



CHURCH OF SAINT JUDE

ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



633 S. Walnut Street, P.O. Box 47, Rochester, IL 62563-0047

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a People of God, under the guidance of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through Worship, Service, Formation, and Living the values of Christ in the community. **As a community of Faith**, we are open to God's Spirit and the future challenges of Christian life. **We welcome all** who seek God and embrace those who need healing in their lives. **Let us Journey Together.** (St. Jude Pray for us!)

"Be an Intentional Disciple"

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Parish Office Manager	Sara Garcia
Deacon	Deacon Tom (Vicki) Walker
(Retired) Deacon	Deacon Ray (Sue) Roth
Director of Religious Education	Jennifer Frericks
Director of Safe Environment	Stacey Harrison
Director of Homebound Ministry	Frances Yocum
Physical Plant Director	Dean Bailey
Music Ministry	Sue Lutz
Art & Environment Committee	Evelyn Deimel
Building & Grounds Committee	Steve Warren
Respect Life	Beth Auxier & Isabel Long
Social Concerns	Jim Havera and Kate Carroll
Martha's Group	Donna Day, Linda Drewes & Connie Leach
Sacristy Linens:	Lenna Degroot, Mary Ann Egizio, Edna Saputo
Baptismal Garments	Ruth Ann Helling
Pastor	Reverend Peter Chineke

Pastoral Council: Erik Woehrmann (Chair)
Peggy Cochran (Vice Chair), Kellie Brewer,
Mary Bruno, Brent Leach,
Sue Martyn, Cathy Manning, Dan Ryan,
Mike Mankowski, Christopher Schmit
Deacon Tom Walker and Fr. Peter Chineke.
(Beth Auxier: Recording Secretary)

Pastoral Council Youth Representatives:
Paige Szabados and Eleanor Schudel

Finance Council: Jim Lauwerens (Chair)
Janet Foster, Barry Houmes, Brian Brewer,
Mike McNicholas, Bev Connolly, Sarah Kerley
and Fr. Peter Chineke.

Knights of Columbus Council # 9640

Mark Schudel, Grand Knight
Meet at 7:00 p.m. on Third Tuesday of each Month.



Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday: Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Monday 5:30 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday 7:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Reconciliation:

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

Baptism: Date set after Pre-Jordan Session.

Marriage: 6-month preparation period.

RCIA: Contact Father Peter or Deacon Tom

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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very long time. Eventually, after I fought one of the boys, the name-calling finally came to an end. Sadly enough, no one called me St. Augustine for being intelligent or a fine theologian. Of course, I was not and still am not. Those who jokingly used the nickname did so in reference to the negative characteristics of the young Augustine before his conversion. Was I truly as troublesome in my younger years as Augustine was before his conversion? Who knows!

May the virtuous mother of Augustine, St. Monica, intercede for all women whose children have left the Church, or have been living sinful and discouraging lifestyles. Amen.

Fr. Peter

August 27th – The Feast of St. Monica

There is something about St. Monica that made me uncomfortable, and when I was younger, it sometimes made me nervous. She has always been one of my patron saints and a powerful woman of faith, whose example stands out among most saints in Church history. Nevertheless, her feast day coincides with my mom's birthday, and she is also the mother of St. Augustine. While many are aware that St. Augustine was arguably the most influential theologian of his era, from the 4th century until St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century, he is perhaps even better known for his pre-conversion years as an exceptional troublemaker and notorious sinner.

When I was growing up, my parish priest often celebrated parishioners' birthdays and spoke about them publicly during Mass. One Sunday—August 27th—my mom was the lector, and I was serving at the altar. That morning, the priest praised my mom during his homily for her reliability as a lector and for always filling in when others were absent. Then, turning to me, he said, “Your mom's birthday is August 27th. Yours must be August 28th—the Feast of St. Augustine. So, you must be St. Augustine.”

Everyone laughed, and I felt awfully embarrassed. From that day onward, my fellow kids began calling me St. Augustine—a name that stuck with me for a

Important Dates:

Thursday, September 4th - Training for Lectors

Thursday, September 11th - Training for Eucharistic Ministers

Thursday, September 18th - Training for Hospitality and Sacristans

All Meetings and Trainings are scheduled at 6:30 PM.

Welcome Father John Wykes for the St. Mary's Mission Appeal this weekend! We are blessed to have you here to celebrate Mass with us and share your ministry with us. There will be a second collection after each Mass this weekend to help Father Wykes' ministry with the St. Mary's Mission. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Happenings This Week in the Catholic Church

- August 20 – Memorial of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot and Doctor of the Church.
- August 22 – Pope Leo XIV has called for a day of fasting and prayer for peace, especially for Ukraine and the Middle East, on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary.
- The Jubilee Year 2025 continues, inviting us to deepen our faith through pilgrimage and prayer as we prepare for the canonizations of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati on September 7.
- A new Frassati Chapel in Washington, D.C. has opened, offering perpetual adoration.
- Pope Leo XIV marks 100 days as pope, continuing to guide the Church with peace and unity.

Men's Leadership Summit

Our diocese has an exciting, educational, and inspirational experience for men. The Men's Leadership Summit is Oct. 18 in Edwardsville and features John Edwards, a popular Catholic speaker and host of Just a Guy in a Pew. Email gortiz@dio.org for registration!



CLOW

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

Please contact Carolyn Pemberton if you are interested in helping!

Women's Catholic Convention

The SDCCW's Catholic Women's Convention will be held October 1st at St Paul's in Highland, IL. All women are invited to attend! Deadline to register is September 14th. Last year, over 240 women from across the diocese attended Call SDCCW President Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743.

Join us after the 8:00 AM Mass for Coffee & Donut Fellowship on:

- Sunday, August 24
- Sunday, September 7
- Sunday, September 21

Come enjoy a sweet treat, hot coffee, and time together as a parish family. All are welcome!



Catholic Faith and Science Series

Join us for this video series, where Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. walks us through the scientific evidence for God, philosophical proofs for God's existence, the historicity of Jesus' miracles and Resurrection, why an all-loving God would allow suffering, medical evidence for our transphysical soul, and more. This course will be facilitated by Fr. Brian Alford and is open to teens and adults.

Meeting twice monthly on Sundays, 6:15-7:30pm in the Cathedral atrium beginning September 28. The course is free, but a participant workbook will be sold for \$10. Register by email to vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or by calling the

Mark your calendars

Our Parish Feast Day Celebration on Saturday, September 20, 2025! It will be a joyful day filled with faith, fellowship, and community. More details will be shared soon — but for now, please save the date and plan to join us! If you have any questions, or would like more information, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Jan Pietras at (217) 503-6958.



Don't forget to register for PSR!

If you need the link for registration please contact Alicia Harney or look for the link on our parish Facebook account. Those who have not registered have been sent an email with the link as well!

PSR begins on September 3 and we really need to have registrations in NOW so that we can plan on classrooms and supplies and books!

ATTENTION!



If you still have a baby bottle from the Baby Bottle Boomerang, please return them as soon as possible either to the Parish Office during business hours or at the back of church in the basket labelled "Baby Bottles". These are the property of the Loving Arms Pregnancy Center in Taylorville, and they need these back to reuse for next year. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Rochester Homecoming Parade

It's a Great Day to Be A ROCKET!

This year's parade will be on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm. The theme this year

is: **"Blasting off with Rocket Pride: from Launchpad to Legacy"** (Think outer space, astronauts, rocket fuel, aliens, stars/planets etc...)

St Jude's will be putting a float in the parade this year!!!!

Planning for our float has just started. If you have any ideas for the float, please let Father Peter or Deacon Ray know. We will need people to ride on the float (and throw candy!!) We would love to have folks of every age – families with little ones, teens, grandparents, –There is a place for **EVERYONE.**

Go Rockets!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Faith Formation Schedule

Aug. 27	HS Youth Group, 7-9pm
Sept. 3:	PSR Begins, 6:30-7:30pm HS Youth Group, 7-9pm
Sept. 10	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm TENTATIVE: Sacrament Meeting for 2 nd and 3 rd grade Families during class. HS Youth Group, 7-9pm
Sept. 17	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm HS Youth Group, 7-9pm
Sept. 24	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm HS Youth Group, 7-9pm

Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, August 23rd:	
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Al Urbanckas†)
Sunday, August 24th:	
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Gil Deimel†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Doris Ray†)
Monday, August 25th:	
5:30 pm	Mass (Int: Al Urbanckas†)
Tuesday, August 26th:	
7:15 am	Mass (Int: Roberta "Bobbi" Hickey†)
Wednesday, August 27th:	
7:15 am	Mass (Int: Virginia Chineke†)
Thursday, August 28th:	
7:15am	Mass (Int: Herb & Helen Dulle†)
Friday, August 29th:	
7:15am	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
Saturday, August 30th:	
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: The Britz Family)
Sunday, August 31st:	
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Bob Parnell†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)

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

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 28,217.00
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 730.00	\$ 2,440.00
Renovation Fund Env's	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,962.00
EFT-Renovation Fund	\$ 55.00	\$ 95.00
Loose Checks	\$ 345.00	\$ 19,150.00
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 302.10	\$ 3,733.65
Total this Week:	\$ 5,907.10	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 61,719.75

August Volunteers: Week #4

Monday, August 25th, Counting Day:

Team #4

Church Duster:

Michelle Bertrand

August Aluminum Cans Recycle:

Will O'Brien

August St. Martin de Porres Food:

Jeannette Waters

Advertiser of the Week:

Park Funeral Homes, Inc.

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Directors: Ryan Lee & David L. Taft

Kathy Park, Owner

(217) 498-7161

www.parkfuneralhomeinc.com

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, August 30th - 4:30 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter

Lectors: B. Auxier and D. Day

Servers: A. & N. Horstman

Hospitality: K. Foster, J. Sponsler, and L. Yocum

Sacristans: I. Long

Sunday, August 31st - 8:00 am

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

Lectors: K. Blumhorst and B. Connolly

Servers: B. Howard

Hospitality: K. Park, C. Vogt, and B. Yong

Sacristan: Z. Dahlkamp

Sunday, August 31st - 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Roth, S. Roth, and D. Kuntzman

Lectors: P. Szabados and E. Woehrmann

Servers: R. Roth

Hospitality: D. Roark and **NEEDED**

Sacristan: H. Crusen

CLOW: Carolyn Pemberton

Documents of Vatican II, Continued



Mark your calendars for **August 21, September 18** and **October 23** as Fathers Brian Alford and Daniel McGrath discuss the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World! Then on **November 20** and **December 11**, they will cover the remaining documents of the Second Vatican Council.

All events are in the **Cathedral Atrium @ 7:00pm**

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 – Leroy Bozarth, JoAnn Camille, Ann Carell, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, Paul Harris, Jerry Jasinski, Jillian Kohlrus, Kristin Kohlrus, Betty Limper, 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), Frances Tomashavich, Bill & Laurie White, Patrick Witcik, Ehren Woehrmann, and Ron Wojcicki.

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Mary Aplington – sister of Beth Yong
John Aplington – brother of Beth Yong
Mary Barrow – sister of Leigh Ann Szabados
Carolyn Binion – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux
Gene Blade – friend of Pat Carlisle
Tamie Bottoms-Smith – cousin of Char Weitekamp
John Brunsman – father of Laura Horstman
Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock
Suzanne Camp – friend of Beth Yong
Atticus Cassidy – cousin of Steve Decker
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
Leo J. Dougherty – brother-in-law of Frances Yocum
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
Brandon Harris – grandson of Les & LuAnn White
Chad Kunkle – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family
Jim Kirbach – friend of the Hendrickses
Carol Kirby – friend of Ginger Rentschler
Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendrickses
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
Liz McKinney – friend of Roy & Cindy Collings
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 Hendrickses
Antonio Garcia & Dolores Pantoja Salgado – father & mother of Diego Garcia
Ann Pardieck – family friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno
Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell
***Father Zach Patibandla** – friend of Emma & Phil Van Dyke
Mike Patterson – father of Lori Farris
Mary Poeling – cousin of Maggie Patterson
Sabrina Rice – niece of Beth Auxier
Tom Ridley – nephew of Frances Yocum
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
Rose Serrano – sister of Emma Van Dyke
Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich
Special Intentions of Barb Scoggins
Special Intentions of Carol Mataya
Special Intentions of Steve & Pat Jones and Brian & Sherri Jones
Marlene Spurgeon – friend of Pat Carlisle
Russ Steil- father of Teresa O'Sullivan
Mary Stewart – friend of Suzanne Moss
Georgann Turner – sister of Kathleen Klee
Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell
Ron Wiggins – friend of Larry & Frances Yocum
Vicki Will – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer
Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

