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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Obligation

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday thru Friday 7:15 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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary lifts our eyes beyond the anxieties of this world and reminds us of the destiny for which God created us. In Mary, assumed body and soul into heavenly glory, we see the fulfillment of Christ's promise that death will not have the final word. Her Assumption is a sign of hope for the whole Church and for every person who struggles beneath the weight of suffering, uncertainty, grief, or fear.

Mary's life was not free from pain. She knew poverty, displacement, misunderstanding, and the piercing sorrow of standing beneath the Cross of her Son. Yet she remained faithful. Her Assumption teaches us that fidelity to God is never wasted. The crosses we carry in faith can become pathways toward glory.

This message is especially important today. We live in a culture often absorbed by material success, physical appearance, possessions, and immediate satisfaction from passing things. Mary reminds us that our true homeland is heaven. Our bodies are sacred, our choices matter, and our earthly lives are preparation for eternal communion with God, whom we must strive daily to please and be reconciled with.

As children of God who actively attend Mass and other sacramental and liturgical celebrations and activities, the Assumption of Mary invites us to ask: What are we living for? Are our families, careers, relationships, and ambitions leading us closer to Christ?

Mary calls us to deeper prayer, renewed trust, reconciliation, service, and holiness. When life becomes difficult, she reminds us to remain faithful.

The Assumption proclaims a beautiful truth: where Mary has gone, the faithful hope to follow. May we therefore live each day with our feet firmly on earth, but with our hearts already fixed on heaven.

May the Blessed Mother – The Virgin of Assumption, Intercede for us. Amen.

Fr. Peter Chineke

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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.

The Pilgrimage Corner

My Reflection

My favorite part of the trip to Italy was getting to see St. Peter's Basilica. It was hard to believe how long ago it was built and how detailed all the art was. Even though it was the most tiring day of the trip I felt like pushing myself and doing as much as possible! I was able to convince my mom to let me get a ticket and go up the steps to the very top of the Vatican! She decided she was too tired and bought a ticket for the elevator. I still beat her to the top and saved 5 euros at the end of the day. When climbing the steps one of the hardest parts was trying to run past the walls when they started leaning inward. I feel like this fit the pilgrimage well because in order to reach a higher place you have to put in lots of effort and have patience! The reward at the top made it all worthwhile. I could see everything from Vatican City to Rome. In the end this trip had a huge impact on me and strengthened my relationship with God because it made faith feel less like something you hear about in the bible alone and more like something you can experience.

Carter Conway – Acutis Youth Group



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

Alicia's Office Hours Remainder of August:

Until PSR begins in September, my office hours will remain on Wednesdays, from 9 am-3:30 pm. You are always welcome to email me at psr@churchofstjude.com as well!

PSR Registration is Now Open!

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Parish School of Religion (PSR) year! Classes are available for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade and begin on Wednesday, September 9. PSR meets each Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Please complete registration/payment by August 31 to allow time for classroom assignments and curriculum ordering before classes begin.

Register online by scanning the QR code or visiting the registration link on our parish Facebook page. We look forward to another wonderful year of growing together in faith!



Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates: September 13th & 27th



Sharing the Word

Do you have religious books that you have read but you can't bear to throw them away? We have a solution for you. There will be a bookcase in the foyer with items you are free to take. You may read them and bring them back or pass them along to a friend or neighbor. Thank you.



The 4th Annual Doris Ray Memorial Trivia Night

Will be held in loving memory of a beloved mother and grandmother whose family is part of our St. Jude parish community. For the second year in a row, a portion of the proceeds will also benefit St. Jude Youth Ministries. Join us for a fun evening of trivia, friends, and friendly competition, all while supporting wonderful causes!

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Marian Banquet Hall

335 S. 4th Street, Riverton

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Trivia begins at 7:00 PM

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Must be present to win.

Registration is now open, and the signup window is a little shorter this year, so be sure to register your team soon!

Scan the QR code below to register your team, or email

PSR@churchofstjude.com!

Thank you for supporting this special event and the young people of our parish!





Benefiting the

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026

Doors open @ 6pm - Bingo @ 7pm

KC Columbian Hall -2200 Meadowbrook Road, Spfld, IL

\$25 in Advance/\$30 at the Door

Includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games, a glow hat and dauber
(\$5 per additional 6 cards)

\$250 CASH RAFFLE

(tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$20)

OVER \$1000 in Cash Prizes!!!

**Tickets available at: Glo-Bingo.com/events or by
using the QR Code**

(\$2 ticket fee)



or by calling the PCC office at (217) 525-5630

*Cash bar- Casey's Pub food available for purchase- BYO store
bought snacks only- Cash and Checks only- ATM on site*

Must be 18 or older to attend

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Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

<u>Saturday, August 15th</u>	
4:30pm Mass	Parish Family
<u>Sunday, August 16th</u>	
8:00am Mass	Bernard Hammel †
10:30am Mass	Debra Geist †
<u>Monday, August 17th</u>	
5:30pm Mass	Jessica Ginter †
<u>Tuesday, August 18th</u>	
7:15am Mass	Greg Park †
<u>Wednesday, August 19th</u>	
7:15am Mass	Wilma Lewis †
<u>Thursday, August 20th</u>	
7:15am Mass	Greg Park †
<u>Friday, August 21st</u>	
7:15am Mass	Wilma Lewis †
<u>Saturday, August 22nd</u>	
4:30pm Mass	Gil Deimel †
<u>Sunday, August 23rd</u>	
8:00am Mass	Delbert Collings † & Carolyn Carmichael †
10:30am Mass	St. Jude Parish Family

August Volunteers

Monday, August 17th Counting Day: Team 3

Monday, August 24th Counting Day: Team 4

Church Dusters August Week 3:

Donna Day

Church Dusters August Week 4:

Michelle Bertrand

August Aluminum Can Recycling: Jan Pietras

August Food Pantry Collection: Diane Bortmess

Hearts in Christ Collection: Linda Drewes

Rochester Estates - 3rd Sunday of August:

Eucharistic Minister: Zana Dahlkamp

Rochester Estates - 4th Sunday of August:

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Scheufele

Carriage Crossing - 3rd Sunday of August:

Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Schmit

Carriage Crossing - 4th Sunday of August:

Eucharistic Minister: Isabel Long

Next Weekend Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 22nd at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Father, Dcn. Walker, F. Yocum, C. Mataya

Lectors: Vicki Walker & **Still Needed**

Servers: C. Fitzsimmons, A. & N. Horstman, D. Sommer

Hospitality: D. & J. Kratz, **Still Needed**

Sacristan: Kay Foster

Sunday, August 23rd at 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Father, B. Connolly, B. Hendricks, D. Kuntzman

Lectors: Harry & Jane Hendrickson

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

Hospitality: Y. Brandis, K. Park, C. Vogt

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, August 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Father, H. Crusen, S. Kerley, S. Warren

Lectors: Teresa O'Sullivan & Lorene Warren

Servers: C. & C. Conway, A. Felbon, J. Powell

Hospitality: C. & T. bax, C. Manning, D. Roark

Sacristan: **Still Needed**

Thank you all for your generosity
and may God bless you.



Sacrificial Giving

Week 7 of FY2026-2027

ACCOUNT	THIS WEEK	YTD
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,861.00	\$41,815.00
Weekly Offerings	\$508.00	\$7,837.14
Loose cash	\$561.20	\$2,933.65
Total	\$4,930.20	\$52,585.79

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, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, 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

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

John Aplington – Beth Yong

Mary Aplington – Beth Yong

Kelly Diaz – Niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

Carol Fulcher – Friend of Pat Carlisle

Owen Herpel – Friend of Bortmess Family

Carol Kirby – Friend of Ginger Rentschler

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

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Barbara Mendenhall – Family of Marie Ginter

Scott Mulford – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

Logan Petrilli - Grandson of Steve and Sharon Petrilli

Joe Rupnik – Friend of Mary Bruno

Myra Shroeder – Jane Molohon

Bill Slingerland - Father of Barb Scoggins

Thomas Longtin - Brother of Jerry Calvert

Connie & Marc Wilson – Niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

Richard Yong – Beth Yong

Special Intentions – Steve & Pat Jones

St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Springfield is seeking a part time Parish Secretary. Please contact the parish office 217-522-8555 for more information. The hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. three days a week and the person would also be required to attend various parish meetings including Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, etc. Computer experience is necessary. Preferably a practicing Catholic.

St. Francis Cabrini Parish's Annual Fall Festival

Sunday September 13, 2026 from Noon to 5 p.m.

1020 North Milton Avenue, Springfield IL 62702

Music, food, family-friendly games, country store baked goods & craft sale, raffle and an alumni booth with school tours

1 p.m. Dance Creations Dance Studio

2-5 p.m. Jonnie Concarro Band

Demonstrations by Empowered Martial Arts

KC #4175 Grillmasters: Ribeye & pork sandwiches, hamburgers & hot dogs
Pepsi products, beer