

St. Hubert Parish - Diocese of Peoria

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 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, September 1

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

Friday, September 4

9:15 AM School Mass.....St. Paul

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

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

St. Rose Church

Wednesday, September 2

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

St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center

Sunday, August 30

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

Thursday, September 3

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

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration of St. Rose of Lima so beautiful, from the church decorations to the Coffee and Donuts after Mass. A special word of appreciation to the Knights of Columbus for their presence and participation, and to the Women's Guild for the wonderful refreshments during the Bishop's visit in Saint Paul church. We are grateful to our Bishop, clergy, parishioners, and everyone who attended and helped make the 150th Anniversary celebration of our Diocese so meaningful. Your presence, generosity, joyful spirit, and service made these celebrations truly special. Thank you for coming together as one parish family to celebrate our faith and these important milestones. May God continue to bless St. Hubert Parish and the Diocese of Peoria, and may He reward you all for your kindness and service.

A New Season of Faith Formation

As we begin the month of September, we look forward with joy to the beatification of the Servant of God Archbishop Fulton Sheen **Sept. 24, 2026**. Let us continue to keep this important event in our prayers. September also marks the beginning of our CCD, Confirmation and OCIA classes. We warmly encourage all parents to bring their children to Sunday School regularly from the beginning of the school year. Your children's faith formation is a precious responsibility we share together as a parish family. Please do not wait until the last minute to begin; every class and every opportunity to grow in faith matters. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the faith formation of our children and adults. May God bless our parish family!

Fr. Marc NKULU
Pastor

Our Stewardship

St. Hubert Parish

Fiscal YTD needed (7/1/26-8/23/26).....\$68,464.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD\$58,971.00

Offertory Needed Each Week\$8,558.00

St. Paul

Offertory (8/17/26-8/23/26)\$4,180.00

Online Giving\$2,637.00

Roof Fund\$18.00

Building Fund\$8,980.61

Cemetery Fund\$2.00

St. Rose

Offering.....\$389.00

Online Giving.....\$185.00

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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29 & 30, 2026

Gloria.....Mass of Wisdom, pew card
Mass.....Mass of Creation, #868
Entrance.....This Day God Gives Me, #628
Prep. of Gifts.....Christ Before Us, #548
Communion.....Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All, #678
Recessional.....Take Up Your Cross, #709

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29

5:15 PM † Alena & Ivy Zahrndt

Sunday, August 30

7:30 AM † Patrick Stump

10:00 AM Rita O'Hern

Monday, August 31

5:15 PM † Helen Allen

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 AM St. Hubert Parishioners

Wednesday, September 2

5:15 PM † Janelle Mlekush

Thursday, September 3

7:00 AM † Carol Zaehring

Friday, September 4

9:15 AM † Regina Ehrhardt

5:15 PM † Dan Phelan

Saturday, September 5

5:15 PM † Steven M. Wilson

Sunday, September 6

7:30 AM † Deceased Members of Womens Guild

10:00 AM † Jerry Billeter

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 29 Rita O'Hern

August 30 Ronald Purdum

September 1 Virginia Frankenberger

September 3 Walter Derry

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, September 4

10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Benediction at 5:00 PM - St. Paul Chapel

St. Rose Catholic Church - Rushville, Illinois

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29

5:00 PM † Janet Shea

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM † Luan Phillips

Wednesday, September 2

8:30 AM † Larry & Shirley Dohm

Saturday, September 5

5:00 PM † Kevin Coughlin

Sunday, September 6

8:00 AM † Mike Godwin

Lector Schedule

August Lectors

Saturday Ellen Ehrgott

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 **4:30-6:00 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 Matthew Ehrgott

September 2 Luke Sullivan

September 4 Kim Lewis

Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, September 2**, with Adoration at 8:00 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM, then Coffee Club at 9:00 AM.

Announcements & Events

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.

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, Sept. 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**.

Season of Creation 2026

You may have noticed the new Season of Creation liturgical banner! The Season of Creation is an annual time of prayer and action focused on caring for our common home. It begins **Sept. 1**, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Throughout the Season of Creation, St. Hubert Parish will offer opportunities to participate. Watch the bulletin each week for information and ideas, and visit the table in the Narthex for additional resources.

Dates to Note:

- Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:00 AM – Season of Creation Inter-Faith Outdoor Prayer Service at St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island.
- Saturday, Oct. 3, 11:00 AM – Ecumenical Season of Creation Worship Service at Chandler Park in Macomb.
- Oct. 3–4, all weekend Masses – St. Hubert Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a focus on Care of Creation.

Additional details will be available in the coming weeks. Resources and ideas for individuals and families are available from the Catholic Climate Covenant and Catholic Creation Care. To assist with Season of Creation activities, please contact Jean Wolf, Care of Creation Committee, St. Paul Church, at je-wolf@wiu.edu.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Today our parish joins Catholics throughout the Diocese in supporting the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Through the Appeal, we answer Christ's call to "Be My Witnesses." Your gift supports ministries that bring people to Christ, care for our retired priests, form future priests, strengthen families, educate our children, serve those in need, and proclaim the Gospel throughout our Diocese.

Our parish goal this year is **\$77,742**. Every gift, regardless of size, helps us reach that goal and continue the Church's mission. Please complete a pledge card today or visit cdop.org/ada. Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by credit or debit card, or by direct debit from a checking or savings account. Gifts of appreciated stock, grain, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact **(309) 671-1550** for more information.

Help Keep St. Rose Cool

The St. Rose Men's Group is seeking donations for a new air conditioner for the church. After more than 30 years, it's time for a replacement. To date, **\$2,000 has been donated** toward the total HVAC **cost of \$6,567.70**. Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed! To support this "cool cause," make your check payable to: **St. Hubert Parish – St. Rose Men's Group**, or use an envelope marked Men's Group. Place your donation in the collection or give it to Mark Thompson. Thank you, and may God bless all our donors for your generosity to our church.

St. Nicholas Charity Thanks You

A special thanks to all who donated items to the St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels collection. A generous amount of useful items was received. Your donations are very much appreciated by the **over 900 families** helped monthly in the Peoria Diocese, by Catholic Charities and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Thank you for your generosity.



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

Readings, Reflections & News

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 31

Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5
Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16
Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9
Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 3:18-23
Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5
Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15
Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Treasures from our Tradition

We know for certain that the sacrament of penance was a fairly rare event in the life of a Christian in the early centuries, but that everyone had a duty to admit their sins and ask forgiveness before giving thanks in the Sunday Eucharist and receiving Christ's Body and Blood at the table. Everyone today is familiar with this same ancient pattern.

We also know about Lent and its journey of renewal, and even those who are returning from summer vacations may speak of a fresh perspective on life and a resolve to do better. Saint Augustine spoke of a third kind of penance, beyond the turning of the catechumens to a different life, beyond the normal everyday fresh starts, to a form that is severe and serious. Certain sins broke faith with the community: the sinners were obliged to give their names to the bishop and were barred from participation in the Eucharist. Augustine mentioned sacrilege, adultery, and murder as the culprits, great wounds for the perpetrator, wounds that were serious, deadly, mortal. Penance was such a frightening prospect that many people delayed their baptism for fear that they would sin, a practice with which Augustine was well acquainted. Pastoral need would eventually call the church to reconsider its practice.

—Rev. James Field

Rosaries Bound for Tanzania

What a beautiful example of faith, service, and sisterhood in action! The St. Hubert Women of Faith, members of the Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (PDCCW) and St. Hubert's Guild, recently joined together for a special mission project—**handmaking 200 international rosaries** for their former priest, Fr. Sixmund Henry, to take with him when he soon returns home to Tanzania. Each rosary was made with love and prayer and will travel thousands of miles to place the gift of Our Blessed Mother's Rosary into the hands of our brothers and sisters in Christ. What a wonderful reminder that the work of our parish women can reach far beyond our own communities!



Pictured: Diane Randolph, Mary Aurello, Fr. Marc, Barb Harzman, and Cathy Crain.

The Word in our Lives

The Eyes of a Child

Christian churches sometimes advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add "challenging" to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way—rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus' mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Like Satan's temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God's will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom—and much sleep—when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

—Tom Schmidt

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