

St. Hubert Parish - Diocese of Peoria



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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 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, August 18

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

Friday, August 21

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

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

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

St. Rose Church

Wednesday, August 19

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

Mass Intentions and the Newman Center

As the Newman Center remains connected in a special way with St. Hubert Parish, I would like to share a brief reflection on the beautiful Catholic tradition of having Masses offered for particular intentions. The Holy Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church. At every Mass, Christ offers Himself to the Father for our salvation, and we are invited to unite our prayers, joys, sorrows, and intentions with His sacrifice. For this reason, Catholics have the beautiful tradition of requesting a Mass to be offered for a particular intention: for a deceased loved one, someone who is sick or in need of prayer, a birthday or anniversary, in thanksgiving, or for any special intention.

A Mass stipend is the offering traditionally given by someone who requests a Mass. It is not a payment for the Mass or for the priest, since the grace of the Mass cannot be bought. It is an offering made in connection with the Mass intention and helps support the ministry of the Church. As the Newman Center continues its ministry to our students, I invite our parishioners to consider requesting Mass intentions through the Newman Center. You can offer a Mass for a loved one, a special intention, or in thanksgiving to God. In doing so, you are accomplishing two beautiful things: you are placing your intention before the Lord at the altar, and you are helping support the spiritual ministry of the Newman Center and its service to our students. If you would like to request a Mass intention for the Newman Center, please contact the parish office, the Newman Center Office or speak with me. Let us continue to make the Holy Eucharist the heart of our prayer and our mission.

Vicariate Mass – August 25

On Tuesday, August 25, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Tylka will be with us to celebrate the Vicariate Mass in thanksgiving for the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Peoria. This is a special opportunity for us to come together as one Catholic family, give thanks for the blessings of our Diocese, and pray for its continued mission. I warmly invite all our parishioners to attend. Let us come in good numbers and celebrate this important milestone together! Please mark your calendar: August 25 at 5:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

Father Marc NKULU, SMA
Pastor

Our Stewardship

St. Hubert Parish

Fiscal YTD needed (7/1/26–8/9/26).....\$51,348.00

Offertory Received Fiscal YTD\$46,334.00

Offertory Needed Each Week\$8,558.00

St. Paul

Offertory (8/3/26–8/9/26)\$3,830.00

Online Giving\$3,195.00

Roof Fund\$29.00

Building Fund\$1,025.00

Cemetery Fund\$110.00

St. Rose

Offering.....\$480.00

Online Giving.....\$760.00

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15 & 16, 2026

Gloria.....Mass of Wisdom, pew card
Mass.....Mass of Creation, #868
Entrance.....As We Gather at Your Table, #311
Prep. of Gifts.....Psalm 42 (As the Deer Longs), #490
Communion.....Bread of Life, #328
Recessional.....Blessed By Your Sacrifice, #204

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15

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

Sunday, August 16

7:30 AM † John Funke
10:00 AM † Dan Donovan

Monday, August 17

5:15 PM † Raymond Ortman

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 AM † Kathleen Komendat

Wednesday, August 19

5:15 PM † Elizabeth Ortman

Thursday, August 20

7:00 AM † Virginia Cash

Friday, August 21

9:15 AM † John & Annie Sperandio
5:15 PM † Dan Phelan

Saturday, August 22

5:15 PM † Tim Mast

Sunday, August 23

7:30 AM † Deceased Members of Womens Guild
10:00 AM † Barbara Garthaus

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 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 Schmit, all those who are suffering & their caregivers.

Upcoming Birthdays

(for over 75 years of age)

August 18 Daniel Glenn
August 18 Charles Oprian

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, August 21

10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Benediction at 5:00 PM – St. Paul Chapel

St. Rose Catholic Church - Rushville, Illinois

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15

5:00 PM † Regina Erhardt

Sunday, August 16

8:00 AM † Tom Johnson

Wednesday, August 19

8:30 AM † Theodore Funke

Saturday, August 22

5:00 PM † Janet Shea

Sunday, August 23

8:00 AM † Jamie Taylor

Lector Schedule

August Lectors

Saturday Ellen Ehrgott

Sunday Theresa Korsmeyer

September Lectors

Saturday Linda Butler

Sunday Schuler Isley

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 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 God bless you for your support.

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 17 Jim McCombs
August 17 Tim Kettering
August 18 Richard Veith

Weekday Mass Reminder

Weekday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, August 19**, with Adoration at 8:00 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM, then Coffee Club at 9:00 AM.

Announcements & Events

Sympathy

St. Paul Church extends our sympathy to Fran Biagini and her family following the passing of her husband, Bruce. May he rest in peace.

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.

Scheduling Requests - St. Paul Church

Time to submit weekend scheduling requests for Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Cantors, Servers & Ushers for the September-October 2026 cycle. For special requests, use the Ministry Scheduler Pro website to enter availability. Requests due **Monday, Aug. 24, 2026**. New schedules online by Aug. 26, 2026.

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!

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Join Holy Archangels Parish for this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to St. Louis on **Thursday, Sep. 24, 2026**. A charter bus will depart from the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Carthage at 7:00 AM and will leave St. Louis at approximately 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$100 per person which includes transportation and event ticket. Call or text **Barb Drozd** at (217) 242-2189 to reserve your seat and for payment details.

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.

Thank You

We want to express our deepest gratitude for the love and support shown to us after our daughter Diane passed away. Thank you to everyone who sent cards, offered condolences at church, brought food to our house, and donated to her memorials. We also extend a special thank you to the wonderful St. Paul Women's Guild for providing the lovely meal after the burial. Your kindness has brought us comfort during this difficult time.

Bruce, Catherine Breckon and family.

"You Will Be My Witnesses." (Acts 1:8)

Annual Diocesan Appeal Kickoff Aug. 29–30, 2026

In two weeks, our parish will join churches throughout the Diocese of Peoria in the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal. This year's theme, "You Will Be My Witnesses," reminds us that we are called to renew and deepen our commitment to being credible Witnesses of Christ in the world.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal supports ministries that serve the faithful across our 26 counties. Through your support, the Diocese forms future priests, strengthens Catholic education, accompanies college students through our Newman Centers, serves neighbors in need through Catholic Charities, supports evangelization, and provides countless ministries that strengthen our local Church. Please begin praying about how God is calling you to participate in this year's Appeal. To learn more or make your gift, visit cdop.org/ada.



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, Sep. 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.

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.

Readings & Reflections

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 17

Monday

Ez 24:15-23
Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Ez 28:1-10
Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez 36:23-28
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Mt 22:1-14

Friday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Ez 37:1-14
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1-7ab
Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

Treasures from our Tradition

In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time, Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this.

In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the "purification" of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar.

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Treasures from our Tradition (continued)

Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon's prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, chrismate (confirm), and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community.

—Rev. James Field

The Word in our Lives

A Clever Woman of Faith

Why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman? At first he seems to be putting her off. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help. She refused to give up and stop asking. Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality.

Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. He shows us that we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

—Tom Schmidt

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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