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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 January 11th, 2026**

## **The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Today, the Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the official end of the Christmas season. This feast unveils Christ's public mission at the Jordan, where heaven opens to affirm the beloved Son (Matthew 3:17). In salvation history, Jesus – sinless Lamb – queues with repentant sinners for John's baptism of penance, not for personal purification but to "fulfil all righteousness," inaugurating his obedience to the Father's will unto death. As the Catechism teaches, this theophany echoes Isaiah's Suffering Servant: heavens reopen (closed by Adam's sin), waters sanctify as prelude to new creation, and the Spirit rests upon Him as source for all. John's ritual baptism, a gesture of humility and conversion, foreshadows sacramental Baptism instituted by Christ's Passover, assimilating believers to His death and resurrection.

The celebration of the event of the Baptism of the Lord reveals Baptism as "birth into new life in Christ," gateway to the Spirit and Church, freeing from sin and incorporating into the Son's sonship. "Through Baptism the Christian... must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement," rising to "walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4).

Today, amid worldly "expectation" for renewal, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord urges **baptismal remembrance**. We must know our baptismal dates, renew our baptismal promises, and live as beloved children of God. Pope Benedict XVI highlighted Jesus' humility amid crowds, modeling conversion from selfishness. Pope Francis calls it rebirth, strength for hope's pilgrimage. In Jubilee 2025, John's cry – "begin again" – echoes: immerse in

Christ's mercy, baptize with Spirit and fire, evangelize peripheries – the people on the margins of life – the poor, the persecuted, the abandoned, the sick, the helpless immigrants and the neglected aged.

May this feast ignite our zeal for the Gospel and life of Christ. Let us pray, build faith, show mercy. As the Father proclaims delight, may we, Spirit-empowered, manifest Christ's light daily in our lives, families, and communities. Amen.

*Fr. Peter Chineke*







### Prayer to St. Jude

*St. Jude, glorious Apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the true Church invokes you universally as the Patron of things despaired of; pray for me, who am so miserable; pray for me, that finally I may receive the consolations and the succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (here make your request), and that I may bless God with the Elect throughout Eternity. Amen.*

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Our website will be undergoing general maintenance for the next few weeks. Just a heads-up as we prepare to start fresh for the New Year!

### Lasagna Fundraiser – Take & Bake

The teens going on the Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trip are teaming up with the teens going on the Rome Pilgrimage for the annual Take & Bake Lasagna Fundraiser. Orders may be placed in one of three ways:

- Directly from a participating teen
  - Using the order form at the back of church
  - By contacting Kay Foster at 217-494-2984
- Orders will be accepted through **Friday, January 23**. Lasagnas ordered using the church order form may be picked up after any Mass on **January 31 or February 1**. Orders placed through individual participants will be delivered by that participant. **Pricing:**
- Large sausage, veggie, or cheese – \$22
  - Large sausage (gluten-free) – \$25
  - Small sausage, veggie, or cheese – \$10

Thank you for supporting our teens!

### Donut Sunday

Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates:  
**January 18th, February 1st, and February 15th.**

We look forward to seeing you!

### Job Opening: Live Stream Mass Coordinator

St. Jude's Catholic Church is seeking a reliable and detail-oriented individual to assist with **live streaming weekend Masses**. Responsibilities include setting up equipment, managing the live broadcast, and ensuring quality audio and video for our online parish community. Technical experience is helpful, but training will be provided.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

### January Bunco Reminder

January Bunco will be held on **Wednesday, January 14th**, from **1:00–3:00 PM** in the **Parish Center**.

All are welcome—come enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

## Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
4:30pm Mass (Int: Roberta “Bobbi” Hickey†)  
**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00am Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)  
10:30am Mass (Int: Brent Manning†)  
**Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30pm Mass (Int: Veronica DeRosat)  
**Tuesday, January 13<sup>h</sup>**  
7:15am Mass (Int: Greg Park†)  
**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**  
7:15am Mass (Int: Virginia Chineket)  
**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
7:15am Mass (Int: Fr. Joe Ring†)  
**Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**  
7:15am Mass (Int: William Mahler†)  
**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**  
4:30pm Mass (Int: Delbert Collings† and Carolyn Carmichael†)  
**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00am Mass (Int: Deceased Members of the Richard Helling Family †)  
Mass (Int: For the people)

## **January Volunteers:**

### **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> Counting Day:**

Team #2

### **Church Dusters:**

Laurie McWard and Zana Dahlkamp

### **January Aluminum Cans Recycle**

Gleason Family

### **January St. Martin de Porres Food**

Carlo Catalano

### **Rochester Estates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month**

Eucharistic Minister: Mary & Hartzel Bruno

### **Carriage Crossing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month**

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Auxier

## *Next Week Schedule*

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Roth,  
B. Scheufele, Still Needed

**Lectors:** I. Long, D. Day

**Servers:** A. & N. Horstman

**Hospitality:** J. Sponslor, M. & H. Bruno

**Sacristan:** Sue Roth

#### **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Roth, L.  
DeGroot, Still Needed

**Lectors:** D. Kuntzman, Still Needed

**Servers:** B. Howard, J. & B. Britz

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

**Sacristan:** Zana Dahlkamp

#### **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker,  
H. Crussen, C. Manning

**Lectors:** V. Walker, S. Kerley

**Servers:** N. & R. Houmes

**Hospitality:** A. & O. Rench, T. Bax

**Sacristan:** Darla Roark

St. Jude's welcomes visiting priests to celebrate Mass. We appreciate their generosity and support of our parish family and invite you to warmly welcome them and introduce yourself.



To keep our prayer list current, names will be removed after 30 days. Please contact the office if you would like a name to remain on the list or be removed sooner.

### **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  
**Lorine Wallin**-Friend of Helling Family  
**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  
**Richard Young**-Beth Yong

## Burning of Palms for Ash Wednesday

As we prepare for the holy season of Lent, we invite parishioners to bring in the blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday Masses. These blessed palms will be burnt for the ashes used on **Ash Wednesday**. Please place your palms in the designated basket at the entrance of the Church.

We will be burning the palms on Tuesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Please watch the bulletin for further information about The **Burning of Palms Rite**.

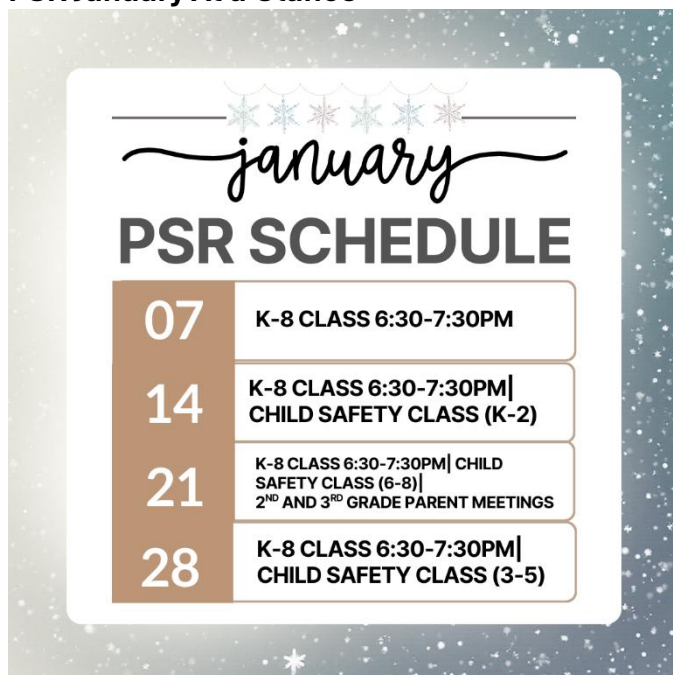
## Family Corner

At my children's baptisms, nothing went as planned. At my daughter's, she was unknowingly patient zero of a stomach flu that would take down half our family that Thanksgiving weekend. At my son's baptism, we were masked up due to the pandemic, and he was older than we had once imagined he would be. We had delayed after a season of drifting and falling away, unsure of timing, unsure of ourselves and where we stood with our faith. Yet that day became even more meaningful because it was the last time my mom would be in that particular church before her passing, and where we would actually end up having her funeral Mass. What could have felt imperfect or overdue is now held in our hearts as sacred, layered with grace we could not have predicted.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord speaks so powerfully to families. When Jesus steps into the waters of the Jordan, He takes something simple and familiar and turns it into a channel of grace. In baptism, we are washed clean, claimed as God's own, and welcomed into the Body of Christ. It is the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith, one meant to be lived and nurtured within families and within the Church community, even through illness, uncertainty, and seasons of struggle.

Through ordinary water, God offers extraordinary gifts: renewal, blessing, and hope. For families, grandparents, and guardians, baptism is both a moment and a mission, a call to keep returning to the faith we promise to pass on. As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, may we be reminded that God works through our real lives, not our perfect ones, and that He is always ready to pour new life and grace upon us, again and again.

## PSR January At a Glance



january	
PSR SCHEDULE	
07	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30PM
14	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30PM  CHILD SAFETY CLASS (K-2)
21	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30PM  CHILD SAFETY CLASS (6-8)  2 <sup>ND</sup> AND 3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE PARENT MEETINGS
28	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30PM  CHILD SAFETY CLASS (3-5)

## Intentional Discipleship

On the weekend of January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> we will be recognizing those in our community who have answered the call to Intentional Discipleship by serving as ***Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion***. We have received the Bishop's mandate that allows these individuals to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to take Holy Communion to the sick and shut ins of our parish. These individuals will be commissioned at each of the Masses that weekend.

Those individuals who answered the call to Intentional Discipleship by serving in the ministries of ***Hospitality, Lectors and Sacristans*** will be recognized and blessed at each of the Masses that same weekend.

Each of these individuals is a great blessing to our parish family. It is with great joy that our parish family celebrates their Commissioning or Blessing with them.