



Our Savings Account in Heaven

Earlier last week, I visited a homebound gentleman whom I met in the hospital during the pandemic in 2020. He was sick, lonely, and feeling abandoned by God and his friends. This man accomplished so much in his working years before he retired. He had what he believed to have been a good life—family whom he loved and cared for, nice houses, cars, guns, and lots of collections of his favorite items. He was on several cruise ships and vacations. All the good stuff!

As we got deep in our conversation, I told him, Kade, there is a bank in heaven. Every human being has a savings account in that bank. We are encouraged to make daily deposits – saving for our time **hereafter**. The amount of our savings determines the length of time we will spend in heaven. Some of the things we can deposit in that savings account are the things we do for our families, communities, and Churches; the number of times we helped people who cannot help themselves; how intentional we are in staying away from gossip, calumny, and character assassination; how often we choose words of affirmation instead of words of criticism and condemnation; the number of times we embraced or treated with kindness and respect the people who are different from us in race, color, gender, nationality, social and economic status; and the quality of time we spend with Jesus attending Masses, Church activities, and observing spiritual practices that bring us closer to God.

So, I asked Kade, "How long do you hope your savings in heaven will keep you there?" Kade

explained with deep regret how he had spent the rest of his life doing little or none of those things except loving and taking care of himself and his family.

Each time I remember Kade, I ask myself the same question: "If God decides to take me home today, how long will my savings in heaven keep me there, if at all?"

Fr. Peter

Please Note:
There will be a meeting for the Parish Renovation Campaign on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 in the Parish Center at 6:00pm.

Save the date!
Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lacrosse, WI
Friday - Saturday
May 9-10, 2025
Call the Parish Office for additional information.



St. 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.



We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Karin O'Brien, sister of Will O'Brien, fellow parishioner. Karin passed away on 1/30/25. Karin's memorial services took place this past Friday at Staab Funeral Home and a private funeral service at the cemetery on Saturday.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



*Adult Faith Formation!
Catholicism 101 with Fr. Peter Thursday
evenings
6:30pm, during Lent
More information to come!*

NEW MASS SCHEDULE!

Mondays: 5:30pm

Tuesdays-Fridays: 7:30am

With the exception of First Fridays of the Month. First Fridays of the month will NOT have a morning Mass. Beginning at 4:30pm on those First Fridays, we will offer Adoration and Confession followed by Mass at 5:30pm.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

7:00am

12:15pm

6:30pm



Bunco

Wednesday, February 12th
from 1pm-3pm in the Parish Center

Instructions for Transition in Online Giving:

Part One:

Setting up a new recurring gift using Pushpay. Visit <https://www.stjude.dio.org/online-giving> and set up your automatic gift using Pushpay. The recurring option should already be selected, and you can simply set up your automatic gift, after which you will be prompted to complete the setup of your new account.

Part Two:

Cancel scheduled gifts in Vanco. Once you have set up recurring gifts in Pushpay, please cancel any scheduled gifts in Vanco. There will be an email sent with the steps to cancel recurring gifts. It is also recommended that you delete any saved payment methods as well. If you would like us to assist you with this or if you have questions, please contact Sara Garcia at the Parish Office at (217) 498-9197 and she will assist you. We are so blessed you have made the commitment to give in this way and are honored with your decision to continue to support the Church of St. Jude.

Blessings, The Pushpay Staff and Management



Fr. Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship

Attention Graduating High School Seniors:

If you are a graduating H.S. Senior in 2025 and are interested in some extra money for college, please apply for the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship. To apply, contact the Saint Jude Parish Office or go online to the Springfield, IL Catholic Diocese website to apply. Please submit applications by Tuesday April 15, 2025.

Announcement!

Please only place aluminum cans in our recycling canister located outside of the Parish Center. All other items, such as aluminum foil pans cannot be recycled by our recycling agency. Please remember to place your cans in a CLEAN plastic grocery bag or garbage bag. Your compliance with this effort would be greatly appreciated.

Faith Formation Update

Rosary Wednesday!

Please join us in the church at 6pm each Wednesday that PSR is in session!



It is that time of the year to make plans for the National Youth Conference in Indianapolis. This event is ONLY for those who will be IN high school beginning the fall of 2025 (current 8th-11th graders). The event is from Thursday 11/20-Sunday 11/22. If you have not received the detailed information via email and your youth is interested in joining us please contact Jennifer

Cursillo

Is a 3-day experience! Those attending pray together, celebrate Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious and laypersons, and share fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. A Cursillo weekend

begins on Thursday evening with candidate registration from 7:30-8:30p, culminating on Sunday evening with closing and Mass at 4 pm. If interested, please talk to Joe and Kristin Kohlrus. You can reach them at (217) 652-5393 or (217) 971-7765.

Upcoming Dates:
#374 February 20-23 (Women's)
#375 March 20-23 (Men's)
#376 April 24-27 (Women's)



VBS!

Now is the time to get your VBS dates down on that calendar!

We will be doing VBS

Monday, July 21-

Friday, July 25, 2025.

The VBS program will be from 9-11:30am and will include Pre-K-5th

graders! Childcare and

meals will be available for those who sign up in advance from 8-9am and from 11:30a-1pm to assist parents more with transportation to and from this event!



HS Youth Group "Propelled"



If interested in joining us, please contact Jennifer or just join us and bring a friend!

ALL meetings, for now, are on Wednesdays from 7:45-8:45pm.

Over the last two weeks we have discussed with Fr. Peter about going to heaven and what we think we have done in our lives to help us get there. It's been encouraging to hear our youth be so open and honest about their faith.

We continue to work on our prayer journals and reading our book Rediscovering Jesus!

CLOW

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

Lessons are provided for you OR you can create your own following the readings!

Contact Jennifer if you'd like to help!



Lasagna Pick-Up Schedule



If you ordered FROM a participant, they will take care of delivering your order and collecting payment!

If you ordered through the church you will need to pick up at the church OR contact Jennifer to arrange delivery.

Lasagnas will be ready to be picked up FOLLOWING the weekend Masses on February 8th and 9th.

Please come over to the Parish Center and be sure to have payment.

If you are unable to pick them up after the Masses, they will be available for pick up during the week as well:

**Monday 2/10, 9a-2pm
Tuesday 2/11, 9a-2pm
Wednesday 2/12, 2-9pm
Thursday 2/13, 9a-2pm
Friday 2/14, 9a-2pm**

Additional times can be added and if delivery is needed, please contact Jennifer Frericks.

Wednesday Night Update!



Our Kindergarten/Frist Grade Class learned about how Jesus has many friends. Our 2nd graders learned about David and Goliath!. Our 3-5th graders took their turn for the Child Safety Class with Mrs. Frericks. Our 6-8 graders continued signing up for their play and furthered their discussion on the Bible.

Sorry, we didn't have room for pictures!



Mardi Gras

Please join us for our annual Parish Mardi Gras Party on **Tuesday, March 4th. The party is 5:30-7:30pm!** As always, we will have dinner, desserts, games, a parade, and lots of fun!

I am still collecting prizes and a basket is in the back of the church!

Please RSVP your family for this fun night by signing up in the back of the church, at PSR, or by contacting Jennifer!



Faith Formation Schedule

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| Feb. 12: | Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm |
| Feb. 19: | Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Parent Meetings for 2 nd and 3 rd
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm |
| Feb. 26: | Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm |
| March 4: | Parish Mardi Gras Party, 5:30-7:30pm |
| March 5 th : | Ash Wednesday Masses
Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
NO PSR
Propelled will meet following the 6:30pm Mass |
| March 12: | Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm |
| March 19: | Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Parent Meetings during class
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm |
| March 26: | NO Rosary Wednesday, PSR, or
Propelled due to Spring Break |

Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, February 8th:
 4:30 pm Mass (Int: William Crouser†)
Sunday, February 9th:
 8:00 am Mass (Int: Bob Parnell†)
 10:30 am Mass (Int: Ed Bedore†)
Monday, February 10th:
 5:30 pm Mass (Int: Richard Helling Family)
Tuesday, February 11th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Herbert Dulle†)
Wednesday, February 12th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Joe Rupnik)
Thursday, February 13th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Julie Carlisle†)
Friday, February 14th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Harry Nickles†)
Saturday, February 15th:
 4:30 pm Mass (Int: Sharon Saner†)
Sunday, February 16th:
 8:00 am Mass (Int: Gary Leach†)
 10:30 am Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)

Sacrificial Giving, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 3,836.00	\$ 123,442.00
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 15.00	\$ 46,060.00
Dev. Fund Env's	\$ 540.00	\$ 6,587.00
EFT-Dev. Fund		\$ 2,881.00
Loose Checks	\$ 860.00	\$ 47,576.01
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 398.20	\$ 13,530.80
Total this Week:	\$ 5,649.20	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 261,004.26

February 2025 Volunteers: Week #2

Monday, February 10th, Counting Day:
 Team #2

Church Dusters:

Laurie McWard and Zana Dahlkamp

February Aluminum Cans Recycle:

Gleason Family

February St. Martin de Porres Food:

Wuellner Family

Advertiser of the Week:

Park Funeral Homes, Inc.

Edinburg * Rochester *

Springfield

Directors: Ryan S. Lee & David L. Taft

(217) 498-7161

www.parkfuneralhomeinc.com

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, February 15th- 4:30 pm

Euch. Min.: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, V. Walker, and **NEEDED**

Lectors: T. Bertrand and D. Day

Servers: D. Sommer

Hospitality: K. Foster, M. & R. McClintock

Sacristan: **NEEDED**

Sunday, February 16 – 8:00 am

Euch. Min.: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, D. Anderson, and S. Garcia

Lectors: K. Blumhorst and D. Curtin

Servers: R. Strawkas

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

Sacristan: Z. Dahlkamp

Sunday, February 16th - 10:30 am

Euch. Min.: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, S. Kerley, and **NEEDED**

Lectors: A. Harney and T. O'Sullivan

Servers: S. Harney

Hospitality: D. Roark and L. Drewes

Sacristans: H. Crusen

CLOW: Beth Auxier

Diocesan Victim Assistance

To report an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor.
 Victim Assistance Diocesan Hotline: (217) 321-1155

St. Monica Club



Are you heartbroken because your loved ones have left the Church? You are invited to the Springfield-area St. Monica Club monthly gathering. This ministry is a dedicated prayer network offering hope and support to families and friends of Catholics who have walked away from the practice of the Faith. Please join us for prayer, conversation, and solidarity.

Animated by hope and grounded

in faith, we rest secure in the knowledge that, in the words of St. Monica, "Nothing is far from God." This month we will be discussing Ch 1 in Return: How to bring your Child Back to the Church by Brandon Vogt.

Third Monday of each month @ 7:00pm at the Cathedral. **Monday, February 17, 7:00pm @ Cathedral School Library.**

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 – JoAnn Camille, Ann Carel, Carolyn Carmichael, Evelyn Conboy, Shirley Crawford, Lenna DeGroot, ***Gil Deimel**, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Helen Dulle, Gary Dumonceaux, Paul Harris, Jerry Jasinski, Janet Kalb, Jillian Kohlrus, Betty Limper, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Jim Nelson, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Frances Tomashavich, Al Urbanckas, Bill White, Patrick Witcik, Laurie White, and Ron Wojcicki.

*** = new this week**

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Mary Aplington – sister of Beth Yong
John Aplington – brothers of Beth Yong
Maryann Bailey – mother of Dean Bailey
Carolyn Binion – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux
John Brunsman – father of Laura Horstman
Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock
Suzanne Camp – friend of Beth Yong
Virginia Chineke – mother of Fr. Peter
Leo Conway – father of Gary Conway
Judy Conway - friend of Maggie Patterson
Eddie Cook – friend of Lenna DeGroot family
Dave & Trish Crusen – brother of Tom Crusen
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
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
Jody Frese – sister-in-law of Barb Scheufele

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

***John & Denise Garrison** – loved ones of Phil & Emma Van Dyke

Dorothy Georg – sister of LuAnn White

Steven Godar - father of Dennis Godar

Jennifer Harbeck - cousin of Brad Zack

Jennie Harling - sister of Leanne Collings

Roger Helling – brother of Gary Helling

Mark Hill – friend of Hartzel and Mary Bruno

Chad Kunkle – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family

Jim Kirbach – friend of the Hendricksons

Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendricksons

Glen Limper - son of Al & Betty Limper

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

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 Hendricksons

Dolores Pantoja Salgado – mother of Diego Garcia

Ann Pardieck – family friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno

Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell

Ozzie Ostrowski – grandson of Marty & Debby Coe

Ariella Rentschler – granddaughter of Ginger Rentschler

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

Gary Schmidt – friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno

Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich

Special Intentions of Barb Scoggins

Rita Spannagel, mother of Jill Whitney

Russ Steil- father of Teresa O'Sullivan

Mary Stewart – friend of Suzanne Moss

Tom Uzzo- brother-in-law of Jane Molohon

Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell

Mike Wilkin- brother of Leigh Ann Szabados

Vicki Will – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer

Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

Springfield March for Life!

On Tuesday, March 25, you are invited to join thousands of pro-life advocates, at the Illinois Pro-Life March. The day begins with Mass at 10 a.m. at the Sangamon Auditorium on the campus of U of I Springfield. Registration for this is required. Link to register is coming soon.

After the Mass, there is a rally at the capitol at noon and then a march around the capitol at 1 p.m. Adoration and Confession will also be available at the Cathedral from 1-5pm.

