



St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria and Doctor of the Church

St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria and Doctor of the Church, is a towering figure in the history of Christianity. He is renowned for his unwavering defense of the divinity of Christ against the Arian heresy. Born in 296 AD, he became a staunch defender of the Nicene Creed and the orthodox teaching that Jesus Christ is consubstantial with the Father. His life was marked by deep theological insight and immense courage, enduring exile and hardship for his commitment to the truth of the Gospel. St. Athanasius walked the talk of the Christian life.

His legacy lies not only in his theological writings, such as *On the Incarnation*, which I wrote on in one of my term papers during my seminary studies, explores the mystery of God becoming man. The work also explores St. Athanasius' unwavering pastoral care for his flock. His leadership in Alexandria (a city in North Africa) especially during the tumultuous times of the Arian controversy, reminds us of the strength needed to stand firm in faith amidst persecution and controversy. He was exiled multiple times for his stance, yet his resolve never wavered.

Through his example, St. Athanasius teaches us the importance of theological integrity, the value of persistence in the face of opposition, and the need for a deep, personal relationship with Christ.

His defense of the truth continues to inspire Christians today to be bold in their witness to the faith, even in the face of challenges.

Athanasius' life is a testimony to the power of God's grace, which enables us to remain steadfast in truth, even when confronted with the forces of doubt and error. His legacy continues to enrich the Church, especially in the areas of Christology and church leadership.

Fr. Peter



April 26-May 5, 2025

I kneel before you, O Virgin Mother of God, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the compassionate mother of all who love you, cry to you, seek you, and trust in you. I plead for the Church at a time of great trial and danger for her. As you came to the rescue of the Church at Tepeyac in 1531, please intercede for the Sacred College of Cardinals gathered in Rome to elect the Successor of Saint Peter, Vicar of Christ, Shepherd of the Universal Church.

At this tumultuous time for the Church and for the world, plead with your Divine Son that the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, His Mystical Body, will humbly obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Through your intercession, may they choose the most worthy man to be Christ's Vicar on earth. With you, I place all my trust in Him Who alone is our help and salvation. Amen.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in Thee, have mercy upon us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Virgin Mother of God and Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us!

Raymond Leo Cardinal BURKE

Prayer for our Parish Pilgrimage!



God bless the path on which you go.
God bless the earth beneath your feet.
God bless your destination.
God be a smooth way before you,
A guiding star above you,
A keen eye behind you
This day, this night, and forever.

God be with you whatever you pass.
Jesus be with you whatever you climb.
Spirit be with you wherever you stay.

God be with you at each stop and each sea,
At each lying down and each rising up,
In the trough of the waves,
on the crest of the billows
each step of the journey you take.

The Path by Ray Simpson

Coffee and Donuts

We are hosting Coffee and Donuts
THIS WEEKEND- May 4th between
the two Sunday Masses!
Our next day is 18th!



Celebrate Christian Unity: 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

Here is the [link](#) for your parishioners to use to join in the celebration: [Ecumenical celebration of the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea – Diocese of Springfield in Illinois](#)

Join **Bishop Thomas John Paprocki**, and other Christian leaders for an *Ecumenical Celebration of the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea* on **Sunday, May 4, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield.**

Rosary Wednesday!



There will be NO Rosary Wednesday on May 7th or 14th.
We will update you about the summer soon!



Prayer for the Chatham Community

We come before you with heavy hearts, offering our prayers and support to the families and community members affected. We know that words can be inadequate to express the depth of our concern, but we offer our love and compassion in this time of profound grief.

We pray for all those impacted, asking for your healing touch to mend their physical wounds and to soothe their emotional pain. May they find strength and courage to navigate the days ahead, knowing that they are not alone.

We also pray for the families involved, who are struggling with the weight of this loss. May you wrap them in your comforting arms, providing solace and support during this difficult time. We ask for your guidance as they seek to understand and find peace.

We lift up all those affected, asking for your presence and guidance

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Faith Formation Update



Thursday, May 8: 3-8pm
Friday, May 9: 8am-6pm
Saturday, May 10: 7am-Noon



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!

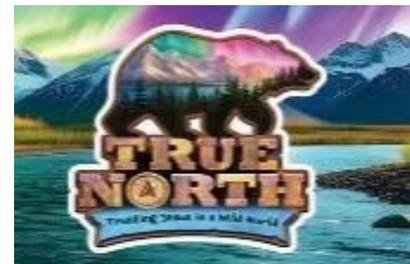
Some dates up in the air due to scheduling/leader availability include May 21, July 8, and July 22. We will NOT have a meeting on June 10 due to the Mission Trip!

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

Faith Formation Schedule

April 30:	Rosary Wednesday, 6pm PSR, 6:30-7:30pm HS Youth Group, 7:45-8:45pm
May 7:	Rosary Wednesday, 6pm Final Day of PSR- PSR Party! HS Youth Group, 7:45-8:45pm
May 8-9:	Parish Rummage Sale
May 13:	Confirmation at the Cathedral Pt. 2
May 14:	Ladies Night, 5:30-7:30pm HS Youth Group following event
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

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-5th 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!



Ladies Night

Wednesday, May 14th
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!

PSR May Crowning!

PSR had a May Crowning this week! We gathered for prayer; our newly confirmed girls placed the wreath on Mary's head; and then each child placed a flower at the feet of Mary before we gathered for a group picture! It is always such a great way to honor Mary!



End of the Year PSR Party!!



We will end our PSR year on Wednesday, May 7th with a party!

We will meet at the pavilion for dinner- so send your kiddos to PSR hungry! We will have hotdogs and chips for sure but the remainder of the menu is still being worked out!

Following dinner, we will have catechist recognitions along with recognitions for those who received sacraments!

THEN....the winning class of the Pie Contest will be awarded their prize of putting pies in the faces of Jennifer and Fr. Peter! If you want to witness this, please join us at about 7:15pm!

More Wednesday Updates!

Our K/1 Class learned more about Mary. Both our 2nd and 3rd Grade Classes talked about Confirmation Saints! Our 4-5th Grade Class had a lesson on Peer Pressure. Our 6-8th Grade Class wrapped up their study of the Bible!

A few of our high schoolers attended the Candlelight Vigil in Chatham while a whopping 18 youth congregated in our very cozy room where after sharing our "highs and lows" for the week we had a prayer service of our own for the Chatham Community followed by a very heartfelt discussion and sharing about the impacts of this tragedy and who we should pray for. Holt closed us out in prayer as usual!

Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, May 3rd:
 4:30 pm Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
Sunday, May 4th:
 8:00 am Mass (Int: Kimberly Brandis†)
 10:30 am Mass (Int: Juanita Kirkman†)
Monday, May 5th:
 5:30 pm Mass (Int: Carolyn Carmichael†)
Tuesday, May 6th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Karin O'Brien†)
Wednesday, May 7th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Lynn Leach†)
Thursday, May 8th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Gil Deimel†)
Friday, May 9th:
 7:30am Mass (Int: Ed Bedore†)
Saturday, May 10th:
 4:30 pm Mass (Int: Betty Coet†)
Sunday, May 11th:
 8:00 am Mass (Int: Gil Deimel†)
 10:30 am Mass (Int: Ed Bedore†)

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, May 10th- 4:30 pm
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Chiola & Dcn. Walker
Lectors: I.Long and D. Day
Servers: **NEEDED**
Hospitality: J. Sponsler and M. & R. McClintock
Sacristans: Dcn. Walker

Sunday, May 11th – 8:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter & Dcn. Walker
Lectors: K. Blumhorst and D. Anderson
Servers: E. Strawkas
Hospitality: L. McWard and D. & L. Wuellner
Sacristan: Z. Dahlkamp

Sunday, May 11th- 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter & Dcn. Roth
Lectors: S. Nelson and E. Woehrmann
Servers: R. Roth
Hospitality: D. Roark and **NEEDED**
Sacristan: H. Crusen
CLOW: Beth Auxier

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

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 170,906.60
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 895.00	\$ 53,450.00
Renovation Fund Env's	\$ 130.00	\$ 41,515.00
EFT-Renovation Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,284.00
Loose Checks	\$ 3,385.00	\$ 59,801.01
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 512.20	\$ 19,399.16
Total this Week:	\$ 7,527.20	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 388,257.62

May 2025 Volunteers: Week #1

Monday, May 5th, Counting Day:

Team #1

Church Dusters:

Barb Scheufele & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

May Aluminum Cans Recycle:

Jan Pietras

May St. Martin de Porres Food:

Lyndsey & Nathan Houmes

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:

Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council 9640

Charity * Unity * Service * Fraternity

Talk with any Knight about joining our call.

The Grand Knight

Mark Schudel, (217) 720-7158

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 the 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 2nd 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, 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 Hendricks

Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendricks

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 Hendricks

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

