.00

As of 11/30/2025

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



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of December 22

##### Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28  
1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd  
Lk 1:46-56

##### Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24  
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14  
Lk 1:57-66

##### Wednesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29  
Lk 1:67-79

##### Thursday The Nativity of the Lord

*Vigil Mass:*

Is 62:1-5  
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

*Mass during the Night:*

Is 9:1-6  
Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13  
Ti 2:11-14  
Lk 2:1-14

*Mass at Dawn*

Is 62:11-12  
Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12  
Ti 3:4-7  
Lk 2:15-20

*Mass during the Day:*

Is 52:7-10  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

##### Friday Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59  
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17  
Mt 10:17-22

##### Saturday Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:14  
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

##### Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### Treasures From Our Tradition (continued)

Yet nearly everyone is fluent in languages of symbol and ritual, languages that transcend the spoken word and may perhaps communicate more clearly. A dance, the delights of the table, the thrill of sport, the power of a painting, a shared silence on a surf washed beach or under a desert sky, a burst of delighted applause, all communicate without a single word.

Sacrament empowers fluency in these languages. A little girl returning from Mass where a baby had been baptized was asked to summarize her day thus far. "I went to church, and some little baby became my brother." That's far more accurate than the adult's remark, "There was a baptism at Mass today."

When we celebrate sacrament, Christ is always calling us into deeper fluency with the languages beyond speech. Sacraments open our senses to the presence of God precisely so we can respond to the depth of that love more fully.

**-Rev. James Feld**

### The Word in our Lives

On this last Sunday before Christmas, we see that Jesus' birth is the fulfillment of the promise of Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." (Mt 1:23) The gospel refers to the first reading from Isaiah. There we see the king of Judah, Ahaz, is under attack by the kings of Aram and Israel. He wants to ask the Assyrians for help, instead of relying on God. He is afraid to admit his lack of faith. So the weakness of Ahaz gives us the wonderful prophecy of the birth of Jesus.

In the gospel, Joseph also does not understand how Mary was pregnant. But unlike Ahaz, Joseph did have faith in God and the message of the angel. He took Mary as his wife and helped her through her pregnancy and afterwards in raising Jesus.

So now we have to choose who we rely on: Do I act like Ahaz, relying on the worldly powers, or like Joseph who trusted the Lord? If I look at my actions and priorities, I might be more like Ahaz than I want to admit.

How much time do I spend watching television (especially now that it's in HD) compared to time in prayer?

How much time do I spend reading the scriptures compared to the newspaper or magazines? If I really believe that "God is with us," which is what Christmas is all about, how much of God can people see in my actions?

Maybe if we kept in mind that promise that God IS with us, in the Baptism we received and the sacraments of the Church, and the love of our spouse or parents—we could see how close God really is and let others see in our actions, that Jesus is Emmanuel.

**-Tom Schmidt**

### Treasures From Our Tradition

How many languages do you know? Most Americans might say they have a primary language, can follow the basics of another encountered in school or in the workplace, and maybe know the barest elements of a third. **(continued on next column)**



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