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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

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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



Sunday, April 19th, 2026

(3rd Sunday of Easter)

They Stopped, Looking Downcast

“They stopped, looking downcast” (Luke 24:17). In that brief but piercing moment, the disciples on the road to Emmaus reveal the weight of shattered hopes. They had trusted in Jesus, believed in His promise, and yet the Cross seemed to silence everything. Their faces reflected not only grief, but confusion, fear, and a loss of meaning. They walked away from Jerusalem – the place of promise – because their hearts could no longer carry the burden of disappointment.

How often this is our story. In a world marked by conflict, uncertainty, violence, division, abuse of power, hate and all kinds of social injustice, we too find ourselves “looking downcast.” The chaos among nations, the wounds within communities, and the struggles in our personal lives can obscure hope. Like the disciples, we may feel that goodness has been defeated, that truth is buried, and that peace is out of reach.

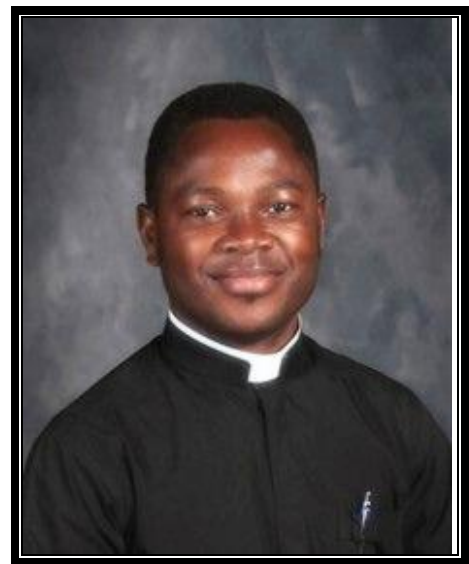
Yet, the Resurrection enters precisely into this moment. Jesus does not wait for the disciples to regain hope. He meets them in their despair. He walks beside them, listens to their pain, and gently rekindles their understanding. The Risen Christ transforms their downcast gaze into a burning heart. What seemed like an ending becomes a beginning; what appeared as defeat is revealed as victory.

The Resurrection is not merely an event of the past – it is a living power meant to awaken us now. It calls us to lift our eyes, to recognize Christ walking with us amid turmoil, and to trust that no darkness is beyond His light. Even when the world feels fractured, the Risen Lord is quietly restoring, healing, and renewing our spirits.

Our task, then, is not to remain stopped and downcast, but to allow Christ to raise us. For every road of sorrow can become a path of encounter, and every broken hope can be reborn in the light of the Resurrection.

May Christ, The Great Healer, continue to heal our wounds. Amen.

Fr. Peter Chineke



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 date: **April 26th**

We look forward to seeing you!



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 24th 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and April 25th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** 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

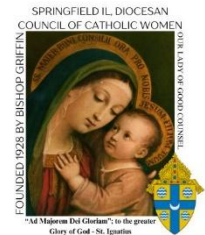
April PSR At a Glance



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

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

Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

Saturday, April 18th
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Harry Nickles †)
Sunday, April 19th
 8:00am Mass (Int: Gary Leach †)
 10:30am Mass (Int: Parish Family)
Monday, April 20th
 5:30pm Mass (Int: James Felts †)
Tuesday, April 21st
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)
Wednesday, April 22nd
 7:15am Mass (Int: Dil Deimel †)
Thursday, April 23rd
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)
Friday, April 24th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)
Saturday, April 25th
 4:30pm Mass (Int: George Ginter †)
Sunday, April 26th
 8:00am Mass (Int: Delbert Collings & Carolyn Carmichael †)
 10:30am Mass (Int: Parish Family)

April Volunteers: Week 3

Monday, April 20th Counting Day:

Team #3

Church Dusters

Donna Day

April Aluminum Cans Recycle

Jerry Calvert

April Food Pantry Collection

Diane Urbanckas

Hearts in Christ Collection

Leann Flesch

Rochester Estates –3rd Sunday of April

Eucharistic Minister: Zana Dahlkamp

Carriage Crossing – 3rd Sunday of April

Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Schmit

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 July and October 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

Next Week Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 25th at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, M. Bruno, J. Biesiada, B. Auxier

Lectors: Emily Prather & Vicki Walker

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

Hospitality: J. Sponsler, L. & F. Yocum

Sacristan: Kay Foster

Sunday, April 26th at 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, N. & J. Calvert, D. Wuellner

Lectors: Kyle Blumhorst & Deona Kuntzman

Servers: J. & B. Britz, E. & R. Strawkas, **Still Needed**

Hospitality: Y. Brandis, S. Martyn, L. Wuellner

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, April 26th at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, M. Mankowski, C. Manning, M. Maynerich

Lectors: Helen Crusen & Laura Fjelstul

Servers: S. Harney, T. & M. McKenzie, **Still Needed, Still Needed**

Hospitality: C. & T. Bax, A. & O. Rench

Sacristan: Darla Roark

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

	This week	Year to date
Ordinary Envelopes	\$5,320.00	\$261,979.52
Easter Collection	\$665.00	\$5,340.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00	\$972.00
CRS	\$52.00	\$592.02
Poor	\$61.00	\$19,861.91
Renovation	\$2,438.00	\$27,792.00
Mass Stipend	\$20.00	\$4,317.86
Mission Trip	\$1,616.00	\$33,692.07
Catholic Home Missions	\$30.00	\$135.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$20.00	\$1,937.25
Latin America	\$20.00	\$1,382.00
Seminarians	\$220.00	\$1,795.00
Weekly total	\$10,482.00	
YTD total		\$359,796.63

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, Jack Merkley, Andrea Miller, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Bill & Laurie White, 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

Sam & Lily Lueker – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

Charity Mizera – Friend of Father Peter

Scott Mulford – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

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

Compassionate Communications Small Group Meetings

The compassionate Communication Small Group Meeting will hold their first meeting on Monday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. We can accommodate 6 more people for this 14-week session.

If you are interested, please contact Dottie Anderson at (217)-416-1993.