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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 Friday7:15 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.

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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

(6th Sunday of Easter)

The Solemnity of Ascension

The Solemnity of the Ascension celebrates the risen Christ's return to the Father, forty days after Easter, when he blessed his disciples and was taken up into heaven. Historically, the Church has marked this mystery on the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, preserving the biblical rhythm of forty days between the Resurrection and Ascension. This timing reminds us that the Ascension is not an afterthought, but the glorious completion of Christ's earthly mission.

Spiritually, the Ascension teaches that Jesus does not abandon his Church. He ascends not to become distant, but to intercede for us at the right hand of the Father and to prepare us for the coming of the Holy Spirit. His departure opens a new form of presence: Christ now works through his Church, his sacraments, his Word, and the witness of believers sent into the world.

In some dioceses of the United States, including ours, the celebration is transferred from Thursday to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This pastoral decision allows more of the faithful to participate in the Solemnity and hear its message within the Sunday assembly. While the traditional Thursday observance beautifully preserves the chronology of salvation history, the Sunday celebration emphasizes the Church's desire that this mystery be received by the whole community.

The Ascension lifts our eyes beyond earthly anxiety and reminds us of our final destiny: union with God. Yet it also sends us back into the world with a mission. Like the apostles, we are not called to stand looking at the sky, but to proclaim Christ by faith, charity, and hope. The Ascension is both a promise of heaven and a command to evangelize the earth.

This week, I encourage everyone of us as individuals and families, to make out time to reflect on Ascension as both a mystery and as a historical reality and what it means to us in our journey and spirituality as Catholic Christians.

A Blessed Solemnity to our parishioners and friends!

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.

There will be no mass or communion service on Monday, May 18th

No daily mass on Mondays through June and July.



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year on the feast of Pentecost we rejoice that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church in every age. As we celebrate this feast, I ask you to consider a generous response in the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests.

Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our diocese. Please thank God for all that we have received from our priests who are now retired, many of whom continue to offer generous service in every way that they are able throughout our diocese.

If you are unable to make an in-church contribution, please make your donation online at dio.org/give. At this location, please designate your gift in the instructions for this particular collection. You can also mail your donation to your parish office.

Thank you in advance for your support this year. May the Holy Spirit give us every gift we need to build up the Body of Christ in our time and place.

With every best wish and prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

What a beautiful night at our parish picnic and blessing celebration this week! We were incredibly blessed with such a huge turnout, especially for a Wednesday evening.

The night began by blessing the Jack Zucco Memorial Garden, completed by our Boy Scouts and their leaders in memory of Jack as the completion of his Eagle Scout project. The garden includes pavers made by Jack's family and friends.

The tabernacle, entrance doors to the nave, new confessional, and bell tower were also blessed.

We also took time to pray over our PSR catechists and officially commission our newly named Acutis Youth Group, named in honor of St. Carlo Acutis.

The evening continued with amazing food prepared by the Knights and many wonderful volunteers, and plenty of laughs as our 6-8th graders, who were the winners of our PSR donation contest, got to pie Fr. Peter, PSR Coordinator Alicia Harney, and 6-8th grade catechist Joe Kohlrus in the face!

It was truly a night that reflected what parish life is all about: coming together as a community and more importantly, as a family. Thank you to everyone who helped make it so special!



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.

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.



Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

Saturday, May 16th
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Virginia Chineke †)†
Sunday, May 17th
 8:00am Mass (Int: Parish Family)
 10:30am Mass (Int: Evelyn Conboy †)
Monday, May 18th
 5:30pm Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)
Tuesday, May 19th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Augusta Krueger †)
Wednesday, May 20th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Hazel Felts †)
Thursday, May 21st
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)
Friday, May 22nd
 7:15am Mass (Int: Gil Deimel †)
Saturday, May 23rd
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Delbert Collings & Carolyn Carmichael †)
Sunday, May 24th
 8:00am Mass (Int: Parish Family)
 10:30am Mass (Int: Robert “Bob” Parnell †)

May Volunteers: Week 3

Monday, May 18th Counting Day:

Team #3

Church Dusters

Donna Day

May Aluminum Cans Recycle

Marty Coe

May Food Pantry Collection

Lyndsey & Nathan Houmes

Hearts in Christ Collection

Les & LuAnn White

Rochester Estates –3rd Sunday of May

Eucharistic Minister: Zana Dahlkamp

Carriage Crossing – 3rd Sunday of May

Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Schmit

Donut Sunday

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

We look forward to seeing you!



Next Week Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 23rd at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, J. Kohlrus, B. Scheufele

Lectors: Thomas Bertrand & Vicki Walker

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

Hospitality: H. & M. Bruno, J. Sponslor

Sacristan: Carol Mataya

Sunday, May 24th at 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, B. Connolly, B. Hendricks, C. Leach

Lectors: Kyle Blumhorst & Josephine Hendricks

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

Hospitality: C. Vogt, D & L Wuellner

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, May 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, L. Fjelstul, D. Roark

Lectors: Alicia Harney & Olivia Rench

Servers: S. Harney, J. Powell, A. Felbon, A. Doehring, J. Powell

Hospitality: C. & T. Bax, A. Rench

Sacristan: Helen Crusen

Sacrificial Giving July 1st, 2025 – June 30th, 2026

	This week	Year to date
Ordinary Envelopes	\$3,421.00	\$291,222.43
Renovation	\$250.00	\$36,109.00
Votives	\$12.00	\$948.67
Poor Fund	\$60.00	\$20,033.91
Calvary Cemetery	\$10.00	\$1,915.00
Mission Trip	\$200.00	\$36,986.52
Retired Priests	\$10.00	\$1,902.00
Catholic Communications	\$10.00	\$595.00
Loose cash & check	\$2,011.20	\$37,393.33
Weekly total	\$5,984.20	
YTD total		\$427,105.86

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 2nd 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

Kelly Diaz – Niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

Ellen Flynn – Family of Bruno's

Carol Fulcher – Friend of Pat Carlisle

Owen Herpel – Friend of Bortmess Family

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.

Compassionate Communication Series

1:15–3:15 PM in the Parish Center. If you have any questions, contact Dottie Anderson, (217)-416-1993.

Thank you to Bob Bergschneider for filling our tilling our garden for the 3rd year in a row!

-Doug Wuellner & Suzanne Moss

Doug would like volunteers to help with tilling and weeding while he recovers from surgery. Help will be needed in June through July.

Doug Wuellner – (217)971-9468

Baby Bottle Boomerang



RAISE \$100 TO RESCUE LIVES!

Raise \$100 by simply asking your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to help fill your bottle.



All gifts are tax-deductible under the IRS 501(c)(3) code.
If you would like a receipt, please pay by check
(made payable to First Step Women's Center) or Life217.org.

Here are a few thoughts you may want to communicate to your church during the worship service: In 2025, at First Step Women's Center, 218 mothers who were facing an unintended pregnancy, struggling with decision between life and death, chose life! First Step provides compassionate, comprehensive care through these services, at no cost to the patient:

*Pregnancy testing *STI testing & treatment *Ultrasound *Community Referrals

*Options information *Abortion Reversal Pill

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is an easy way for you to make a difference for life. After today's service, baby bottles and envelopes will be distributed. Please take one per family and fill it with cash or checks over the next few weeks. We also encourage you to invite family members, friends, and co-workers to participate in supporting your campaign. Please return your bottle at the end of the campaign – typically 3-4 weeks after your start date. Anyone may visit Life217.org and click on "Baby Bottles" to learn more or to make an online donation. Raising \$100 per bottle would be a tremendous blessing toward reaching our shared goals. When you give, you are making a direct impact on the family legacies in our community Thank you!