



*“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 .....7:30 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**

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. - 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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### **PARISH STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

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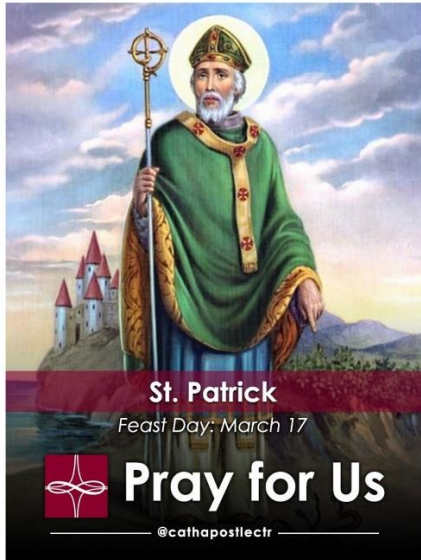
### **WEB SITES**

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.



**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Aren't We All Irish?**

On Tuesday, March 17, the universal Church will celebrate the feast of St. Patrick – the great missionary whose spiritual legacies has continued to bear fruit in every corner of the world as the Church keep growing even in the most pagan territories and the most secular places of the world. On this feast, we are not only remembering the conversion of Ireland but also the remarkable missionary spirit that flowed from that small island to the entire world. Patrick himself was once a captive in Ireland, yet through prayer and faith he returned as a missionary, bringing the Gospel to a people who had not yet known Christ. His courage and fidelity remind us that God can transform even painful experiences into instruments of grace and evangelization.

History tells us that the Irish Church embraced Patrick's missionary zeal with extraordinary dedication.

Generations of Irish priests, sisters, and religious left their homeland to proclaim the Gospel in distant lands. In many ways, their missionary spirit helped shape the Catholic life of countries such as **Nigeria** and the **United States**. Irish missionaries built parishes, founded schools, opened hospitals, and nurtured vibrant communities of faith. Many dioceses across these nations trace their early pastoral leadership to Irish missionaries whose sacrifices laid the foundations of flourishing Catholic communities.

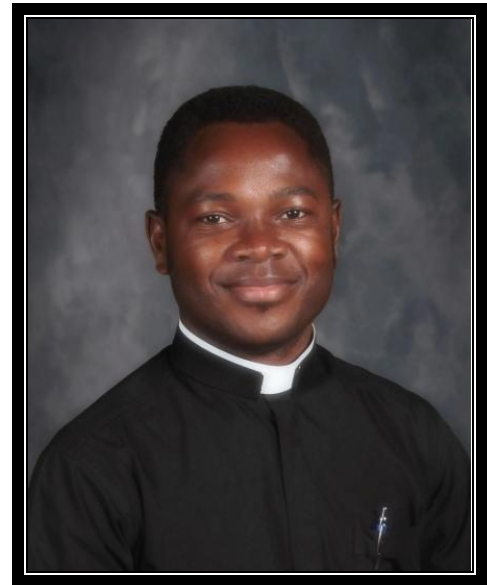
So, I ask: Aren't We All Irish at least in some spiritual sense? The faith we live today has been strengthened by the generosity, courage, and missionary spirit of those

who followed the example of St. Patrick. Their witness reminds us that the Gospel is never meant to remain confined to one place or one people. The Gospel is a gift meant to be shared with the whole world.

As we celebrate this feast, we are invited to renew our own missionary commitment. Like St. Patrick and the missionaries who followed him, we too are called to carry Christ into our homes, our parishes, and our communities with faith, joy, and courage.

Happy Feast of St. Patrick to you and yours.

*Fr. Peter Chineke*



### *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.*

### **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

### **Lenten Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence**

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Those individuals adversely affected by fasting or abstinence for health reasons are not bound by these norms.

If you have any questions about your particular situation please contact Father Peter.

As we enter this third week of Lent, we are encouraged to continue our journey to empty our lives of imperfections that keep us from developing a closer relationship with God. Near the altar, there is an earthen vessel lying on its side, emptied of its contents - symbolized by the blue cloth. The Church uses symbols to remind us of the message of each liturgical season. During the season of Lent there are no banners, plants, or flowers within the sanctuary; it is barren, reflecting the season outside.

As in the past, if you would like to provide flowers for the celebration of Easter, please do so by using your parish envelope designated for Easter Flowers. If you wish to participate in preparing the environment for Palm Sunday, the Triduum, or Easter Sunday, please contact Evelyn Deimel. Thank you.

The Art and Environment Committee

### **CRS Rice Bowl**

The upcoming 2026 Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18. This year marks the 51<sup>st</sup> year of the CRS Rice Bowl. This program gives Catholics across the U.S. the opportunity to assist the global human family through daily prayer, weekly fasting and almsgiving.

Catholic Relief Services, founded in 1943, is the official overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of Caritas International. CRS alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries without regard to race, religion or nationality.

Please pick up your family's Rice Bowl from the table in the back of the Church.

### **Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship**

Each year since 2004, the Knights of Columbus Council #9640 has awarded the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Scholarship information and application are available on the parish website ([www.churchofstjude.com](http://www.churchofstjude.com)) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Scholarship applications must be submitted, completely, by 15 April 2026 (Wednesday). The Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.  
Father Patrick Cahill Scholarship Committee

### **Donut Sunday**

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

**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

We look forward to seeing you!

### **Holy Week**

Anyone involved in Holy Week, training/overview will be on Palm Sunday at 5:30 Pm in the church.

## Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

	<b><u>Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup></u></b>
4:30pm	Mass (Int: Delbert Collings & Carolyn Carmichael †)
	<b><u>Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup></u></b>
8:00am	Mass (Int: : Dan Connolly †)
10:30am	Mass (Int: Virginia Chineke †)
	<b><u>Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>
5:30pm	Mass (Int: Helen McCormick †)
	<b><u>Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Brent Manning †)
	<b><u>Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Deceased Brandis Family †)
	<b><u>Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Herb & Hellen Dulle †)
	<b><u>Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Bill & Gwen Berruti †)
	<b><u>Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>
4:30pm	Mass (Int: Bernard Hammel †)
	<b><u>Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>
8:00am	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly †)
10:30am	Mass (Int: Parish Family †)

### **March Volunteers: Week 3**

#### **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Counting Day:**

Team #3

**Church Dusters:** Donna Day

**March Aluminum Cans Recycle**

Wuellner Family

**March St. Martin de Porres Food**

Horstman Family

**Rochester Estates – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month**

Eucharistic Minister: Zana Dahlkamp

**Carriage Crossing – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month**

Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Schmit

### **Chrism Mass**

Cathedral will host the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM

### **March For Life**

The March For Life mass is currently waitlisted. We encourage all that want to participate to still attend the march/rally on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM on the Capitol grounds.

## *Next Week Schedule*

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, B. Scheufele, M. Bruno, E. Prather

**Lectors:** D. Day, Still Needed

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

**Hospitality:** C. Mataya, L. & F. Yocum

**Sacristan:** Isabel Long

#### **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, N. & J. Calvert, L. Degroot

**Lectors:** J. & H. Hendrickson

**Servers:** B. & J. Britz, B. Howard

**Hospitality:** D. Anderson, C. Vogt, B. Yong

**Sacristan:** Zana Dahlkamp

#### **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Tom, A. Harney, L. Fjelstul

**Lectors:** V. Walker, Still Needed

**Servers:** N. & R. Houmes, C. & C. Conway, S. Harney, A. Doehring

**Hospitality:** C. & T. Bax, C. Manning

**Sacristan:** Helen Crusen

## **CAMPAIGN PLANNING STUDY**

You may have heard about the St. Patrick Catholic School planning study to gauge support for the school's sustainability. If you would like to participate, please complete a survey online using this QR code. Thank you in advance for participating and for your support of St. Patrick during this process.



### **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 Carell, Morgan Culbertson, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, , Henry Gartner, Marilyn Merkley, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Suzanne Moss, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Bill & Laurie White, Jill Whitney, Joe Rupnik

**Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners**

**John Aplington** – Beth Yong

**Mary Aplington** – Beth Yong

**Elise Bortmess, baby Walker and Owen** – Diane Bortmess

**Carol Kirby** – friend of Ginger Rentschler

**Claudia Oller** – Mary Bruno

**Cindy Usher** – friend of Mary Bruno

**Connie & Marc Wilson** – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

**Richard Yong**-Beth Yong

### **Decluttering with Purpose this Lenten Season**

This Lent, our parish is inviting families and individuals to participate in 40 Days of Decluttering as a simple, meaningful Lenten practice. Each day of Lent, we encourage you to prayerfully choose one item (or one small category of items) to let go of. This practice helps us detach from excess, make room for God, and prepare our hearts for generosity.

All gently used items collected will be donated to support our Parish Rummage Sale April 24-25. Proceeds from the Rummage Sale go towards assisting our Youth Group in their mission trip.

#### ***When can I drop off items?***

To help us stay organized, please hold onto your items during Lent. Donation drop-off will begin the week of April 20. Specific drop-off times and details will be shared closer to that date.

#### ***What kinds of items can be donated?***

Gently used children's clothing, household goods, toys, books, and small appliances suitable for a rummage sale. Please, no adult clothing or large furniture items.

#### ***Do I have to do all 40 days?***

Not at all. Participate as you are able — every act of generosity matters.

We appreciate your support

### **SDCCW Scholarship Program**

SDCCW is pleased to award a \$2,000 scholarship to four Catholic High school girl graduates from the Springfield Diocese in Illinois. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be every Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

#### **Shadow Play**

Shadow Play will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:40 PM in replacement of Stations of the Cross.

## Catholic Heart Work Camp Fundraising Opportunities

Thanks to your generosity, our parish youth have already begun their fundraising journey toward Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer. As Lent invites us to grow in prayer, sacrifice, and service, we are grateful to continue supporting them together as a parish family.

Our spring Butter Braid Pastry Sale is now underway. Orders placed now will arrive in time to enjoy on Easter. Order forms are available in the back of church through March 20 or can be ordered directly through a Catholic Heart Work Camp participant. Delivery will be March 31 and pick up details will be forthcoming.

We will also host another Pack the House Night at Razzo's on Monday, March 16, offering a simple way to support our youth through fellowship and community. All orders, dine in, carry out, delivery, or gift card purchases will help benefit the youth mission trip.

Thank you for continuing to encourage our young people through your prayers, generosity, and presence this Lenten season.

## March PSR At a Glance

### PSR Updates

The March PSR calendar is here for your reference:

March PSR SCHEDULE	
04	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30PM
11	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30PM/ 2 <sup>ND</sup> AND 3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADERS PARENT MEETINGS
18	FIRST RECONCILIATION/ PSR RECONCILIATION 6:40 PM
25	NO CLASS ROCHESTER SPRING BREAK

KC Fry 2026



ADULT VOLUNTEER

## Adult Volunteers

Many parishioners join us in service at the fish fry; volunteer information is available through this link.

KC Fry 2026



YOUTH VOLUNTEER

## Youth Volunteers

Help our youth learn the value of service as their work is paid forward through charity for others. This includes financial support for their mission trips and pilgrimage.



## FISH FRY!

ROCHESTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #9640



**FEBRUARY 20, 27 / MARCH 6, 13, 20 & 27**

**DINING ROOM 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**DRIVE THRU 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**



**ST JUDE PARISH CENTER  
633 ST. WALNUT ST ROCHESTER, IL**

### DINING ROOM

All-You-Can-Eat Fish \$15

Kids Meal \$6

### DRIVE THRU

Fish Dinner \$14

4-Pack Special \$50

Kids Meal \$6

Each dinner comes with a **HALF-POUND** of fish!!

### FISH DINNER

#### INCLUDES:

Fish (Fried or Baked)

Baked Potato or Fries

Mac & Cheese

Coleslaw

Dessert

Drink, custom sauces & seasonings (dine-in meals only)

### KIDS MEAL

Hot Dog + Sides

### FISH TACO SPECIAL

March 20 & 27

(dine-in only)



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Proceeds support the charitable work of Rochester Knights of Columbus Council #9640