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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



Baby Bottle Boomerang

RAISE \$100 TO RESCUE LIVES!

The Challenge:

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



Your \$100 raised will help pay for these patient needs:

- Abortion Pill Reversal
- Prenatal Vitamins
- Ultrasounds
- Pregnancy Tests
- Nausea Packets
- Patient Marketing
- Informational Brochures
- STD Tests

GOAL: \$35,000

First Step offers the following life-saving services for free:

Pregnancy Testing & Ultrasounds
Pregnancy Options Consultation

Limited STD Testing & Treatment
Referrals & Follow-Up Calls

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



Life217.org | Director@FirstStepWomensCenter.org
217.523.0102 | 215 South Grand Ave. W, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62704



Confirmation Class

We are so excited to celebrate our students who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion this past Tuesday evening! It was a beautiful Mass as they were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and received the Eucharist for the first time.

We congratulate Miles B., Jayce B., Lennox B., Paislee B., Jaxson G., Olivia J., Josephine S., and Jaci S. on this special milestone in their faith journey!

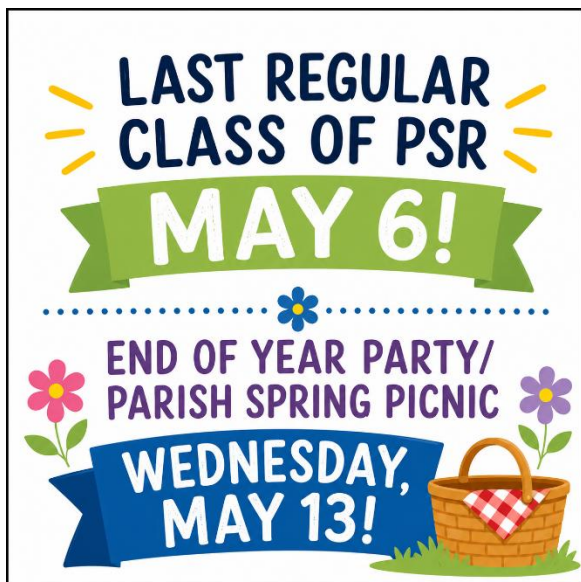
A huge thank you to our parents and sponsors for walking alongside these students and supporting them every step of the way, and a special thank you to catechist Angie Powell for her dedication, guidance, and care in preparing them for this important day.

Please continue to keep all of these young people in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith, grace, and love for Christ!



PSR

Since our 3rd grade class was confirmed this week, the focus of a few of our PSR classes on Wednesday was the Holy Spirit, Saints, and Confirmation itself! Our Kindergarten/1st grade class was a small but mighty crew this week, and got to make ribbon wands to show how, like the wind, we can't see the Holy Spirit, but we can feel it moving in our hearts and our lives!



Youth Group

As you can tell, our high schoolers have a blast at youth group each week! If you are a high schooler and haven't joined us, or haven't attended in a while, you're missing out! Please join us each Wednesday at 7 pm!

Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

Saturday, May 2nd
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Roberta “Bobbi” Hickey †)
Sunday, May 3rd
 8:00am Mass (Dan Connolly†)
 10:30am Mass (Int: Parish Family)
Monday, May 4th
 5:30pm Mass (Int: Stephen Crusen †)
Tuesday, May 5th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Stephen Crusen †)
Wednesday, May 6th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)
Thursday, May 7th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Alan Dahlkamp†)
Friday, May 8th
 7:15am Mass (Int: Mary Ann Flanigan)
Saturday, May 9th
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Roberta “Bobbi” Hickey †)
Sunday, May 10th
 8:00am Mass (Int: Parish Family)
 10:30am Mass (Int: Evelyn Conboy †)

May Volunteers: Week 1

Monday, May 4th Counting Day:

Team #1

Church Dusters

Barb Scheufele & Mary Duesterhaus

April Aluminum Cans Recycle

Marty Coe

April Food Pantry Collection

Lyndsey & Nathan Houmes

Hearts in Christ Collection

Les & LuAnn White

Rochester Estates –4th Sunday of April

Eucharistic Minister: Deona Kuntzman

Carriage Crossing – 4th Sunday of April

Eucharistic Minister: Dottie Anderson

Next Week Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, S. Roth,
Still Needed

Lectors: Donna Day & Isabel Long

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

Hospitality: K. Foster. M. & R. McClintock

Sacristan: Carol Mataya

Sunday, May 10th at 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, B. Hendricks, D.
 Kuntzman, C. Leach

Lectors: Bev Connolly & **Still Needed**

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

Hospitality: Y. Brandis, K. Park, **Still Needed**

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Tom, S.
 Kerley, M. Maynerich

Lectors: S. Nelson, E. Woehrmann

Servers: C. & C. Conway, A. Doehring, A. Felbon, R.
 Williams

Hospitality: C. & T. Bax, C. Manning

Sacristan: Helen Crusen

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

	This week	Year to date
Ordinary Envelopes	\$3,656.20	278,293.43
Renovation	\$2,105.00	\$30,097.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$20.00	\$820.00
Catholic Communications	\$2.00	\$47.00
Rice Bowl	\$15.00	\$647.02
Votives	\$36.00	\$921.00
Recycle	\$16.38	\$364.89
Poor Account	\$46.00	\$19,988.91
Mass Stipend	\$50.00	\$4,367.86
Weekly total	\$5,946.58	
YTD total		\$335,637.20

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

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

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



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.

Rummage Sale - HUGE Thanks!

Sending a massive thank you to everyone who helped make the Rummage Sale a HUGE success! For those who donated items, to those who assisted in sorting/sticking prices on items, those who worked the sale, and those who helped clean up- there is NO WAY we could have done it without you!!!!

Baby Bottle Campaign

Our church is once again participating in the First Step Women's Center Baby Bottle Campaign. Please take home an envelope and return it to the church to support First Step Women's Center in Springfield. First Step



Women's Center is a Christian organization striving to be the first step for women facing an unplanned pregnancy, transforming their fear into confidence, and empowering them to choose life. They provide women with ultrasounds, pregnancy testing, and STD testing all at no cost. They also provide counseling and pregnancy information and community resource referrals. Most of the women who go to First Step Women's Center are vulnerable and facing an unplanned pregnancy. Last year, more than 120 women at risk for abortion chose life after going to First Step Women's Center. Because the center is 100% funded by donations, your donation will go a long way in building a brighter culture of life in our community. Thank you!

Parish Blessing/Spring Picnic

Our final PSR night is Wednesday, May 13, and this year it will also include our Parish Blessing and Spring Picnic. All are invited to join us as we celebrate the updates to our church and bell tower!



The Parish Blessing begins at 6:00 PM, followed by the picnic at 6:30 PM. We will also recognize our catechists for their service, and we will still have one of our favorite and newest traditions, where Fr. Peter and our PSR Coordinator, Alicia Harney will be pried in the face by the winners of our PSR donation contest!

Please RSVP using the sign-up in the back of church or the Google Form on our Facebook page no later than May 10

Compassionate Communications Small Group Meetings

Compassionate Communication Series
Starts: May 4 | 1:00–3:00 PM | Parish Center
Duration: 14 weeks

Don't let the 14-week commitment intimidate you! While consistent attendance is encouraged for the best experience, we welcome you to join as your schedule allows. The course book will help you stay on track even if you miss a session. Space is still available, join us as you are able.

Donut Sunday

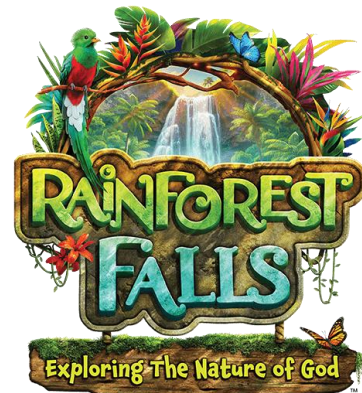
Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates: **May 10th and 24th**

We look forward to seeing you!



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.





DIocese OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This May, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). I invite you to give prayerful consideration to supporting this important effort. Fifty percent of the funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, while the other half supports Catholic communication initiatives across the United States and around the world.

Through *Catholic Times*, social media, videos, podcasts, and other digital platforms, our diocese is using a wide range of tools to share the inspiring stories of people in our diocese, teach the faith, and offer hope and encouragement to people wherever they may be in their spiritual journey.

In recent years, engagement with our diocesan media has grown significantly. Our social media channels now reach more people than dioceses of similar size—and even some that are much larger. For instance, our Facebook page has grown from about 3,000 followers seven years ago to more than 13,000 today. Likewise, our YouTube channel has expanded from fewer than 500 subscribers in 2020 to over 20,000 today. This growth reflects the meaningful, inspiring, and educational content created by our diocesan team.

Our official podcast, *Dive Deep*, reaches listeners around the world and is even featured by EWTN on its podcast central platform. In addition, our communications team has produced the documentaries *God is Alive* and *God is Alive Part 2*, highlighting powerful stories of faith and miraculous events across the Midwest. More recently, the video series *One Mile Talks*—featuring priests sharing their vocation stories, personal interests, and moments of humor—has also resonated with many viewers.

With your generous support, we can continue to create impactful content that brings people closer to Christ and, for some, even back to the Church.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity.

Parishioners can donate online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections or use their second collection envelope. You can also mail your donation to your parish office. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccc. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois