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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

Monday: 5:30 p.m.
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

Sunday, June 7th, 2026

When God Refused to Be Forgotten

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today, the Word of God begins with a simple command: “Remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you” (Deut 8:2). Then Moses adds: “Do not forget the Lord your God.”

The greatest danger for the Israelites was not the desert, hunger, or their enemies. It was forgetting—forgetting who saved them, fed them, and carried them through the wilderness. We suffer from the same problem. We forget God’s blessings, answered prayers, protection, forgiveness, and daily acts of love. Human beings often have short memories when it comes to God’s goodness. God knows this. That is why Corpus Christi is such a beautiful feast.

God knew we would forget Him, so He made Himself impossible to forget. He did not leave us only a book or teachings, because we can forget what we read and hear. He did not leave us only memories, because memories fade. Instead, He left us Himself. On the night before He died, Jesus took bread and said, “This is my Body.” He took the cup and said, “This is my Blood.” Then He commanded: “Do this in memory of me.” He knew every generation would need His living presence.

My brothers and sisters, the Eucharist is not simply a reminder of Jesus. The Eucharist is Jesus—alive, present, loving, and waiting for us.

Every heart carries a deep hunger. We try to satisfy it with success, possessions, achievements, entertainment, or relationships. Yet something remains empty because we were made for God. We long for a love that never disappoints, a peace that never fades, and a life that never ends. That is why Jesus says: “My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.” Only Christ can satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart.

Many people come to church carrying hidden wounds—loneliness, disappointment, regret, failure, or grief. The Eucharist is God’s answer. Every time

you receive Holy Communion, Jesus says: “I know you. I love you. You are not alone. Do not be afraid.”

If Jesus were standing visibly in St. Jude church today, we would make every effort to come. Yet that is exactly what happens at every Mass. The same Jesus who walked in Galilee, healed the sick, forgave sinners, died, and rose again is truly present in the Eucharist.

That is why Sunday Mass is not merely an obligation. It is a gift—a weekly appointment with Jesus.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi today, I invite you to make three simple resolutions.

First: Never miss Sunday Mass without a serious reason. Protect it. Schedule everything else around it. Make the Eucharist the center of your week.

Second: Spend a few minutes with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every week. Sit quietly. No need for many words. Just be with Him. The heart learns to love by spending time with the one it loves.

Third: Become what you receive. After Communion, ask: “Lord, whom do you want me to love this week?” Then do one concrete act of kindness, forgiveness, or charity. Let the Eucharist continue through your life.

My brothers and sisters, God never forgets us. That is why Jesus gave us the Eucharist—to remain with us always. As you come forward for Holy Communion today, hear Him say: “Remember how much I love you. Remember that I am with you. Remember that you are mine.” Amen.

Fr. Tomy Philip



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

We are seeking donations for the CHWC group of individually packaged snacks and drinks for their mission trip this summer. Donations can be dropped off in the parish office any time before Friday, June 12!

Requested items include:

Snacks: Beefy Jerky, Protein bars, Goldfish, Cheez-itz, M&M's, Nerd clusters (blue), Gardetto's, Mike and Ikes, Oranges (cuties), Fruit by the foot, Cheez-itz snack mix, Little Debbie donuts, Cosmic brownies, Baked lays, Oreos, Chips ahoy, Cheetos, Swedish fish

Drinks: Bubbl'r (blue, pink, green), Dr. Pepper, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sprite, Water, Peach tea flavored packet, Propel packets

Thank you for helping support our teens and adult volunteers as they prepare to serve at Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer!

If you have questions, please contact Peggy Cochran.

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!



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 soon! You can always reach me by email at PSR@churchofstjude.com.



Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

	<u>Saturday, June 6th</u>
4:30pm	Mass (Int: George Ginter †)
	<u>Sunday, June 7th</u>
8:00am	Mass (Int: Delbert Collings & Carolyn Carmichael †)
10:30am	Mass (Int: Parish Family)
	<u>Tuesday, June 9th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)
	<u>Wednesday, June 10th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Charity Mizera)
	<u>Thursday, June 11th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Chairty Mizera)
	<u>Friday, June 12th</u>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Charity Mizera)
	<u>Saturday, June 13th</u>
4:30pm	Mass (Int: Larry Jenkins †)
	<u>Sunday, June 14th</u>
8:00am	Mass (Int: Deceased Brandis Family members †)
10:30am	Mass (Int: Parish Family)

June Volunteers: Week 2

Monday, June 8th Counting Day:

Team #2

Church Dusters

Laurie McWard & Zana Dahlkamp

June Aluminum Cans Recycle

Marty Coe

June Food Pantry Collection

Steve & Debra Decker

Hearts in Christ Collection

Jeanette Waters

Rochester Estates –2nd Sunday of June

Eucharistic Minister: Mary & Hartzel Bruno

Carriage Crossing – 2nd Sunday of June

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Auxier

Donut Sunday

Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates: **June 21st**

We look forward to seeing you!



Next Weekend Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 13th at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Ray, E. Prather, F. Yocum

Lectors: Emily Prather & Joe Kohlrus

Servers: D. Sommer, A. & N. Horstman

Hospitality: J. & D. Kratz, J. Sponslor

Sacristan: Carol Mataya & Kay Foster

Sunday, June 14th at 8:00 a.m.

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

Lectors: Kyle Blumhorst & Lenna DeGroot

Servers: Bow & Jimmy Britz

Hospitality: Doug & Linda Wuellner

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, June 14th at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Tom, V. Walker, D. Roark

Lectors: Alicia Harney & Theresa O'Sullivan

Servers: Sophia Harney & Julia Powell

Hospitality: Cathy Manning & **Still Needed**

Sacristan: Helen Crusen

Sacrificial Giving July 1st, 2025 – June 30th, 2026

	This week	Year to date
Ordinary Envelopes	\$2,840.00	\$308,112.29
Renovation	\$185.00	\$36,869.00
Votives	\$31.00	\$1,022.67
Mass Stipend	\$150.00	\$4,587.06
Retired Priests	\$50.00	\$2,260.00
Poor Fund	\$160.00	\$22,590.91
Loose cash & check	\$644.00	\$38,302.83
Weekly total	\$4,060.00	
YTD total		\$460,128.04

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, Carrie Downey, 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

Doug would like volunteers to help with tilling and weeding while he recovers from surgery. Help will be needed in June through July.

Doug Wuellner – (217)971-9468

Compassionate Communication Series

1:15–3:15 PM every Monday in the Parish Center. If you have any questions, contact Dottie Anderson, (217)-416-1993.

Inquiring Minds ...

If you have not been baptized and are over the age of 7, or were baptized into another faith, and you are wanting to know more about the Catholic Church, the OCIA program might be what you're searching for. Deacon Tom and Vicki will be holding an inquiry session on Thursday, June 18th at 6:30PM in the parish center. If this date is not convenient for you contact Deacon Tom at twalker@dio.org.

Bunco!

June Bunco will be Wednesday, June 10th from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please join us!

