



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 Yocum
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.

Office Telephone Numbers

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September 14th, 2025

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gun Violence and Our Call to Peaceful Coexistence

Gun violence is one of the deepest wounds in our society today. Each act of violence shatters not only the life of the victim but also the fabric of families, parishes, and communities. As Catholics, we believe every human life is sacred, created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). When a life is cut short by violence, the dignity of God's creation is desecrated.

Our culture often glorifies power, domination, and weapons as signs of strength. Yet Christ calls us to another way: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Gun violence reveals how far we have drifted from the Gospel of peace. It fosters fear, mistrust, and division, making neighborhoods feel like battlegrounds rather than communities of hope.

The Church calls us to form consciences that resist this culture of death and embrace a

life (Evangelium Vitae, 1995). We are invited to respond not with despair, but with faith-filled action: comforting those who mourn, advocating

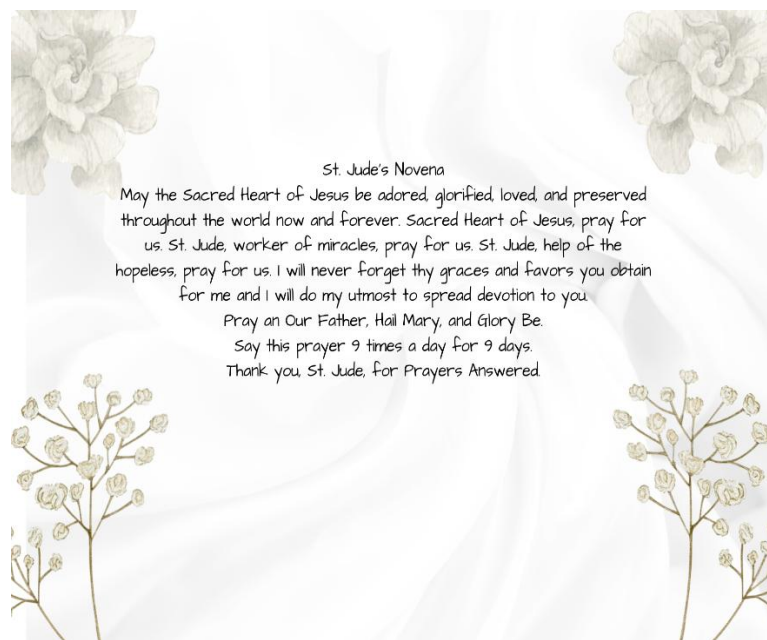
for just laws, promoting nonviolence, and building safe spaces where young people can grow in dignity.

Gun violence leaves scars not only on bodies but also on hearts. Only the healing love of Christ can restore what has been broken. As disciples of Christ, we must embody His mercy, standing in solidarity with victims, and working tirelessly to build a society where peace reigns. In doing so, we witness to the hope of the Resurrection: that love is stronger than death.

As your pastor, friend, and brother, I need your support in our continued efforts to make our St. Jude Parish campus a safe place where parishioners, friends and strangers will always enjoy a safe space for social bonding and spiritual closeness, reverent liturgies, social and catechetical activities.

May St. Jude Intercede for Us. Amen

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.

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH 2025 FOLLOWING THE
4:30PM MASS

IT WILL BE A JOYFUL DAY FILLED WITH FAITH,
FELLOWSHIP, AND COMMUNITY. MORE DETAILS WILL
BE SHARED SOON – BUT FOR NOW, PLEASE SAVE THE
DATE AND PLAN TO JOIN US!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WOULD LIKE MORE
INFORMATION, OR ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING,
PLEASE CONTACT JAN PIETRAS AT (217) 503-6958.

No daily mass Tuesday-Thursday of this week September 16th-18th There will be Service Communion. Father will be out on Convocation.

Save the Date

Feast of St Francis This feast commemorates the life of St Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the patron saint of animals and the environment. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. In celebration of this feast, there will be a BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS on Saturday, Oct 4 at 10:00AM in the parish parking lot.



Needed in our parish Social Concerns Coordinator

The individual identifies and responds to the needs of the poor and distribute to our parish charities.

Please email Father Peter at
pchineke@dio.org



IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - TRAINING FOR
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH - TRAINING FOR
HOSPITALITY AND SACRISTANS

ALL MEETINGS AND TRAININGS ARE
SCHEDULED AT 6:30PM



Choir Practice every Sunday at 9:15
NO PRACTICE ON SEPTEMBER 21ST

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

**SEPTEMBER
PSR DATES**

PSR KICK OFF MASS (ALL CLASSES) 6:45 PM	SEPT 3	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30 PM	SEPT 10
K-8 CLASS 2 ND AND 3 RD PARENT MEETING 6:30-7:30 PM	SEPT 17	K-8 CLASS ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 6:30-7:30 PM	SEPT 24

all dates and times subject to change. Please check email/bulletin/Facebook for any changes.

Kindergarten/1st grades learned about Mary and celebrated her birthday by making flowers!

2nd grade learned about God's blessings and gratitude

(I have to make sure what 3rd grade did! So reporting back on that one!)

6-8 learned about creation, and also started to learn how to actively use the Bible, and received finger rosaries!

3rd grade learned about Baptism and celebrating our baptism anniversaries, and we talked about what it means to be a Saint. We learned about St. Carlo Acutis, who was a 15-year-old who received the Eucharist every day at

daily mass. 🙏

Faith Formation Schedule

Sept. 17 PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
HS Youth Group, 7-9pm
Meeting at 6pm for Mission Trip

Sept. 24 PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
HS Youth Group, 7-9pm

Rochester Homecoming Parade

It's a Great Day to Be A ROCKET!

This year's parade will be on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm. The theme this year is: **"Blasting off with Rocket Pride: from Launchpad to Legacy"** (Think outer space, astronauts, rocket fuel, aliens, stars/planets etc...)

St Jude's will be putting a float in the parade this year!!!!

Planning for our float has just started. If you have any ideas for the float, please let Father Peter or Deacon Ray know. We will need people to ride on the float (and throw candy!!) We would love to have folks of every age – families with little ones, teens, grandparents, –There is a place for **EVERYONE**.



Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, September 13th:	
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
Sunday, September 14th:	
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Kimberly Brandis & Deceased Members of the Brandis Family†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Stephen Crusen†)
Monday, September 15th:	
5:30 pm	Mass (Int: Gil Deimel†)
Tuesday, September 16th:	
7:15 am	Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
Wednesday, September 17th:	
7:15 am	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
Thursday, September 18th:	
7:15am	Mass (Int: Karin O'Brien†)
Friday, September 19th:	
7:15am	Mass (Int: Roberta "Bobbi" Hickey†)
Saturday, September 20th:	
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
Sunday, September 21st:	
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Brent Manning†)

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

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 4,101.00	\$ 39,371.00
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,295.00
Renovation Fund Env's	\$ 759.00	\$ 3,731.00
EFT-Renovation Fund		\$ 115.00
Loose Checks	\$ 460.00	\$ 20,985.00
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 436.38	\$ 4,957.43
Total this Week:	\$ 5,856.38	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 77,576.53

September Volunteers: Week #3

Monday, September 15th, Counting Day:

Team #3

Church Duster:

Donna Day

September Aluminum Cans Recycle:

Del Reeves

September St. Martin de Porres Food:

Jerry Calvert

Advertiser of the Week:

Ron Furman & Sons Paving

Residential & Commercial

3600 N. Dirksen Parkway

(217) 528-9407

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, September 20th - 4:30 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Roth, F. Yocum, and B. Scheufele

Lectors: B. Auxier and I. Long

Servers: A. & N. Horstman

Hospitality: K. Foster and D. & J. Kratz

Sacristans: Deacon Roth

****There will be no 8am or 10:30am**

Mass on Sunday, September 21st. **

Documents of Vatican II, Continued



Mark your calendars for **September 18** and **October 23** as Fathers Brian Alford and Daniel McGrath discuss the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World! Then on **November 20** and **December 11**, they will cover the remaining documents of the Second Vatican Council.

All events are in the **Cathedral Atrium @ 7:00pm**

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.

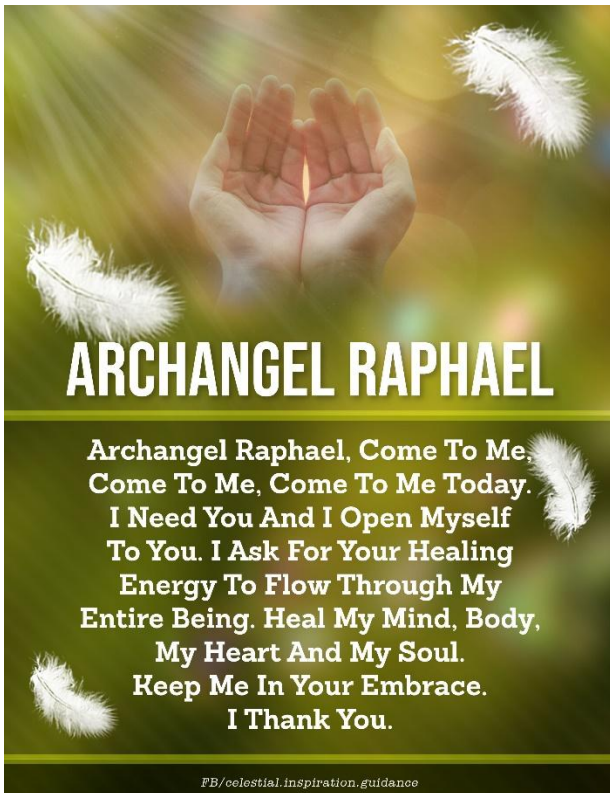
God bless them all, and

Pray for Parishioners – Leroy Bozarth, JoAnn Camille, Ann Carell, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, 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, Patrick Witcik, Ehren Woehrmann, and Ron Wojcicki.

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
Gene Blade – friend of Pat Carlisle
Tamie Bottoms-Smith – cousin of Char Weitekamp
John Brunsman – father of Laura Horstman
Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock
Suzanne Camp – friend of Beth Yong
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
Alison Donoho – friend of Jane and Harry Hendrickson
Leo J. Dougherty – brother-in-law of Frances Yocum
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
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
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
***Oaklynn Harrison** – granddaughter of Stacey Harrison
Chad Kunkle – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family

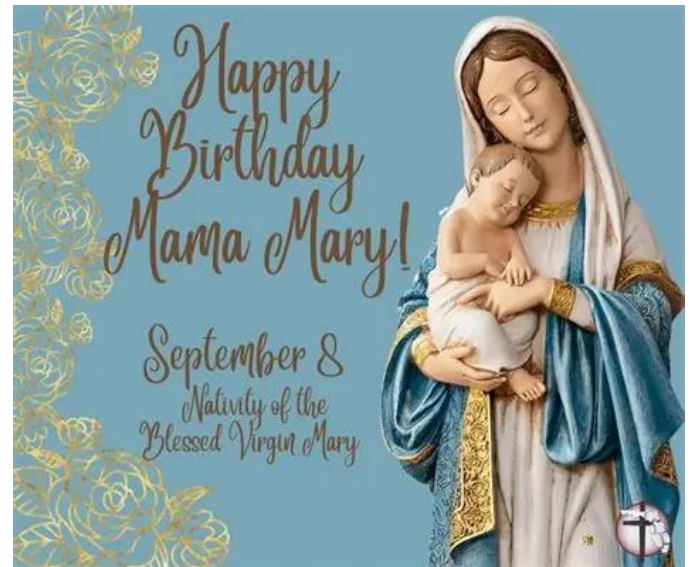
Jim Kirbach – friend of the Hendrickses
Carol Kirby – friend of Ginger Rentschler
Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendrickses
Glen Limper - son of Al & Betty Limper
Kristine Lundburg – sister of Mary Gartner
Rochelle Lynam – daughter of Tom & Helen Crusen
Robin Mahnken – friend of Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski
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 – 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 Hendrickses
Ann Pardieck – family friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno
Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell
Father Zach Patibandla – friend of Emma & Phil Van Dyke
Mike Patterson – father of Lori Farris
Mary Poeling – cousin of Maggie Patterson
Sabrina Rice – niece of Beth Auxier
Tom Ridley – nephew of Frances Yocum
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
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
Ron Wiggins – friend of Larry & Frances Yocum
Vicki Will – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer
Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler



ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP OF HIPPO AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH



St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, was an indefatigable truth-seeker. The author of hundreds of books, tracts, treatises and letters. He was born in Thagaste on November 13, AD 354, and died in the city of Hippo (present-day Annaba in Algeria), on August 28, AD 430.



Prayer For A Sick Loved One

Heavenly Father,
Today, I pray for my sick loved one. I ask that you take control of her body. Be her doctor this minute. Burn all unwanted diseases from her body. I bind all cancers and other sicknesses from her body. We come against any spiritual disease fighting against her. We ask that you quicken her body to full fitness with the holy spirit. Restore her strength and health. Let her recover in spirit and physically. Thank you for hearing our prayers, we know that you have done it already.

Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

