



CHURCH OF SAINT JUDE

ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



633 S. Walnut Street, P.O. Box 47, Rochester, IL 62563-0047

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a People of God, under the guidance of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through Worship, Service, Formation, and Living the values of Christ in the community. As a community of Faith, we are open to God's Spirit and the future challenges of Christian life. We welcome all who seek God and embrace those who need healing in their lives. Let us Journey Together. (St. Jude Pray for us!)

"Be an Intentional Disciple"

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Parish Office Manager	Sara Garcia
Deacon	Deacon Tom (Vicki) Walker
(Retired) Deacon	Deacon Ray (Sue) Roth
Director of Religious Education	Jennifer Frericks
Director of Safe Environment	Stacey Harrison
Director of Homebound Ministry	Frances Yocum
Physical Plant Director	Dean Bailey
Music Ministry	Sue Lutz
Art & Environment Committee	Evelyn Deimel
Building & Grounds Committee	Steve Warren
Respect Life	Beth Auxier & Isabel Long
Social Concerns	Jim Havera and Kate Carroll
Martha's Group	Donna Day, Linda Drewes & Connie Leach
Sacristy Linens:	Lenna Degroot, Mary Ann Egizio, Edna Saputo
Baptismal Garments	Ruth Ann Helling
Pastor	Reverend Peter Chineke

Pastoral Council: Erik Woehrmann (Chair)
Peggy Cochran (Vice Chair), Kellie Brewer,
Mary Bruno, Brent Leach,
Sue Martyn, Cathy Manning, Dan Ryan,
Mike Mankowski, Christopher Schmit
Deacon Tom Walker and Fr. Peter Chineke.
(Beth Auxier: Recording Secretary)

Pastoral Council Youth Representatives:
Paige Szabados and Eleanor Schudel

Finance Council: Jim Lauwerens (Chair)
Janet Foster, Barry Houmes, Brian Brewer,
Mike McNicholas, Bev Connolly, Sarah Kerley
and Fr. Peter Chineke.

Knights of Columbus Council # 9640

Mark Schudel, Grand Knight
Meet at 7:00 p.m. on Third Tuesday of each Month.



Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday: Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Monday 5:30 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday 7:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m. and 6:45 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. - 12 Noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Reflecting On Grief Upon Loosing My Mom

Grief is a profound human experience that pierces the soul and tests the very foundation of our faith. It often arrives without warning, shattering routines, dreams, and even our understanding of God’s goodness. In moments of deep sorrow—whether through the loss of a loved one, betrayal, or unexpected suffering—our hearts may cry out like Christ on the Cross: *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* (Mt 27:46). This cry, born of anguish, does not signify the absence of faith, but rather its refinement through fire.

Catholic tradition affirms that suffering, though never desired by God, can be permitted as a mysterious participation in the Passion of Christ. Yet this theology can feel cold when grief is raw and questions abound: *Why did God allow this? Does He truly love me?* These are not signs of weak faith but of a heart longing to cling to God amidst darkness.

Journeying closely with my mom through her fight with cancer until she entered eternity last June 16th has been an experience whose impacts I have felt deeply. I am still angry at God for recalling her home at this time. However, I have been blessed with an abundance of gracious memories of a mother whose love for Christ and His Church extended beyond family and friends. Her simple everyday sacrifices, devotion to the Church and to our Blessed Mother, and a life of prayer are legacies that we (her family and many friends) must strive to uphold.

My faith is traumatized – shaken in agony and soaked in questions these last few weeks. Grappling with this reality, I am isolated in an intense academic environment where friends and family are reachable only by virtual communication. Perhaps, God intentionally allowed it this way to remind me that nothing in the here below is worth been too attached to – even the most precious person of my life.

May God grant **Ezinne Virginia Chineke** the privilege of beatific vision, may her soul and the souls of the children of God who professed His name on earth in faith, love, and hope rest in the bosom of the Merciful Father in the communion of the Saints in Light, and may His name forever be praised. Amen.

Fr. Peter

Memorial Mass

There will be a Memorial Mass for Father Peter's Mother – Ezinne Virginia Chineke which will take place at St Jude Church, Rochester, IL. On Friday, August 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm. The Mass will be followed by a memorial dinner at the Parish Center. Father Peter invites our parishioners and friends to come pray with him.

St. Jude’s Parish Quote of the Week

**“The harvest is abundant but
the laborers are few.”**

**-Jesus
Luke 10:2**

Youth Spotlight Andrew West

Oftentimes after Mass you may find yourself thinking “where or what am I going to eat after mass?” Trust me I do the same thing, but you may hear the phrase “go in peace” near the end of Mass. This might just seem like a farewell, but it is actually a mission call.

We are called to be missionaries of God’s word. We are called to share the Gospel with others. We are called to share a relationship with God outside of Mass.

How do you react when you are provided with the opportunity to spread the word and share your faith with others? Do you find yourself leaving Mass inspired then not sharing your inspiration with your friends, co-workers, and family?

Mark 16:15 states, He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation”. This verse is a perfect example of what we as Catholics are called to do during our lives, not just on Saturdays and Sundays.

I invite all of you to try to think about while leaving Mass how you will go out into the world to love and serve our Lord. After leaving Mass with your heart full with inspiration of the true miracle you witness on the altar, what will YOU do with this feeling?

Andrew West

Coffee and Donuts

We are having Coffee and Donuts NEXT weekend- July 13th. We hope to see you there!

The upcoming gatherings are July 27 and August 10 and 24.



We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Evelyn Conboy, a fellow parishioner.

Evelyn passed away on 6/26/2025. Evelyn's visitation will take place on Monday, August 11th, 2025 from 10am-11am with the funeral Mass immediately following at 11am at the Church of St. Jude.

In addition, we also offer our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Veronica DeRosa , mother of Bev Connolly, a fellow parishioner. Veronica passed away on 6/21/2025. Veronica's visitation took place on Thursday, June 26th, 2025 at the Church of the Little Flower in Springfield, Illinois.

Eternal rest grant unto these souls, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Bunco!

July Bunco is Wednesday, July 9th from 1:00 - 3:00 in the Parish Center.
Please join us!



Sew N Sews

Please join us for our next Sew N Sews gathering !

Saturday, July 12 from 10a-3pm

Pre-Jordan

There is a Pre-Jordan Class scheduled for Tuesday, July 15th, at 5:30pm for those seeking Baptism. If you are interested or have questions about this class, please contact Deacon Tom Walker or the Parish Office.

Faith Formation Update

Summer Youth Group!

This week we played Twangled! It was so much fun!
We returned to the room for snacks and a great discussion on the challenges and rewards of being a witness to our faith!



July 8 and 22 will be run by Peggy Cochran and Angie Powell.

These meetings are open to all current 8th-12th graders! Please contact Jennifer Frericks to be added to the Band App so you can have up to date information!

Join us Tuesdays from 6-8pm!

Jennifer's Summer Hours!

Tuesdays' hours are 1-8pm
Thursdays' hours will be 9a-4pm

I will be in the office 8am-1pm daily during the week of VBS!

NCYC!

National Catholic Youth Conference is November 20-23 in Indianapolis.
It's a great experience for our high school youth!
Contact Jennifer for more details!

Faith Formation Schedule

July 8:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
July 15:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
July 21-25:	VBS
July 22:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
July 27:	VBS Mass Presentation TENTATIVE
July 29:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
Aug. 5:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
Aug 12:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
Aug. 14:	Youth Group Dinner
Aug. 20:	HS Youth Group resumes Wednesday Hours, 7:45-8:45pm

CLOW



Please consider joining the line up to help teach the lessons on Sundays at the 10:30am Mass!

Contact Jennifer for more information!

Youth Group Dinner...for the Parish!



We are in the process of planning for NCYC and beginning to look at next summer. Rome is still being discussed so summer 2026 plans are still in limbo. BUT, we are need to begin fundraising for whatever is in store for us!

With that said, we will still hold an event on August 14th but we NOT be selling tickets.

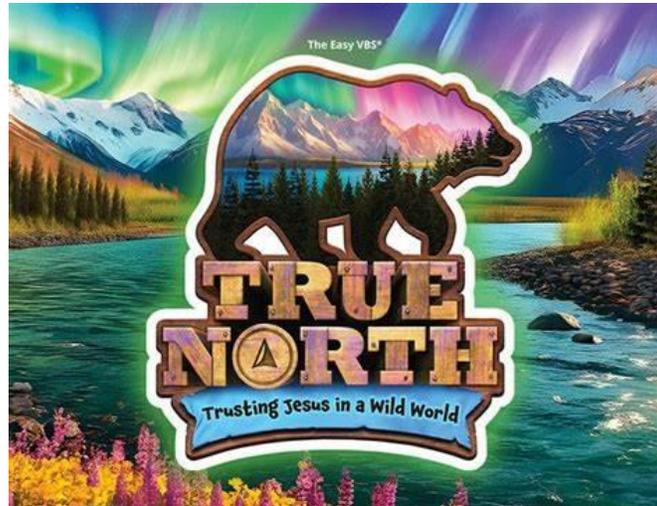
The object of the night will be to share in more depth our CHWC experience and to share what NCYC entails.

This will be a donation only event, so we will ask to only give what you feel comfortable. If that is nothing, that is fine too..... BUT come and listen and watch!

We will do our normal parish sign up as the time approaches and will have more information in the coming weeks!

St. Jude TRUE NORTH VBS

Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25
9:00-11:30am



We will have the same format as in the past, but in the morning! So, our Pre-K students-5th graders will partake in games, crafts, videos, Bible lessons, and snacks each day!

On our last day, we will end in our traditional water gun fight, weather permitting!

This event is open to Pre-K through 5th Grade. All children 6th grade and older can volunteer to help as well!

We ask that all Pre-K children be potty trained. If that is not possible then a parent needs to attend with that child.

There is no cost to VBS, but we do ask for donations. You can help by donating needed items for VBS (that list will be out soon) OR you can donate money to help cover the costs!

Anything is much appreciated and helps us to put on a great week for the children!

Childcare for those who need the extra assistance is available from 8:00-9:00am and from 11:30am-1:00pm. You will need to register in advance and the cost for this childcare is \$5 a day per child to help with the additional costs of meals.

Register Now!



Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, July 5th:
 4:30 pm Mass (Int: Al Urbanckas†)
Sunday, July 6th:
 8:00 am Mass (Int: Kimberly Brandis & Deceased Members of the Brandis Family†)
 10:30 am Mass (Int: Karin O'Brien†)†)
Monday, July 7th:
 5:30 pm Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
Tuesday, July 8th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Karin O'Brien†)
Wednesday, July 9th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Shirley Crawford†)
Thursday, July 10th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Ed Bedore†)
Friday, July 11th:
 7:30am Mass (Int: Sharon Saner†))
Saturday, July 12th:
 4:30 pm Mass (Int: Al Urbanckas†)
Sunday, July 13th:
 8:00 am Mass (Int: Bernice Van Dyke†)
 10:30 am Mass (Int: Doris Ray†)

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, July 12th- 4:30 pm
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Zach, Dcn. Walker, V. Waker, and F. Yocum,
Lectors: D. Day and T. Bertrand
Servers: A. & N. Horstman
Hospitality: J. Sponsler and R. & M. McClintock
Sacristans: I. Long
Sunday, July 13th- 8:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Zach, Dcn. Walker, D. Wuellner, and C. Leach
Lectors: D. Anderson and B. Connolly
Servers: R. & E. Strawkas
Hospitality: L. Wuellner, S. Martyn, and L. McWard
Sacristan: Z. Dahlkamp
Sunday, July 13th- 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Zach, Dcn. Walker, S. Kerley, and L. Fjelstul,
Lectors: T. O'Sullivan and S. Nelson
Servers: N. & R. Houmes
Hospitality: D. Roark and **NEEDED**
Sacristan: H. Crusen
CLOW: Beth Auxier

Sacrificial Giving, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 2,442.00	\$ 203,592.60
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 855.00	\$ 56,130.00
Renovation Fund Env's		\$ 47,684.00
EFT-Renovation Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,379.00
Loose Checks	\$ 845.00	\$ 67,407.49
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 506.00	\$ 28,023.21
Total this Week:	\$ 4,668.00	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 446,851.15

July Volunteers: Week #1

Monday, July 7th, Counting Day:

Team #1

Church Dusters:

Barb Schuefele & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

July Aluminum Cans Recycle:

Kevin Spurlock

July St. Martin de Porres Food:

Kevin Spurlock

Advertiser of the Week:

LLC Lincolnland Concrete

2300 N. 16th Street, Springfield, IL

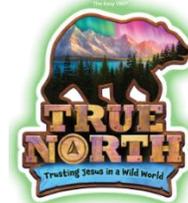
6225 Industrial Drive, Curran, IL

Matt Anderson, Plant Manager

(217 697-8566, redimix910@aol.com)

www.lincolnlandconcrete.com

VBS Volunteers Needed!



True North VBS is July 21-15 and 9-11:30am daily. If you are interested in helping as a station leader or you have a youth 6th grade and up that is interested in helping as a station assistant or crew leader please contact Jennifer Frericks!

Cursillo



A wonderful 3-day faith-filled experience for adults! If interested, please talk to Joe and Kristin Kohlrus.

You can reach them at (217) 652-5393 or (217) 971-7765.

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 Estates.

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, Lenna DeGroot, Evelyn Deimel, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, Paul Harris, Jerry Jasinski, Jillian Kohlrus, Kristin Kohlrus, Betty Limper, Andrea Miller, Scott 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, Patrick Witcik, *Ehren Woehrmann, and Ron Wojcicki.

*** = new this week**

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Mary Aplington – sister of Beth Yong
John Aplington – brother of Beth Yong
Carolyn Binion – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux
Gene Blade – friend of Pat Carlisle
Tamie Bottoms-Smith – cousin of Char Weitekamp
John Brunzman – father of Laura Horstman
Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock
Suzanne Camp – friend of Beth Yong
Atticus Cassidy – cousin of Steve Decker
Leo Conway – father of Gary Conway
Judy Conway - friend of Maggie Patterson
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
Alison Donoho – friend of Jane and Harry Hendrickson
Sarah Egizio – daughter-in-law of Mary Ann Egizio
Frank Emerson- brother-in-law of Jean McDonald
Lynne (Auxier) Feece – sister-in-law of Beth Auxier

Cindy Frericks- mother-in-law of Jennifer Frericks
Ken Frericks- father-in-law of Jennifer Frericks
Jody Frese – sister-in-law of Barb Scheufeke
Lauren Friedmeyer & her baby, Nellie – granddaughter & great granddaughter of Bill & Laurie White
Gary Garrison – brother-in-law of Kathleen Klee
Steven Godar - father of Dennis Godar
Jennifer Harbeck - cousin of Brad Zack
Brandon Harris – grandson of Les & LuAnn White
Chad Kunkle – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family
Jim Kirbach – friend of the Hendricks
Carol Kirby – friend of Ginger Rentschler
Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendricks
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
Mark Maxwell – brother-in-law of Beth Auxier
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 – sister of Carolyn Carmichael and 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 Hendricks
Antonio Garcia & Dolores Pantoja Salgado – father & mother of Diego Garcia
Ann Pardieck – family friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno
Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell
Mike Patterson – father of Lori Farris
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
Bud Saputo- brother of Vito and Edna Saputo
Joe Saputo – brother of Vito & Edna Saputo
Jeannette Scheifinger – cousin of Phil & Emma Van Dyke
Rose Serrano – sister of Emma Van Dyke
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
Special Intentions of Sara Garcia's friend, Stephenie McDevitt's Infant Granddaughter
Marlene Spurgeon – friend of Pat Carlisle
Russ Steil- father of Teresa O'Sullivan
Mary Stewart – friend of Suzanne Moss
Georgann Turner – sister of Kathleen Klee
Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell
Steve White – brother of Les White
Mike Wilkin- brother of Leigh Ann Szabados
Vicki Will – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer
Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

