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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Obligation

Saturday: Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday thru Friday 7:15 a.m.
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM and MARRIAGE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are children of God and members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, under the guidance of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. We are united in Christ, devoted to the Eucharist, prayer, and service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to proclaim the Gospel with love, uphold the dignity of every person, and nurture spiritual growth through worship, catechesis, and compassionate outreach. Inspired by our patron, St. Jude, the Apostle of Hope, we bring light to the suffering, strength to the weary, and hope to the hopeless, building God's kingdom in faith and unity here in Rochester, Illinois. Come, Let's Journey Together.

Reverend Peter Chineke - Pastor

Sunday, June 21st, 2026

"Do Not Be Afraid: We Are Children of the Father"

One of the most beautiful messages of Jesus in today's Gospel is: "Do not be afraid." Jesus knows the human heart. We all experience fears: fear about the future, our families, our struggles, and the feeling that we are alone. But Jesus reminds us: Do not be afraid, because you have a Father who loves you.

Jesus says: "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even the hairs of your head are counted." What a beautiful image of God! He is not distant. He is our Father who knows us, loves us, and walks with us through every joy and every hardship.

Today, as we celebrate Father's Day, we are reminded that fatherhood has its origin in God Himself. Jesus revealed that God is not only the Creator of the universe, but our loving Father. That is why He taught us to pray: "Our Father."

Every father is called to reflect the heart of the Heavenly Father. Fatherhood is not only about providing material needs, but about presence, love, protection, guidance, and faith. Pope Francis beautifully said that the first need is that a father be present in the family: close to his wife in joy and sorrow, and close to his children in their successes, struggles, hopes, and fears.

The greatest example of fatherhood is God Himself. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father waits patiently, forgives completely, and welcomes his son with love. This is the heart of God.

Today we thank God for all fathers: biological fathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, foster fathers, stepfathers, godfathers, priests, uncles, and all fatherly figures who have guided and loved others. Their presence and sacrifices often become a reflection of God's love. We also remember those for whom Father's Day is difficult: those who have lost fathers, those with painful relationships, and those carrying hidden wounds. The Heavenly Father sees every heart and forgets no one.

Like St. Joseph, fathers are called to welcome, protect, and love with courage. St. Joseph faced uncertainty, but trusted God and faithfully cared for Mary and Jesus. My dear brothers and sisters, today's Gospel speaks to all of us: Do not be afraid, because we are children of the Father.

Three Practical Suggestions:

1. Fathers and all fatherly figures: Make God the center of your family.

Your greatest gift is not only what you provide, but the faith you share. Let your children see you pray, trust God, forgive, and seek His guidance. Children may forget many things they receive, but they will never forget the love and faith they learned from you.

2. Children: Honor and appreciate the fathers and fatherly figures in your life.

Take time today to express gratitude—not only with gifts, but with love and respect. Many fathers carry silent sacrifices that children may never see. A simple "Thank you," a loving embrace, a phone call, or a prayer can touch a father's heart deeply. And for fathers who have gone to the Lord, let us offer our prayers.

3. All of us: Become a reflection of the Father's love.

There are many people around us who are afraid, lonely, or discouraged. Let us bring God's love through kindness, forgiveness, encouragement, and compassion. When we replace fear with love, we reveal the heart of our Heavenly Father.

"Do not be afraid." We are loved. We are known. We are children of the Father.

Fr. Tomy Philip

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Blessings to Our Men on Father's Day

Fatherhood is a sacred calling to reflect the faithful, protective, and self-giving love of God our Father. On this special occasion, we extend our heartfelt prayers, gratitude, and best wishes to all fathers and adult men of St. Jude's Church. Your presence, example, and service are precious gifts to your families, our parish, and the community.

True fatherhood is not measured simply by authority, achievement, or material provision, but by sacrifice, tenderness, courage, and holiness. A faithful father leads first by serving. He teaches by example, loves without counting the cost, protects the vulnerable, forgives generously, and remains steadfast in prayer. In a world often confused about manhood, Christian men are called to reveal the strength of gentleness, the dignity of responsibility, and the power of a life rooted in Christ. And just a reminder: ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP in the parish Knights of Columbus council offers wonderful and endless opportunities to live out one's call to fatherhood in a more concrete way in the parish community.

I have witnessed a true spirit of fatherhood among the men in our parish community. Some are always there to help, whether it's with their time or financial support. Others put in long hours to make our Fish-Fries and other parish events and activities successful. Many share their skills during our construction and renovation projects. There are those who support me and the other priests who serve our parish, both now and in the past. Two of our men even serve our parish as Deacons with so much love and dedication. Some of our men give generously to our parish projects, while others encourage and bring their children to the PSR and Acutis Youth Groups. I even see this great spirit of fatherhood in the young men of our Acutis Youth Group. I am truly grateful to be your pastor, brother, father, and friend.

May every father and adult man among us renew his commitment to be a spiritual leader, a source of unity, and a witness of integrity. May St. Joseph, the humble guardian of Jesus and Mary, inspire you to lead with wisdom, patience, and quiet strength. Be assured of our prayers that God will bless, strengthen, and sanctify you as faithful leaders in your homes, our church, and our community.

-Fr. Peter Chineke, Pastor

Prayer to St Jude

O most holy apostle, Saint Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honoureth and invoceth thee universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, and of things almost despaired of.

Pray for me, who am so miserable. Make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded to thee, to bring visible and speedy help where help was almost despaired of.

Come to mine assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (here make your request) and that I may praise God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity.

I promise thee, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour thee as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to thee.

Amen.

No daily mass on Mondays through June and July

Fr. Peter's summer address:

Fr. Peter Chineke
Catholic University of America (Curley Hall, RM 113)
620 Michigan Ave NE
Washington, DC 20064

St. Jude Home Grown Sweet Corn

By the baker's dozen, will be ready the 2nd or 3rd week of July. More information to come!



Alicia's Summer Hours:

Now that PSR classes are over for the year, I will be in the parish office ONLY on Wednesdays from 9:00am-4:00pm (until VBS that is!) Watch out for PSR Registration the first week of August! You can always reach me by email at PSR@churchofstjude.com.



Rainforest Falls VBS Registration is Open!

Join us July 26-30 as we journey through Rainforest Falls, discovering the nature of God and what it means to be rooted in a relationship with our Creator. VBS is FREE and open to children entering Pre-K through 5th grade. Family Cookout Kickoff: Sunday, July 26 at 4:45 PM. The QR code for more information and to register is below!

Registration is open until July 19! If any students entering 6th-high school would like to help volunteer as Crew Leaders or Station Assistants, please contact Alicia!
See you in the Rainforest!



RAZZO'S FAMILY PIZZERIA

**PACK
THE HOUSE**

MONDAY, JUNE 22
4-9 PM

A PORTION OF ALL DINE IN, CARRY OUT, DELIVERY, AND GIFT CARD SALES WILL GO TOWARDS CHURCH OF ST. JUDE YOUTH MINISTRIES!



Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

	<u>Saturday, June 20th</u>
4:30pm Mass	Harry Nickles †
	<u>Sunday, June 21st</u>
8:00am Mass	Dan Connolly †
10:30am Mass	Parish Family
	<u>Tuesday, June 23rd</u>
7:15am Mass	James Felts †
	<u>Wednesday, June 24th</u>
7:15am Mass	David Laub †
	<u>Thursday, June 25th</u>
7:15am Mass	Jack Zucco †
	<u>Friday, June 26th</u>
7:15am Mass	Evelyn Conboy †
	<u>Saturday, June 27th</u>
4:30pm Mass	Roberta “Bobbi” Hickey †
	<u>Sunday, June 28th</u>
8:00am Mass	Parish Family
10:30am Mass	Evenlyn Conboy †

June Volunteers: Week 3

Monday, June 22nd Counting Day: Team 4

Church Dusters: Donna Day

June Aluminum Can Recycling: Marty Coe

June Food Pantry Collection: Steve & Debra Decker

Hearts in Christ Collection: Jeanette Waters

Rochester Estates - 3rd Sunday of June:
Eucharistic Minister: Barb Scheufele

Carriage Crossing - 3rd Sunday of June:
Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Schmit

Next Weekend Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 27th at 4:30 p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, M. Bruno, C. Mataya, E. Prather
Lectors: Beth Auxier & Donna Day
Servers: Douglas Sommer, **Still Needed, Still Needed**
Hospitality: Roger & Mary Beth McClintock
Sacristan: Isabel Long

Sunday, June 28th at 8:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Ray, B. Connolly, Z. Dahlkamp
Lectors: Jane & Henry Hendrickson
Servers: **Still Needed, Still Needed, Still Needed**
Hospitality: S. Martyn, L. Drewes, L. McWard
Sacristan: Sue Roth

Sunday, June 28th at 10:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Tom, S. Warren, C. Manning
Lectors: Lorrene Warren & Mark Schudel
Servers: L. Batten, L. Schudel, S. Harney
Hospitality: **Still Needed, Still Needed**
Sacristan: Darla Roark

The Social Concerns Summer Project for Graham Elementary School supplies begins this weekend. Please consider picking up a sheet on the table in the vestibule after Mass. Each sheet has one requested supply item listed, and you can take as many sheets as you would like. We will begin collecting supplies on July 4th and do so until August 9th. Thank you for your help with this project!

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

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 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 Carel, Morgan Culbertson, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, Marilyn Merkley, Jack Merkley, Andrea Miller, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Bill & Laurie White, Joe Rupnik

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners
John Aplington – Beth Yong
Mary Aplington – Beth Yong
Kelly Diaz – Niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Ellen Flynn – Family of Bruno’s
Carol Fulcher – Friend of Pat Carlisle
Owen Herpel – Friend of Bortmess Family
Carol Kirby – Friend of Ginger Rentschler
Sam & Lily Lueker – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch
Traci Marsh – Friend of Mary & Hartzel Bruno
Barbara Mendenhall – Family of Marie Ginter
Charity Mizera – Friend of Father Peter
Scott Mulford – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch
Claudia Oller – Mary Bruno
Joe Rupnik – Friend of Mary Bruno
Myra Shroeder – Jane Molohon
Cindy Usher – Friend of Mary Bruno
Connie & Marc Wilson – Niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler
David Venable – Family of Mary Bruno
Richard Yong – Beth Yong
Special Intentions – Steve & Pat Jones

Doug would like volunteers to help with tilling and weeding while he recovers from surgery.
Help will be needed in June through July.
Doug Wuellner – (217)971-9468

Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates: July 5th & 19th





When a Loved One Dies

A Catholic Guide for Families in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois



Finding hope, prayer, and peace through the Church's Funeral Rites

The death of a loved one is a sad and difficult time. We naturally mourn the loss of our loved ones whose presence in our lives we will miss deeply. However, this is also a time of hope and grace. As Catholic Christians we place all of our hope in Our Lord Jesus Christ, who through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection has conquered death and prepared the path to eternal life.

The Purpose of Catholic Funeral Rites

- To worship God in thanksgiving for the gift of the person's life.
- To pray for the soul of the deceased, commending them to God's mercy and asking forgiveness of sins.
- To bring hope and consolation to the living, strengthened by the promise of the Resurrection.

In these rites, the Church proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ and reminds us that God's mercy is greater than death.

A Catholic funeral is not a single moment, but a journey of prayer made up of three sacred "stations," often connected by processions:

1. **The Vigil:** typically held at the funeral home the evening before the funeral Mass. It is the Church's official prayer for the deceased and a time for family, friends, and community to gather.

2. **The Funeral Liturgy (typically Mass):** celebrated in the parish church, this is the heart of the Catholic funeral rites, where we unite the life of the deceased to Christ's sacrifice in the Eucharist.
3. **The Rite of Committal:** celebrated at the cemetery, where the body or cremated remains are laid to rest in hope of the Resurrection.

These sacred movements help us accompany our loved one in prayer and gently move through grief within the rhythm of the Church's prayer.

Visitations (or Wakes) and Vigil Prayers

The visitation (or wake) and Vigil are two related but distinct parts of the Catholic funeral rites, each serving an important purpose in accompanying the deceased and comforting the family.

1. The Vigil is the Church's official prayer for the deceased and for those who mourn. It is normally celebrated the evening before the Funeral Mass, often during the visitation period, and is an integral part of the Order of Christian Funerals. While the *Rosary* or other devotions may be prayed, they do not replace the Vigil, though they can be included alongside it.
2. The Vigil may be celebrated with or without the presence of the family. When possible, it is led by a priest, deacon, or parish representative on behalf of the Church, continuing the Church's prayer for the deceased even if loved ones are unable to attend.
3. The Vigil is not held on the morning of the Funeral Mass. Its purpose reflects the idea of "keeping watch," rooted in the tradition of staying close to the body of the deceased in prayer and remembrance. Holding it the evening before also gives more time for family, friends, and the community to offer their condolences and prayers.



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4. The visitation and Vigil are most commonly held at the funeral home, where the setting best accommodates gathering and visiting. In certain circumstances, such as a large number of mourners, they may be held at the church with the pastor's permission, typically in the gathering space or narthex. The body or cremated remains are not left on parish property overnight.

What Music Can Be Played at a Funeral Mass?

Music at a Funeral Mass should come from approved Catholic liturgical hymnals, just as it does at any Mass. This ensures that what is sung reflects our Catholic faith, especially our hope in the Resurrection and God's mercy. While some secular or personal songs may be meaningful, they are not used during the Mass itself, or during the other funeral rituals, since the liturgy is prayer addressed to God. Carefully chosen sacred music helps lift our hearts in prayer and expresses the faith of the Church.

Words of Remembrance (Eulogy)

A eulogy is not part of the Catholic Funeral Liturgy. However, brief words of remembrance may be permitted:

- They should focus on the person's faith and relationship with God.
- They must be written in advance and approved by the pastor.
- They should be brief (approximately 250-350 words).
- They are read by a priest or deacon.

Personal stories and memories are best shared at the visitation, family gatherings, or the luncheon, where there is more freedom and time.

Cremation

The Church permits cremation, though burial of the body is still preferred because it more clearly reflects the Christian belief in the Resurrection of the body.

If cremation is chosen:

- The body is ideally present for the Vigil and Funeral Mass before cremation.
- Cremated remains are to be treated with the same dignity as the body.
- They must be placed in a worthy vessel and buried or entombed in a cemetery. Cremated remains may not be placed in a keepsake or jewelry.
- They may not be scattered, divided, or kept in the home.
- Burial should take place normally within 30 days.

The Church reveres the human body as a temple of the Holy Spirit and destined for resurrection glory in Christ.

Why Be Buried in a Catholic Cemetery?

A Catholic cemetery is a sacred place of hope. It is a "resting place," where the body awaits the Resurrection promised by Christ. Because the human body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, the Church treats burial with great dignity and reverence. A Catholic cemetery also provides a peaceful place for families to visit, pray, and remain connected to their loved one. Most importantly, those buried in Catholic cemeteries are remembered in the prayers of the Church, especially at Masses and through ongoing blessings, offering the assurance that they are continually commended to God's mercy if they are awaiting eternal life in Purgatory.

A Final Word of Hope

In the face of death, the Church proclaims a hope the world cannot give: Jesus Christ is risen, and death does not have the final word. Through the funeral rites of the Church, we commend our loved ones to God, pray for their souls, and entrust ourselves to the promise of the Resurrection. In your time of loss, know that the Church walks with you — praying for your loved one, supporting your family, and always pointing to the hope of eternal life in Christ.



"JESUS TOLD HER, 'I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN IF HE DIES, WILL LIVE.'" (JOHN 11:25) | DIO.ORG/FUNERAL



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From his first appearance after his election in May 2025, Pope Leo XIV has called upon Catholics to live in peace and unity with one another within the Church and to share this invitation to peace and unity with the whole world. Throughout history, Catholics have shared the peace and unity of Christ with the world by proclaiming the Gospel and performing works of mercy that bring comfort to the poor and vulnerable.

For centuries, Catholics have expressed our unity with the Pope by giving to the Peter's Pence Collection, which supports his mission to proclaim Christ's message of unity and peace with the world. Our gifts to the Holy Father are "concrete signs of hope" to Pope Leo XIV that fulfill the two aims of Peter's Pence: "1) **To support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples; thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See that assist him every day; and 2) **To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development."

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html (English) or www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html (español).

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of hope and charity. Join our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Leo XIV carry out his ministry to the Universal Church and reach out to the most marginalized in our world.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois