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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Obligation

Saturday: Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday thru Friday 7:15 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 and MARRIAGE

Contact Office Manager

OCIA

Contact 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.
Reverend Peter Chineke - Pastor

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19th, 2026

Dear Father Tomy,

On behalf of the entire St. Jude's Church family, I wish to express our profound gratitude to you as you conclude your two-month assignment among us as Parochial Administrator. Though your time with us was brief, the impact of your ministry will remain deeply cherished in the hearts of our parishioners. From the very beginning, I heard of the warmth and joy you radiate and how humbly you approached our parishioners with so much love and care. Your calm and cheerful presence brought reassurance and stability to our parish when my absence brought some confusion and doubt. You approached every responsibility with dedication, humility, and a sincere desire to serve Christ and His people at St Jude. We are especially grateful for the warmth with which you welcomed, loved, and cared for our parishioners. Through your celebration of the sacraments, personal conversations, and daily acts of kindness, you helped our people feel safe and hopeful amidst the uncertainty and confusion.

Father Tomy, you did not simply fulfill an assignment; you became part of our parish family. You shared our joys and was intentionally present even as many people traveled for vacations and other summer activities that kept them absent from Church attendance throughout this summer. As you begin your new assignments as pastor of the beautiful churches in Taylorville and Stonington, please know that you carry with you our sincere affection, gratitude, and prayerful best wishes. We pray that God will bless your new ministry abundantly, strengthen you in every responsibility, and grant you many joyful and fruitful years of priestly service.

May the Lord reward you for all the love and care you have shown us. May Our Blessed Mother protect and guide you, and may your new parishioners quickly discover the wonderful priest and pastor whom we have been privileged to know.

Thank you, Father Tommy. St. Jude's Church will always remember you with gratitude, love, and prayer.

Fr. Peter Chineke

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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.

A Heart Full of Gratitude

Dear Parish Family,

As many of you know, my time at St. Jude's is coming to an end. I will be leaving the parish on July 24 and traveling to India on July 26 to spend some time with my family. On August 31, I will begin a new chapter as Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Taylorville and Holy Trinity Parish in Stonington.

The famous German Existential Philosopher Martin Heidegger once said: "Thoughtlessness is thanklessness." I am grateful in many ways. Although I have been with you for only two months, this beautiful parish and its wonderful people have already found a special place in my heart. Sometimes, God does not measure relationships by years but by the love, kindness, and faith that are shared. In that sense, these two months have been a tremendous blessing for me.

First and foremost, I thank our good God for His countless blessings and for allowing me to serve among such faith-filled and generous people.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Bishop Paprocki and Monsignor Hoefler for entrusting me with this assignment and for sending me to this wonderful parish family. Their confidence and support have meant a great deal to me.

A very special word of thanks goes to Fr. Peter Chineke. Thank you for your guidance, your trust, your encouragement, and for making me feel so welcome. Your confidence in me made these weeks of ministry both meaningful and joyful.

My heartfelt thanks also go to our wonderful Deacons, Tom and Ray. You have been true brothers in ministry. Your generosity, wisdom, humor, and willingness to help have made my work so much easier—and much more enjoyable. Every priest should be blessed with deacons like you!

I am deeply grateful to Brett, our Office Manager, who does everything with such commitment, efficiency, and a smile. Thank you, Dean, for your availability and readiness to keep everything beautiful in its space.

Thank you also to Stacey, Alicia, Peggie, all our staff members, Martha's Group and the many volunteers who quietly and faithfully keep parish life running. My sincere thanks to Sue and all the members of our choir. You have helped us pray every Saturday and Sunday, and your beautiful music has lifted our hearts to God. To all our altar servers—those in their liturgical robes on Sundays and Bill in his distinguished "weekday civil attire"—thank you for your faithful service at the altar. Bill, you have single-handedly proven that holiness is not determined by vestments alone! Thank you to all our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers for your dedication and reverence. Your ministry helps make our liturgies prayerful and beautiful.

A special thank you to Elizabeth for taking such good care of the rectory.

Finally, to all of you, the parishioners of St. Jude's: thank you for your warmth, your prayers, your kindness, your delicious food, your smiles, and your faith. You welcomed me not as a stranger or a temporary visitor but as a member of your family. I will always cherish these precious memories.

Please continue to pray for me as I begin this new mission in Taylorville and Stonington. I need your prayers now more than ever. All of you are welcome to Taylorville and Stonington.

May God bless each one of you abundantly. Thank you for making these two months so joyful, so meaningful, and so unforgettable.

With gratitude, affection, and many prayers,
Fr. Tomy Philip, SAC

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A theme of the Diocese of Nyundo for 2026

This year, we humbly seek your support for 2 important project that are vital to the life and growth of our Church and our people:

1.Education for girls:

In our region, traditional gender roles often dictate that boy's education is more valuable than girls. Girls are sometimes seen as primarily responsible for domestic duties and childcare, while boys are expected to pursue education and careers, while girls are often married in exchange for dowries, treated merely as a source of income. This injustice not only impoverished young women of their dignity but also maintains cycles of poverty and inequality.

While progress has been in some areas, significant challenges remain in achieving gender parity in education in Nyundo. Some studies show that while girls may be catching up in in terms of primary school enrollment, they continue to face higher dropout rates and lower completion rates at secondary and higher levels.

Diocese of Nyundo efforts to address these inequalities, she is planning to build primary school and secondary school for them in order to empower girls to be educated which is a tool for creating a better community.

2.Clean water

Many of our remote areas lack reliable access to clean water, people share contaminated water sources with livestock, leading to widespread illness and tragic loss of life. People requiring to travel long distances or rely on contaminated sources. So, proving local water sources as crucial, basic need and improves overall quality of life.

Many faiths, including Christianity, emphasize compassion, service to others, and caring to the poor and vulnerable. Drilling wells and providing clean water are seen as concrete way to live out these principles and demonstrates love and care for their community.

Churches often work with local communities, training them on well maintenance and repair to ensure the longevity of the water source.

Each well costs approximately \$8,000. With your support, we can continue to offer a gift of live and health to our community.

We invite your diocese to partner with us in one of these two projects. These efforts are not just ours-they are the mission of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, lived out through the Diocese of Nyundo.

Fr. Burusu

Vacation Bible School Donations Request

While there is no registration fee for our summer VBS, donations are always appreciated to help offset the cost of supplies, snacks, crafts, decorations, and activities. If you would like to support our Rainforest Falls VBS ministry, we will be accepting donations after all Masses next weekend (July 11-12), at the parish office, and the week of VBS!

A snack donation request list will be coming soon, so watch for additional opportunities to help!

Thank you for your generosity and for helping make Rainforest Falls VBS a fun and faith-filled week!

St. Jude Home Grown Sweet Corn

St. Jude's sweet corn is on sale after the masses this weekend. Please stop by and check it out!

15 ears for \$10.00 or 6 ears for \$5.00

All funds go to our Youth ministries support.



Alicia's Summer Hours:

Now that PSR classes are over for the year, I will be in the parish office **ONLY** on Wednesdays from 9:00am-4:00pm (until VBS that is!) Watch out for PSR

Registration the first week of August! You can always reach me by email at PSR@churchofstjude.com.

HSHS Mission Outreach Warehouse Tour

Will be on Tuesday, July 28th at 10:00 am

If anyone needs a ride, please contact Cathy Manning (217)836-8232



HOSPITAL SISTERS
Mission Outreach

Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach is a global health organization that provides medical supply and equipment recovery services for responsible distribution to international partners in hospitals and clinics.

Rainforest Falls VBS Registration is Open!

Join us July 26-30 as we journey through Rainforest Falls, discovering the nature of God and what it means to be rooted in a relationship with

our Creator. VBS is

FREE and open to children entering Pre-K through 5th grade. Family Cookout Kickoff:

Sunday, July 26 at 4:45 PM. The QR code for more information and to register is below!

Registration is open until July 19! If any students entering 6th-high school would like to help volunteer as Crew Leaders or Station Assistants, please contact Alicia!

See you in the Rainforest!



Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates: August 2nd and 16th



The Social Concerns Summer Project for Graham Elementary School

The Social Concerns ministry has a bin in the vestibule for all those participating in the Graham Elementary School supply drive. Please bring your supplies to any Mass by August 9th and place them in the bin for collection. Thank you!

Little Flower Catholic School in Springfield is hiring an elementary classroom teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.

If interested, please contact Jennifer Killian at (217)529-4511 or Jennifer.killian@little-flower.org



Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

	<u>Saturday, July 18th</u>
4:30pm Mass	Virginia Chineke †
	<u>Sunday, July 19th</u>
8:00am Mass	Parish Family
10:30am Mass	Evelyn Cannon †
	<u>Tuesday, July 21st</u>
7:15am Mass	Jessica Ginter †
	<u>Wednesday, July 22nd</u>
7:15am Mass	Gil Deimel†
	<u>Thursday, July 23rd</u>
7:15am Mass	Jessica Ginter †
	<u>Friday, July 24th</u>
7:15am Mass	Robert “Bob” Parnell †
	<u>Saturday, July 25th</u>
4:30pm Mass	Jane Schmit †
	<u>Sunday, July 26th</u>
8:00am Mass	Parish Family
10:30am Mass	James Cannon †

July Volunteers

Monday, July 20th Counting Day: Team 3

Monday, July 27th Counting Day: Team 4

Church Dusters Week 3:

Donna Day

July Aluminum Can Recycling: Kevin Spurlock

July Food Pantry Collection: Kevin Spurlock

Hearts in Christ Collection: Dorinda Jeffers

Rochester Estates - 3rd Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Zana Dahlkamp

Rochester Estates - 4th Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Scheufele

Carriage Crossing - 3rd Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Schmit

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Eucharistic Minister: Isabel Long

Next Weekend Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 25th at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Ray, J. Kohlrus, S. Roth

Lectors: Beth Auxier & Emily Prather

Servers: A. & N. Horstman, D. Sommer **Still Needed, Still Needed**

Hospitality: M. & R. McClintock

Sacristan: Kay Foster

Sunday, July 26th at 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, B. Connolly, B. Hendricks, C. Leach

Lectors: Jane & Harry Hendrickson

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

Hospitality: L. Drewes, L. McWard, B. Yong

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, July 26th at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Walker, D. Roark, S. Warren

Lectors: Lorene Warren

Servers: A. Felbon, C. & C. Conway, **Still Needed**

Hospitality: Chris & Tina Bax, **Still Needed**

Sacristan: Helen Crusen

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week 2 of FY2026-2027

ACCOUNT	7/12/26	YTD
Sunday Envelopes	\$7,630	\$15,639
Renovation	\$213	\$1,485
Flowers	\$50	\$50
Loose cash	\$381.20	\$786.20
Assumption of Mary	\$10	\$20
Peter's Pence	\$10	\$10
Total	\$8,294.20	\$17,990.20

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

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 Carel, Morgan Culbertson, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, Andrea Miller, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Bill & Laurie White

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

John Aplington – Beth Yong

Mary Aplington – Beth Yong

Kelly Diaz – Niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

Ellen Flynn – Family of Bruno's

Carol Fulcher – Friend of Pat Carlisle

Owen Herpel – Friend of Bortmess Family

Carol Kirby – Friend of Ginger Rentschler

Sam & Lily Lueker – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

Traci Marsh – Friend of Mary & Hartzel Bruno

Barbara Mendenhall – Family of Marie Ginter

Scott Mulford – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

Claudia Oller – Mary Bruno

Joe Rupnik – Friend of Mary Bruno

Myra Shroeder – Jane Molohon

Bill Slingerland - Father of Barb Scoggins

Thomas Longtin - Brother of Jerry Calvert

Cindy Usher – Friend of Mary Bruno

Connie & Marc Wilson – Niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

David Venable – Family of Mary Bruno

Richard Yong – Beth Yong

Special Intentions – Steve & Pat Jones