



*“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**

Parish Office 217-498-9197

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **“And Jesus wept” – John 11:35**

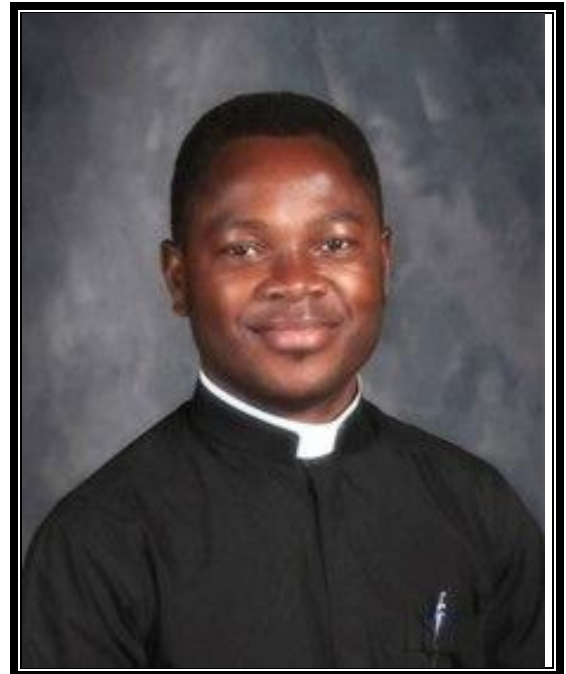
This passage is the shortest verse in the entire bible. However, it is one of the most profound moments that transformed the lives of Jesus' disciples and of everyone who witnessed the event. Jesus wept at the moment he arrived at the tomb of Lazarus and saw Lazarus' sisters (who were his close friends) and relatives weeping profusely at the sudden death of Lazarus. His weeping revealed the very nature of Jesus as "Truly and Fully Human, while at the same time being "Truly and Fully God."

Human emotions are not sinful. They are not signs of weakness. They do not make us better or worse than we are. However, what we do with these emotions is what matters. They can change our lives for better or worse. What we do with our emotions can make us sinful or holy. They can make or mar us as well.

In the case of Jesus, his human emotion of sadness transformed lives and revealed his identity, making him more relatable and approachable by his disciples. All these good things happened to Jesus because he managed his emotions well. He did not allow his sadness over the death of Lazarus and the agony of his friends to be an opportunity to curse God or speak falsely against the Heavens. Jesus also used that moment of grief to perform one of the most powerful and life-changing miracles in the bible. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus consoled many people, attracted several to his salvific mission, and led unbelievers to think deeply about God.

How about you and me? In those moments of sadness and grief, how do we carry ourselves? How do we treat the people around us? How do we relate to God?

*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.



## 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!



## 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.



As we enter this fourth 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

**Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Bernard Hammel†)  
**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 8:00am Mass (Int: : Dan Connolly †)  
 10:30am Mass (Int: Parish Family)  
**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 5:30pm Mass (Int: Gil Diemel †)  
**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Brent Manning †)  
**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Deceased Brandis Family †)  
**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Herb & Hellen Dulle †)  
**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco†)  
**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Parish Family)  
**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00am Mass (Int: Dan Connolly †)  
 10:30am Mass (Int: Robert Parnell †)

**March Volunteers: Week 4**

**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Counting Day:**  
 Team #4

**Church Dusters:** Michelle Bertrand

**March Aluminum Cans Recycle**  
 Wuellner Family

**March St. Martin de Porres Food**  
 Horstman Family

**Rochester Estates – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month**  
 Eucharistic Minister: Barb Scheufele

**Carriage Crossing – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month**  
 Eucharistic Minister: Isabel Long

**Sacrificial Giving, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026**

	This week	Year to date
Ordinary Envelopes	\$2,780.00	\$240,474.52
Poor Fund	\$8.00	\$5,365
Renovation	\$350.00	\$23,535.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00	\$942.00
Total this week	\$6,119.20	
Fiscal year total		\$304,574.55

**Next Week Schedule**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, M. Mankowski, C. Mataya

**Lectors:** Beth Auxier & Isabel Long

**Servers:** D. Sommer, D. & T. Mankowski

**Hospitality:** J. Sponslor, H. & M. Bruno, L. & F. Yocum

**Sacristan:** Sue Roth

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Tom, L. DeGroot, C. Leach

**Lectors:** Andrea & Olivia Rench

**Servers:** B. & J. Britz, B. Howard, R. & E. Strawkas

**Hospitality:** B. Connolly, D. Anderson, B. Yong

**Sacristan:** Sue Roth

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, Dcn. Tom, S. Warren

**Lectors:** L. Warren, M. Schudel

**Servers:** L. Batten, L. Schudel, R. Roth, S. Harney, A. Felbon

**Hospitality:** D. Roark, C. Manning, S. Roth, H. Crusen

**Sacristan:** Helen Crusen

**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 applications are available on the

parish website, under the **About** tab ([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

### **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, 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 Hunter** – friend of Roy & Cindy Collings

**Kelly Diaz** – niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

**Carol Kirby** – friend of Ginger Rentschler

**Claudia Oller** – Mary Bruno

**Myra Shroeder** – Jane Molohon

**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!



This past week, our second graders received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for the first time! It was a beautiful and joyful moment for our students, their families, and our parish.

Just as Jesus brings Lazarus back to life in Sunday's Gospel with the words, "Lazarus, come out!", Reconciliation invites us to experience His mercy and grace and be renewed. While this Sacrament can bring about some nervousness or hesitation, one of the most heartwarming parts of the evening was watching our second graders walk out with the biggest, most genuine smiles on their faces afterwards.

It was also wonderful to see so many parents there with their children, sharing the experience and attending confession. Throughout the evening, there were countless quiet God moments; small at first, but full of deeper meaning and grace by the end.

A special thank you to Carrie Zucco and Ashley Fitzsimmons for guiding our 2nd grade students as their catechists, and to Ryan Fitzsimmons for helping as well.

Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they continue growing in faith with hearts renewed by His mercy!

-Alicia Harney

## March PSR At a Glance

 A graphic titled "March PSR SCHEDULE" with a green background and a shamrock at the top. The schedule is presented in a table-like format with dates in a green column and descriptions in white boxes.
 

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

## Stations of the Cross Shadow Play

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Stations of the Cross Shadow Play! The play will be on **Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:40pm** in the Parish Center. Following the play we will have a reception!

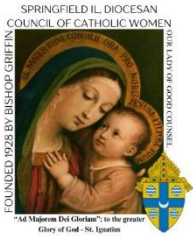
All parishioners are welcome!  
Please join us!



## Holy Week

Anyone involved in Holy Week, training/overview will be on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 Pm in the church.

## SDCCW Scholarship Program



Applications are now being accepted for the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) 2026 High School Girl Graduate Scholarship Program! Are you a practicing Catholic girl who is graduating from

the 12th grade? If you attend a private or public school or are home schooled, you are eligible to apply! The SDCCW is pleased to award a \$2,000 scholarship to 4 Catholic high school girls who are graduating. This money should be used to further your education in either a community college or university, technical/trade/vocational school, or other non-traditional options. Three required documents (application, essay, and letter of recommendation) must be received by April 15th and sent to Rita Devore, 1006 Shenandoah Avenue, Effingham, IL 62401. In addition, the application must be signed by your pastor. Copies may be found in your parish.

For further questions, please call Rita Devore at 217-821-7517. Thank you!

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.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Monday

Penance Service - 5:00-7:00 P.M.

### Tuesday

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral - 6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday

PSR Stations of the Cross  
Shadow Play - 6:40 P.M.

### Thursday

Holy Thursday  
Mass of the Last Supper - 6:00 P.M.

### Friday

Good Friday - 6:00 P.M.

### Saturday

Holy Saturday  
Easter Vigil Mass - 7:30 P.M.

### Sunday

Easter Sunday  
8:00 A.M. & 10:30A.M. Masses



## 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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