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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

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26th, 2026

AN END OF A DIFFICULT CHAPTER

For the past four years, I have traveled each summer to Washington, D.C., for nine intense weeks of study at The Catholic University of America. These periods were demanding, often lonely, and required deep concentration, sacrifice, and perseverance. I usually arrived knowing very few people in the area and carrying the responsibilities of both ministry and academic work. Yet, throughout these years, God surrounded me with extraordinary people, who though from a distance, their friendship, generosity, prayers, and kindness sustained me.

I am profoundly grateful to the individuals and families who visited me, called me, wrote to me, shared meals with me in their homes and at restaurants before and after each summer, encouraged me, and stood faithfully beside me. Your love became especially meaningful during the difficult summer of 2025, when I lost my beloved mother while I was in Washington for my classes. In that painful moment, your prayers, presence, compassion, and support strengthened me and reminded me that I was not alone.

As I graduate this summer with a degree in canon law, after four challenging but grace-filled years, I joyfully dedicate this achievement to all of you. You know yourselves: current and former parishioners who have become friends, former students, brother-priests, spiritual families, and spiritual children. Your sacrifices, encouragement, and belief in me are permanently woven into this accomplishment.

I offer special and heartfelt gratitude to Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and to our diocese for their continued confidence, generosity, prayers, and unwavering support throughout these years. Their commitment to my formation and studies made this journey possible and strengthened my desire to serve the Church more faithfully.

May God abundantly reward each person who has walked this journey with me. May He bless your families, strengthen your faith, and repay your kindness a hundredfold. This degree is not mine alone; it belongs to all of us.

Peace and Blessings †

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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 theme of the Diocese of Nyundo for 2026

This year, we humbly seek your support for 2 important projects 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 boys' 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 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, providing 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 life 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

The Litany of Belovedness by Sarah Kroger

From the belief that I am worthless. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am not good enough. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am defined by my past. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am broken and will never be whole. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am only as good as my accomplishments. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am a failure. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am not gifted in any way. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am alone. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I can't change or grow. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am unwanted. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am undesirable. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am unlovable. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am what others think of me. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the lie of perfectionism. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the trap of comparison. *Deliver me, Jesus.*

That I am your beloved child. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am precious in your sight. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am wanted. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am who You say I am. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am delighted in. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am chosen. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am a work in progress. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am never alone. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That through you, I am capable of love. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That through you, I am capable of healing & wholeness. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I belong. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am not a mistake. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I was made in Your image. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That You have a plan for my life. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That You are holding me & leading me. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am known, seen, & loved just as I am. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*

Father, thank you for your great, unending love. In You, I am seen.
In You, I am heard. In You, I am known. In You, I am loved.
Today, I choose to embrace the reality of Your love for me.
Today, I choose to own my belovedness.

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

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 available to be picked off Main street. There will be a sign indicating where to pick from.

Donations can be put in an envelope and placed in the mail box on the parish center.



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.



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



HSMS 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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week 3 of FY2026-2027

ACCOUNT	7/19/26	YTD
Sunday Envelopes	\$9,013	\$24,802
Renovation	\$280	\$1,765
Assumption of Mary	\$20	\$25
Loose cash	\$457.95	\$1,244.15
Poor account	\$53	\$204
Youth Mission	\$200	\$878.23
Total	\$10,023.95	\$28,918.38

Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

	<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 †
	<u>Monday, July 27th</u>
5:30pm Mass	Virginia Chineke †
	<u>Tuesday, July 28th</u>
7:15am Mass	Carrie Downey †
	<u>Wednesday, July 29th</u>
7:15am Mass	Gary Moeller †
	<u>Thursday, July 30th</u>
7:15am Mass	Evelyn Conboy †
	<u>Friday, July 31st</u>
7:15am Mass	Dan Connolly †
	<u>Saturday, August 1st</u>
4:30pm Mass	Teresa Brewer-Witeik †
	<u>Sunday, August 2nd</u>
8:00am Mass	Parish Family
10:30am Mass	Debra Geist †

July - August Volunteers

Monday, July 27th Counting Day: Team 4

Monday, August 3rd Counting Day: Team 1

Church Dusters July Week 4:

Michelle Bertrand

Church Dusters August Week 1:

Barb Scheufele & Mary Duesterhaus

August Aluminum Can Recycling: Jan Pietras

August Food Pantry Collection: Diane Bortmess

Hearts in Christ Collection: Linda Drewes

Rochester Estates - 4th Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Scheufele

Rochester Estates - 1st Sunday of August:

Eucharistic Minister: Deona Kuntzman

Carriage Crossing - 4th Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Isabel Long

Carriage Crossing - 1st Sunday of August:

Eucharistic Minister: Dottie Anderson

Next Weekend Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 1st at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Father, Dcn. Walker, V. Walker, F. Yocum

Lectors: Donna Day & Isabel Long

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

Hospitality: M. & R. McClintock, M. & H. Bruno

Sacristan: Kay Foster

Sunday, August 2nd at 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Father, J. & N. Calvert, B. Connolly

Lectors: Jane & Harry Hendrickson

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

Hospitality: K. Park, A. & O. Rench

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, August 2nd at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Father, Dcn. Roth, D. Kuntzman, M. Maynerich

Lectors: Christopher Schmit & Mark Schudel

Servers: A. Doebling, C. & C. Conway, M. & T. Mckenzie

Hospitality: D. & S. Decker, **Still Needed, Still Needed**

Sacristan: Sue Roth

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

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

Barbara Mendenhall – Family of Marie Ginter

Scott Mulford – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

Joe Rupnik – Friend of Mary Bruno

Myra Shroeder – Jane Molohon

Bill Slingerland - Father of Barb Scoggins

Thomas Longtin - Brother of Jerry Calvert

Connie & Marc Wilson – Niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

Richard Yong – Beth Yong

Special Intentions – Steve & Pat Jones