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*"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.

### **OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER**

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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.  
**Reverend Peter Chineke - Pastor**



**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

**(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

**“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God”**

**(Acts 14:22).**

Last Tuesday, the first reading was the last part of Acts 14 – where Evangelist Luke recorded how the Apostle Paul ended his first mission. He was almost stoned to death and suffered many hardships. At the end, he admonished the Christian community in Derbe (modern day Kerti Höyük) saying: “It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” These words remind us that being a catholic or being a devout Catholic who attends Masses regularly and receives the sacraments faithfully and worthily is not an escape from suffering. Instead, an opportunity to sanctify our sufferings by uniting them to Christ’s own sufferings.

The apostles did not promise believers an easy road; they strengthened them by teaching that hardship and all kinds of sufferings, when united with faith, becomes a path to glory. Every hardship we face – sickness, disappointment, loss, addiction, crisis in marriage, temptation, rejection, or uncertainty – can either make us bitter or make us holy. The difference lies in whether we carry it alone or carry it with Christ. Jesus Himself entered glory through the Cross. Therefore, when we suffer with patience, prayer, and trust, our suffering is not wasted. It becomes participation in His redemptive love.

The Kingdom of God is not won by comfort, pride, or self-reliance. It is entered through perseverance, humility, forgiveness, and fidelity. Trials purify our hearts. They teach us dependence on God, compassion for others, and detachment from passing things. In hardships, we discover that God’s grace is stronger than

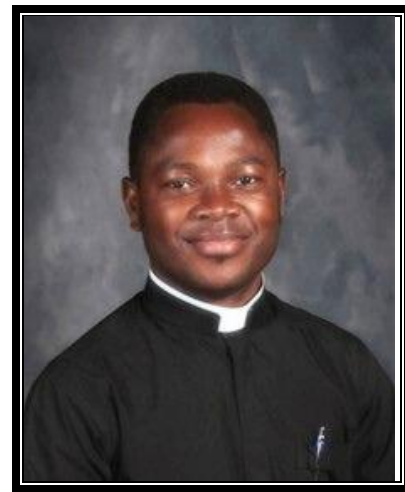
our weakness, and our trust in God brings us peace and security, not our trust in our material possessions and accomplishments.

This verse also gives hope. Hardship is not the final destination. No. The Kingdom is. The Cross leads to resurrection. Tears give way to joy. The struggle of faith prepares the soul for eternal communion with God.

So, when life becomes difficult, let us not lose heart. Let us walk with Christ, trust His promise, and remember: the road may be narrow, but it leads to the everlasting joy of the Kingdom.

Peace and Blessings.

*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.*

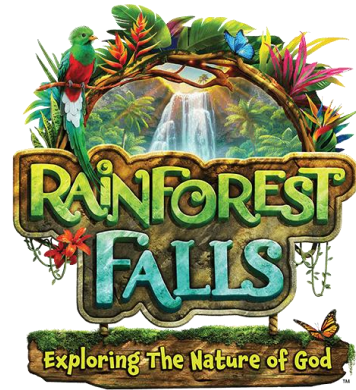


### Wednesday Night Updates:

Our PSR students celebrated a beautiful May Crowning in honor of our Blessed Mother. It was a special way to close out our regular classes for the year together!



Our youth group had a an "un-bowl-lieavably" great time this week- we are so blessed by this amazing group of teens and the joy they bring to our parish community!



### VBS Volunteers!

Vacation Bible School is coming back this summer during the last week of July. It will be in the evening, from 6-7:30 pm. Our theme this year is Rainforest Falls! I (Alicia) am looking for volunteers to help assist in the planning aspects of VBS this year to make it great! If you are interested, please reach out to Alicia Harney at [PSR@churchofstjude.com](mailto:PSR@churchofstjude.com).

### Alicia's Summer Hours:

Now that PSR classes are over for the year, I will be in the parish office ONLY on Wednesdays from 9-4 (until VBS that is!) Watch out for PSR Registration and VBS Registration soon! You can always reach me by email at [PSR@churchofstjude.com](mailto:PSR@churchofstjude.com).

### Rummage Sale:

Our rummage sale this year raised over \$2200 for Catholic Heart Work Camp! We were also able to donate remaining items to the following nonprofit groups to assist in their ministries as well:

- St. Martin de Porres
- Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery
- Animal Protection League
- Contact Ministries
- Rochester Public Library
- Pregnancy Care Center
- Gateway Foundation

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

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Roberta “Bobbi” Hickey †)  
**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00am Mass (Int: Parish Family)  
 10:30am Mass (Int: Evelyn Conboy †)  
**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:30pm Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)  
**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)  
**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)  
**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Dan Connolly †)  
**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Clyde Van Dyke †)  
**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Virginia Chineke †)  
**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00am Mass (Int: Parish Family)  
 10:30am Mass (Int: Evelyn Conboy †)

**May Volunteers: Week 2**

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Counting Day:**  
 Team #2

**Church Dusters**

Laurie McWard & Zana Dahlkamp

**May Aluminum Cans Recycle**

Marty Coe

**May Food Pantry Collection**

Lyndsey & Nathan Houmes

**Hearts in Christ Collection**

Les & LuAnn White

**Rochester Estates –2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May**

Eucharistic Minister: Mary & Hartzel Bruno

**Carriage Crossing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May**

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Auxier

**Donut Sunday**

Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates: **May 24<sup>th</sup>**

We look forward to seeing you!



**Next Week Schedule**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, C. Mataya, B. Scheufele. F. Yocum

**Lectors:** Joe Kohlrus & **Still Needed**

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

**Hospitality:** H. & M. Bruno, J. & D. Kratz

**Sacristan:** Kay Foster

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, D. Kuntzman, **Still Needed, Still Needed**

**Lectors:** Bev Connolly & Josephine Hendricks

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

**Hospitality:** L. McWard, K. Park, B. Yong

**Sacristan:** Zana Dahlkamp

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, C. Manning, A. Harney

**Lectors:** Laura Fjelstul & Mark Schudel

**Servers:** S. Harney, C. & C. Conway, A. Doehring, J. Powell

**Hospitality:** D. & S. Decker, A. & O. Rensch

**Sacristan:** Helen Crusen

**Sacrificial Giving July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

	<b>This week</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Ordinary Envelopes	\$4,558.00	\$282,851.43
Renovation	\$5,833.00	\$35,980.00
Votives	\$15.67	\$936.67
Poor Fund	\$45.00	\$20,033.91
Mass Stipend	\$30.00	\$4,397.86
Mission Trip	\$3507.25	\$23,261.16
Loose checks & cash	\$652.40	\$36,787.13
Weekly total	\$14,671.32	
YTD total		\$404,248.16

**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 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 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

**Owen Herpel** – Friend of Bortmess Family

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

**Carol Fulcher** – Friend of Pat Carlisle

**Carol Hunter** – Friend of Roy & Cindy Collings

**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



**Ladies Night:**

Ladies of the parish, this one's for you! Join us for Ladies Night on Monday, May 18! Dinner at 5:30, and please bring a dessert to share! Signups are in the back of church.

**Bunco!**

May Bunco is Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 in the Parish Center. Please join us!

