

Sept. 15, 2024



When 9/11 Happened!

The events of September 11, 2001, evoked a wide range of reactions from people of all races, languages, cultures, religions, and philosophies, cutting across all political divides. Both secular and religious organizations, as well as individuals, criticized the government and the military. Some focused on condemning the suspected terrorists and terrorist organizations, especially in the Middle East. Meanwhile, many resorted to blaming God and wondered why such a horror was allowed to befall his people. One notable reaction was the increased fear of death, which became more pronounced even among Christians (Catholics and non-Catholic followers of Christ) and other people of faith.

The fear of death, the fear of a horrible death, and the fear of a possible third world war, including the fear of a nuclear war, were all pervasive, extending beyond the United States. Following the incident, there was a massive increase in church attendance across all Christian churches in the country. Why? Although some people were actively blaming God, most sought reconciliation with Him. It was instantly realized that not even an advanced science and technology, a sophisticated military, or the most efficient and reliable government can save humanity from such man-made evils.

So, people thought that the safest thing to do was to go back to the church and have a

renewed relationship with God. How beautiful! However, we may need to reflect more on questions like these: Does God promise to take away wars? Did he ever promise to stop terrorisms before or after 9/11? Is God going to take away nuclear weapons from organizations and governments? Is he going to give us leaders who are willing to walk the talk of protecting human lives? After a deep reflection on these, I could hear God reminding us of his words in Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God, and every other thing shall be taken care of." Now, the question for us is, how do we seek the kingdom of God and trust that He will take care of our worldly concerns and anxieties? Let us reflect on this both as individuals and families this week.

May the souls of those who lost their lives at the 9/11 2001 rest in peace. Amen. May God continue to strengthen and console their families. Amen.

May you all 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.



Join Beth Auxier, one of our Parish Respect for Life Chairs, to pray outside of Planned Parenthood on September 27th, 2024 to help end abortion. Beth will be praying from 9-10am on that day and we are in need of more prayer warriors for this event throughout the day. Please contact Beth Auxier to sign-up for times to pray throughout the day to end abortions or you can contact the Right to Life office at (217) 523-2700 for additional information. This event will be ongoing from September 25th, 2024-November 3rd, 2024. Your prayers are crucial to help end abortion.



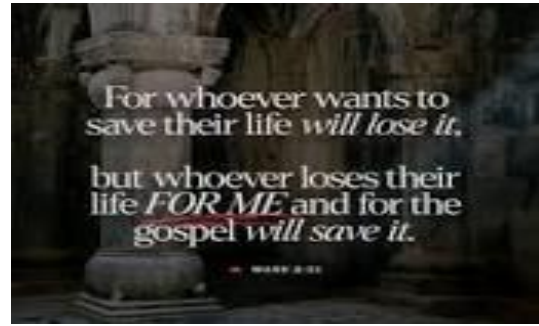
We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of William Percy, father of Amy Sommer, a parishioner. His funeral Mass was held on 9/11/2024 at St. Anthony's Parish in Effingham, Illinois.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



In September, Helping Hands in Christ will be collecting body soap and laundry detergent for the Washington Street Mission.

In October, we will be collecting winter items like coats, hats, gloves and scarves for St. Pat's School and for St. Marten's.



Music at the Cathedral *Presents* **CANTUS**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
7:30 PM**

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
524 E. Lawrence Avenue
Springfield, Illinois
217-522-3342

*All Music at the Cathedral concerts are free thanks to gracious donors.
Mark Gifford, Director of Music*



Thank you to all the many, many volunteers who worked and helped with our parish picnic.

Mary & Hartzel Bruno Rita Williams

Danny Curtain Frances Tomashavich

Shawn Faloon Cathy Manning

Steve Decker Evelyn Deimel

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for grilling and to our generous product contributors. Anyone that was not mentioned above, please accept my sincere appreciation and gratitude for all of your efforts that contributed to our parish picnic's success.

Please share your feedback both positive and negative. Thank you.

Jan Pietras

Faith Formation Update

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!



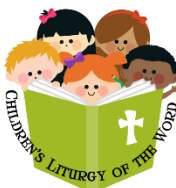
Faith Formation Schedule

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

CLOW Returns!

Things are going great and the kids are super excited!

I am still looking for additional adults to help!. So, please let me know if you are available to help!



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY!

PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING OUR CATECHISTS THIS WEEKEND! THEY GIVE SO MUCH TO OUR YOUTH, AND OUR PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE AS AWESOME AS IT IS, WITHOUT THEM!

LINDSEY BATTEN
PEGGY COCHRAN
ALICIA HARNEY
ANGIE POWELL
CONNIE LEACH
TIM SCHMITZ
CARRIE ZUCCO



High School Youth Group "Propelled"

If interested in joining us, please contact Jennifer!



Meetings for September are the 18th and 25th!

ALL meetings this month are on Wednesdays from 7:45-8:45pm.

High Schoolers are invited to attend the server training and pizza to follow on September 18th.



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

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!



Jennifer Fricks

WEDNESDAY NIGHT UPDATE!

THIS WEEK OUR KINDERGARTEN/FIRST GRADE CLASS LEARNED ABOUT MARY BY CELEBRATING HER BIRTHDAY! OUR SECOND AND THIRD GRADERS JOINED THEIR PARENTS IN THE CHURCH FOR A MEETING ABOUT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION! OUR 4-5TH GRADERS BEGAN THEIR SERIES AMONG US WHICH FOCUSED ON BEING A SERVANT OF JESUS. OUR 6-8TH GRADERS WILL BE FOCUSING ON LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE THIS YEAR AND SO THIS WEEK THEY TALKED ABOUT THE BIBLE BASICS!



Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, Sept. 14TH:	
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Mike Sponsler†)
Sunday, Sept. 15TH:	
8:00 am	Mass (Int: For the People)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Connie Broccardo†)
Monday, Sept. 16TH:	
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Greg Park†)
Tuesday, Sept. 17TH:	
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Wilma Lewis†)
Wednesday, Sept. 18TH:	
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Frances Beals†)
Thursday, Sept. 19TH:	
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Bill & Laurie White)
Friday, Sept. 20TH:	
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Lynn Leach†)
Saturday, Sept. 21ST:	
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Bill & Laurie White)
Sunday, Sept. 22ND:	
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Kimberly Brandist†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: For the People)

Liturgy Schedule - Next Weekend

Saturday, Sept. 21st - 4:30 pm

Euch. Min.: Priest, J. Biesiada, B. Scheufele, & F. Yocum

Lectors: B. Auxier & T. Bertrand

Servers: A. & N. Horstman

Hospitality: D. & J. Kratz and J. Sponsler

Sunday, Sept. 22nd - 8:00 am

Euch. Min.: Priest, B. Connolly, C. Leach, and **NEEDED**

Lectors: J. & H. Hendrickson

Servers: **NEEDED**

Hospitality: L. Drewes, S. Martyn, and B. Yong

Sunday, Sept. 23rd - 10:30 am

Euch. Min.: Priest, Dcn. Ray, S. Roth, and S. Warren

Lectors: E. & M. Schudel

Servers: R. Houmes

Hospitality: The Brewer Family

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

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 47,814.00
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 490.00	\$ 15,080.00
Dev. Fund Env's	\$ 68.00	\$ 2,411.00
EFT-Dev. Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,256.00
Loose Checks	\$ 8,930.00	\$ 25,207.81
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 158.00	\$ 4,155.61
Total this Week:	\$ 11,141.00	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 98,732.42

September Volunteers: Week #3

Monday, Sept. 16th, Counting Day:

Team #3

Church Duster:

Donna Day

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

Advertiser of the week



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 Caryl, 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

***Mary Keller** – aunt of Sara Garcia

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

***Joyce Ann Marr** – first cousin of Beth Auxier

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

***MaryAnn Patrick** – neighbor of Sara Garcia

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

***Gary Schmidt** – friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno

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