



“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 Friday7:30 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.

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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.



Sunday, March 1st

Lent: A Season to Become Alive Again

Today will be our Day 12 of the 40 Days of Lent. We started on Ash Wednesday, February 18th and will conclude on Palm Sunday, March 29th, when the Holy Week kicks in.

Lent is often misunderstood as a gloomy season – a time of denial, giving things up, and spiritual heaviness. But the Church never intends Lent to feel like punishment. Lent is medicine. It is a forty-day spiritual therapy through which God gently removes what numbs the soul so that we may feel His presence again in a more refreshing way. If Advent awakens hope, Lent restores clarity and sense of purpose. Read that again, PLEASE.

At its heart, Lent is not about losing pleasures but recovering freedom. Spiritual freedom that nourishes and animates the entire person.

In daily practical life, Christians live Lent well not by doing extraordinary acts, but by transforming ordinary habits. The real desert is not somewhere far away. No. It is the interior silence we create within our noisy routines.

First, fasting teaches us awareness. When we pause before eating, scrolling, complaining, or reacting, we discover how often impulses control us. A good Lenten fast therefore asks: *What owns me?* Food, phone, pride, irritation, constant distraction? We fast from whatever prevents interior peace, from whatever enslaves us.

Second, prayer during Lent is less about length and more about honesty. Five quiet minutes before God – without performance – can change a day. Speak to Christ while driving, washing dishes, or walking. Lent invites conversation, not recitation. We do not add God to life. We allow Him to enter it.

Third, almsgiving becomes daily kindness. A patient response instead of anger. Listening instead of correcting. Encouraging instead of criticizing. Charity is the visible proof that fasting and prayer are real. Without love, sacrifice becomes ego.

A refreshing Lent is therefore simple: eat a little less, hurry a little less, judge a little less, and love a little more.

Then something beautiful happens – Easter does not arrive as a calendar date but as an interior resurrection. We realize Christ has not only risen from the tomb. He has risen within us. May We Have a Blessed Lenten Journey. Amen.

Fr. Peter Chineke



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.

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

Lenten Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Those individuals adversely affected by fasting or abstinence for health reasons are not bound by these norms.

If you have any questions about your particular situation please contact Father Peter.

Catholic Heart Work Camp Fundraising Opportunities

Thanks to your generosity, our parish youth have already begun their fundraising journey toward Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer. As Lent invites us to grow in prayer, sacrifice, and service, we are grateful to continue supporting them together as a parish family.

Our spring Butter Braid Pastry Sale is now underway. Orders placed now will arrive in time to enjoy on Easter. Order forms are available in the back of church through March 20 or can be ordered directly through a Catholic Heart Work Camp participant. Delivery will be March 31 and pick up details will be forthcoming.

We will also host another Pack the House Night at Razzo's on Monday, March 16, offering a simple way to support our youth through fellowship and community. All orders, dine in, carry out, delivery, or gift card purchases will help benefit the youth mission trip.

Thank you for continuing to encourage our young people through your prayers, generosity, and presence this Lenten season.

Donut Sunday

Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates:
March 1st, 15th, & 29th

We look forward to seeing you!

CRS Rice Bowl

The upcoming 2026 Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18. This year marks the 51st year of the CRS Rice Bowl. This program gives Catholics across the U.S. the opportunity to assist the global human family through daily prayer, weekly fasting and almsgiving.

Catholic Relief Services, founded in 1943, is the official overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of Caritas International. CRS alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries without regard to race, religion or nationality.

Please pick up your family's Rice Bowl from the table in the back of the Church.

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship

Each year since 2004, the Knights of Columbus Council #9640 has awarded the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Scholarship information and application are available on the parish website (www.churchofstjude.com) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Scholarship applications must be submitted, completely, by 15 April 2026 (Wednesday). The Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.

Father Patrick Cahill Scholarship Committee

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe last week! As a parish, we collected \$1,477.25 to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries.

Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

	<u>Saturday, February 28th</u>
4:30pm	Mass (Int: Dan Connoly †)
	<u>Sunday, March 1st</u>
8:00am	Mass (Int: Lum Leach †)
10:30am	Mass (Int: Evelyn Conboy)
	<u>Monday, March 2nd</u>
5:30pm	Mass (Int: Gil Deimelt)
	<u>Tuesday, March 3rd</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Justin Haubricht)
	<u>Wednesday, March 4th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Christy Hammon †)
	<u>Thursday, March 5th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Virginia Chineke †)
	<u>Friday, March 6th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Jack Zucco†)
	<u>Saturday, March 7th</u>
4:30pm	Mass (Int: Roberta "Bobbi" Hickey†)
	<u>Sunday, March 8th</u>
8:00am	Mass (Int: Gary Leach†)
10:30am	Mass (Int: Virginia Chineke†)

March Volunteers: Week 1

Monday, March 2nd Counting Day:

Team #1

Church Dusters: Barb Scheufele

March Aluminum Cans Recycle

Wuellner Family

March St. Martin de Porres Food

Horstman Family

Rochester Estates – 1st Sunday of the Month

Eucharistic Minister: Deona Kuntzman

Carriage Crossing – 1st Sunday of the Month

Eucharistic Minister: Dottie Anderson

50/50 DRAWING

The February drawing winner was ticket #416302 worth \$274. The winner has not come forward yet.

The March sale of tickets is underway. Remember all proceeds go to support the upcoming Youth Group trips to Rome and to CHWC. For more information, please contact Jerry Calvert.

at 217-498-900.

Next Week Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 28th at 4:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, V. Walker, M. Mankowski

Lectors: B. Auxier, D. Day

Servers: Douglas Sommer

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

Sacristan: Isabel Long

Sunday, March 1st at 8:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Roth, L. DeGroot, C. Leach

Lectors: A. & O Rench

Servers: B. Howard, R. Roth

Hospitality: K. Park, Y. Brandis, L. McWard

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, March 1st at 10:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, S. Warren, S. Kerley, C. Leach

Lectors: L. Warren, M. Schudel

Servers: N. & R. Houmes, L. Batten, L. Schudel

Hospitality: Brewer Family

Sacristan: Helen Crusen

CAMPAIGN PLANNING STUDY

You may have heard about the St. Patrick Catholic School planning study to gauge support for the school's sustainability. If you would like to participate, please complete a survey online using this QR code. Thank you in advance for participating and for your support of St. Patrick during this process.



PushPay

To any parishioners that use PushPay ACH, there has been an update in the credentials. The new company name is MERCHANT BANKCD, and the company id is G592126793

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, , Henry Gartner, 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), Bill & Laurie White, Jill Whitney, Joe Rupnik

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Carol Kirby – friend of Ginger Rentschler

Claudia Oller – Mary Bruno

Cindy Usher – friend of Mary Bruno

Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

Richard Yong-Beth Yong

Decluttering with Purpose this Lenten Season

This Lent, our parish is inviting families and individuals to participate in 40 Days of Decluttering as a simple, meaningful Lenten practice. Each day of Lent, we encourage you to prayerfully choose one item (or one small category of items) to let go of. This practice helps us detach from excess, make room for God, and prepare our hearts for generosity.

All gently used items collected will be donated to support our Parish Rummage Sale April 24-25. Proceeds from the Rummage Sale go towards assisting our Youth Group in their mission trip.

When can I drop off items?

To help us stay organized, please hold onto your items during Lent. Donation drop-off will begin the week of April 20. Specific drop-off times and details will be shared closer to that date.

What kinds of items can be donated?

Gently used children's clothing, household goods, toys, books, and small appliances suitable for a rummage sale. Please, no adult clothing or large furniture items.

Do I have to do all 40 days?

Not at all. Participate as you are able — every act of generosity matters.

We appreciate your support

SDCCW Scholarship Program

SDCCW is pleased to award a \$2,000 scholarship to four Catholic High school girl graduates from the Springfield Diocese in Illinois. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be every Wednesday at 6:00 pm till April 1st

RAZZO'S FAMILY PIZZERIA

PACK THE HOUSE

MONDAY, MARCH 16
4-9 PM

A PORTION OF ALL DINE IN, CARRY OUT, DELIVERY, AND GIFT CARD SALES WILL GO TOWARDS CHURCH OF ST JUDE YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER MISSION TRIP!



March PSR At a Glance

PSR Updates

This past week at PSR, our classes came together to journey through the Stations of the Cross at the church. I was so impressed with how reverent the kids were during our time together. The March PSR calendar is here for your reference:



March PSR SCHEDULE

04	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30PM
11	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30PM/ 2 ND AND 3 RD GRADERS PARENT MEETINGS
18	FIRST RECONCILIATION/ PSR RECONCILIATION 6:40 PM
25	NO CLASS ROCHESTER SPRING BREAK

KC Fry 2026



ADULT VOLUNTEER

Adult Volunteers

Many parishioners join us in service at the fish fry; volunteer information is available through this link.

KC Fry 2026



YOUTH VOLUNTEER

Youth Volunteers

Help our youth learn the value of service as their work is paid forward through charity for others. This includes financial support for their mission trips and pilgrimage.



FISH FRY!

ROCHESTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9640

FEBRUARY 20, 27 / MARCH 6, 13, 20 & 27

DINING ROOM 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
DRIVE THRU 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ST JUDE PARISH CENTER
633 ST. WALNUT ST ROCHESTER, IL



DINING ROOM
All-You-Can-Eat Fish \$15
Kids Meal \$6

DRIVE THRU
Fish Dinner \$14
4-Pack Special \$50
Kids Meal \$6
Each dinner comes with a HALF-POUND of fish!!

FISH DINNER INCLUDES:
Fish (Fried or Baked)
Baked Potato or Fries
Mac & Cheese
Coleslaw
Dessert
Drink, custom sauces & seasonings (dine-in meals only)

KIDS MEAL
Hot Dog + Sides

FISH TACO SPECIAL
March 20 & 27 (dine-in only)



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"BEST FISH FRY IN SANGAMON COUNTY"

Proceeds support the charitable work of Rochester Knights of Columbus Council #9640