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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

### 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.

### OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER

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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.  
**Reverend Peter Chineke - Pastor**

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Jesus Never Stops Sowing

My dear brothers and sisters,

One of the most beautiful truths about Jesus is this: He never gives up on us. He never stops sowing. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower. Some seeds fall on the path, some on rocky ground, some among thorns, and some on good soil. A practical farmer might think this is wasteful, but Jesus is revealing the extraordinary generosity of God's love.

Pope Francis once described Jesus as a “wasteful sower.” He keeps sowing His Word everywhere, even where it seems impossible for anything to grow. He knows our weaknesses, our distractions, and our sins, yet He continues to trust that one day we will bear abundant fruit. This is the first message of today's Gospel: Jesus never stops sowing His grace into our lives. God speaks to us constantly—through Scripture, the Eucharist, prayer, other people, moments of suffering, and moments of joy. He keeps knocking at the door of our hearts because He believes that even rocky ground can become fertile soil. The parable is really more about the soil than the sower. The question is not whether God is speaking, but whether we are listening. At different times, we can be all four kinds of soil. Sometimes our hearts become hard like the path, and the Word never enters. Sometimes we are rocky ground, receiving God's message with enthusiasm but losing courage when difficulties arise. At other times, the worries of life, attachment to possessions, and endless distractions become thorns that choke God's life within us. Yet, by His grace, we can also become good soil that bears abundant fruit.

The beautiful truth is that God never abandons any of these soils. He keeps sowing. Pope Francis also offers a message of hope to parents who worry about children who seem distant from the faith. He reminds them never to lose heart because the good seed remains and will take root in God's time. Every prayer taught, every blessing offered, and every example of faith is a seed that God can make grow.

The same encouragement applies to priests, catechists, teachers, and all who serve the Church. We may not always see immediate results, but the Kingdom of God grows quietly, and the Holy Spirit is always at work beyond what our eyes can see.

Today's Gospel invites each of us to ask: **What kind of soil am I today?** If we discover rocks or thorns in our hearts, we need not despair. The Divine Farmer is also the Divine Gardener, able to transform our hearts if we allow Him.

Practical Suggestions:

- 1. Spend five minutes each day with the Word of God.** Take the Gospel of the day and read it slowly. Ask one simple question: "Lord, what seed are You planting in my heart today?" The more we listen, the more fertile our hearts become.
- 2. Parents and grandparents: never stop sowing the seeds of faith.** Pray with your children and grandchildren. Bless them. Invite them to church. Even if they seem uninterested, never think your efforts are wasted. The seed remains, and God will make it grow in His own time.
- 3. Remove one thorn from your life this week.** Identify one thing that is choking your relationship with God—perhaps excessive screen time, resentment, worry, or an unhealthy attachment to money or success. Offer it to the Lord and ask Him to clear that part of your heart so His Word can flourish.

*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 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

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](mailto: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!

### HSMS Mission Outreach Warehouse Tour

Will be on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

### Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm Mass Delbert Collings † & Carolyn Carmichael †

### Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Mass Parish Family

10:30am Mass Edward Bedore †

### Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

7:15am Mass Robert “Bob” Parnell †

### Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

7:15am Mass Robert “Bob” Parnell †

### Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

7:15am Mass Jessica Ginter †

### Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

7:15am Mass Gary Moeller †

### Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm Mass Virginia Chineke †

### Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Mass Parish Family

10:30am Mass Evelyn Cannon †

## July Volunteers

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Counting Day:** Team 2

**Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> Counting Day:** Team 3

## Church Dusters Week 2:

Laurie McWard & Zana Dahlkamp

**July Aluminum Can Recycling:** Kevin Spurlock

**July Food Pantry Collection:** Kevin Spurlock

**Hearts in Christ Collection:** Dorinda Jeffers

## Rochester Estates - 2nd Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Mary & Hartzel Bruno

## Rochester Estates - 3rd Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Zana Dahlkamp

## Carriage Crossing - 2nd Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Auxier

## Carriage Crossing - 3rd Sunday of July:

Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Schmit

## Next Weekend Schedule

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Walker, V. Walker, B. Scheufele

**Lectors:** Thomas Bertrand & Joe Kohlrus

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

**Hospitality:** D. & J. Kratz, K. Foster

**Sacristan:** Carol Mataya

#### Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Tomy, B. Connolly, C. Leach, C. Vogt

**Lectors:** Josephine Hendricks & Deona Kuntzman

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

**Hospitality:** Y. Brandis, K. Park, L. McWard

**Sacristan:** Zana Dahlkamp

#### Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Roth, A. Harney, H. Crusen

**Lectors:** Sarah Kerely & Erik Woehrmann

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

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

**Sacristan:** Sue Roth

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



## 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 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 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

**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