



Opportunities for Ministries and Service

One of the wonderful aspects of parish membership is the limitless opportunities for service. What's even more remarkable is how the services we provide in our parish churches help to strengthen our faith and connection to our parish family. Over the years, various research statistics have consistently shown that, for the most part, members of a church community who are involved in a ministry or service are generally happier with their faith and church. They also tend to be noticeably more stable in their social and spiritual connections to family, friends, and their faith and parish, serving as unifying factors.

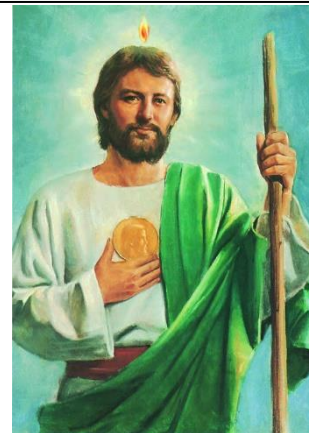
At St. Jude Catholic Church, we have many opportunities for ministries and service. Some of the roles we urgently need to fill include sacristans, altar servers, lectors, choir members, cantors, and ushers/hospitality. In addition to these liturgical ministries, we also have service committees that require members. There are multiple service committees, allowing every parishioner to join at least one. We will soon post a list of these ministries and service committees along with their responsibilities on the bulletin board.

We need to fill up these ministries and service opportunities to make our liturgies and activities more attractive and vibrant. It's crucial to understand how these ministries and services to our parish family strengthen our faith and bond us in more fervent spiritual friendships as children of God.

We will have training meetings for altar servers on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, during the PSR session. The following day, on Thursday, September 19, 2024, we will have a training meeting for lectors and sacristans at 6:30 in the evening. Both trainings will take place inside the Church. Please mark your calendar for these dates and participate accordingly. May the good Lord continue to bless and strengthen us in our resolve to serve him and his church with our time and talents. Amen.

Have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Peter



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.

Fan Drive – Helping Hands in Christ

We are once again collecting new or gently used FANS or small AIR CONDITIONER WINDOW UNITS or ROOM UNITS.



Please drop Fans or Air Conditioner units at the Parish Center or the back of the church near the wooden box.

If you have any questions please contact Jeannette Waters at (217) 652-4039 or (217) 529-7280.



Sew N Sews

Saturday, September 14th

10 am – 3 pm in the Parish Center

We create, snack and socialize! Join us for all or part of the day. We look forward to seeing you.



Thursday, Sept. 12th

In the Parish Center from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Come share fellowship, delicious refreshments, and Bunco (or learn how to play). All women of the parish and community are invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE:

PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, Sept. 7th

after 4:30pm outdoor Mass

**overflow parking available*



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
OCIA
A Journey of Faith

You are invited to explore our Catholic Faith

Beginning after Labor Day, we will begin a process of welcoming into our Catholic Faith. Watch this space for details.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the Catholic Church's way of initiating new members. OCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart bring one to Jesus Christ. It is a warm welcome to our Christian Community.

**Please call the office to sign up.*

Taizé Prayer

A Franciscan Centenary Celebration (1224-2024)



Franciscans observe the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi on September 17 which is an estimated date of his receiving the wounds of Christ at Mount La Verna (Italy) in 1224.

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

free and open to the public

St. Francis of Assisi Church

4867 LaVerna Road

Springfield, IL 62707

Faith Formation Update



Jennifer's Hours!

I am available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday I will be available 9am-2pm.

With PSR beginning this week, my Wednesday hours are 2-9pm. When there is no PSR, I will be available 9am-4pm.

Faith Formation Schedule

Sept. 4:	PSR and Propelled Returns! PSR will be 6:30-7:30pm Propelled will be from 7:45-8:45pm
Sept. 11:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Sept. 18:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Server Training, during PSR Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Sept. 19:	Adult Faith Formation Returns, 10am Luncheon included!
Sept. 25:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Sept. 26:	NO Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 2:	NO PSR or Propelled Rochester Homecoming Parade
Oct. 3:	Adult Faith Formation, 10am
Oct 9:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Oct. 10:	Adult Faith Formation, 10am
Oct. 16:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Oct. 17:	NO Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 23:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Oct. 24:	NO Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 30:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Trunk or Treat following PSR Propelled (HS), following Trunk or Treat
Oct. 31:	Adult Faith Formation, 10am

Louisville, KY!

Our youth group will be heading to



Louisville, KY June 8-13, 2025!

If you are interested in joining us, please let Jennifer know so she can send the paperwork!

It is a great opportunity and Louisville will be a great experience!

All paperwork and the \$100 registration fee will be due September 18th!

Catechetical Sunday!

Mark your calendars for Catechetical Sunday the weekend of September 14/15th! At these Masses, our catechists are recognized and given a blessing! Please join us in celebrating our catechists and their call to share their faith!

PSR!

Our Parish School of Religion will begin on September 4th!

We will be kicking off the year with a Mass together!

Please come to the parish center and be sure to be

checked in by 6:30pm. The

children will go to their classrooms, and then their teacher will walk them over!

PARENTS! Please attend this Mass! You are the first catechist to your children so seeing you in attendance as well, is very important!

A SIGN-UP GENIUS email has gone out to sign up to serve, take up the gifts, and read! Please be sure to check your emails for that!





High School Youth Group "Propelled"

If interested in joining us, please contact Jennifer!

We **WILL return** to our normal Wednesday night schedule on September 4 from 7:45-8:45p.

High Schoolers are invited to attend the Mass on September 4th and participate in the ministries! Your presence as the "big kids" is a huge deal so we would love to have you!

CLOW Returns!

(Children's Liturgy of the Word)

We now have 4 volunteers, myself included! I would love ONE more volunteer for the 10:30am Mass to teach the lesson AND then I need volunteers who would be ready to assist each of these teachers, so there is always 2 adults with the children! Please let Jennifer know if you are interested in helping!

We will assess how things are going and if the need for this program arises for additional Masses, we will make adjustments!



Adult Faith Formation Returns!

We will be beginning the second half of our Bible study! **We**

will begin September 19 at 10am.

Please RSVP for September 19, as Evelyn is providing a luncheon for us!

After that, here are our meeting dates:

October 3, 10, and 31

November 7, 14, and 21

December 5, 12, and 19

January 9, 16, and 23

ALL meetings begin at 10am

Cursillo is a 3-day experience! Those attending pray together, celebrate Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious and laypersons, and share fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. If interested, please contact Joe & Kristin Kohlrus at 217-652-5393.

Upcoming 2022 Cursillo Dates:

#371 September 12-15 (Men's)

#372 November 7-10 (Women's)

#373 January 23-26 (Men's)

#374 February 20-23 (Women's)



SERVER TRAINING!

We will be having a server training on September 18th during PSR classes! We will have all our current 4th-8th graders and any

interested high schooler participate in this training! We feel it is important for ALL to be a part this training and valuable learning experience.

Following the training, any interested children will be given a commitment form to take home and I will follow up with the parents to be sure the child is able to be put on the serving schedule!

We will have pizza for everyone afterwards!

QUEST

Quest is a fast-paced 24-hour (Friday- Saturday) Christian experience for 13 to 15 year olds. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, exciting, amusing, thoughtful, and carefree surrounding. A time to meet new people while praying, playing, singing, and sharing with them. Quest gives you the chance to search for the real you.

If interested, contact Fr. Peter or Jennifer!

Upcoming Dates:

#101 Oct. 4-5

#102 Dec. 13-1

Jennifer Fricks

Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, August 31st:	
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Mike Sponsler†)
Sunday, Sept. 1st:	
8:00 am	Mass (Int: For the people)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
Monday, Sept. 2nd:	
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Evelyn Mertz†)
Tuesday, Sept. 3rd:	
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Eldon & Marian Auxier†)
Wednesday, Sept. 4th:	
6:00 pm	Mass (Int: Barb Sinkus†)
Thursday, Sept. 5th:	
7:00 am	Mass (Int: Allan Dahlkamp†)
Friday, Sept. 6th:	
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Lynn Leach†)
Saturday, Sept. 7th:	
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: For the People)
Sunday, Sept. 8th:	
8:00 am	No Mass
10:30 am	No Mass

Liturgy Schedule - Next Weekend

Saturday, Sept. 7th - 4:30 pm

Euch. Min.: Priest, Dcn. Tom & V. Walker, Dcn. Ray

Lectors: S. Kerley and S. Roth

Servers: A. & M. Zucco

Hospitality: L. Drewes and J. & D. Kratz

Advertiser of the week

**American Bank
of Freedom** 
NMLS#409183

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

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 4,333.00	\$ 40,600.00
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 4,240.00	\$ 14,400.00
Dev. Fund Env's	\$ 188.00	\$ 1,779.00
EFT-Dev. Fund	\$ 325.00	\$ 1,236.00
Loose Checks	\$ 840.00	\$ 15,142.81
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 453.00	\$ 3,533.35
Poor Fund	\$ 55.00	\$ 999.00
Assumpt. of the BVM	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,584.00
Church in Africa	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Total this Week:	\$ 10,459.00	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 79,334.16

September Volunteers: Week #1

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, Counting Day:

Team #1

Church Duster:

Barb Scheufele & Mary Duesterhaus

September Aluminum Cans Recycle

Del Reeves

September St. Martin de Porres Food:

Woehrmann family

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's possible for him to visit.

Please call the Parish Office at (217) 498-9197 for the anointing and/or a hospital visit.

Dates to Remember

Server Training

Wednesday, Sept. 18

6:30 p.m. in Parish Center at PSR

Lector Training

Thursday, Sept. 19

6:30 p.m. in the Church

Please remember the elderly and homebound of our parish in your daily prayer.

God bless them all, and

Eucharistic Ministers taking communion to Carriage Crossing & Rochester Estates at 9:15 am every Sunday, 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.

Pray for Parishioners – JoAnn Camille, Ann Carel, Carolyn Carmichael, Evelyn Conboy, Shirley Crawford, Lenna DeGroot, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Helen Dulle, Gary Dumonceaux, Paul Harris, Jerry Jasinski, Janet Kalb, Jillian Kohlrus, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Jim Nelson, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, 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, Ron Wojcicki, Richard Yong.

*** = new this week**

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Ralph Allen – loved one of Beth Auxier

Mary Aplington – sister of Beth Yong

Bob & John Aplington – brothers of Beth Yong

Carolyn Binion – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux

John Brunsman – father of Laura Horstman

Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock

Leo Conway – father of Gary Conway

Judy Conway - friend of Maggie Patterson

Eddie Cook – friend of Lenna DeGroot family

Dave & Trish Crusen – brother of Tom Crusen

Steve & Chris Crusen – brothers of Tom Crusen

Linda Curtis – sister of Connie Leach

***Kelly Diaz** – niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

Frank Emerson- brother-in-law of Jean McDonald

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 – daughter & granddaughter of Bill & Laurie White

Steven Godar - father of Dennis Godar

Jennifer Harbeck - cousin of Brad Zack

Jennie Harling - sister of Leanne Collings

Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendrickses

Glen Limper - son of Al & Betty Limper

Francis Lynam - son-in-law of Tom & Helen Crusen

Robin Mahnken – friend of Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski

Diane McClelland - sister of Roberta Vanover

Mitchell McDevitt – son of Steph McDevitt, Rochester

Paula McDonald- sister-in-law to Jean McDonald

Donna Meyers - mother of Kellie Brewer

Kenny Miller- friend of Lenna DeGroot

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

Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell

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

Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich

Rita Spannagel, mother of Jill Whitney

Russ Steil- father of Teresa O'Sullivan

Edward Stein – brother of LuAnn White

Mary Stewart – friend of Suzanne Moss

Tom Uzzo- brother-in-law of Jane Molohon

Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell

Mike Wilkin- brother of Leigh Ann Szabados

Ministries- Intentional Discipleship Parish

School of Religion (PSR) Faculty:

Jennifer Frericks (Director), Peggy Cochran, Alicia Harney, Angie Powell, Carrie Zucco, Connie Leach, Lindsey Batten, Tim Schmitz, and

Brinley Torres (K/1 classroom helper), and Frances Tomashavich (volunteer)

Buildings & Grounds Committee:

Steve Warren - Chair, Joe Petty, John Petit, Scott Settles, Dennis Weitekamp, Fr. Peter

Art & Environment Committee:

Evelyn Deimel- Chair, Gil Deimel, Joe & Anna Deen, Darlene Kratz, Jan Sponsler, Tess Riedle, Edna Saputo, Kathleen Quinn, Marilyn Merkley, Karen Johnson, Carolyn Pemberton, Rita Williams & Ellen Woehrmann

Vocations Committee:

Marc Zucco, Carrie Zucco, Steve Kapple, Katie Joshu, Mike Mankowski and Karen Mankowski

Helping Hands in Christ- Social Concerns:

Jeff & Ty White – Co-Chairs, Hartzel & Mary Bruno, Jim & Kate Havera, Leann Flesch, Jeanette Waters & Fr. Peter

Sew & Sews Outreach Committee:

Barb Scoggins – Chair, Sue Bozarth, Helen Crusen, Kay Foster, Ruth Ann Helling, Mary Beth McClintock, Jan Pietras, Diana Rowden, Donna Spurlock, Marge Possley, Cheri Vogt, Rita Williams, Carrie, Molly & Adele Zucco