

St. Hubert Parish - Diocese of Peoria

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 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, July 28

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

Friday, July 31

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

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

St. Rose Church

Wednesday, July 29

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.

Women's Guild Anniversary Kickoff

All women of the parish are invited to join us on **Sunday, Aug. 2**, in the church narthex. A social begins at 3:00 PM, followed by the meeting at 3:30 PM. This year marks the **60th anniversary** of our Women's Guild, and we invite you to help us plan a memorable year of fellowship, faith, and service. Whether you've been active for years or are attending for the first time, we'd love to have you join us. As we celebrate this milestone and look forward to our new parish hall, there's much to be thankful for and even more to accomplish together.

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](#)

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, Aug. 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 (7/1/26-7/19/26).....\$25,674.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD\$26,287.00

Offertory Needed Each Week\$8,558.00

St. Paul

Offertory (7/13/26-7/19/26)\$2,599.00

Online Giving\$3,142.00

Roof Fund\$15.50

Building Fund\$3,319.50

Cemetery Fund\$151.50

St. Rose

Offering.....\$351.00

Online Giving.....\$265.00

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25 & 26, 2026

Gloria.....Mass of Wisdom, pew card
Mass.....Mass of Creation, #868
Entrance.....Praise to the Lord, #213
Prep. of Gifts..... Lord of All Hopefulness, #553
Communion.....All Good Gifts, #557
Recessional.....Now Thank We All Our God, #206

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25

5:15 PM † Dan Phelan

Sunday, July 26

7:30 AM † Patricia Tebbe

10:00 AM † Barbara Garthaus

Monday, July 27

5:15 PM † Rick Willems

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 AM † John Komendat

Wednesday, July 29

5:15 PM † Won Hurh

Thursday, July 30

7:00 AM St. Hubert Parishioners

Friday, July 31

5:15 PM † Dan Phelan

Saturday, August 1

5:15 PM † Jonelle Schauble

Sunday, August 2

7:30 AM † John Funke

10:00 AM † Timothy J. Beiermann

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, Fr. Bo Schmitt, all those who are suffering & their caregivers.

Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

July 25 Gary Neuhardt



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, July 31

10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Benediction at 5:00 PM

St. Paul Chapel

St. Rose Catholic Church - Rushville, Illinois

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25

5:00 PM † Ramon Escapa

Sunday, July 26

8:00 AM † Jeronie Funke

Wednesday, July 29

8:30 AM Norbert Tebbe

Saturday, August 1

5:00 PM † Liselotte Kramer

Sunday, August 2

8:00 AM † Edward Tebbe

Lector Schedule

July Lectors

Saturday Tim Kettering

Sunday Schuyler Isley

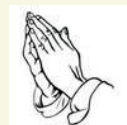
August Lectors

Saturday Ellen Ehrgott

Sunday Theresa Korsmeyer

Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, July 29**, 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 26 Emily Sullivan

July 26 Tanner Lewis

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Announcements & Events

Sympathy

St. Rose of Lima Church extends our sympathy to Bruce Billingsley and his family. Bruce's mother, Clara Billingsley, passed away last week. May she rest in peace.

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!

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**.

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.

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

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.



Gift Cards

Hy-Vee and Walmart gift cards are available for purchase in the parish office during regular hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 - 3:00 PM or by appointment. Please contact the parish office for delivery options including mailing. St. Paul Building Fund receives a portion of each gift card sold.

Readings & Reflections

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 27

Monday

Jer 13:1-11

Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21

Mt 13:31-25

Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22

Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and

Lazarus

Jer 15:10, 16-21

Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

Jer 18:1-6

Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

Mt 13:47-53

Friday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jer 26:1-9

Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3

Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Mt 14:13-21

Treasures from our Tradition

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child's forehead.

The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism.
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Treasures from our Tradition (continued)

Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last fifty years!

—Rev. James Field

The Word in our Lives

A Truly Wise Person

The ending of today's Gospel speaks about "the new and the old." Jesus is saying that a person "instructed in the kingdom" has wisdom both old and new; in other words, that person learns from the past as well as from the present. Let's look at each of those.

We learn from the past by studying it. So the wisdom of the Kingdom comes first from the scriptures. The more familiar we are with the word of God, the more wisdom we possess. Along with studying the scriptures, we must pray over them and ask the Spirit to show us how they apply to our lives.

We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. The saints may have lived extraordinary lives, but they all began as ordinary people who gave their lives to Christ. The writings of the Church, though sometimes very technical, contain the wisdom of centuries of living the faith. If you only have time to go to Mass on Sunday, just listening to the homily can help to apply the scriptures to your life.

One way we can learn from "the new" is to learn from our mistakes. That includes learning from our sins. When we are truly sorry, we make an effort to change our ways. You might say we have to learn a new way to respond to that situation. In the Bible, the word repentance itself means a change of heart, a new way of seeing and doing things.

We can also learn from the mistakes and the successes of our friends. As we share our faith with them, we share the stories of our lives, both good and bad. These stories can teach how to live our faith (or how not to!). One of the advantages of having friends whom we trust enough to confess our faults to is that we do not have to figure out life on our own. God can speak to us through a friend or relative whose advice we seek. A truly wise person is one who has received a lifetime of good advice.

—Tom Schmidt

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