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"Be an Intentional Disciple"

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

Contact Office Manager

OCIA

Contact Deacon Tom

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon, 1 p.m. - 3 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

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 28th, 2026

Today's Gospel gives us some challenging words of Jesus: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

At first, these words may surprise us. Does Jesus want us to love our families less? Absolutely not. Jesus is not destroying our relationships; He is putting them in the right order. He teaches us that God must be the first love of our lives, because only when God is first can every other love become pure, generous, and faithful.

For Jesus' listeners, this teaching was shocking. The Ten Commandments say: "Honor your father and your mother." Family was considered a sacred responsibility. Yet Jesus says that our love for Him must come before even our closest relationships. Why? Because Jesus is not merely a teacher or prophet. He is the Son of God.

Every faithful Jew knew the great prayer called the Shema: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Only God can ask for such complete love. Yet Jesus asks for that same love, revealing who He truly is.

The heart of today's Gospel is not that we love our families less, but that we love Jesus more. When He becomes our first love, every other love becomes stronger.

The beautiful song expresses this message:

"More than anything,

More than anything,

I love You Jesus more than anything."

"More than earthly friends,

More than family,

I love You Jesus more than anything."

When we can sincerely pray those words, our relationships begin to change. Christ does not take our loved ones away; He blesses them. A husband who loves God learns patience. A wife who loves God learns deeper forgiveness. Parents learn that children are gifts entrusted to them by God, not possessions. Children learn to honor their parents with gratitude.

The question today is not simply: "Do I love God?" The deeper question is: "Is God truly first in my life?" When God is first, our family becomes stronger, our love becomes freer, and our sacrifices become meaningful.

Three Practical Suggestions:

1. Put God at the center of your home.

Do not allow faith to become only a Sunday activity. Pray together as a family. Speak about God at home. Let children see that God is not only part of your life but the foundation of your life. A family built around God can withstand many storms.

2. Create a moment in your family to share God's presence and blessings.

Choose a time this week when the family can come together and let each person share one moment where they experienced God's love, help, or blessing. These simple conversations become treasures and remind us that God walks with us every day.

3. Choose one daily sacrifice as an offering to Jesus.

Every day, intentionally give something to God: a little patience, kindness, forgiveness, prayer, or service to someone in need. Small sacrifices made with love become beautiful in God's eyes.

Jesus does not ask us to love our families less. He asks us to love Him first, so that we can love everyone else better.

Fr. Tomy Philip

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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!



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!

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

Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)

	<u>Saturday, June 27th</u>
4:30pm Mass	Robert “Bobbi” Hickey †
	<u>Sunday, June 28th</u>
8:00am Mass	Parish Family
10:30am Mass	Evenlyn Conboy †
	<u>Tuesday, June 30th</u>
7:15am Mass	Gil Deimel †
	<u>Wednesday, July 1st</u>
7:15am Mass	Dan Connolly †
	<u>Thursday, July 2nd</u>
7:15am Mass	Evelyn Conboy †
	<u>Friday, July 3rd</u>
7:15am Mass	Joe Marucco †
	<u>Saturday, July 4th</u>
4:30pm Mass	Fred Ryan †
	<u>Sunday, July 5th</u>
8:00am Mass	Deceased Brandis Family †
10:30am Mass	Michael Dudek

June Volunteers: Week 4

Monday, June 29th Counting Day: Team 3

Church Dusters: Michelle Bertrand

June Aluminum Can Recycling: Marty Coe

June Food Pantry Collection: Steve & Debra Decker

Hearts in Christ Collection: Jeanette Waters

Rochester Estates - 4th Sunday of June:

Eucharistic Minister: Zana Dahlkamp

Carriage Crossing - 4th Sunday of June:

Eucharistic Minister: Isabel Long

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



Next Weekend Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 4th at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, F. Yocum, M. Mankowski, B. Auxier

Lectors: Donna Day & Isabel Long

Servers: D. Sommer, A. & N. Horstman, **Still Needed, Still Needed**

Hospitality: H. & M. Bruno, J. Sponslor

Sacristan: Carol Mataya

Sunday, July 5th at 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, L. DeGroot, B. Connolly, C. Leach

Lectors: Kyle Blumhorst & Josephine Hendricks

Servers: B. & J. Britz, J. Hendricks, **Still Needed**

Hospitality: Y. Brandis, K. Park, B. Yong

Sacristan: Zana Dahlkamp

Sunday, July 5th at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tomy, Dcn. Ray, M. Maynerich, S. Kerley

Lectors: Kara Felbon & Teresa O’Sullivan

Servers: C. & C. Conway, J. Powell, **Still Needed, Still Needed**

Hospitality: A. & O. Rench, **Still Needed**

Sacristan: Sue Roth

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.

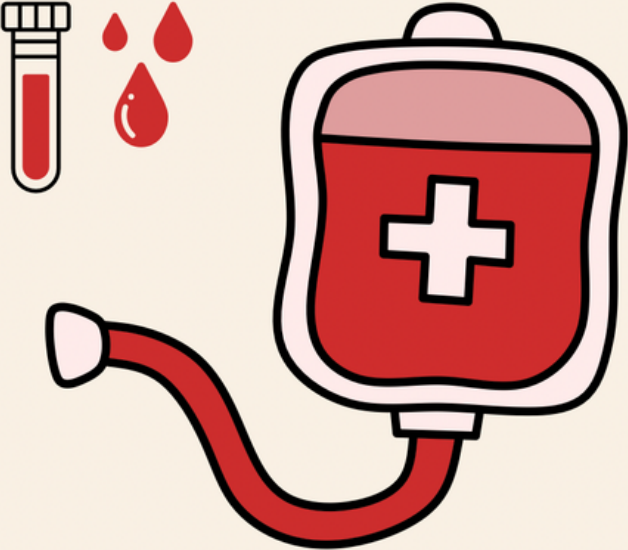
Please remember the elderly and homebound of our parish in your daily prayer.
God bless them all, and

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

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JOIN OUR LOCAL BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

YOUR DONATION CAN HELP PATIENTS IN EMERGENCY CARE, SURGERIES, AND LONG-TERM TREATMENT. ONE SIMPLE ACT CAN SAVE MULTIPLE LIVES.





DATE

Saturday,
July 25, 2026
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM



LOCATION

Saint Jude Parish
633 S Walnut St.,
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ELIGIBILITY

Ages 16+
110+ Pounds
Valid ID required

WALK IN ANYTIME

Email:
mculbertson28@rockets.rochester3a.net
efeger28@rockets.rochester3a.net

ALL ARE WELCOME

Hosted by local Rochester High School students, **Emma Feger** and **Macy Culbertson**

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Lucy's Lenses

Reading Glasses Collection

Sponsored by St. Jude's Catholic Church

St. Jude's Catholic Church is collecting **non-prescription reading glasses for Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach**. The glasses will be distributed to adults and children in low-resource countries throughout Africa and Central/South America where people who are far-sighted need glasses to read, learn, and work but don't have access to this basic health resource. You can donate any **non-prescription reading glasses that are new or used**. If you are donating used reading glasses, please be sure they are **in great condition and do not need repairs**. You may also **donate by using the QR code below** to help cover any shipping costs.

Thank you for supporting Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach!



Use this QR code to
donate today!

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