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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

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

A Temporary Change to Embrace

Mirabel, like many of us, loved routine. Every morning she took the same road, sat at the same desk, and followed the same schedule. Then her company changed offices, her responsibilities shifted, and everything familiar disappeared. At first, Mirabel complained and resisted. She felt frustrated and afraid. One day, an older colleague told her, “The strongest tree is not always the one that stands stiff, but the one that bends with the wind.” Mirabel began to adjust. She learned new skills, accepted new ideas, and discovered opportunities she had never imagined. Change remained difficult, but flexibility transformed fear into growth and uncertainty into possibility.

Just as Mirabel found the courage to adapt to change and discovered new opportunities, we, as a parish, are facing a moment of transition. Like Mirabel, we may feel uncertain at first, but by remaining flexible and open, we can face our changes together and find new ways for our parish community to continue to grow and thrive.

This fall, our parish is faced with another change. Bishop Paprocki is sending me to the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., this fall and next spring to take all the classes I need for my doctoral studies in Canon Law. During my absence, Father Samuel Bagyo will serve as administrator and be pastorally responsible for both St. Jude Church and St. Rita Church in Kincaid. He is looking forward to getting to know everyone and leading our communities through this time. At the end of the spring semester, I will return to resume my duties as pastor of our St. Jude Church and St. Rita Church while gradually working on my dissertation online.

While it will be temporary, we must acknowledge that it is a change many of us are not excited about. However, as usual, we have been very flexible and adaptable as a parish community. I encourage us to continue exercising these virtues of flexibility and adaptability with a spirit of openness as we embrace this temporary change. This will allow us to work well with our incoming administrator, Father Samuel Bagyo, who is excited to join us soon and looks forward to meeting our wonderful parishioners and friends starting Tuesday, September 1, 2026. I warmly encourage everyone to offer Father Samuel a heartfelt welcome and to support him as he settles into our parishes. By coming together as a community to greet and assist him, we can make this time of transition a positive and unifying experience for all.

During my time in DC, all mail can be sent to our parish office address or to my school address, as listed in the bulletins. I sincerely ask for your prayers, and I continue to pray for you, all our parishioners, and friends.

Fr. Peter Chineke JCL



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.

The Pilgrimage Corner



My Reflection

My Reflection – Douglas Sommer – Acutis Youth Group (August 30, 2026)

My favorite part about the pilgrimage to Rome was also actually the part I hated the most. The part I liked the most was not having all the nice conveniences that we have here in the United States of America. The reason this was my favorite part of the trip is because it made me realize how good we have it here, and it made me appreciate our conveniences more, like our AC, our free water and free refills, and the ice in our drinks. I feel like this was how God was speaking to me while we were over in Rome. God was pointing out to me that I have a great life compared to how it is in Italy. The pilgrimage gave me the opportunity to develop an attitude of gratitude over the many good things we have back home here in the United States of America. Some of these things I had taken for granted for a long time. This experience was the key part of our pilgrimage that impacted me the most. It changed my thinking from complaining about the bad things there, to being grateful and glad for the good things here. It taught me one of the seven heavenly virtues, Gratitude. This is also why, in the future, if there is another pilgrimage, I would want to go. I liked how much it opened my eyes and showed me to be grateful.

St. Jude New Mass Times

The new mass times will go into effect September 1st



Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 7:15 a.m.

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: 7:15 a.m.

Friday: 7:15 a.m.

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: 6:00 p.m.

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

Alicia's Office Hours Remainder of August:

Until PSR begins in September, my office hours will remain on Wednesdays, from 9 am-3:30 pm. You are always welcome to email me at psr@churchofstjude.com as well!

PSR Registration is Now Open!

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Parish School of Religion (PSR) year! Classes are available for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade and begin on Wednesday, September 9. PSR meets each Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Please complete registration/payment by August 31 to allow time for classroom assignments and curriculum ordering before classes begin.

Register online by scanning the QR code or visiting the registration link on our parish Facebook page. We look forward to another wonderful year of growing together in faith!



Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following dates: September 13th & 27th



Sharing the Word



Do you have religious books that you have read but you can't bear to throw them away? We have a solution for you. There will be a bookcase in the foyer with items you are free to take. You may read them and bring them back or pass them along to a friend or neighbor. Thank you.

The 4th Annual Doris Ray Memorial Trivia Night

Will be held in loving memory of a beloved mother and grandmother whose family is part of our St. Jude parish community. For the second year in a row, a portion of the proceeds will also benefit St. Jude Youth Ministries. Join us for a fun evening of trivia, friends, and friendly competition, all while supporting wonderful causes!

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Marian Banquet Hall

335 S. 4th Street, Riverton

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Trivia begins at 7:00 PM

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Must be present to win.

Registration is now open, and the signup window is a little shorter this year, so be sure to register your team soon!

Scan the QR code below to register your team, or email

PSR@churchofstjude.com!

Thank you for supporting this special event and the young people of our parish!





Benefiting the

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026

Doors open @ 6pm - Bingo @ 7pm

KC Columbian Hall -2200 Meadowbrook Road, Spfld, IL

\$25 in Advance/\$30 at the Door

Includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games, a glow hat and dauber
(\$5 per additional 6 cards)

\$250 CASH RAFFLE

(tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$20)

OVER \$1000 in Cash Prizes!!!

**Tickets available at: Glo-Bingo.com/events or by
using the QR Code**

(\$2 ticket fee)



or by calling the PCC office at (217) 525-5630

*Cash bar- Casey's Pub food available for purchase- BYO store
bought snacks only- Cash and Checks only- ATM on site*

Must be 18 or older to attend

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Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, August 29th

4:30pm Mass Dan Connolly †

Sunday, August 30th

8:00am Mass Debra Geist †

10:30am Mass St. Jude Parish Family

Monday, August 31st

5:30pm Mass Jessica Ginter †

Tuesday, September 1st

7:15am Mass Bernard Hammel †

Wednesday, September 2nd

No Mass

Thursday, September 3rd

7:15am Mass Greg & Eric Park †

Friday, September 4th

7:15am Mass Wilma Lewis †

Saturday, September 5th

5:30pm Mass Dan Connolly †

Sunday, September 6th

9:00am Mass St. Jude Parish Family

Thank you all for your generosity
and may God bless you.

Sacrificial Giving



Week 9 of FY 2026-2027

ACCOUNT	THIS WEEK	YTD
Sunday Envelopes	\$4,843.00	\$51,913.00
Weekly Offerings	\$565.92	\$7,949.05
Loose cash	\$579.10	\$4,001.95
Total	\$5,988.02	\$63,864.00

Next Weekend Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Samuel Bagyo, Dcn. Ray, Dcn. Tom, C. Mataya

Lectors: Beth Auxier & Vicki Walker

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

Hospitality: H. & M. Bruno, F. & L. Yocum

Sacristan: Sue Roth

Sunday, September 6th at 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Samuel Bagyo, Dcn. Tom, L. DeGroot, C. Leach

Lectors: Teresa O'Sullivan & Erik Woehrmann

Servers: J. Powell, E. & R. Strawkas

Hospitality: L. McWard, A. & O. Rench, D. Roark

Sacristan: Helen Crusen

August/September Volunteers

Monday, August 31st Counting Day: Team 2

Tuesday, September 8th Counting Day: Team 1

Church Dusters August Week 5:

Donna Day

Church Dusters September Week 1:

Barb Scheufele & Mary Duesterhaus

September Aluminum Can Recycling:

Del Reeves

September Food Pantry Collection:

Woehrmann Family

September Hearts in Christ Collection:

Linda Drewes

Rochester Estates - 5th Sunday of August:

Eucharistic Minister: Frances Yocum

Rochester Estates - 1st Sunday of September:

Eucharistic Minister: Deona Kuntzman

Carriage Crossing - 5th Sunday of August:

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom & Vicki Walker

Carriage Crossing - 1st Sunday of September:

Eucharistic Minister: Dottie Anderson

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, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, 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

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

John Aplington – Beth Yong

Mary Aplington – Beth Yong

Kelly Diaz – Niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

Carol Fulcher – Friend of Pat Carlisle

Owen Herpel – Friend of Bortmess Family

Samspon Hill - Mary Bruno

Carol Kirby – Friend of Ginger Rentschler

Sam & Lily Lueker – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Barbara Mendenhall – Family of Marie Ginter

Scott Mulford – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

Logan Petrilli - Grandson of Steve and Sharon Petrilli

Myra Shroeder – Jane Molohon

Bill Slingerland - Father of Barb Scoggins

Thomas Longtin - Brother of Jerry Calvert

Connie & Marc Wilson – Niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

Richard Yong – Beth Yong

Special Intentions – Steve & Pat Jones

St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Springfield is seeking a part time Parish Secretary. Please contact the parish office 217-522-8555 for more information. The hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. three days a week and the person would also be required to attend various parish meetings including Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, etc. Computer experience is necessary. Preferably a practicing Catholic.

St. Francis Cabrini Parish's Annual Fall Festival

Sunday September 13, 2026 from Noon to 5 p.m.

1020 North Milton Avenue, Springfield IL 62702

Music, food, family-friendly games, country store baked goods & craft sale, raffle and an alumni booth with school tours

1 p.m. Dance Creations Dance Studio

2-5 p.m. Jonnie Concarro Band

Demonstrations by Empowered Martial Arts

KC #4175 Grillmasters: Ribeye & pork sandwiches,

hamburgers & hot dogs

Pepsi products, beer