



Forgetting What Lies Behind.....

In our second reading today, Paul encourages the Philippian Christian community to forget what lies behind and to let go of their past. In our lives, we may cling to past hurts, achievements, or regrets, which can shape our identities. However, the Christian life calls us to release these attachments. We are invited to focus on our goal—the "upward call" of God, which is life in Christ. By forgetting the past, we can embrace the grace of today and move forward with renewed hope and trust in God's promises. The journey may be challenging, but with Christ as our goal, every step forward becomes a step toward eternal joy.

This spiritual admonition does not suggest a literal forgetting of our past, as that is both biochemically and psychologically impossible. Instead, it encourages us to focus on the present and the future, making a conscious effort not to repeat the mistakes and sinful actions that have kept us spiritually stagnant.

For instance, "forgetting what lies behind" can mean not dwelling on my shortcomings in raising my children or on times when I was absent during crucial moments of their childhood and teenage years. Rather, it is about accepting these consequences with contrition and repentance and showing them the love and attention I can offer now. This might involve constantly praying for them, bringing them closer to the Church, and inviting them to participate in spiritual programs as often as possible. Ultimately, it means living out the Christian life as fully as possible.

St. Paul emphasizes the importance of forgetting our past if we are to make any progress in our Christian lives. We need to learn to forgive ourselves and let go of our mistakes and sinful actions. This can be achieved through confession and by abstaining from repeating those mistakes. Additionally, we should deepen our spiritual lives by improving our prayer routines, attending Mass regularly, and actively participating in both our church and local communities. This commitment may also involve sacrificing our skills and resources to help others whenever there is a need.

Fr. Peter

Congratulations to our newly confirmed!



**Madeline Doehring
Jase Hendricks
Josephine Hendricks
Everlie Kutscher
Adeline Nutt
Nash Tait**

Coffee and Donuts



We will begin hosting Coffee and Donuts every other weekend between the two Sunday Masses!

Join us THIS weekend, Sunday, April 6th!

We will also be celebrating our Confirmation Class during this time so please join us for this special occasion!

We will not have coffee and donuts on Easter, but will resume May 4th, and 18th!

Parish Pilgrimage!

Fr. Peter invites us to a parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lacrosse, WI
On Friday - Saturday
May 9-10, 2025

Call the Parish Office for additional info.



Join in Prayer to End Abortion!

Join Beth Auxier, one of our Parish Respect for Life Chairs, to pray outside of Planned Parenthood. We are in need of more prayer warriors for this event.

Tuesday 4/15 from 3-4pm

Please contact Beth Auxier to sign-up for times to pray throughout the day to end abortions or you can contact the Right to Life Office at 217-523-2700 for additional information.

Your prayers are crucial to help end abortion!

Rosary Wednesday!



Please join us in the church at 6pm each Wednesday! This will continue even as Lent concludes!



Sew N Sews

Saturday, April 12th 10 am – 3 pm in the Parish Center

We create, snack, and socialize! Join us for all or part of the day. We look forward to seeing you.

Lent at the Cathedral!

Daily Mass

They have added a 12:05 weekday Mass now, through April 16th. This is in addition to the 7am and 5:15pm weekday Masses.

Extended Confessions

Cathedral priests are offering an extended time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Friday, April 11 12:30-6:30pm and Saturday, April 12 9:00am -4:30pm.



FISH FRY 2025



Volunteer Sign-up

Thank you!

"BEST FISH FRY IN SANGAMON COUNTY"



DINING ROOM PERKS

ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED FISH
CUSTOM SAUCES & SEASONINGS

ST. JUDE PARISH CENTER

MARCH 7, 14, 21 & 28

APRIL 4 & 11

DINING ROOM: 5:00 - 7:30 PM

DRIVE THRU 5:00 - 7:00 PM

FISH DINNER

Fish (fried or baked)
Baked Potato or Fries
Coleslaw
Drink (inside)
Desert

APRIL SPECIAL

2 Fish Taco Dinner (inside)

KIDS MEAL

Hot Dog and
Mac & Cheese

Proceeds support the charitable work of Knights of Columbus Council #9640

DINING ROOM FISH DINNER \$13



DRIVE THRU FISH DINNER \$12
4-PACK SPECIAL \$44



KIDS MEALS \$6

Recycling Reminder!

Thank you for your generous donations of aluminum cans.

However, we must give you a reminder that ONLY aluminum cans should be placed in our bins.

Unfortunately other items have continued to be disposed of there, and we have to sort and remove.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Bunco!



Please join us for Bunco, Wednesday, April 9th from 1-3pm in the Parish Center!

Faith Formation Update



It is that time of the year to make plans for the National Youth Conference in Indianapolis. This event is ONLY for those who will be IN high school beginning the fall of 2025 (current 8th-11th graders). The event is from Thursday 11/20-Sunday 11/22. If you have not received the detailed information via email and your youth is interested in joining us please contact Jennifer

CLOW

Please consider joining the line up to help teach the lessons on Sundays at the 10:30am Mass!



Lessons are provided for you OR you can create your own following the readings!

Contact Jennifer if you'd like to help!

UPDATED LIST FOR THE Easter Basket Collection!



Thank you to all who have donated so far! We will have so many great baskets for these residents! If you would still like to donate Here is our list of items:

Travel-size soaps/shampoos/conditioners

Sugar Free Candy

Coloring supplies

Writing pads/books

Writing supplies

Small stuffed animals

Please bring items to the church or parish center, and the final day for donations is Wednesday, April 9th.



We will have our Rummage Sale May 8, 9, and 10th exact times still TBD.

You can begin to bring your donations. Please try to keep things in boxes with lids so we can stack for maximum storage!

Faith Formation Schedule

- April 9: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Stations of the Cross 6:40pm
PSR Reconciliation (pt 2) during class.
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- April 13: Play Dress Rehearsal, 4-5pm
Pizza and Easter Baskets, 5-6:30pm
Mission Trip Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- April 16: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Stations of the Cross Play and Reception, 6:40pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- April 23: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- April 30: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- May 7: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
Final Day of PSR- PSR Party!
Propelled (HS) 7:45-8:45pm
- May 13: Confirmation at the Cathedral Pt. 2
- May 14: Ladies Night, 5:30-7:30pm



First Reconciliation!

Congratulations to our First Reconciliation Class on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time!

They are pictured here with their bright, shiny, and sparkly clean hearts!



Milles Batten, Jayce Bialas, Lennox Bivens, Paislee Bortmess, Jaxson Goldsberry, Olivia Joyce, Josephine Spengler, and Jaci Stout

Thank you to our parents- you are the first and most important catechists in your child's lives and we could not do this without your love and support! Thank you to our catechists, Carrie Zucco and Alicia Harney for all your hard work and dedication in preparing these children for this wonderful evening!

SAVE THE DATE!

Stations of the Cross Play
Wednesday, April 16 at 6:40pm



April 13 Activities!

We will have our dress rehearsal for those involved with the play from 4-5pm. Following the rehearsal, from 5-6:30pm, we invite all high schoolers to join us for pizza, and we will assemble the Easter Baskets.

Then from 6:30-7:30pm those that are attending the Mission Trip are asked to attend a meeting to discuss the Free Day and T-shirt designs! Come with ideas for both!

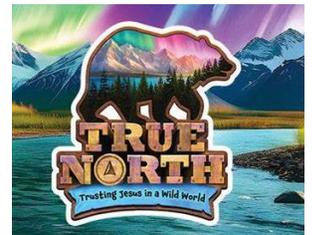
Please RSVP to Jennifer if you plan to join us for pizza!

VBS!

Now is the time to get your VBS dates down on that calendar!

We will be doing VBS Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25, 2025. The VBS

program will be from 9-11:30am and will include Pre-K-5th graders! Childcare and meals will be available for those who sign up in advance from 8-9am and from 11:30a-1pm to assist parents more with transportation to and from this event!



Helping Hands in Christ

Our Soap Drive will continue through the month of April before transitioning to the Fan Drive in May.

We are making one additional request. As many of you know we have a parish family who lost their home in a house fire recently. Our church has played an integral role in assisting this family already, but Helping Hands would like to take the opportunity to purchase gift cards for the family through the Raise Right/Scrup Program! In purchasing these cards we can help the family while also supporting the Mission Trip and NCYC trips for the youth.

If you would like to make a contribution just please place your donation in an envelope marked "Gift Card" and place it in the collection basket or drop box.

Thank you for your generosity!

-Jim Havera

Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, April 5th :
4:30 pm Mass (Int: Deceased Members of David & Dolores Gorackowski Family†)

Sunday, April 6th:
8:00 am Mass (Int: Kimberly Brandist†)
10:30 am Mass (Int: Sharon Saner†)

Monday, April 7th:
5:30 pm Mass (Int: James Felts†)

Tuesday, April 8th:
7:30 am Mass (Int: Pius Chineke†)

Wednesday, April 9th:
7:30 am Mass (Int: Julie Carlisle†)

Thursday, April 10th:
7:30 am Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)

Friday, April 11th:
7:30am Mass (Int: Ed Bedore†)

Saturday, April 12th:
4:30 pm Mass (Emma Van Dyke)

Sunday, April 13th:
8:00 am Mass (Int: Jane Schmitt†)
10:30 am Mass (Int: James Cannon†)

Sacrificial Giving, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 3,564.00	\$ 160,669.60
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 1,095.00	\$ 51,645.00
Dev. Fund Env's	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 15,566.00
EFT-Dev. Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,199.00
Loose Checks	\$ 625.00	\$ 54,076.01
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 520.20	\$ 17,004.95
Total this Week:	\$ 9,654.20	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 330,787.21

April 2025 Volunteers: Week #1

Monday, April 7th, Counting Day:

Team #1

Church Dusters:

Barb Scheufele & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

April Aluminum Cans Recycle:

Jerry Calvert

April St. Martin de Porres Food:

Jeannette Waters

Advertiser of the Week:

American Bank of Freedom

133 North John Street

Rochester, IL 62563

(217) 498-7111

www.americanbankoffreedom.bank

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, April 12th- 4:30 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Roth, B. Scheufele, and F. Yocum

Lectors: D. Day and I. Long

Servers: A. & N. Horstman, D. Sommer, and R. Roth

Hospitality: K. Foster, B. Auxier, and F. & L. Yocum

Sacristan: C. Mataya

Sunday, April 13th- 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Roth, and J. & N. Calvert

Lectors: E. Van Dyke and L. DeGroot

Servers: J. & B. Britz

Hospitality: D. Anderson, K. Park, and

D. & L. Wuellner

Sacristan: Z. Dahlkamp

Sunday, April 13th- 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, V. Walker, and H. Crusen

Lectors: E. & M. Schudel

Servers: S. Harney

Hospitality: S. & D. Decker

Sacristans: H. Crusen

CLOW:

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Weekend

Saturday 4:30pm Mass

Sunday 8am and 10:30am Masses

Holy Monday

7:30am Mass

Holy Tuesday

7:30am Mass

Holy Wednesday

7:30am Mass

Rosary, 6pm

Stations of the Cross Play, 6:40pm in the Parish Center

Maundy Thursday

NO Morning Mass

6:30pm Mass

Nighy Watch 7:30-9:00pm in the Church

Good Friday

NO Morning Mass

6:30pm Mass

Holy Saturday

7:30pm Vigil

Easter Sunday

8am and 10:30am Masses

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 Estates.

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 – JoAnn Camille, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy, Shirley Crawford, Lenna DeGroot, *Evelyn Deimel, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Helen Dulle, Gary Dumonceaux, Paul Harris, *Ryan Houmes, Jerry Jasinski, Janet Kalb, Jillian Kohlrus, *Kristin Kohlrus, Betty Limper, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Jim Nelson, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Frances Tomashovich, Al Urbanckas, Bill White, Patrick Witcik, Laurie White, and Ron Wojcicki.

*** = new this week**

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Mary Aplington – sister of Beth Yong
John Aplington – brother of Beth Yong
Maryann Bailey – mother of Dean Bailey
Gene Blade – friend of Pat Carlisle
Carolyn Binion – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux
John Brunzman – father of Laura Horstman
Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock
Suzanne Camp – friend of Beth Yong
Virginia Chineke – mother of Fr. Peter
Leo Conway – father of Gary Conway
Judy Conway - friend of Maggie Patterson
Eddie Cook – friend of Lenna DeGroot family
Chris Crusen – brother of Tom Crusen
Linda Curtis – sister of Connie Leach
Bill Davis – friend of Donald & Lou Ellen Markovitch
Kelly Diaz – niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Alison Donoho – friend of Jane and Harry Hendrickson
Sarah Egizio – daughter-in-law of Mary Ann Egizio
Frank Emerson- brother-in-law of Jean McDonald
Lynne (Auxier) Feece – sister-in-law of Beth Auxier
Cindy Frericks- mother-in-law of Jennifer Frericks
Ken Frericks- father-in-law of Jennifer Frericks
Jody Frese – sister-in-law of Barb Scheufele

Lauren Friedmeyer & her baby, Nellie – granddaughter & great granddaughter of Bill & Laurie White
***Gary Garrison** – brother-in-law of Kathleen Klee
Steven Godar - father of Dennis Godar
Jennifer Harbeck - cousin of Brad Zack
Jennie Harling - sister of Leanne Collings
Chad Kunkle – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family
Jim Kirbach – friend of the Hendricks
Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendricks
Glen Limper - son of Al & Betty Limper
***Kristine Lundburg** – sister of Mary Gartner
Rochelle Lynam – daughter of Tom & Helen Crusen
Robin Mahnken – friend of Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski
Ann Martin – sister of Betty Downey
Mark Maxwell – brother-in-law of Beth Auxier
Paula McDonald- sister-in-law to Jean McDonald
Donna Meyers - mother of Kellie Brewer
Wayne Michels – friend of Beth Auxier
Cindy Murdock – sister of Carolyn Carmichael and aunt of Leanne Collings
Fred J. Naffziger – brother of Michele Naffziger
Theresa Oldani – friend of Diane Bortmess, friend of Kelly Conlon & Family
Margie Palmatier – friend of the Hendricks
Dolores Pantoja Salgado – mother of Diego Garcia
Ann Pardieck – family friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno
Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell
Mike Patterson – father of Lori Farris
Sabrina Rice – niece of Beth Auxier
Mark & Chris Riedle – family of Tess & David Riedle
Teresa Rouse – friend of Jane Molohon
Bud Saputo- brother of Vito and Edna Saputo
Joe Saputo – brother of Vito & Edna Saputo
Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich
Special Intentions of Barb Scoggins
Marlene Spurgeon – friend of Pat Carlisle
Russ Steil- father of Teresa O'Sullivan
Mary Stewart – friend of Suzanne Moss
Frank Stroble – friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno
***Georgann Turner** – sister of Kathleen Klee
Tom Uzzo- brother-in-law of Jane Molohon
Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell
***Steve White** – brother of Les White
Mike Wilkin- brother of Leigh Ann Szabados
Vicki Will – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer
Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

Our High School Youth Group is Expanding!





Women's Group Update

On April 1st, we had another meeting for the Women's Group and it was a wonderful meeting where all of the ladies present enjoyed fellowship and were shown love and concern through prayer requests and open discussion regarding various ministries within our church and their purpose, and through discussion of various opportunities in the community, such as The Nativity Festival and opportunities for various service projects.

It has been decided at this most recent meeting that the Women's Group will meet every 2 months at 5:30pm, where a meal and refreshments will be served at each meeting.

We are still trying to refine this group's overall purpose with ideas for future meetings.

Our next meeting will be on June 3rd, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Parish Center. Hope to see all of the women of the parish there.

Grief Share

Cathedral parish will be hosting Grief Share, a weekly, faith-based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us beginning Tuesday, May 6, 1:00-2:30pm in the Cathedral School Library. Grief Share runs for 13 weeks, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information go to <https://www.griefshare.org/> or contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com To register call 217/522-3342 or email Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome

Council of Catholic Women Deanery Meeting

Saturday, May 3rd, 10am in St. Joseph's Parish Center located at 1345 N. 6th Street, Springfield.

You are invited to join us!

Sr. Mary Ellen Backes OSU, Pastoral Associate and RCIA Director at St Joe's, will speak about the Water For Women program.

Lunch will be served with a \$5 suggested donation. A business meeting and 20-minute tour of the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield are also on the agenda. If you have any can pop tabs saved, please bring them with you. We will turn them into the Ronald McDonald House.

RSVP by April 27th to Diane Workman Mounce, St. Joe's Pastoral Council Secretary, 217-971-2350, voice and text.

