



*“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 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Daily Mass – A Secret Treasure**

Daily Mass is one of the most concrete and transformative ways a Christian can order the entire day toward God. When we begin the morning at the altar, we are not simply fulfilling a pious practice. Rather, we are deliberately training the mind and heart to see reality through the lens of grace. Before emails, meetings, classes, family arguments, office works, classes or academic obligations crowd the day, the Word of God has already been proclaimed, the Eucharistic sacrifice has already been offered, and Christ has already been received. The soul is thus anchored before it is tested.

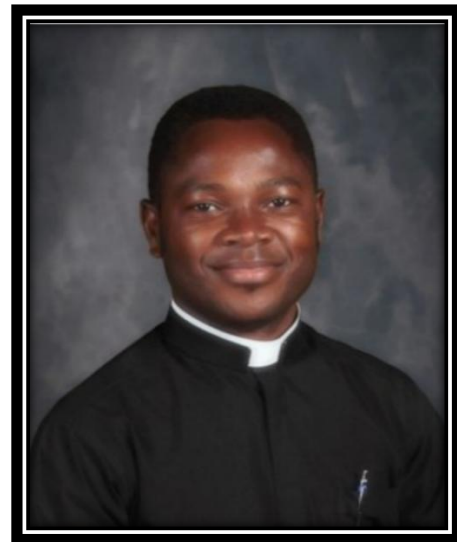
There is a quiet but profound psychological and spiritual conditioning that occurs through daily participation in the Eucharist. The readings shape our imagination. Our desires are refined by the prayers of the Church. Also, homily directs our moral vision. In receiving Holy Communion, we do not merely think about God. We also are united with Him. That sacramental encounter gently reorders our priorities and strengthens our capacity to act with patience, charity, and clarity throughout the day.

Beginning the day with Mass also places our individual concerns within the wider communion of the Church. We pray not only for ourselves, but with and for the whole Body of Christ all over the world especially in these times of conflict where innocent people are dying alongside terrorists and selfish leaders. This spiritual consciousness protects us from spiritual isolation and reminds us that every task – family, school, personal, professional – participates in that larger mission of sanctification of humanity.

Witnessing the steady growth of daily Mass – especially the faithful presence of our young people – fills my heart with profound hope. It is a living sign that grace is at work among us, and that our life as a Christian community is bearing fruit for God’s glory and generations to come.

May the Good Lord continue to touch our hearts and transform our minds. Amen.

*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

### **Stations of the Cross**

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

### **Donut Sunday**

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

**March 15<sup>th</sup> & April 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

We look forward to seeing you!

## Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

	<b><u>Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>
4:30pm	Mass (Int: Roberta "Bobbi" Hickey †)
	<b><u>Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>
8:00am	Mass (Int: Gary Leacht†)
10:30am	Mass (Int: Virginia Chineket)
	<b><u>Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>
5:30pm	Mass (Int: Trent Boston†)
	<b><u>Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Jack Zucco†)
	<b><u>Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)
	<b><u>Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly †)
	<b><u>Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:15am	Mass (Int: Evelyn Conboy†)
	<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 Chineket)

### **March Volunteers: Week 2**

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

Team #2

**Church Dusters:** Laurie McWard

**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

### **50/50 DRAWING**

**The February drawing winner was ticket #416302 worth \$274. The winner has not come forward yet.**

For more information, please contact Jerry Calvert at 217-498-900.

## *Next Week Schedule*

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, F. Yocum, M. Mankowski

**Lectors:** V. Walker, T. O'Sullivan

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

**Hospitality:** C. Mataya, H. & M. Bruno

**Sacristan:** Kay Foster

#### **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Roth, D. Kuntzman, D. Anderson

**Lectors:** K. Blumhorst, L. Degroot

**Servers:** B. & J. Britz, R. Roth

**Hospitality:** S. Martyn, Y. Brandis, B. Connolly

**Sacristan:** Zana Dahlkamp

#### **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, S. Warren, S. Kerley, M. Maynerich

**Lectors:** P. Szabados, S. Nelson

**Servers:** A. & M. Zucco, J. Powell, M. & T. McKenzie

**Hospitality:** A. & O. Rench, 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

**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.

## 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)

Scan for more info, updates, and follow us on Facebook!

**"BEST FISH FRY IN SANGAMON COUNTY"**

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