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"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

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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

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 5th, 2026

"The Joy That No One Can Take Away"

Rejoice! Zechariah calls us to rejoice, the Psalm sings God's praise, and in the Gospel Jesus Himself rejoices in His Father. The One who says, "Come to me, and I will give you rest," is filled with divine joy. Jesus does not simply teach joy; He offers us His own joy and invites us to share in it as beloved children of God.

The message of today's readings is simple: **Rejoice, because you are children of God, and when life's burdens become heavy, come to Jesus, for He alone can give the joy that the world cannot give or take away.**

Everyone longs for happiness. Every dream we pursue and every sacrifice we make is, in some way, a search for joy. Yet we live in a world with more comforts but less peace, more possessions but less contentment, and more entertainment but less happiness. The world tells us that happiness comes from success, wealth, and control. Jesus teaches something different: true joy comes from knowing that we belong to God and are His beloved children. If God does not make us happy, nothing else ultimately can. That is why St. Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord." Jesus offers that rest when He says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

People carry many burdens today. Parents worry about their children, young people worry about the future, families struggle with rising costs, and many carry loneliness, sickness, grief, or hidden wounds. Some burdens lie deep within us: guilt, regrets, resentment, anxiety, and feelings of inadequacy.

Jesus does not promise a life without suffering. He Himself carried the cross. The Christian life is not magic. But He promises something greater: He promises to walk with us and carry our burdens alongside us. His yoke is made for two. He says, "Do not pull alone. Let Me walk beside you."

Pope Francis reminds us that Jesus asks us to exchange the heavy burden of pride, self-sufficiency, and worry for His yoke of gentleness and humility. The refreshment He offers is more than temporary comfort; it is the joy of the Gospel—the joy of knowing that we are loved, forgiven, and never abandoned.

Pope Benedict XVI beautifully told young people: "The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy, has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." The happiness we seek is not a thing but a person: Jesus.

The greatest truth of our faith is this: **We are children of God. We are loved, forgiven, and never alone.** The joy of the Holy Spirit is a gift that the world cannot give and cannot take away.

Practical Suggestions

1. **Spend ten minutes every day resting with Jesus.** Sit quietly before the Blessed Sacrament or in a prayer corner at home. Tell Him about your burdens and simply remain in His presence. Let Him refresh your soul.
2. **Replace complaints with gratitude.** Every night, thank God for three blessings of the day. Gratitude nourishes joy, while constant complaining steals it.
3. **Be a joyful witness this week.** Smile more, encourage someone who is struggling, visit a lonely person, or speak words of hope. Let others see the joy of Christ shining through your life.

Today, Jesus invites us into a spiritual rest—a deep confidence that whatever happens, we belong to Him. May we become joyful witnesses of the Gospel and help others discover that true happiness has a name and a face: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Tomy Philip

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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.

No daily mass on Mondays through June and July

Fr. Peter's summer address:

Fr. Peter Chineke

Catholic University of America (Curley Hall, RM 113)

620 Michigan Ave NE

Washington, DC 20064

St. Jude Home Grown Sweet Corn

By the baker's dozen, will be ready the 2nd or 3rd week of July. More information to come!



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.

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!



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!

Bunco!

July Bunco will be Wednesday, July 8th from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please join us!



Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

Saturday, July 4th

4:30pm Mass Fred Ryan †

Sunday, July 5th

8:00am Mass Deceased Brandis Family †

10:30am Mass Michael Dudek

Tuesday, July 7th

7:15am Mass Communion Service

Wednesday, July 8th

7:15am Mass Communion Service

Thursday, July 9th

7:15am Mass Communion Service

Friday, July 10th

7:15am Mass Communion Service

Saturday, July 11th

4:30pm Mass Delbert Collings † & Carolyn

Sunday, July 12th

8:00am Mass Parish Family

10:30am Mass Edward Bedore †

July Volunteers

Monday, July 6th Counting Day: Team 1

Monday, July 13th Counting Day: Team 2

Church Dusters Week 1: Barb Scheufele

July Aluminum Can Recycling: Kevin Spurlock

July Food Pantry Collection: Kevin Spurlock

Hearts in Christ Collection: Dorinda Jeffers

Rochester Estates - 1st Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Deona Kuntzman

Rochester Estates - 2nd Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Mary & Hartzel Bruno

Carriage Crossing - 1st Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Dottie Anderson

Carriage Crossing - 2nd Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Auxier

Next Weekend Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 11th at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Ray, I. Long, B. Auxier

Lectors: Thomas Bertrand & Donna Day

Servers: C. Fitzsimmons, **Still Needed, Still Needed**

Hospitality: H. & M. Bruno, M.B. & Roger

McClintock

Sacristan: Sue Roth

Sunday, July 12th at 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, B. Hendricks, D.

Kuntzman, C. Vogt

Lectors: Josephine Hendricks

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

Hospitality: L. Drewes, K. Park, L. McWard

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, July 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, S. Kerley, A. Harney, H. Crusen

Lectors: Mark Maynerich & Mark Schudel

Servers: S. Harney, J. Powell, R. Williams, **Still Needed**

Hospitality: Steve & Debra Decker, **Still Needed**

Sacristan: Darla Roark

Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates: July 19th



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!

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, Marilyn Merkley, Jack Merkley, 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, Joe Rupnik

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

Charity Mizera – Friend of Father Peter

Scott Mulford – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

Claudia Oller – Mary Bruno

Joe Rupnik – Friend of Mary Bruno

Myra Shroeder – Jane Molohon

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