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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the Inaugural Issue of *Cathedral Weekly*! This publication has been specifically crafted to serve two ends. The first is to help aid you in your personal growth in the faith. The second and equally important part is to provide you with a powerful evangelization tool. With so many people coming weekly to Cathedral for Mass, Confession

or a host of other activities, it had become apparent that we needed to rethink the way we had been publishing our weekly bulletin. While the bulletin provided a good way to keep our parish informed, we believed more could be done to provide anybody who came to Cathedral with something to take with them that could impact their lives.

If you have ever played in a sport you will know the importance of practice. A popular saying is, "practice makes perfect" which makes me think back to my beloved philosophy professor Father AC Fabian, OP who would go on to say that only "perfect practice makes perfect." I bring all of this up because as we begin the renewal of our parish, we must take a long deep look at our own lives and discern if we are be-

ing followers of Christ. Discipleship is the popular buzz word that has been used for a couple decades now, but to date I don't know if the average Catholic in the pew knows what this word means for their own lives. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to set the world on fire by our lives. This does not happen overnight and without practice. We are going to fall and yes even fail. What matters is that day in and day out we wake up ready to meet the world with a joy that shows anyone around us that we are beloved sons and daughters of a God who loves us.

So we begin this journey of *Cathedral Weekly* together. In the beginning there will be learning curves for all of us and some of the old ways we did things will change. One noticeable change is that more information of things happening around the parish will be placed on our new website and app rather than in the pages of this weekly publication. This is not because those things are less important, but with so few pages we must prioritize our desire for evangelization and discipleship.

Please know of my continued prayers for you and your families. If you have a submission or idea for *Cathedral Weekly*, please contact me at aquick@dio.org.

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RENEWAL OF OUR PARISH



Going back several months now, a decision was made that we needed to make some changes to the parish's outreach. After many discussions with many different individuals and with both the pastoral and finance councils, and after a good amount of study and design, I am very

happy to present you with *Cathedral Weekly*. It was decided that the old bulletin format did not work anymore because we needed something more than a folding announcement board. *Cathedral Weekly* is designed to be a tool for catechesis and faith formation. I am hoping that this is something that you look forward to taking home with you, reading it, and then passing it on. More information is contained in this week's edition concerning the layout and design.

Also this weekend, our re-designed website is live and we are using a new domain name of spicathedral.org (the old address of cathedral.dio.org will still get you there too). We now have one website for both the parish and school and you can choose which area you want to visit when you initially arrive on the site.

You can also find information in this inaugural edition of *Cathedral Weekly* on how to get the parish app for your smartphone or tablet.

All of these changes are being made in the hope of fostering greater discipleship in the parish and to make the richness of our faith available and accessible to everyone.

For the past year we have been blessed by the presence of one Mr. Austin Quick here in the parish. Austin was a student of mine at Mundelein Seminary, but from another diocese. The Holy Spirit led him to our diocese and for the past year he has been here in the parish getting to know the diocese and allowing the diocese to get to know him. That time is over and he has done well, in fact, *Cathedral Weekly*, the new website, and the app were very much his initiatives. This past Thursday, Father Braden and I moved Austin down to our *alma mater* at Saint Meinrad Seminary where he will spend the next four years receiving formation and theological training for the priesthood. We will see him again on school breaks because the Cathedral is blessed to now be Austin's home parish and we are twice blessed to have him and our own David Beagles as seminarians for our diocese from this parish. Please pray for David and Austin as they continue to discern the Lord's call to priestly service in the Church.

Father Christopher House is the Rector-Pastor of the Cathedral and serves in various leadership roles within the diocesan curia, specifically Chancellor and Vicar Judicial. He can be reached at chouse@dio.org.

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COMING NEXT WEEK:

An introduction to our new school principal

MR. TONY CERVENY

Christ Handing the Keys to St. Peter
by Pietro Perugino (1481-1482)



FELLOWSHIP



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us" – Hebrews 12:1. This verse sums up what I think Christian fellowship means. To strive for truth in living the lives put before us alongside our brothers and sisters. Without true Christian fellowship and by ourselves this race would be a very difficult one to run, but with the help of those around us, living a virtuous, generous, and faithful life seems a little more possible.

If we can be members of a parish with strong fellowship, we are bound to be better disciples. One of the reasons I believe the major non-denominational churches have thrived over the past several years, is there success in Christian fellowship, especially at the young adult level. These churches have thriving young adult and young family programs. I've been really happy with the start of the Forge here at the Cathedral and within the diocese. There is a solid group of young adults that have got involved and their desire to grow as Catholics has been inspiring and helped me strive to be the best disciple I can be in a world full of chal-

lenges for a young adult. I really see the potential to continue to grow this fellowship among young adults in the Springfield diocese.

The cathedral is the perfect place for Catholic fellowship to thrive. Ever since I became a parishioner almost two years ago, I've felt right at home. Between serving mass, getting involved with the Knights of Columbus, and most recently getting involved with the Forge, I have met some wonderful parishioners here. For those that are looking for solid Christian fellowship, I really encourage them to get involved with an activity at the Cathedral. The bonds you make with others are much stronger when rooted in the love of Christ. As you get to know more people here, you realize the talented and interesting people we have here. As the fellowship continues to grow at Cathedral, the ministries will thrive alongside. I look forward to seeing the amazing things that are going to happen in the future of the Cathedral and can't wait to see the fellowship that develops.



Nick Gray is a member of the Parish Council and also the Co-Chairman of THE FORGE, the Springfield area's Catholic Young Adult Group. For more information about THE FORGE go to the-forge-online.com.

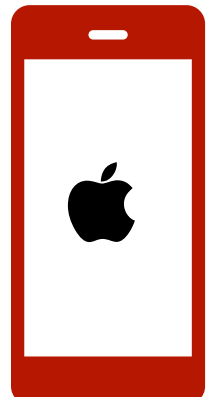
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DISCIPLESHIP



Stewardship is a disciple's response. What does this mean? Often, people confuse stewardship to mean, "the money stuff." How often have we defined it as a "check in the basket?" Or that the Parish is only asking for money? These definitions miss the point. You are being asked, but for everything- more of your time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is not easy! When we choose to become a disciple, we can act in ways of stewardship by giving more of our time to God, serving others in need, and sharing a donation that is a sacrifice. Stewardship is living the joy of the Gospel, authentically and fully.

Would the disciples only care about what is "in the basket" or respond to their Baptismal call by being concerned only with money? The beating heart of a stewardship parish is the activity of the stewards in the pews. Look around you this Sunday, because around you are people who are showing up to Mass (Stewardship of Time), serving during Mass as a lector or cantor (Stewardship of Talents) or placing a sacrificial offering in the basket (Stewardship of Treasure). There is your humble and practical example of a life of stewardship. The Cathedral is filled with generous stewards and we are grateful for their response to live the call to discipleship.

If you are looking to integrate stewardship into your life, consider:

Stewardship of Time: Attend a weekday Mass at the Cathedral. We host daily Mass Monday thru Friday at 7:00 AM and 5:15 PM.

Stewardship of Talents: Consider sharing your talents with a ministry of the Cathedral, check out the new website under "Ministries."

Stewardship of Treasure: Turn your last meaningless purchase into a meaningful gift by offering it during the Sunday Offertory. Maybe it was a trip to Target or a trip to Starbucks, either way think about how you can turn small meaningless purchases into a great gift to God and his church.



Katie Price is the Coordinator for Discipleship and Stewardship at the Cathedral. She comes with an extensive background in this field after helping dioceses and parishes across the nation meet their goal of making discipleship a priority in their parishes. If you would like to learn more about the work she is doing, email her at kprice@cathedral.dio.org.



Bishop Thomas John Paprocki enjoys the Solar Eclipse with the fourth grade class from Cathedral School on Monday.

LITURGICAL ETIQUETTE REFRESHER

External gestures of reverence can become a witness to the truths of our faith. For this reason, we wish to remind our guests and parishioners of habits or practices which are not appropriate.

✚The rule of fasting from solid food for an hour before one receives the Eucharist still holds true, and thus makes the **chewing of gum at Mass completely disrespectful and inappropriate at all times.**

✚Although the Church does not require everyone to be dressed in their “Easter best” every week for Mass, please remember that the way we dress for Mass is, oftentimes, a sign of how important the celebration of the Eucharist is to us. Overly revealing clothing, bare midriffs are never appropriate.

✚Churches are meant to be sacred space, places where all can pray and worship. While a cordial greeting is never out of place, carrying on an audible and protracted conversation is never appropriate.

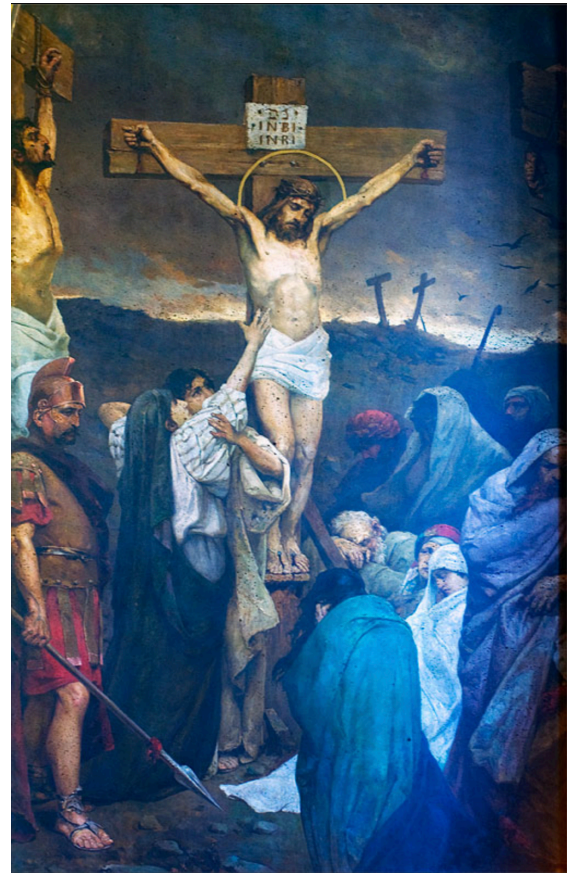
✚External gestures of reverence can be a witness to the truths of our faith. The bow immediately before receiving Holy Communion should be done with conscious recognition that it is the Lord Himself before Whom we bow. He is truly present in the Eucharist, in

both the host and the cup, and the extension of the hands must acknowledge our acceptance of a gift, not a grabbing for something owed to us. The hands are completely empty, extended in the gesture of acceptance. **The Lord should not be just another item among keys or other personal items.**

✚Our spoken and sung responses at Mass are always meant to be done communally, with whatever abilities were bestowed on us by our Father. What is believed and held in our hearts ought to be expressed outwardly during the Mass in word and in music.



✚Finally, out of respect and reverence for the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, **arriving at Mass on time and remaining until the priest has recessed down the aisle is appropriate behavior.** Leaving Mass early and disturbing the flow of Communion in order to exit is never appropriate. Please place all electronic devices on silent mode. Lastly, please **remain in the Cathedral till the end of Mass** to be blessed and commissioned to go forth in Christ’s name. Thank you and may God Bless you and your family!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

The Schedule for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will now be found at our parish website spicathedral.org. If you need assistance with this, please contact the Cathedral office.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*for more information about these events go to spicatherdal.org or
find the Parish Weekly Info sheet in the vestibule and atrium as you leave*

SHG Shop-A-Palooza Vendors needed - October 22nd from 11am-4pm
Knights of Columbus Council No. 364 - Oktoberfest - Saturday, September 9th from noon until 10:30pm
C2+A = Youth Ministry is looking for new students grades 7 through 12
The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy hosted by Christ the King Parish
SHG Golden Angel Junior Poms Camp Signups
Parish School of Religion Information and Classes starting soon

COLLECTION INFORMATION

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Envelopes - \$ 4778.00 Loose - \$ 3163.20 Maintenance - \$30.00 Assumption - \$3232.96

JULY EFT - \$16621.70



S Y N O D

U P D A T E



This week we are continuing our look at the proposed synodal declarations for the diocesan synod. Our parish meeting will be in the atrium on Tuesday evening, September 5th, at 7:00PM. Below are propositions 6 and 7. We will discuss all of them at our September meeting.

6. Our Catholic faithful will be expected to fulfill the Biblical command to tithe by donating 8% of their income to their parishes and 2% to other charities.

The life of one committed to discipleship necessarily involves an awareness that everything that one has comes from and ultimately belongs to God. In gratitude for the generosity with which the Lord blesses us, we should feel compelled to respond to that generosity by being generous in the giving of our gifts back to God and our neighbor. One of the ways in which this is done is through the sharing of the financial gifts that we have received. As such, it has long been recommended that the faithful consider the Biblical notion of tithing 10% of their financial income for the purposes of supporting one's parish and other charitable activities (cf., Leviticus 27:30; Numbers 18:26; Deuteronomy 14:24; 2 Chronicles 31:5; Malachi 3:8-11; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Corinthians 9:7; and Hebrews 7:1-6).

The Synod will be invited to consider proposing this model as an important part of the life of discipleship and stewardship in the Diocese of Springfield

in Illinois. Recognizing that adopting such a practice may require some adjustments, the Synod may consider the possibility of phasing this model in over a period of time.

7. Instead of the Annual Catholic Services Appeal, our parishes will tithe 10% of their annual income to the diocese, which will in turn tithe 10% of its annual income to national and international collections.

Stewardship is a way of life that is to be practiced in every level of life in the diocese. As such, parishes and the diocese itself are encouraged to make the practice of tithing an important expression of the commitment to discipleship and stewardship as a way of life. Doing so will help to reinforce the catholicity of the Church in that parishes identify themselves as part of a larger body in which they share with other parishes in contributing to the well-being of the diocese and the universal Church. There is a danger of falling into a sort of parochialism in which each parish sees itself as a self-sustaining entity. While this may be true of other Christian denominations, it is inconsistent with a Catholic understanding of the Church.

All of the proposed synod declarations and other information can be found on the diocesan webpage at www.dio.org and all seven declarations will be presented again at our parish meeting.