



CHURCH OF SAINT JUDE

ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

633 S. Walnut Street, P.O. Box 47, Rochester, IL 62563-0047



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a People of God, under the guidance of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through Worship, Service, Formation, and Living the values of Christ in the community. **As a community of Faith**, we are open to God's Spirit and the future challenges of Christian life. **We welcome all** who seek God and embrace those who need healing in their lives. **Let us Journey Together.** (St. Jude Pray for us!)

“Be an Intentional Disciple”

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Parish Office Manager	Sara Garcia
Deacon	Deacon Tom (Vicki) Walker
(Retired) Deacon	Deacon Ray (Sue) Roth
Director of Religious Education	Jennifer Frericks
Director of Safe Environment	Stacey Harrison
Director of Homebound Ministry	Frances Yocom
Physical Plant Director	Dean Bailey
Music Ministry	Sue Lutz
Art & Environment Committee	Evelyn Deimel
Building & Grounds Committee	Steve Warren
Respect Life	Beth Auxier & Isabel Long
Social Concerns	Jim Havera and Kate Carroll
Martha's Group	Donna Day, Linda Drewes & Connie Leach
Sacristy Linens:	Lenna Degroot, Mary Ann Egizio, Edna Saputo
Baptismal Garments	Ruth Ann Helling
Pastor	Reverend Peter Chineke

Pastoral Council: Erik Woehrmann (Chair)
Peggy Cochran (Vice Chair), Kellie Brewer,
Mary Bruno, Brent Leach,

Sue Martyn, Cathy Manning, Dan Ryan,
Mike Mankowski, Christopher Schmit
Deacon Tom Walker and Fr. Peter Chineke.
(Beth Auxier: Recording Secretary)

Pastoral Council Youth Representatives:
Paige Szabados and Eleanor Schudel

Finance Council: Jim Lauwerens (Chair)
Janet Foster, Barry Houmes, Brian Brewer,
Mike McNicholas, Bev Connolly, Sarah Kerley
and Fr. Peter Chineke.

Knights of Columbus Council # 9640

Mark Schudel, Grand Knight

Meet at 7:00 p.m. on Third Tuesday of each Month.



Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday: Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Monday 5:30 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
(Anytime by appointment)

Baptism: Date set after Pre-Jordan Session.

Marriage: 6-month preparation period.

RCIA: Contact Father Peter or Deacon Tom

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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November 30th, 2025

35th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Sunday of Advent

HAPPY NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

The Season of Advent, one of the oldest liturgical observances in the Catholic Church, is a sacred time that blends HISTORY, HOPE, and HOLY expectation. Emerging as early as the 4th and 5th centuries, Advent was originally a period of preparation for the feast of Epiphany, marked by fasting and prayer. Over time, the Church deepened its understanding of this season as a four-week journey toward the mystery of the Incarnation. By the Middle Ages, Advent became firmly rooted as the solemn yet joyful preparation for Christmas, inviting the faithful into a rhythm of anticipation that mirrors Israel's centuries-long longing for the Messiah.

Advent is a season of watchfulness, echoing the scriptural cry, "Prepare the way of the Lord" (Isa 40:3). Its violet vestments recall both REPENTANCE and ROYALTY, pointing toward a King who comes in humility. The Advent wreath, with its growing light, symbolizes the dawning hope that breaks into the world's darkness through Christ, the "Light of the nations." Each candle – prophecy, Bethlehem, shepherds, and angels – draws us deeper into salvation history.

But Advent is not only about remembering Christ's first coming. It is also about awakening our hearts to His presence now and preparing for His return in glory. The season calls every child of God to slow down, reflect, and re-center life on God's promises. It invites us to cultivate longing, renew faith, and allow Christ to be born anew within us. Thus, Advent remains a profound spiritual pilgrimage: a journey from darkness to light, from waiting to fulfillment, and from promise to divine encounter.

As your pastor, I sincerely encourage you to begin this season of hope by going to CONFESSiON and making a commitment to attend Masses every weekend and on Holy Days of Obligation throughout the new year that starts today.

Fr. Peter

Job Opening – Parish Secretary
St. Jude Catholic Church in Rochester is looking for a Parish Secretary. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at (217) 498-9197 to obtain the job description and schedule an interview.

MINISTERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES

It's hard to believe but the Christmas holiday season is just around the corner. We know that a lot of folks will be traveling for the holidays so rather than randomly scheduling ministers for the Masses, we are asking that you sign up for any ministries you might be able to serve. There are signup sheets on the table as you enter the Church. Please be generous with your time so that our Masses will be the most beautiful and prayerful possible. Thank you in advance.



Art and Environment Committee

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for our Christmas planning meeting.

We appreciate your suggestions and, especially, your commitment to preparing the church for the Christmas celebration.

Wednesday, 3 December 2025, at 5:30 pm in the church.

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



Knights of Columbus Council 9640 is selling
"Keep Christ in Christmas" Yard Signs
Proceeds go to help offset the costs of Parish Youth
going on the St. Jude Pilgrimage to Rome.



24" X 18" \$15 Each

For Sale After Mass While Supplies Last



Stakes Included

St. Jude's Christmas Pasta Dinner

Join Us for an Evening of Food, Fellowship, and Holiday Cheer!

Date: Friday, December 12, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Food Served: 6:00 PM

Location: St. Jude Church Parish Center

Enjoy a Delicious Menu!

- Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce
- Joe Rupnik's Special Salad
- Breadsticks
- Desserts



Support Our Youth!!!!

Dinner will be Served by St. Jude Youth



Attendees are encouraged to Donte to support the Parish Youth attending the Pilgrimage to Rome. Your generosity will help offset their travel costs for this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage!

Music and Fun!!!

Entertainment will be provided by the St. Jude Choir with Special Performance by the PSR Angel Choir.



Celebrate the season with a warm meal, great company, and the spirit of giving!

CHRISTMAS FRIENDS SCHEDULE:

Thank you to everyone who adopted a Christmas Friend. Following is the remaining schedule:

All gifts are to be collected after each mass in the PARISH CENTER on November 29 and 30 and December 6 and 7.

Sorting will take place on December 10 in the parish center at 6:30pm and delivery will



Sunday following 8am Mass:
December 7th, 2025.

Youth Trip to Rome

This August some of our youth will be traveling to Rome to visit Pope Leo XIV. To help offset some of their expenses, we will be holding several monthly 50/50 raffles. Tickets will be sold after each of the Masses, one ticket for \$2.00 or seven tickets for \$5.00. Each monthly drawing will be held after the 10:30 Mass on the last Sunday of the month. This drawing will determine the lucky winner for that month. Tickets will be sold beginning in December and will be repeated each month through July. We look forward to your participation each month in this easy fundraiser.

Butter Braid Pick-Up Schedule!

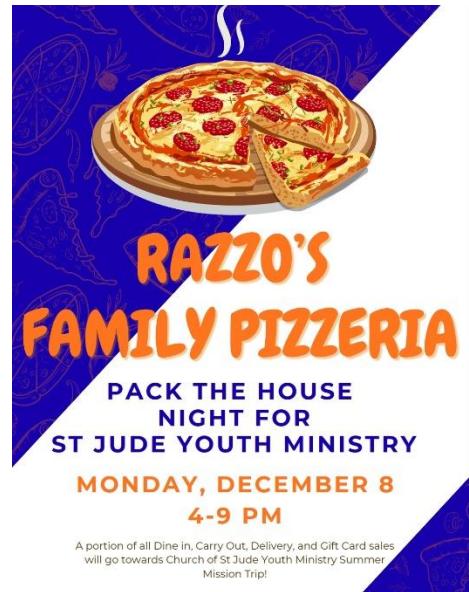
December 3rd: 2-6 pm

December 4th: 10 am-1 pm

**December 7th: after 10:30 am Mass
until 12:30 pm**

NOTE:

**If none of these times work, please contact
Alicia to make other arrangements!**



We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service. Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support. I invite you to contribute towards this collection. Thank you and God Bless.

Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

	Saturday, November 29th:
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Raymond and Maryann Ruppel †)
	Sunday, November 23rd:
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Lynn Leach†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Brent Manning†)
5:30pm	Monday, December 1st : Mass Delbert Collings and Carolyn Collings Carmichael
	Tuesday, November 25th:
7:15 am	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly †)
	Wednesday, December 3rd:
7:15 am	Mass Intentions : † Evelyn Conolly
	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
	Thursday, December 4th:
7:15am	Mass (Int: Harry Nickles†)
	Friday, December 5th:
7:15am	Frances Crouser † Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
	Saturday, Defcember 6:
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Rita Spannagel†)
	Sunday, December 7th:
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Al Urbanckas†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Virigina Chineke†)

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

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary EnVs	\$ 2,881.00	\$ 65,230.00
EFT-Ordinary		\$ 5,350.00
Rennovation Fund EnVs	\$ 703.00	\$ 6,284.00
EFT-Renovation Fund		\$ 245.00
Loose Checks	\$ 560.00	\$ 25,656.00
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 545.30	\$ 8,225.53
Total this Week:	\$ 4,689.30	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 116,112.63

December Volunteers: Week #1**Monday, December 1st Counting Day:**

Team #1

Church Dusters:

Barb Scheufele and Mary Duesterhaus

December Aluminum Cans Recycle:

Will O'Brien

December St. Martin de Porres Food:

Jay White

Rochester Estates' 2nd Sunday of the Month**Eucharistic Minister:****Carriage Crossing's 2nd Sunday of the Month**
Eucharistic Minister:**Liturgy Schedule****Saturday, December 6th - 4:30 pm****Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Walker, M. Bruno, B. Auxier**Lectors:** V. Walker, M. Mankowski**Servers:** D. Sommer, O. Rench**Hospitality:** L and F Yocom**Sacristans:** C. Mataya, K. Foster**Saturday, December 7th – 8:00 am****Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, J and N Calvert, B. Connolly**Lectors:** H. and J. Hendrickson**Servers:** B. and J. Britz**Hospitality:** A. and O. Rench and B. Young**Sacristans:** Z. Dahlkamp**Sunday, December 7th - 10:30 am****Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Roth**Lectors:** S. Nelson, S. Schmit**Servers:** Harney, R. Roth, J. Powell**Hospitality:** T. and C. Bax, Channing, D. Roark**Sacristans:** H. Crusen**Advertiser of the Week:****Prayer for the Sick**

O glorious Saint Camillus, special patron of the sick poor, who for forty years, with truly heroic charity, did devote yourself to the relief of their temporal and spiritual necessities, be pleased to assist them now even more generously, since you are blessed in heaven and they have been committed by Holy Church to your powerful protection.

Obtain for them from Almighty God the healing of all their maladies, or, at least, the spirit of Christian patience and resignation that may sanctify them and comfort them in the hour of their passing to eternity; at the same time obtain for us the precious grace of living and dying after your example in the practice of divine love. Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary,
Glory be to the Father.*



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 Yocom 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 Carell, Morgan Culbertson, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, Kaitlyn Galman, Henry Gartner, Noah Harney, Paul Harris, Jerry Jasinski, Betty Limper, Marilyn Merkley, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Suzanne Moss, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Frances Tomashavich, Bill & Laurie White, *Jill Whitney, Patrick Witcik, and Ehren Woehrmann

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Mary Aplington – sister of Beth Yong
John Aplington – brother of Beth Yong
Mary Barrow – sister of Leigh Ann Szabados
Carolyn Binion – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux
Tamie Bottoms-Smith – cousin of Char Weitekamp
John Brunsman – father of Laura Horstman
Steven Butts – brother of Michelle Bullock
Atticus Cassidy – cousin of Steve Decker
Leo Conway – father of Gary Conway
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
Leo J. Dougherty – brother-in-law of Frances Yocom
Sarah Egizio – daughter-in-law of Mary Ann Egizio
Frank Emerson – brother-in-law of Jean McDonald

Jason & Molly Everitt & Family – nephew & niece of Lenna DeGroot

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

Carole Fulcher - friend of Pat Carlisle

Cindy Frericks- mother-in-law of Jennifer Frericks

Ken Frericks- father-in-law of Jennifer Frericks

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

Jennifer Harbeck - cousin of Brad Zack

Brandon Harris – grandson of Les & LuAnn White

Oaklynn Harrison – granddaughter of Stacey Harrison

Missy Houmes - sister of Barry Houmes

Chad Kunkle – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family

Jim Kirbach – friend of the Hendricksons

Carol Kirby – friend of Ginger Rentschler

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

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 – 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

Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell

Father Zach Patibandla – our 2025 summer priest

Mike Patterson – father of Lori Farris

Mary Poeling – cousin of Maggie Patterson

Sabrina Rice – niece of Beth Auxier

Tom Ridley – nephew of Frances Yocom

Mark & Chris Riedle – family of Tess & David Riedle

Teresa Rouse – friend of Jane Molohon

***Joe Rupnick** – friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno

Bud Saputo- brother of Vito and Edna Saputo

Joe Saputo – brother of Vito & Edna Saputo

***Sue Speary** – friend of 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

Ron & Kim Thompson – friends of Emma Van Dyke

Judy Waidman – aunt of Jim and Christina Lauwerens

Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell

Vicki Will – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer

Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

Sharon White- Laurie White Sister

Tommy Regan- Friend of Frances Yocom