



## St. Matthias and the Conclave

On Wednesday, May 14, we shall celebrate the Feast of St. Matthias, a disciple of Christ, who was selected by the apostles to replace Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus and killed himself afterward. Let us reflect on the election of St. Matthias and see how that incident reflects the conclave in the sacred history and tradition of the One Universal Apostolic and Holy Church of Christ – The Catholic Church.

The selection of Saint Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot in the Book of Acts offers a compelling parallel to the election of the Pope in the Catholic Church. After the Ascension of Jesus, the apostles recognized the need to restore the original number of twelve, symbolizing the completeness of the Church's foundation. Peter emphasizes that the new apostle must be a witness to the resurrection, having accompanied them from Jesus' baptism to His ascension.

The apostles nominate two candidates, Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias, and then pray for divine guidance: "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen" They cast lots, a method of seeking God's will, and the lot falls on Matthias, who is then added to the eleven apostles. This process underscores the importance of prayer, discernment, and the belief that God guides the selection of leaders in the Church.

Similarly, the election of a Pope involves the College of Cardinals gathering in conclave to

elect a successor to St. Peter. Just as the apostles sought divine guidance in choosing Matthias, the cardinals invoke the Holy Spirit to guide their decision. The cardinals, like the early apostles, must choose a leader who will witness to the resurrection and guide the Church. The process involves prayer, reflection, and a vote, all conducted in an environment of secrecy and spiritual focus. The election of Matthias and the election of a Pope both highlight the Church's reliance on the Holy Spirit to ensure the continuity of its mission and leadership.

In both instances, the selection process emphasizes the importance of divine guidance, prayerful discernment, and the need for leaders who are faithful witnesses to Christ's resurrection.

*Fr. Peter*

**Ladies Night**  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-7:30pm

The evening will include dinner, games, wine, and the speaker for the evening will be our very own Jennifer Frericks!

This event is for all women of all ages!  
Please RSVP and bring a dessert to share!

**RSVP DUE MONDAY 5/12  
by NOON**

## Coffee and Donuts

We are hosting Coffee and Donuts between the two Sunday Masses on May 18<sup>th</sup>!



## Rosary Wednesday!



There will be **NO Rosary Wednesday on 14<sup>th</sup>**.

We will update you about the remaining month of **May and summer soon!**

### Prayer for Mother's Day

Holy God,  
you compared your own love for your people  
to the love of a mother for her children.

Look with kindness on our mother  
who has shared in your creating love  
by the gift of her children.

We thank you for the joys and sorrows of her life,  
the giving and sharing,  
and, especially for your love  
that has formed us in your image.

Listen to our prayers  
and bless the mother  
who has nurtured and sustained us.  
Give her patience in abundance  
and let her find joy and satisfaction in all her work.

Glory and praise to you, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
and who reigns with you in the glory of heaven,  
for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Excerpt from *Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*, CCCB Publications)

The Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. is seeking pro-life applicants for its Board of Directors. The next three-year term will begin on July 1, 2025. Anyone interested in more information can email the Executive Director, Kara Gray at [kara.gray@hshs.org](mailto:kara.gray@hshs.org)

## Speak with your Legislator!

Legislation that will legalize physician assisted suicide in Illinois has been moving at the Statehouse. Final votes could be taken up this month (May). Please contact your state legislators urging them to vote "No." You can find who your legislators are and information on physician assisted suicide at the Catholic Conference of Illinois website: [ilcatholic.org](http://ilcatholic.org).

## The Curia is Hiring!!



The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Curia is hiring 4 full-time positions. They are a Maintenance and Groundskeeper, Database and Parish Service Administrator, Diocesan Liaison and Advocate, and Executive Secretary. If you or anyone you know is interested, view these jobs at [[dio.org/careers](http://dio.org/careers)][dio.org/careers](http://dio.org/careers) to learn more and to see how to apply.

May Bunco is Wednesday,  
May 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00 in  
the Parish Center.



The Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser has begun and starts Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day

and continues until Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day. This campaign/fundraiser is a wonderful way to not only educate on how Loving Arms Pregnancy Center supports women, babies, and families in our community, but also is a way to raise funds for this wonderful ministry of life in our community. Please consider taking a baby bottle and making a donation to this campaign. Your gift will be used to assist the Loving Arms Pregnancy Center with providing baby supplies, peer-counseling, student abstinence education, and providing unborn babies the chance to draw their first breath. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

# Faith Formation Update



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER FOR MORE INFORMATION!!**

## **CLOW**

Please consider joining the line up to help teach the lessons on Sundays at the 10:30am Mass!



Lessons are provided for you OR you can create your own following the readings!

Contact Jennifer if you'd like to help!

## **Summer Youth Group Plans!**



We are planning our summer and although some dates are up in the air, we plan to meet MOST TUESDAYS from 6-8pm!

We will have faith-based time and time for fun activities!

We will begin these summer days/times beginning Tuesday, May 27!

Some dates up in the air due to scheduling/leader availability: July 8, and July 22. We will NOT have a meeting on June 10 due to the Mission Trip!

These meetings are open to all current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! Please contact Jennifer Frericks to be added to the Band App so you can have up to date information!

## **Jennifer's Summer Hours!**



Beginning the week of May 25 I will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays again!

**Tuesdays' hours are 1-8pm**  
**Thursdays' hours will be 9a-4pm**

# Faith Formation Schedule

- May 13: Confirmation at the Cathedral Pt. 2
- May 14: Ladies Night, 5:30-7:30pm  
HS Youth Group following event
- May 21: HS Youth Group, 7:45-8:45pm
- May 27: HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
- June 3: HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
- June 8-13: CHWC Mission Trip  
NO HS Youth Group June 10
- June 17: HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
- June 24: HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
- July 1: HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
- July 8: NO HS Youth Group (TENTATIVE)
- July 15: HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
- July 21-25: VBS  
NO HS YG July 22 (TENTATIVE)
- July 27: VBS Mass Presentation TENTATIVE
- July 29: HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
- Aug. 5: HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
- Aug 12: HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
- Aug. 20: HS Youth Group resumes Wednesday Hours, 7:45-8:45pm

## **Mission Trip Wish List**

In the back of the church, you can find the list of items that the kids would like to have for the snacks/drinks on the trip!

Please have all donations in by Tuesday, June 3.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

## **VBS!**



Now is the time to get your VBS dates down on that calendar!

**We will be doing VBS Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25, 2025. The VBS program will be from 9-11:30am and will include Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> graders!**

Childcare and meals will be available for those who sign up in advance from 8-9am and from 11:30a-1pm to assist parents more with transportation to and from this event!

# Letter from Diocese

## Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

	<b>Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:</b>
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Betty Coe†)
	<b>Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Gil Deimel†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Ed Bedore†)
	<b>Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>:</b>
5:30 pm	Mass (Int: Gil Deimel†)
	<b>Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:</b>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Gary Leach†)
	<b>Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
	<b>Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:</b>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
	<b>Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>:</b>
7:30am	Mass (Int: The Britz Family)
	<b>Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:</b>
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Gil Deimel†)
	<b>Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Julie Carlisle†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: †)

## Sacrificial Giving, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 3,857.00	\$ 174,763.60
EFT-Ordinary		\$ 53,450.00
Renovation Fund Env's	\$ 1,624.00	\$ 43,139.00
EFT-Renovation Fund		\$ 3,284.00
Loose Checks		\$ 59,801.01
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 438.20	\$ 19,837.36
<b>Total this Week:</b>	<b>\$ 5,919.20</b>	
<b>Fiscal Year Total:</b>		<b>\$ 394,176.82</b>

## May 2025 Volunteers: Week #2

**Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Counting Day:**

Team #2

**Church Dusters:**

Laurie McWard and Zana Dahlkamp

**May Aluminum Cans Recycle:**

Jan Pietras

**May St. Martin de Porres Food:**

Lyndsey & Nathan Houmes

## Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Chiola & Dcn. Walker

**Lectors:** J. Kohlrus and I. Long

**Servers:** A. & N. Horstman

**Hospitality:** B. Auxier and D. & J. Kratz

**Sacristans:** Dcn. Walker

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Chiola & Dcn. Walker

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

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

**Hospitality:** S. Martyn, L. McWard, & C. Vogt

**Sacristan:** Z. Dahlkamp

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Chiola & Dcn. Walker

**Lectors:** T. O'Sullivan and E. Woehrmann

**Servers:** Nathan Houmes

**Hospitality:** D. Roark and **NEEDED**

**Sacristan:** H. Crusen

**CLOW:** Gretchen Conway

## St. Jude's Novena



May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. I will never forget thy graces and favors you obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to you.

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. Say this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days.

Thank you, St. Jude, for Prayers Answered.

## Advertiser of the Week:

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## St. Jude's Green Team



If you enjoy being outdoors, planting flowers, and doing some landscaping, the St. Jude's Green Team would like you to help beautify the church grounds.

If interested, please contact Kathleen Quinn at (217) 891-0635 or Suzanne Moss at (217) 494-3766.

## **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 Estates.

**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** – JoAnn Camille, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy, Shirley Crawford, Lenna DeGroot, Evelyn Deimel, Carrie Downey, \*Linda Drewes, Herta Duban, Helen Dulle, Gary Dumonceaux, Paul Harris, Ryan Houmes, Jerry Jasinski, Janet Kalb, Jillian Kohlrus, Kristin Kohlrus, Betty Limper, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Eleanor Schudel, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Frances Tomashavich, Al Urbanckas, Bill White, Patrick Witcik, Laurie White, and Ron Wojcicki.

**\* = new this week**

**Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners**

**Mary Aplington** – sister of Beth Yong

**John Aplington** – brother of Beth Yong

**Maryann Bailey** – mother of Dean Bailey

**Gene Blade** – friend of Pat Carlisle

**Carolyn Binion** – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux

**John Brunsman** – father of Laura Horstman

**Steven Butts** - brother of Michelle Bullock

**Suzanne Camp** – friend of Beth Yong

**Virginia Chineke** – mother of Fr. Peter

**Leo Conway** – father of Gary Conway

**Judy Conway** - friend of Maggie Patterson

**Eddie Cook** – friend of Lenna DeGroot family

**Chris Crusen** – brother of Tom Crusen

**Linda Curtis** – sister of Connie Leach

**Bill Davis** – friend of Donald & Lou Ellen Markovitch

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

**Alison Donoho** – friend of Jane and Harry Hendrickson

**Sarah Egizio** – daughter-in-law of Mary Ann Egizio

**Frank Emerson**- brother-in-law of Jean McDonald

**Lynne (Auxier) Feece** – sister-in-law of Beth Auxier

**Cindy Frericks**- mother-in-law of Jennifer Frericks

**Ken Frericks**- father-in-law of Jennifer Frericks

**Jody Frese** – sister-in-law of Barb Scheufele

**Lauren Friedmeyer & her baby, Nellie** – granddaughter & great granddaughter of Bill & Laurie White

**Gary Garrison** – brother-in-law of Kathleen Klee

**Steven Godar** - father of Dennis Godar

**Jennifer Harbeck** - cousin of Brad Zack

**Brandon Harris** – grandson of Les & LuAnn White

**Chad Kunkle** – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family

**Jim Kirbach** – friend of the Hendricksons

**Dale Laningham** – friend of the Hendricksons

**Glen Limper** - son of Al & Betty Limper

**Kristine Lundburg** – sister of Mary Gartner

**Rochelle Lynam** – daughter of Tom & Helen Crusen

**Robin Mahnken** – friend of Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski

**Ann Martin** – sister of Betty Downey

**Mark Maxwell** – brother-in-law of Beth Auxier

**Paula McDonald**- sister-in-law to Jean McDonald

**Liz McKinney** – friend of Roy & Cindy Collings

**Donna Meyers** - mother of Kellie Brewer

**Wayne Michels** – friend of Beth Auxier

**Cindy Murdock** – sister of Carolyn Carmichael and aunt of Leanne Collings

**Fred J. Naffziger** – brother of Michele Naffziger

**Theresa Oldani** – friend of Diane Bortmess, friend of Kelly Conlon & Family

**Margie Palmatier** – friend of the Hendricksons

**Dolores Pantoja Salgado** – mother of Diego Garcia

**Ann Pardieck** – family friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno

**Emily Parnell** – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell

**Mike Patterson** – father of Lori Farris

**Sabrina Rice** – niece of Beth Auxier

**Mark & Chris Riedle** – family of Tess & David Riedle

**Teresa Rouse** – friend of Jane Molohon

**Bud Saputo**- brother of Vito and Edna Saputo

**Joe Saputo** – brother of Vito & Edna Saputo

**Jeannette Scheifinger** – cousin of Phil & Emma Van Dyke

**Special Intentions** of Andy Mihelich

**Special Intentions** of Barb Scoggins

**Special Intentions** of Carol Mataya

**Special Intentions** of Steve & Pat Jones and Brian & Sherri Jones

**Marlene Spurgeon** – friend of Pat Carlisle

**Russ Steil**- father of Teresa O'Sullivan

**Mary Stewart** – friend of Suzanne Moss

**Georgann Turner** – sister of Kathleen Klee

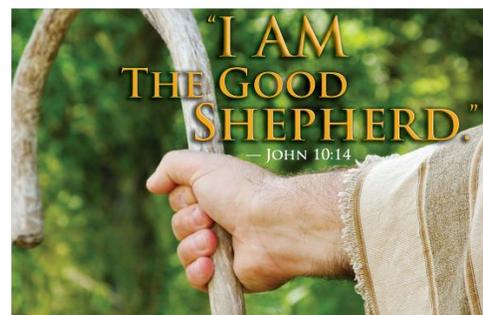
**Kathy Whitaker** – friend of Peggy Parnell

**Steve White** – brother of Les White

**Mike Wilkin**- brother of Leigh Ann Szabados

**Vicki Will** – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer

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



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