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**ST. JUDE**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"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 Friday ..... 7:30 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**

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

### **OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER**

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### **PARISH STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

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### **WEB SITES**

Parish: [www.churchofstjude.com](http://www.churchofstjude.com)



### **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.





**Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## **The Feast of the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus – JMJ:**

### **The School of Love in the History of Salvation**

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph draws the Church into contemplation of God's plan of salvation as it unfolds not in abstraction, but within the concrete reality of family life. In the history of salvation, God chose a family as the first dwelling place of the Incarnate Word. This choice reveals that the family is not merely a social institution, but a sacred space where divine grace and human love meet.

The Holy Family stands firmly within Israel's covenant story in human history. Jesus is born of the house of David, fulfilling ancient promises. Mary, through her faithful "yes," becomes the new Eve who cooperates freely in God's redemptive plan. Joseph, the righteous guardian, embodies obedient faith rooted in the Law and the Prophets. In their shared life at Nazareth, the long hope of salvation history quietly takes flesh. God's redemption begins not with public power, but with trust, obedience, and self-giving love.

The hidden life of the Holy Family reveals that holiness is formed through daily fidelity to the words and promises of God. For nearly thirty years, Jesus grows in wisdom and grace within a

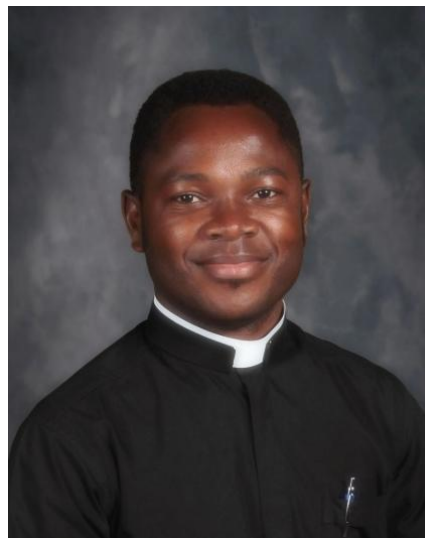
home marked by prayer, work, sacrifice, and mutual care. This sanctification of ordinary life gives lasting meaning to Christian discipleship – love expressed in patience, responsibility, and forgiveness becomes a path to holiness.

The Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus affirms the dignity of human relationships. It teaches that authentic human flourishing arises where love is faithful, authority is exercised as service, and each person is valued. In today's broken world, the Holy Family offers a healing vision – one where families become schools of virtue, compassion, love, and solidarity.

For Catholics and all Christians today, this feast is both a reassurance and a mission. It reassures us that God works through imperfect families, and it commissions us to make our homes "domestic churches," living signs of hope where faith shapes daily life and love becomes a witness to God's saving presence in the world.

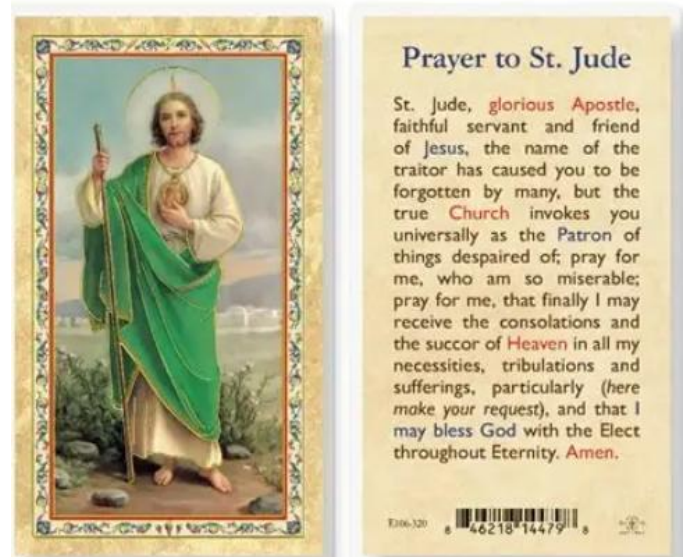
As we celebrate this Feast today, I commend all the families of our parishioners and friends into the saving intercession of the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.

*Fr. Peter Chineke*





**Deacon Tom with our newest disciple, Jace Boarman and parents Chad and Madison and Godparents Cambelle Oller and Bradley Stevens. Blessings to Jace Michael and his family as they begin this beautiful journey of faith.**



### **New Year's Eve Through a Catholic Lens**

As the year draws to a close, Pope Francis has encouraged the faithful to approach this moment not only with celebration, but with **gratitude and hope**, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- **Gratitude for the past year** – Whether the past 12 months brought joy, trials, or both, Catholics are invited to see God's hand in every moment, trusting that nothing is wasted in His plan.
- **Hope for the year ahead** – Like Mary, who trusted God's promises even in uncertainty, believers are called to step into the new year with faith that God's grace will guide them.
- **A different way of living the transition** – Faith transforms New Year's Eve from a mere countdown into a sacred pause, a time to reflect, pray, and renew one's commitment to love and service

Christmas Eve Mass



**Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)**

**Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

4:30pm Mass (Int: For the Parish Family)

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Mass (Int: : Greg Park †)

10:30am Mass (Int: Douglas Cearley†)

**Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm Mass (Int: Herb & Helen Dulle†)

**Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:15am Mass (Int: Puis & Virginia Chineke†)

**Wednesday, December**

**31<sup>st</sup>**

7:15am Mass (Int: Wilma Lewis†)

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am Mass (Int: Harry Nickles†)

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:15am Mass (Int: Greg Park†)

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

4:30pm Mass (Int: Virginia Chineke†)

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)

10:30am Mass (Int: Evelyn Conboy†)

**December Volunteers: Week #5**

**Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> Counting Day:**

Team #4

**Church Dusters:**

Barb Scheufele and Mary Jo Duesterhaus

**December Aluminum Cans Recycle**

Will Obrien

**December St. Martin de Porres Food**

Jay White

**Rochester Estates – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month**

Eucharistic Minister:

**Carriage Crossing – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month**

Eucharistic Minister

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Z.

Dahlkamp,

B. Scheufele, C. Manning

**Lectors:**

**Servers:**

**Hospitality:** B Yong,

**Sacristan:**

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, M.

Bruno,

B. Scheufele, B. Auxier

**Lectors:** T. Bertrand, D. Day

**Servers:** A. and N. Horstman

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

Yocum

**Sacristan:** Kay Foster

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, L.

DeGroot,

J. & N. Calvert

**Lectors:** D. Anderson, D. Kuntzman

**Servers:** R. & E. Strawkas

**Hospitality:** Y. Brandis, K. Park, B.

Connolly

**Sacristan:** Z. Dahlkamp

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter,

Deacon Roth,

L. Fjelstul, S. Kerley

**Lectors:** E. Woehrmann, C. Schmit

**Servers:** E. Woehrmann, L. Batten, J.

Powell

**Hospitality:** D. Roark, C. & T. Bax, C.

Manning

**Sacristan:** H. Crusen



## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
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**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

