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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 24, 2026

(Pentecost Sunday)

Why Pentecost Sunday?

Every year, right after the Solemnity of Ascension, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost, which both marks the very end of the Easter season and reminds us of that supreme moment in the life of the Apostles when they received all the powers that transformed them from men of fear and doubt to men of faith and courage.

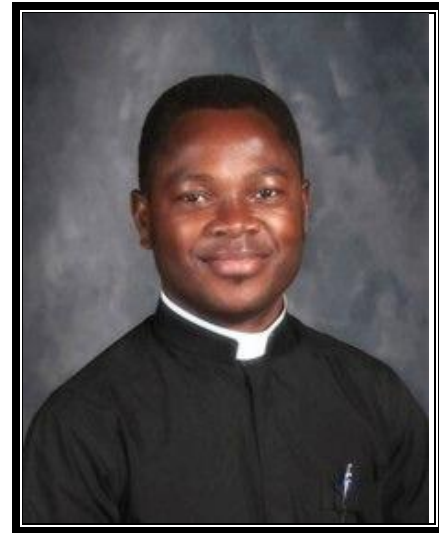
Pentecost Sunday reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not given to the proud, the distracted, or the self-willed, but to those who wait upon God in obedience. Before His Ascension, Jesus commanded the Apostles not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4). Humanly speaking, they had many reasons to leave: fear of persecution, uncertainty about the future, disappointment after the Passion, and confusion about their mission. Yet they obeyed. They stayed together, prayed together, and waited together.

This obedience became the spiritual condition for the fulfillment of Christ’s promise. The Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles because they trusted the word of Jesus more than their own fears, plans, or impatience. Pentecost was not a random event; it was the fruit of faithful listening. The disciples did not manufacture the Spirit; they received Him. They did not control the timing; they surrendered to it. They did not create the mission; they accepted it.

In this sense, Pentecost teaches us that obedience opens the soul to divine power. The same Apostles who once fled from the Cross became courageous witnesses because they first learned to remain where Christ told them to remain. Their obedience prepared them for transformation. The Spirit filled hearts that had become available through surrender.

For us, Pentecost is a call to obey Christ even when we do not fully understand His ways. We may want quick answers, immediate success, or visible signs, but the Holy Spirit often comes to those who patiently remain faithful in prayer, duty, and trust. When we obey God’s word, the teachings of the Church, and the gentle promptings of grace, we become ready for the Spirit’s fire. Pentecost shows that obedience is not weakness; it is the doorway through which God’s promise enters and changes the world.

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.

Fr. Peter is especially grateful to the Knights of Columbus, and our parish women’s group for their generous gifts as he departs for his summer studies in DC.

The Litany of Belovedness by Sarah Kroger

From the belief that I am worthless. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am not good enough. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am defined by my past. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am broken and will never be whole. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am only as good as my accomplishments. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am a failure. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am not gifted in any way. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am alone. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I can't change or grow. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am unwanted. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am undesirable. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am unlovable. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the belief that I am what others think of me. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the lie of perfectionism. *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the trap of comparison. *Deliver me, Jesus.*

That I am your beloved child. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am precious in your sight. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am wanted. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am who You say I am. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am delighted in. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am chosen. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am a work in progress. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am never alone. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That through you, I am capable of love. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That through you, I am capable of healing & wholeness. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I belong. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am not a mistake. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I was made in Your image. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That You have a plan for my life. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That You are holding me & leading me. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*
That I am known, seen, & loved just as I am. *Jesus, help me to believe it.*

Father, thank you for your great, unending love. In You, I am seen.
In You, I am heard. In You, I am known. In You, I am loved.
Today, I choose to embrace the reality of Your love for me.
Today, I choose to own my belovedness.

Amen.

No daily mass on Mondays through June and July

This week, the women of St. Jude gathered for a wonderful evening of fellowship, food, games, and inspiration at our St. Jude's Ladies Group Night. We were blessed to welcome representatives from Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, a nonprofit organization right here in Sangamon County whose mission is to improve the health and wellness of people across the globe through the responsible donation of medical supplies, equipment, and support services to communities in need. Every \$1 donated sends \$7.00 in medical supplies and equipment!

We are so grateful to the Mission Outreach team for taking the time to share more about their incredible work and the impact they are making worldwide. We are also excited about the possibility of touring their facilities and the surrounding campus, including Corpus Christi Priory, St. Francis of Assisi Church, and the HSHS Sisters Museum. More information will be shared for anyone interested in participating.

Thank you to all the ladies who attended and helped make the evening such a success. Our hope for our Ladies Group is to create a welcoming place for the women of our parish, both young and young at heart, to gather in friendship, faith, community, and belonging. We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future!

Memorial mass at Rochester Cemetery, Monday, May 25th at 5:30pm. For Martin McCormick and all the deceased members of the St. Jude Parish.

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.

We are seeking donations for the CHWC group of individually packaged snacks and drinks for their mission trip this summer. Donations can be dropped off in the parish office anytime before Friday, June 12!

Requested items include:

Snacks: Beefy Jerky, Protein bars, Gold fish, Cheez-itz, M&M's, Nerd clusters (blue), Ghardetto's, Mike and Ikes, Oranges (cuties), Fruit by the foot, Cheez-itz (snack mix), Little Debbie donuts, Cosmic brownies, Baked lays, Oreos, Chips ahoy, Cheetos, Swedish fish

Drinks: Bubbl'r (blue, pink, green), Dr. Pepper, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sprite, Water, Peach tea flavored packet, Propel packets

Thank you for helping support our teens and adult volunteers as they prepare to serve at Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer!

If you have questions, please contact Peggy Cochran.

Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

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 †)
Monday, May 25th
 5:30pm Mass (Int: Martin McCormick †)
Tuesday, May 26th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Frances Lynam †)
Wednesday, 27th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Mary Ann Flanigan †)
Thursday, 28th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Bill Rodgers)
Friday, May 29th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Talon Thorton †)
Saturday, May 30th
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Edna Ryan †)
Sunday, May 31st
 8:00am Mass (Int: Virginia & Pius Chineke †)
 10:30am Mass (Int: Parish Family)

May Volunteers: Week 4

Monday, May 26th Counting Day:

Team #4

Church Dusters

Michelle Bertrand

May Aluminum Cans Recycle

Marty Coe

May Food Pantry Collection

Lyndsey & Nathan Houmes

Hearts in Christ Collection

Les & LuAnn White

Rochester Estates –4th Sunday of May

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Scheufele

Carriage Crossing – 4th Sunday of May

Eucharistic Minister: Isabel Long

Donut Sunday

Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates: **June 7th & 21st**

We look forward to seeing you!



Next Week Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 30th at 4:30 p.m.

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

Lectors: Donna Day & Mike Mankowski

Servers: D. Sommer, **Still Needed, Still Needed, Still Needed**

Hospitality: L. & F. Yocum, B. Auxier

Sacristan: Kay Foster

Sunday, May 31st at 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Walker, L. DeGroot, C. Leach

Lectors: Deona Kuntzman & Andrea Rench

Servers: J. & B. Britz, E. & R. Strawkas, C. Fitzsimmons

Hospitality: Y. Bradnis, L. Drewes, S. Martyn

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, May 31st at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Walker, C. Manning, V. Walker

Lectors: Sarah Kerley & Mark Maynerich

Servers: C. & C. Conway, T. & M. McKenzie, J. Powell

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

Sacristan: Helen Crusen

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

	This week	Year to date
Ordinary Envelopes	\$3,304.00	\$301,506.29
Renovation	\$40.00	\$36,149.00
Votives	\$12.00	\$948.67
Peter’s Pence	\$10.00	\$291.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$314.00	\$1,118.00
Easter Collection	\$25.00	\$5,390.00
Retired Priests	\$20.00	\$1,922.00
Catholic Communications	\$20.00	\$662.00
Loose cash & check	\$1,212.00	\$38,605.33
Weekly total	\$4,957.00	
YTD total		\$448,418.81

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

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

The Social Concerns Ministry will have a meeting at the Parish Center on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Compassionate Communication Series

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

Inquiring Minds ...

If you have not been baptized and are over the age of 7, or were baptized into another faith, and you are wanting to know more about the Catholic Church, the OCIA program might be what you're searching for. Deacon Tom and Vicki will be holding inquiry sessions on Thursday, June 4th and June 18th at 6:30PM in the parish center. If these dates are not convenient for you contact Deacon Tom at twalker@dio.org.



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Meet Fr. Tomy Philip SAC

Dear St. Jude Parish community,

It is with great joy that I introduce myself to you as Fr. Tomy Philip, part of the Congregation of Pallottine Fathers and Brothers. I am delighted to join your parish as the Parochial Administrator.

I was born on May 24, 1974, in the beautiful state of Kerala, India—rightly known as “God’s own country.” My family, a source of constant support and love, includes my parents, who are gracefully enjoying their golden years, as well as my brother and three sisters, all happily married.

After my ordination on May 5, 2004, I served a year in India’s remote missions, enriching my pastoral skills and strengthening my commitment to serving communities in need. I then dedicated four years as the Vocation Director for my congregation, guiding young men in discerning their priestly call.

In 2009, I was blessed with the opportunity to study in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University, where I obtained a License in Priestly Formation and subsequently pursued a Ph.D. During this period, I served as the Associate Pastor at *Regina Apostolorum* Parish, gaining invaluable pastoral experience over seven years.

After nine fulfilling years in Rome, I returned to India in 2018 to become the Rector at a minor seminary. This role allowed me to teach Theology and spirituality at various seminaries, feeding my passion for education. During that time, I also served as a parish pastor. I have been blessed by God to have spent over 30 years working in youth apostolate, guiding young people in their faith journey.

I began my ministry in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois on November 4, 2024, at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Springfield, where I served for seven months. Since June 2025, I have been serving as the Parochial Administrator of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Newton and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Ste. Marie.

Joining St. Jude Parish is an exciting step, and I look forward to meeting each of you, learning from you, and contributing positively to our parish life.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to share in your lives and grow in faith together. Let us build a welcoming, inclusive environment, strengthening one another in spirituality and service.

With blessings,

Fr. Tomy Philip SAC