

St. Hubert Parish - Diocese of Peoria

YOU SHALL NOT PUT
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YOUR GOD
TO THE TEST

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 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.

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 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

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

St. Paul Catholic Church - Macomb, Illinois

Mass Intentions

St. Paul Church

Saturday, February 21

5:15 PM † Julia Elkin

Sunday, February 22

7:30 AM † Renee Nicole Good

10:00 AM † Ceal Majeres

Monday, February 23

5:15 PM † Antoinette Genenbacher

Tuesday, February 24

7:00 AM † Marsha Kommendat

Wednesday, February 25

12:00 PM † St. Hubert Parishioners

Thursday, February 26

7:00 AM All Newborn Babies

Friday, February 27

9:15 AM † Alex Pretti & Renee Good

5:15 PM The Sick & Suffering

Saturday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 1

7:30 AM † Kimberly Ann Nihan

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, Kathleen Markey, Roger Baucom, Rosemary Mendenhall, Catherine Brecken, Diana Powell, Bob Scott, John Moore, Mary Harris, Rose Scheetz, Cooper Hendrix, Jim Zahrndt, Maureen Maheu, Kay Winkel, Jacqueline Martin, Patricia Heap, John Lafferty, Rosemary Lynn, Monica Wolf, Ron Ruebush, Mark Mossman, all those who are suffering & their caregivers.

Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

February 21 Sue Corey

February 26 Joan Frohne

February 26 Dean Wesley

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 27

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Benediction at 5:00 PM

St. Paul Chapel

The First Sunday of Lent

February 21 & 22, 2026

Mass.....Chant Mass

Entrance.....In These Days of Lenten Journey, #135

Prep. of Gifts.....Ashes to Ashes, #139-Lenten Verses

Communion.....On Eagle's Wings, #441

Recessional.....Led By the Spirit, #130

Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 1:30 PM. All are welcome.

Lenten Taizé Prayer

Join us for Taizé prayer at St. Paul Church beginning the week after Ash Wednesday, starting **February 25** and continuing through March 25. Services begin at 5:15 PM and last about 30 minutes. Taizé includes simple meditative song, Scripture, and silence, centered on peace, reconciliation, and God's presence. All are welcome.

Women Connect Ministry Meeting

All women are invited to a Women Connect Ministry meeting on **Monday, March 2** at 10:00 AM at the Spalding Pastoral Center. To carpool, call Barbara Harzman. See the bulletin insert for full details and RSVP information.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

McDonough District Hospital Hospice is seeking volunteers to serve patients and families in the Macomb area. Requirements include a background check, fingerprinting, training, and paperwork. For more information or to volunteer, contact Savannah Caputo at smcaputo@mdh.org

Congratulations on Anniversary Milestones

At the February 14 Mass, the following couples were recognized for milestone anniversaries in 2026: Ray & Patricia Garthaus (65 years); Walter & Dana Derry (50 years); Ron & Becky Runser (50 years); Mark & Lori Thompson (35 years); Terry & Maggie Brooks (25 years); and Drew & Elizabeth Snyder (5 years). The parish congratulates them and all married couples in honor of National Marriage Week. A light reception was hosted by the Women's Guild in the narthex following Mass.

Thank You, Guardian Angel Donors

Your generosity supports our tuition assistance program and helps St. Paul School continue to Raise Saints. Have you considered turning your yearly gift into a monthly recurring donation? It's easy—simply scan the code and follow the prompts. For questions, please contact Development Coordinator, Theresa Young at tyoung@spaulmacomb.com.



St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church - Rushville, Illinois

Mass Intentions

St. Rose Church

Saturday, February 21

5:00 PM † Duesterhaus

Sunday, February 22

8:00 AM † Larry Lee

Wednesday, February 25

8:30 AM No Intention

Saturday, February 28

5:00 PM † Sheryl Geisler

Sunday, March 1

8:00 AM † Marian Burmeier

Lector Schedule

February Lectors

Saturday Tim Kettering

Sunday John Sullivan

March Lectors

Saturday Linda Butler

Sunday Schuyler Isley

Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 5:00 PM. All are welcome.

Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, February 25** 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 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

February 21 Larry Billingsley

February 25 Janet Mihalovic



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



SUNDAYKIDZ

1st Sunday of Lent

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FOR WE HAVE SINNED.**

Upcoming Events



St. Paul Church

Tuesday, February 24

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

Friday, February 27

6:00 AM That Man is You.....St. Paul
9:15 AM School Mass.....St. Paul
10:00 AM Adoration.....St. Paul
1:30 PM Stations of the Cross.....St. Paul
4:30 PM K of C Fish Fry.....St. Paul
5:15 PM Mass.....St. Paul

St. Rose Church

Wednesday, February 25

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

Friday, February 27

5:00 PM Stations of the Cross.....St. Rose

St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Sunday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 24

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

Thursday, February 26

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

Parish Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study begins **Wednesday, February 25**, and runs through April 1, meeting at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM in the St. Paul Chapel. Using *No Greater Love* by *Edward Sri*, the study offers a biblical walk through Christ's Passion. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Wednesday Mass during Lent will be celebrated at 12:00 PM.

40 Hours for the Lord

St. Hubert Parish will offer 40 Hours for the Lord at the St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center from **March 26–28, 2026**, beginning with Mass at 7:00 PM on Thursday & concluding with Benediction and Mass at 11:00 AM on Saturday, followed by lunch. We need your help to fill these 40 hours of blessing!

Lenten Morning of Prayer

All are invited to a Lenten Morning of Prayer on **Saturday, March 7** at St. Mary's Church in Metamora. The morning begins with Eucharistic Adoration at 8:00 AM, including the First Saturday Rosary and Confessions. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM by Father David Kipfer. Cookies and coffee will follow. All parishioners and friends are welcome.

FORMED – Free Access

Our parish provides free access to FORMED for Catholic movies, programs, and studies. For simple sign-up directions, visit:

<https://stpaulmacomb.com/church/our-faith/formed/>

Charitable Contributions Report

If you are in need of a tax receipt for your regular offertory or building fund donations, please call the office at **309-833-2496** or leave a message on the answering machine. You can also email your request to: churchoffice@stpaulmacomb.com. A canceled check may be used unless the amount of a single check is over \$250; in that case, you will need a receipt.



Our Stewardship

St. Hubert Parish

Fiscal YTD needed (7/1/25-2/15/26).....\$303,633.00
Offertory Received Fiscal YTD\$275,255.00
Offertory Needed Each Week\$9,201.00

St. Paul

Offertory (2/9/26-2/15/26)\$2,426.00
Online Giving\$1,496.00
Roof Fund\$15.50
Building Fund\$354.50
Cemetery Fund\$1.50

St. Rose

Offering.....\$449.00
Online Giving.....\$1,135.00

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

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St. Hubert Parish:

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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.....\$93,895.00
Collected.....\$87,122.50

As of 1/31/2026

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Every Friday of Lent **4:30 to 6:30 PM**. Dine-in, carry-out, online order at the St. Paul School gym.

(<https://knights-of-columbus-682.square.site>)

Women In Faith

Meets Tuesdays, 8:00–9:30 am (St. Francis Newman Center). Coffee and light refreshments are available. All are welcome!

Contact Cathy Crain at 309-337-6370 or

imirish49@gmail.com

The First Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 23

Monday

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2 Tim 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

Treasures From Our Tradition

In a few weeks' time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive bearing dove at the end of Noah's stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin.

At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores.

-Rev. James Field

The Word in our Lives

Connections

The second reading this Sunday is not easy to follow, especially when some of Paul's sentences are more like paragraphs. But you will notice that he makes several important connections: between sin and death, between Adam and Jesus, and between obedience and disobedience.

Sin, he says, is the cause of death—not just spiritual death, but physical death also. His point is that sin affects everyone, innocent as well as sinner. Of course, everyone is subject to death at some point, even if they haven't sinned. Sometimes the cause is immediate, such as a drunken driver who causes the death of an innocent person. Even a less serious sin can be a little "death" when it makes us feel that we are not as close to God as we could be. And sins that we might think are not a big deal, such as smoking, can lead to serious health problems.

The connection between Adam and Jesus is not so obvious. Adam was the first to bring sin and death into the world. Jesus is the first to bring forgiveness by his death on the cross. Adam was at the beginning of creation and Jesus is the beginning of a new creation. If we are all sons and daughters of Adam, we are also God's children, since Jesus taught us to call God our Father.

The Letter to the Romans shows us how Jesus is different from Adam. Adam disobeyed God, while Jesus was obedient to his Father. Adam reminds me of a child who knows what he is supposed to do, but thinks that he can do the opposite and get away with it.

The Gospel can be an example of that difference. The child likes to do things the easy way, while the adult will do them the right way. Satan can be thought of as trying to get Jesus to do things the easy way. When he tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, he shows Jesus an easy way to feed the people. But Jesus takes a better way, when he feeds us with himself in the Eucharist. The devil says Jesus can throw himself off the temple as a dramatic way to attract followers; Jesus lets himself hang from the cross to draw people to himself. Satan promises the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will only worship him. But Jesus chose to be crowned with thorns and receive his kingdom when he rose from the dead.

-Tom Schmidt

"You Shall Be Like Gods"

This original temptation, outlined in the first reading, was a promise that what was right and what was wrong would be up to us; that we could write our own moral law. That's what the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" meant, and why Adam and Eve couldn't eat from it. We are all called to know good from evil, but not to decide it. To think we decide it is the error of the "pro-choice" mindset. "It's all up to me and my choice, even if it means killing a baby." In the culture of life, on the other hand, we live in the freedom of the children of God, and pattern our lives on the obedience of Jesus that leads to life eternal.

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