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"Be an Intentional Disciple"

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Obligation

Saturday:Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday:8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday:5:30 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday7:15 a.m.
Holy Days:7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
(Anytime by appointment)

BAPTISM and MARRIAGE

Contact Office Manager

OCIA

Contact Deacon Tom

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are children of God and members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, under the guidance of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. We are united in Christ, devoted to the Eucharist, prayer, and service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to proclaim the Gospel with love, uphold the dignity of every person, and nurture spiritual growth through worship, catechesis, and compassionate outreach. Inspired by our patron, St. Jude, the Apostle of Hope, we bring light to the suffering, strength to the weary, and hope to the hopeless, building God's kingdom in faith and unity here in Rochester, Illinois. Come, Let's Journey Together.
Reverend Peter Chineke - Pastor



face in our daily lives, becoming instruments of healing and hope in a wounded world.

May Christ the Divine Mercy continue to have mercy on us and grant us all the graces we need to be HOLY, HEALTHY, and HAPPY in this life and in eternity. Amen.

A Blessed Feast of Divine Mercy to Everyone.

Fr. Peter Chineke

Sunday, April 12th, 2026

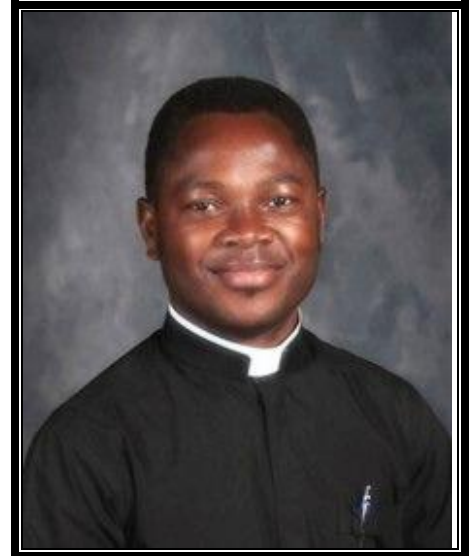
(2nd Sunday of Easter)

Redeemed By Mercy – Called to be Merciful

Today, the Catholic Church all over the world joyfully celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, a powerful feast established by Pope St. John Paul II in the year 2000 during the canonization of Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Mercy. Through profound private revelations, Saint Faustina Kowalska, a devoted nun from Poland, received heartfelt messages from our Lord Jesus Christ, who identified Himself as Divine Mercy. He charged her with the important mission of spreading His message of mercy throughout the world. This powerful devotion to Divine Mercy has rapidly become popular, emphasizing the boundless mercy that flows from the Heart of Christ. It inspires us to embrace the image of Divine Mercy, recite the Chaplet, and respond to the call to trust in Him wholeheartedly. Let us take this opportunity to reflect on His love and share it with others.

Spiritually, Divine Mercy Sunday reveals the very heart of the Gospel: that God is rich in mercy and desires to forgive, heal, and restore His people. It reminds us that no sin is greater than God's mercy and that trust in Christ opens us to an ocean of grace. The day offers a profound invitation to return to the Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, where mercy is most fully encountered.

For individuals and families, this feast is not only to be celebrated but lived. We are called to embody mercy in concrete ways—through forgiveness, compassion, patience, and love. In our homes, mercy is shown in reconciliation, understanding, and self-giving. As Christ is Mercy itself, we are invited to reflect His merciful-



Prayer to St Jude

O most holy apostle, Saint Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honoureth and invoceth thee universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, and of things almost despaired of.

Pray for me, who am so miserable. Make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded to thee, to bring visible and speedy help where help was almost despaired of.

Come to mine assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (here make your request) and that I may praise God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity.

I promise thee, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour thee as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to thee.

Amen.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

This is the liaison between the diocese and anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor. (217)-321-1155

Donut Sunday

Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates: **April 12th, 26th**

We look forward to seeing you!



As we enter this fourth week of Lent, we are encouraged to continue our journey to empty our lives of imperfections that keep us from developing a closer relationship with God. Near the altar, there is an earthen vessel lying on its side, emptied of its contents - symbolized by the blue cloth. The Church uses symbols to remind us of the message of each liturgical season. During the season of Lent there are no banners, plants, or flowers within the sanctuary; it is barren, reflecting the season outside.

As in the past, if you would like to provide flowers for the celebration of Easter, please do so by using your parish envelope designated for Easter Flowers. If you wish to participate in preparing the environment for Palm Sunday, the Triduum, or Easter Sunday, please contact Evelyn Deimel. Thank you.

The Art and Environment Committee

SDCCW Scholarship Program



Applications are now being accepted for the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) 2026 High School Girl Graduate Scholarship Program! Are you a practicing Catholic girl who is graduating from

the 12th grade? If you attend a private or public school or are home schooled, you are eligible to apply! The SDCCW is pleased to award a \$2,000 scholarship to 4 Catholic high school girls who are graduating. This money should be used to further your education in either a community college or university, technical/trade/vocational school, or other non-traditional options. Three required documents (application, essay, and letter of recommendation) must be received by April 15th and sent to Rita Devore, 1006 Shenandoah Avenue, Effingham, IL 62401. In addition, the application must be signed by your pastor. Copies may be found in your parish.

For further questions, please call Rita Devore at 217-821-7517. Thank you!

Attention all seniors...Senior Social

To help shake off the winter woollens and welcome spring you are invited to the launch of Senior Socials, a monthly event connecting area Catholic seniors. Come meet other retired/senior citizens for an afternoon of games, cards, conversation and snacks. We'll supply it all; you can just come as you are! Hope to see you on **Wednesday, April 15, 3:00pm-5:00pm in the Cathedral Atrium**. Please share this invitation with your senior friends and relatives

Mass Intentions & Times (indicates deceased)

Saturday, April 11th
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Agnes Ross)

Sunday, April 12th
 8:00am Mass (Int: Parish Family)
 10:30am Mass (Int: Bishop Paprocki)

Monday, April 13th
 5:30pm Mass (Int: Jane Schmit †)

Tuesday, April 14th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Dan Connolly †)

Wednesday, April 15th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Virginia Chineke †)

Thursday, April 16^h
 7:15am Mass (Int: Deceased members of Brandis Family †)

Friday, April 17th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Dan Connolly †)

Saturday, April 18th
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Harry Nickles †)

Sunday, April 19th
 8:00am Mass (Int: Gary Leach †)
 10:30am Mass (Int: Parish Family)

April Volunteers: Week 2

Monday, April 13th Counting Day:

Team #2

Church Dusters

Laurie McWard & Zana Dahlkamp

April Aluminum Cans Recycle

Jerry Calvert

April Food Pantry Collection

Jeff & Ty White

Hearts in Christ Collection

Kara Gray

Rochester Estates – 2nd Sunday of April

Eucharistic Minister: M. & H. Bruno

Carriage Crossing – 2nd Sunday of April

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Auxier

Next Week Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 18th at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, M. Mankowski, J. Kohlrus

Lectors: Donna Day & Vicki Walker

Servers: A. & N. Horstman, D. Sommer, **Still Needed, Still Needed**

Hospitality: M. & H. Bruno, K. Foster

Sacristan: Carol Mataya

Sunday, April 19th at 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, M. Godar, B. Hendricks

Lectors: Kyle Blumhorst & Lenna DeGroot

Servers: J. & B. Britz, B. Howard, E. & R. Strawkas

Hospitality: D. & L. Wuellner, K. Park

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, April 19th at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, L. Fjelstul, S. Warren, **Still Needed**

Lectors: A. & O. Rench

Servers: C. & C. Conway, N. & R. Houmes, A. Doehring

Hospitality: C. & T. Bax, D. Roark, **Still Needed**

Sacristan: Helen Crusen

Sacrificial Giving July 1st, 2025 – June 30th, 2026

	This week	Year to date
Ordinary Envelopes	\$1,685.00	\$257,154.52
Easter Collection	\$4,272.00	\$4,675.00
CRS	\$560.00	560.00
Poor	\$1,100.00	\$20,270.00
Renovation	\$811.00	\$25,354.00
Weekly total	\$8,428.00	
YTD total		\$325,401.00

Spiritual Support for the Sick

Request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one facing illness or surgery. The Sacrament may be administered privately or after any Mass. If you or a loved one is in the hospital, Father would like to know so it is possible for him to visit. Please call the Parish Office at (217) 498-9197 for the anointing and/or a hospital visit.

Eucharistic Ministers taking communion to Carriage Crossing & Rochester Estates at 9:15am Sundays
Frances Yocum is having a Communion Service at 2:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesdays at Rochester Estate

It is a privilege to pray for those who are ill. In hopes of keeping our list current, parishioners and parishioners' family and friends will be on the prayer list for 1 month unless the office is contacted to notify us that additional time is necessary. We are happy to keep people on the list as long as needed.

Please remember the elderly and homebound of our parish in your daily prayer.

God bless them all, and

Pray for Parishioners – Leroy Bozarth, JoAnn Camille, Ann Carel, Morgan Culbertson, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, Marilyn Merkley, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Suzanne Moss, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Bill & Laurie White, Jill Whitney, Joe Rupnik

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

John Aplington – Beth Yong

Mary Aplington – Beth Yong

Elise Bortmess, baby Walker and Owen – Diane Bortmess

Carol Hunter – friend of Roy & Cindy Collings

Kelly Diaz – niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

Carol Kirby – friend of Ginger Rentschler

Claudia Oller – Mary Bruno

Myra Shroeder – Jane Molohon

Cindy Usher – friend of Mary Bruno

Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

David Venable – family of Mary Bruno

Richard Yong – Beth Yong

Parish Rummage Sale

Our parish Rummage Sale is coming, and we are accepting donations!



All gently used items collected will be donated to support our Parish Rummage Sale **April 24-25**. Proceeds from the Rummage Sale go towards assisting our Youth Group in their mission trip.

When can I drop off items?

Donation drop-off will begin the week of April 13, during regular parish office hours. No donations will be accepted after Thursday, April 23rd.

What kinds of items can be donated?

Gently used children's clothing, household goods, toys, books, and small appliances suitable for a rummage sale. Please, no adult clothing or large furniture items.

We appreciate your support!

Compassionate Communication Small Group Meetings

Introductory meeting – Thursday, April 16th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

At this introductory meeting, you will have the opportunity to learn about and sign up for a series of small group sessions based on the concepts in the book "Nonviolent Communication." The book and companion workbook will be available for purchase for \$20 for the set.

These weekly sessions allow participants to practice the four components of compassionate communication: observation, expression of feelings, acknowledgment of needs, and making requests. Participation can help improve relationships, resolve conflicts, and create mutual understanding.

The specific dates and times for the subsequent small group meetings will be determined based on the availability of those who sign up. If you are interested but unable to attend this introductory meeting, please contact Dottie Anderson at 217-416-1993.

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship



Each year since 2004, the Knights of Columbus Council #9640 has awarded the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Scholarship information and applications are available on the

parish website, under the **About** tab (www.churchofstjude.com) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Scholarship applications must be submitted, completely, by 15 April 2026 (Wednesday). The Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.

Father Patrick Cahill Scholarship Committee

April PSR At a Glance

April	
PSR SCHEDULE	
01	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30 PM/ SHADOW PLAY 6:40 PM
08	NO CLASS- ROCHESTER STEM FAIR
15	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30 PM
22	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30 PM/ 3 RD GRADE PARENT MEETING/CONFIRMATION PRACTICE
28	3 RD GRADE CONFIRMATION AT CATHEDRAL
29	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30 PM

The Social Concerns Ministry is seeking assistance with the **Hearts in Christ Collection**. This includes picking up donated items from the bin that is inside the foyer at the parish center and delivering those items to local nonprofit agencies. We are currently looking for help for the months of August- November this year. If you are willing to sign up and help for a month, please contact Kara Gray.

Social Concerns Coordinator
Kara.gray@comcast.net or (217) 341-2269

Shadow Play 2026



During Holy Week, our parish was blessed to experience a beautiful Stations of the Cross Shadow Play put on by our 6-8th grade PSR classes. I was so proud of those kids; they really were great role models for our younger PSR classes that night, and so many people came up to us afterwards to tell us how wonderful they did!

One moment in particular really stood out for me and the other leaders that night. During the Station where Jesus meets His Mother, the original plan initially included a Roman soldier on stage for that scene. However, as these things sometimes go, the timing did not quite work out and the lights came up to reveal only Mary, looking up at her Son. And in that unexpected and unplanned moment, something powerful happened.

With no added movement or distraction, the focus rested entirely on the quiet exchange between Mother and Son. Mary, fully aware of what was to come, looking up at Jesus in both immense sorrow and love. What may have felt in the moment like a missed cue actually turned into one of the most poignant scenes of the evening!

It served as a gentle reminder that even when our plans do not unfold exactly as intended, God is still at work. At times, what we might call a mistake can become something meaningful beyond what we had imagined. It is a small lesson in trusting that even our imperfect moments can be part of a greater purpose.

We are SO deeply grateful to all of our youth and volunteers who made this experience possible. And we are thankful for the little surprises along the way that remind us God's plan is better than our own.

-Alicia Harney