



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.

Office Telephone Numbers

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Diocese: www.dio.org



December 14th, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

Pink Sunday? No!

Rose Sunday? Kind Of!!

Gaudete Sunday? YES!!!

Gaudete Sunday, celebrated on the Third Sunday of Advent, shines as a radiant moment of joy in the heart of a season marked by expectation and preparation. Its very name, Gaudete – “Rejoice” – comes from the ancient entrance antiphon, Gaudete in Domino semper, echoing St. Paul’s exhortation to the Philippians: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice.” Historically, this Sunday emerged as a gentle easing of Advent’s early penitential character, much like Laetare Sunday in Lent. In the Middle Ages, when Advent was observed with fasting and restraint, Gaudete Sunday served as a reminder that Christian waiting is never bleak but filled with hope and confidence in God’s promises.

The rose-colored vestments and the lighting of the rose candle on the Advent wreath symbolize a dawn breaking into the darkness – a sign that the coming of Christ is near. This joyful pause does not dismiss the need for


spiritual readiness. Instead, it deepens it. Joy becomes a form of preparation. We rejoice not because we have everything figured out, but because God is already drawing close to redeem, heal, and renew.

Spiritually, Gaudete Sunday invites us to reflect on the nearness of Christ in our daily lives. John the Baptist’s call – heard in the Gospel readings – urges us to straighten the paths of our hearts. Yet even this summons is not one of fear but of joyful expectation. God’s grace empowers the very transformation He asks of us. The joy of Gaudete is therefore rooted in trust. We must trust that Christ comes not merely at Christmas, but continually, entering the ordinary and broken spaces of our lives.

In a world often weighed down by anxiety, division, and uncertainty, Gaudete Sunday proclaims a truth that is countercultural – that true joy is born from hope in God’s fidelity. As we move toward Christmas, this Sunday encourages us to lift our eyes, open our hearts, and rejoice – because the Lord is near.

Fr. Peter

S. Jude's Novena



May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. I will never forget thy graces and favors you obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to you.

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.
Say this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days.

Thank you, St. Jude, for Prayers Answered.



Knights of Columbus Council 9640 is selling
"Keep Christ in Christmas" Yard Signs
Proceeds go to help offset the costs of Parish Youth
going on the St. Jude Pilgrimage to Rome.



24" X 18"

\$15 Each

Stakes Included

For Sale After Mass While Supplies Last



If you'd like to order gift cards for Christmas **and** support the teens attending the Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trip this summer, please contact **Kay Foster** at yakyakf@comcast.net.

Gift card orders must be placed by the end of the business day on **Monday, December 15**, and will be available for pickup in the parish office on **December 22 or 23**. 217-494-2984



Youth Trip to Rome

This August, several of our youth will be traveling to Rome to visit Pope Leo XIV. To help offset their expenses, we will be holding monthly 50/50 raffles. Tickets will be available after all Masses at a cost of **\$2.00 per ticket or seven tickets for \$5.00**.

Each month's drawing will take place after the 10:30 Mass on the **last Sunday of the month**, and one lucky winner will be selected. Ticket sales will begin in December and continue each month through July.

We appreciate your support and look forward to your participation in this simple and fun fundraiser!

CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

Thank you to everyone who adopted a Christmas friend and have helped with the sorting of gifts and the delivery to both St. Patrick's School and the Avenues of Springfield.

Without your generous giving this program would not be a success.

A special thank you goes to The Sew -N-Sews for the generous gift of lap blankets for the Avenues Nursing Home.



Request for 2026 Calendars

If you receive 2026 calendars in the mail that you don't plan to use, please consider donating them. We will recycle them by giving them to our friends at the nursing home, and any extras will be shared with the women's prison in Lincoln.

Thank you for helping us put these unused calendars to good use!

Cathy Manning



Introducing Our Newest Disciple

We joyfully welcome **Emery Ann Blissett**, daughter of **Jared and Bridgette Blissett**. Her Godparents are **Harper Wieneke** and **Brian Kodrich**.

Blessings to Emery Ann and her family as they begin this beautiful journey of faith!



Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Center

Join us for coffee and donuts **after the 8:00 AM Mass** on the following dates:

- **December 21**
- **January 4**
- **January 18**

All are welcome!

Mass Intentions & Times (*indicates deceased)

	<u>Saturday, December 13th</u>
4:30pm	Mass (Int: Larry Jenkins†)
	<u>Sunday, December 14th</u>
8:00am	Mass (Int: Kimberly Brandis & all Deceased members of the Brandis family †)
10:30am	Mass (Int: Virginia Chineke†)
	<u>Monday, December 15th</u>
5:30pm	Mass (Int: Pius & Virginia Chineke†)
	<u>Tuesday, December 16th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Jim Nelson†)
	<u>Wednesday, December 17th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Fr. Daren Zehnle†)
	<u>Thursday, December 18th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Fr. Joe Ring†)
	<u>Friday, December 19th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Fr. Dave Peter†)
	<u>Saturday, December 20th</u>
4:30pm	Mass (Int: For the Parish Family)
	<u>Sunday, December 21st</u>
8:00am	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
10:30am	Mass (Int: Brent Manning†)

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

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 2,881.00	\$ 65,230.00
EFT-Ordinary		\$ 5,350.00
Renovation Fund Env's	\$ 703.00	\$ 6,284.00
EFT-Renovation Fund		\$ 245.00
Loose Checks	\$ 560.00	\$ 25,656.00
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 545.30	\$ 8,225.53
Total this Week:	\$ 4,689.30	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 116,112.63

December Volunteers: Week #3

Monday, December 15th Counting Day:

Team #3

Church Dusters:

Donna Day

December Aluminum Cans Recycle

Will O'Brien

December St. Martin de Porres Food

Jay White

Rochester Estates – 2nd Sunday of the Month

Eucharistic Minister:

Carriage Crossing – 2nd Sunday of the Month

Eucharistic Minister

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 20th at 4:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Deacon Walker, V, Walker, C. Mataya

Lectors: B. Auxier, D. Day,

Servers: A. and N. Horstman

Hospitality: J. Sponsler, M. and H. Bruno

Sacristan: I. Long

Sunday, December 21st at 8:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Deacon Roth S. Roth, Z. Dahlkamp

Lectors: J. and H. Hendrickson

Servers: B. Howard, R. Roth

Hospitality: D. Anderson, K. Park, B. Yong

Sacristan: Deacon Roth

Sunday, December 21st at 10:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, S. Warren H. Crusen, C. Manning

Lectors: M. Maynerich, M. Schudel

Servers: N. and R. Houmes

Hospitality: A. and O. Rench, T. Bax

Sacristan: D. Roark

Advertiser of the Week:

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Hair & Nail Company 126 John
Street Rochester, IL 62563 (217)
498-1081

Job Opening – Parish Secretary
St. Jude Catholic Church in Rochester is looking for a Parish Secretary. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at (217) 498-9197 to obtain the job description and schedule an interview.

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 Carell, Morgan Culbertson, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, Kaitlyn Galman, Henry Gartner, Noah Harney, Paul Harris, Jerry Jasinski, 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, ***Jill Whitney**, Patrick Witcik, and Ehren Woehrmann

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
Tamie Bottoms-Smith – cousin of Char Weitekamp
John Brunsman – father of Laura Horstman
Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock
Atticus Cassidy – cousin of Steve Decker
Leo Conway – father of Gary Conway
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
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

Jason & Molly Everitt & Family – nephew & niece of Lenna DeGroot

Lynne (Auxier) Feece – sister-in-law of Beth Auxier

Carole Fulcher - friend of Pat Carlisle

Cindy Frericks- mother-in-law of Jennifer Frericks

Ken Frericks- father-in-law of Jennifer Frericks

Lauren Friedmeyer & her baby, Nellie – granddaughter & great granddaughter of Bill & Laurie White

Jennifer Harbeck - cousin of Brad Zack

Brandon Harris – grandson of Les & LuAnn White

Oaklynn Harrison – granddaughter of Stacey Harrison

Missy Houmes - sister of Barry Houmes

Chad Kunkle – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family

Jim Kirbach – friend of the Hendrickses

Carol Kirby – friend of Ginger Rentschler

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

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 – 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

Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell

Father Zach Patibandla – our 2025 summer priest

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

***Joe Rupnick** – friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno

Bud Saputo- brother of Vito and Edna Saputo

Joe Saputo – brother of Vito & Edna Saputo

***Sue Speary** – friend 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

Ron & Kim Thompson – friends of Emma Van Dyke

Judy Waidman – aunt of Jim and Christina Lauwerens

Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell

Vicki Will – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer

Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

Sharon White- Laurie White Sister

Tommy Regan- Friend of Frances Yocum

The Schieferdecker family and Grant - cousins of Jim and Barb Scheufele

Jody Frese - sister - in - law of Barb and Jim Scheufele

joy SCAVENGER HUNT

Read Psalm 5:11. Who did the psalmist say should be glad?

Read James 1:2-4. We should consider it pure joy when what happens?

Read Luke 15:7. What will rejoicing in heaven over?

Read Psalm 16:11. Where did the psalmist say that God will fill him with joy?

Read Philippians 4:11. What should we always do?

Read Hebrews 12:1-2. What did Jesus do for the joy set before him?

Read 1 Peter 1:8-9. Why are we filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy?

Read John 16:23-24. What did Jesus say to do so our joy will be complete?
