



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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Diocese: www.dio.org



November 7th, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

**Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of
Our Blessed Mother**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception stands as one of the Church's most beautiful celebrations of God's saving love, a feast that reveals how deeply grace precedes and prepares every moment of salvation history. Defined dogmatically by Blessed Pius IX in *Ineffabilis Deus* (1854), the doctrine proclaims that Mary, from the first instant of her conception, was preserved from original sin by the merits of Christ's future sacrifice. Historically, this teaching matured over centuries of prayer, theological reflection, and liturgical devotion, ultimately affirming what the faithful had intuited – that the mother of the Redeemer was fashioned by grace to be a worthy vessel for the Incarnation of our Blessed Lord.

Spiritually, the Immaculate Conception is not simply about Mary's privilege but about the Church's destiny. Mary reveals what humanity looks like when fully responsive to God's initiative. In her, we see the first fruits of Christ's victory, the promise of what God desires for all His children. Her "yes"

becomes the model of human freedom redeemed and transformed by grace. In a world marked by brokenness, Mary's immaculate beginning shines as a sign of hope, reminding us that sin does not have the final word.

This solemnity also calls us to trust in God's providence. Before Mary could speak her fiat, God had already acted. Before the world recognized its need for a Savior, God was preparing the way. In Mary's conception, we glimpse the mystery of a God who anticipates our wounds with mercy and our fears with grace.

May the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother tomorrow renew in us the desire for holiness, the courage to say "yes," and the confidence that God's grace precedes, accompanies, and perfects every step of our journey.

A Blessed Solemnity to You and Yours.

Fr. Peter

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.

BUNCO REMINDER

Bunco is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th. We will begin with a Christmas luncheon at noon followed by playing bunco until 3:00pm. Please bring a dish to share (optional) and a friend.

CHRISTMAS Friends Schedule

Thank you to everyone who adopted a Christmas friend and have already returned the gifts and/or food basket to the parish center.

All gifts and food baskets are to be returned to the parish center after all the Masses this weekend December 6th and 7th.

Sorting will take place on Wednesday, December 10th in the parish center at 6:30pm. Delivery will be Friday, December 12 and begins with loading the truck at 7:30am at the parish center. Assistance is always welcome.

Thank you to our wonderful group of volunteers who have helped for many years to make our parish Harvest Feast a success. This year we served nearly 175 people at the parish center and were able feed nearly 75 clients at Helping Hands. They were so very appreciative when we delivered the food to the shelter. In addition, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we were able to donate nearly \$500 to the Rochester Food Pantry.

Carmel & Scott Settles



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



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to tell you about the upcoming 2025 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

St. Jude's Christmas Pasta Dinner

Join Us for an Evening of Food, Fellowship,
and Holiday Cheer!

Date: Friday, December 12, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Food Served: 6:00 PM

Location: St. Jude Church Parish Center

Enjoy a Delicious Menu!

- Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce
- **Joe Rupnik's** Special Salad
- Breadsticks
- Desserts



Support Our Youth!!!!

Dinner will be Served by St. Jude Youth

Attendees are encouraged to Donte to support the Parish Youth attending the Pilgrimage to Rome. Your generosity will help offset their travel costs for this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage!



Music and Fun!!!

Entertainment will be provided by the
St. Jude Choir with Special Performance
by the PSR Angel Choir.



Celebrate the season with a warm meal, great company, and the spirit of giving!



December 13th Sew-N-Sews, Saturday, from 10am-3pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

Youth Trip to Rome

This August some of our youth will be traveling to Rome to visit Pope Leo XIV. To help offset some of their expenses, we will be holding several monthly 50/50 raffles. Tickets will be sold after each of the Masses, one ticket for \$2.00 or seven tickets for \$5.00. Each monthly drawing will be held after the 10:30 Mass on the last Sunday of the month. This drawing will determine the lucky winner for that month. Tickets will be sold beginning in December and will be repeated each month through July. We look forward to your participation each month in this easy fundraiser.



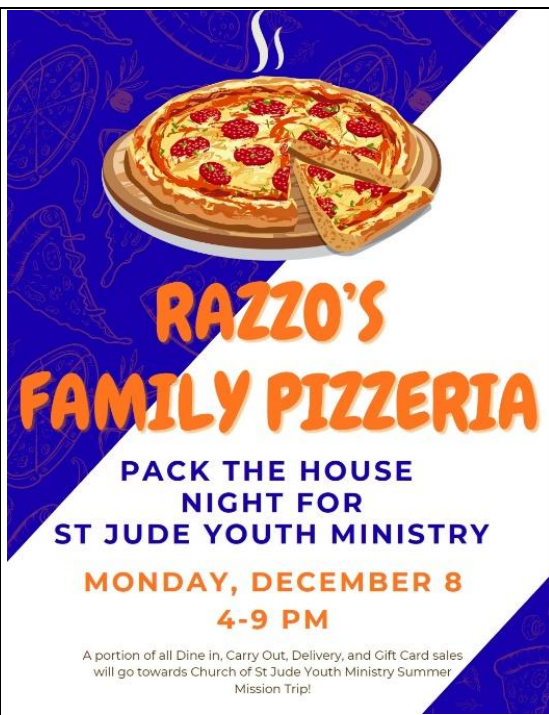
If you like to order gift cards for Christmas, and support the teens going on the Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trip this summer, Please contact Kay Foster! yakyakf@comcast.net
217-494-2984



Our Mass for the **Feast Of The Immaculate Conception** Mass will be:

Deacon Tom and Vicki Walker, Deacon Ray
Lectors – Isabelle Long, Helen Crusan

Nine months before the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception.** The Immaculate Conception refers to the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception. This doctrine emphasizes that be a pure vessel for the Incarnation of Christ. The dogma was officially defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854



Mass Intentions & Times (*indicates deceased)

	<u>Saturday, December 6th</u>
4:30pm	Mass (Int: Rita Spannagel†)
	<u>Sunday, December 7th</u>
8:00am	Mass (Int: Al Urbanckast†)
10:30am	Mass (Int: Virginia Chineke†)
	<u>Monday, December 8th</u>
5:30pm	Mass (Int: Douglas Cearley†)
	<u>Tuesday, December 9th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Lynn Leach†)
	<u>Wednesday, December 10th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Herb and Helen Dullet†)
	<u>Thursday, December 11th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Pius & Virginia Chineke†)
	<u>Friday, December 12th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Garcia/Van Dyke Fam.)
	<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†)

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 #2

Monday, December 8th Counting Day:

Team #2

Church Dusters:

Laurie McWard and Zana Dahlkamp

December Aluminum Cans Recycle

Will Obrien

December St. Martin de Porres Food

Jay White

Rochester Estates – 1st Sunday of the Month

Eucharistic Minister:

Carriage Crossing – 1st Sunday of the Month

Eucharistic Minister

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 13th at 4:30pm

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

Lectors: D. Day, I Long

Servers: D. Sommer, O. Rench

Hospitality: J. Sponsler, K. Foster

Sacristan: C. Mataya

Sunday, December 14th at 8:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, B. Connolly
C. Vogt, C. Leach

Lectors: K. Blumhorst, L. DeGroot

Servers: B. and J. Britz

Hospitality: S. Martyn, D. and L. Wuellner

Sacristan: Z. Dahlkamp

Sunday, December 14th at 10:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Deacon Walker,
M. Mayernich, D. Roark

Lectors: P. Szabados, E. Woehrmann

Servers: Adele, Jack and Molly Zucco

Hospitality: C. Manning, S. and D. Decker

Sacristan: H. Crusen

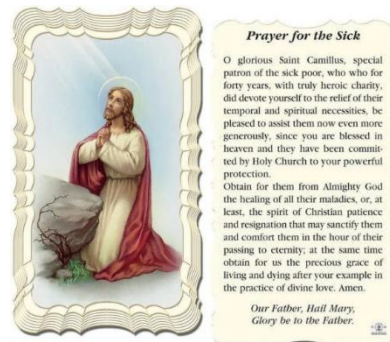
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Spiritual Support for the Sick

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

