



# 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

Parish Office 217-498-9197  
Diocese: 217-698-8500 • Diocese Fax 217-698-0802

### Parish Staff E-Mail Addresses

Fr. Peter (Ext. 4)	pchineke@dio.org
Deacon Tom (Ext. 8)	twalker@dio.org
Deacon Ray (Ext. 9)	rroth@dio.org
Sara (Ext. 3)	sgarcia@stjude.dio.org
Jennifer (Ext. 6)	jfrericks@stjude.dio.org
Stacey (Ext. 5)	sharrison@stjude.dio.org
Frances (Ext. 7)	fyocum@stjude.dio.org
Sue (314) 348-1133	suelutz25@gmail.com

### Web Sites

Parish: [www.stjude.dio.org](http://www.stjude.dio.org) Diocese: [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)





## September 21st, 2025

### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Father, Thank You for Bringing Us Here!

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a woman I admire for her courage and resilience in living out her vocation of love in the face of challenges, emphasized that holiness does not consist in doing or saying extraordinary things, but in doing or saying the littlest things in extraordinary ways. This holiness is not a mere idea somewhere in the theological or religious books, nor is it a dogma declared by some church official. Instead, holiness is a way of living and a goal that every child of God must make for themselves.

The things that often point us to holiness or help us spot it in people are not always the noblest or most exotic actions or events in life. Rather, they can be the simplest actions of the littlest people who may be ignored for being too young or too old, less educated, or poor.

Last weekend, with the help of Alicia Harney, our parish PSR Coordinator, and several other adult chaperones, I had the privilege of taking our parish altar servers to Six Flags amusement park in St. Louis. Of all that happened from the time we left

the parish parking lot at 8:15 in the morning to when we arrived back later at 6:30 in the evening, the most memorable for me was the simple words of one of our little children: “Father, thank you for bringing us here.” The child was not the only one who was grateful, nor the only one who expressed their gratitude for the opportunity. We are grateful that we all had a great time and returned safely. Thank God! However, the way the child said those words, effortlessly and joyfully, caught my attention in a striking way.

When I was reflecting on that, one of the things I thought about was: “Did I say the same thing to God about the trip?” While for the child, I was the one who made it possible, I know very well that it was God who made it happen. How naturally children can challenge us to grow holier every day if we give them the right environment to radiate that holiness, which is still impeccably present in them, can be refreshing and uplifting.

*Fr. Peter*

#### S. 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.**

*YOU are invited to the TWO HEARTS Pregnancy Resource Center*  
**AUTUMN BBQ FUNDRAISER!**

*Two Hearts*  
 Pregnancy Resource Center



**DINE-IN or  
 CARRY-OUT**

Proceeds from  
 our **TWO HEARTS**  
 fundraisers allow us  
 to offer vital pregnancy  
 resource services to new  
**Mothers-to-Be!**



THPRC Donation

**CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY CENTER**  
 1930 BARBERRY DRIVE  
 SPRINGFIELD

**TUESDAY: 09/30/25**

First Meal  
**\$20** each

Additional  
 Meals Only  
**\$15** each

**PULLED PORK  
 SANDWICH**

**POTATO CHIPS**

**COLESLAW**

**DESSERT**

**DRINK\***  
 (\*DINE-IN ONLY)

**CASH, CHECK, &  
 CREDIT CARDS  
 ACCEPTED**



**5:00PM - 7:00PM**

**'To-Go' ORDERS AT THE DOOR,  
 OR JOIN US FOR INSIDE DINING**

**2026 LIFE Calendar Debut!**

**TWO HEARTS PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER**  
 519 North Bruns Lane ~ Springfield, IL 62702 ~ 217.670.1115

**TWO HEARTS PRO-LIFE  
 CALENDARS FOR  
 2026 WILL BE  
 AVAILABLE!**



**PRO-LIFE  
 CALENDAR  
 ART DISPLAY**

[twoheartsspringfield.org](http://twoheartsspringfield.org)

"To always be  
 close to Jesus,  
 that is  
 my life plan."

VENERABLE CARLO ACUTIS

**GET VACCINATED, IT'S SIMPLE!**

**FLU SHOT – Once a year, every year.**

**SANGAMON COUNTY**  
 Department of Public Health

2833 South Grand Avenue East • Springfield, IL 62703  
 Ph 217-535-3102 • Fax 217-535-4155 • [www.scdph.org](http://www.scdph.org)



**PROTECT THOSE YOU LOVE & YOURSELF**

**FLU SHOT CLINIC 2025**

**Tuesday October 7th  
 9:00am to 11:00am**

**Church of St. Jude Parish Center  
 633 W. Walnut, Rochester**

**Free with Insurance card:**

**Aetna, Blue Cross, Cigna, Humana, Health Alliance,  
 HFS, Meridian, Medicare, Medicaid, Molina  
 are accepted insurance**

**Cost without insurance is \$42 for standard and \$100 for Hi-Dose vaccine**

**Must have Insurance card at time of vaccination.**

**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](mailto:pchineke@dio.org)

**St. Jude's Green Team**



If you enjoy being outdoors and  
 would like to join or to assist the  
 St. Jude's Green Team with fall  
 cleanup of the church grounds,  
 please contact Kathleen Quinn at  
 (217) 891-0635 or Suzanne Moss  
 at (217) 494-3766.

**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**



# FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

## SEPTEMBER PSR DATES

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

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

The Kindergarten and 1st grade class got to learn about how God created the world and how we can care for creation!

2nd and 3rd grade had their first parent meeting tonight to go over the beautiful sacraments they'll be receiving this upcoming year!

4th and 5th learned about the gift of God's grace!

6th - 8th grades learned about the Holy Trinity and God's love, with focus on 1 Corinthians 13!



## Faith Formation Schedule

Sept. 24      PSR, 6:30-7:30pm & Altar Server  
Training in Church for 4th graders to  
HS  
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**.  
***Go Rockets!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

Youth Group have strong disdain for math, and we spent a ton of time keeping them from jumping off cliff after a long rough algebra II exam!

After all that academic talk was out of the way, we talked about the importance of giving grace. We shared about times our feelings were crushed and how we maneuvered through the forgiveness process. It was an emotional night—

With all that in mind, if any parishioners wish to donate Kleenex, we will gladly accept them!



### **Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)**

<b><u>Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
<b><u>Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>:</u></b>	
8:00 am	No Mass Parish Feast on 9/20
10:30am	No Mass Parish Feast on 9/20
<b><u>Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:</u></b>	
5:30 pm	Mass (Int: Gil Deimel†)
<b><u>Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>:</u></b>	
7:15 am	Mass (Int: Roberta "Bobbi" Hickey†)
<b><u>Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	
7:15 am	Mass (Int: Herb & Helen Dulle†)
<b><u>Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	
7:15am	Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
<b><u>Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	
7:15am	Mass (Int: Douglas Cearley†)
<b><u>Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Evelyn Conboy†)
<b><u>Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Bob Parnell†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)

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

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 3,783.00	\$ 43,154.00
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 650.00	\$ 3,945.00
Renovation Fund Env's	\$ 155.00	\$ 3,886.00
EFT-Renovation Fund	\$ 55.00	\$ 170.00
Loose Checks	\$ 910.00	\$ 21,895.00
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 508.00	\$ 5,465.43
<b>Total this Week:</b>	<b>\$ 6,061.00</b>	
<b>Fiscal Year Total:</b>		<b>\$ 83,637.53</b>

### **September Volunteers: Week #4**

**Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Counting Day:**

Team #4

**Church Duster:**

Michelle Bertrand

**September Aluminum Cans Recycle:**

Del Reeves

**September St. Martin de Porres Food:**

Jerry Calvert

### **Advertiser of the Week:**

**United Community Bank**

**The Leader of Community Banking**

**301 N. Main, Chatham, IL**

### **Liturgy Schedule**

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, V. Walker, & B. Scheufele

**Lectors:** T. Bertrand & D. Day

**Servers:** A. & N. Horstman

**Hospitality:** J. Sponsler, and F. & L. Yocum

**Sacristans:** Deacon Walker

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, L. DeGroot, and C. Leach

**Lectors:** D. Anderson & B. Connolly

**Servers:** B. & J. Britz

**Hospitality:** Y. Brandis, L. Drewes, & B. Yong

**Sacristans:** Z. Dahlkamp

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, S. Kerley, & D. Kuntzman

**Lectors:** T. O'Sullivan and P. Szabados

**Servers:** A., J. & M. Zucco

**Hospitality:** D. & S. Decker and D. Roark

**Sacristans:** H. Crusen

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 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  
**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



### *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.*





*"The Eucharist is my  
Highway to Heaven"*

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS



©2025 Jordan Avery  
[www.jordanaveryart.com](http://www.jordanaveryart.com)

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

1991-2006 ITALIAN PROGRAMMER



