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Welcome to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception!

On behalf of our bishop, the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, our parishioners, deacons, and priests, I welcome you to the mother church of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

The seat of the diocese was moved to Springfield from Alton in 1923. In the same year, "Old St. Mary's" church of Immaculate Conception Parish was named as the pro-cathedral of the new diocese until this cathedral church was built and dedicated in 1928. Currently, our diocese comprises twenty-eight counties in central Illinois, serving over 140,000 members of the Catholic faithful.

I hope that your visit to our Cathedral is one of grace and beauty and that you feel at home in the mother church. I also hope that you will find this edition of the *Cathedral Weekly* to be both informative and spiritually enriching. May God bless you and yours!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK



Very Reverend Christopher A. House
Rector

Monday 12 November

7 AM - Shirley Logan (Leah, Sue & Jack Billington)

5:15 pm - NO MASS

Tuesday 13 November

7 AM - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden)

5:15 PM - Special Intention (Carl & Lou Ann Mack)

Wednesday 14 November

7 AM - Gene DeRuntz (Louie & Shirley Vaughn)

5:15 PM - Bill Crumly (Bill Vogt)

Thursday 15 November

7 AM - M Thelma Judy (Karen Mueller-Fisk)

5:15 PM - Rich Logan (Joanne Schumacher)

Friday 16 November

7 AM - Barb McGee (Tom McGee)

5:15 PM - Peggy Sidener (Lou Ann & Carl Corrigan)

Saturday 17 November

8 AM - Tina Howard (Phil & Joan LaRose)

4 PM - Patrick J. Ward (Helen & Katie Call)

Sunday 18 November

7 AM - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden)

5 PM - Sean & Lisa O'Brien (Colleen Atwood)

10 AM - For the People

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Pray for Our Bishops

This past Tuesday evening we completed a three part faith formation video series on the Lord Jesus as Priest, Prophet and King. I am grateful to those who participated and for the great conversations that we had at each session. In the series, Bishop Robert Barron explained what these three ministries, what we call the triple

munera, meant for Jesus and what they mean for us by virtue of our baptism since we are given a share in them by virtue of this great sacrament.

Our Lord Jesus came to sanctify the world anew, to show us the way to offer right praise to God. By virtue of our baptism, we are called to share in the priestly ministry of Christ by striving for holiness each and every day, by striving to offer God right praise in every aspect of our lives. As a priestly people, we are called to make the world holy by our presence and action in it. The second munera, the prophetic ministry of our baptism, calls us to witness to Christ by calling people back to relationship with God. This was the role of the Prophets in the Scriptures, fulfilled in the Lord Jesus, to call Israel from its sinfulness back to its covenant relationship with the Lord. In a world of false or misguided priorities, this ministry can be very challenging as many people are disinclined to break habits and mind-sets that are contrary to God's will; sinful as these things may be, people can find a false comfort in them and are not quick to give these things up.

The third ministry of Christ that we share in by virtue of our baptism is that of kingship. What this means for us in the life of the Church is that we are called to maintain proper order. As individuals, we are called to maintain proper order in our lives by fully participating in the life of grace and seeing that sin does not enter in; we must do this because we are a part of the mystical body of Christ and if we are diminished by sin then so also is the whole mystical body. If we find sin in our lives, it must be cut out

or pushed back. This is a serious mistake that people make at times, thinking that there can be some co-existence with sin and evil. It isn't possible. This was the mistake made by many of the kings of Israel. Some blatantly cooperated with evil but others tragically compromised with it in various ways. Though sometimes well intentioned, any attempt to compromise or co-exist with evil leads to bad kingship.

While all of the faithful are given a share in these three-fold ministries, those men who are in Sacred Orders by virtue of ordination have a unique responsibility in fulfilling these offices in the Church through teaching, governing, and sanctifying. Among them, the bishops of the Church have the greatest responsibility. They are the successors of the Apostles and it is through them that priests and deacons are ordained and ordered to assist them in these three sacred functions. This week the bishops of the

United States will be holding their annual fall meeting in Baltimore and they have asked for our prayers. It is no secret that there has been poor exercise of the Kingly charism by some in governance and the bishops will be meeting to address these issues along with other pressing and difficult questions for the good of the faithful of this nation and the Church at large.

It is an unenviable task that the bishops have, to be responsible for every soul in their own particular diocese

and to also share in responsibility for the greater Church. They need our prayers. The vast majority of the bishops are good and holy men who need the grace of God as much as we do and some perhaps even more. Let us pray for them, especially for our own bishop, Thomas John, that God will grant them zeal, courage, and fortitude in safeguarding the good of the faithful, especially the most vulnerable, as we all strive to answer the Lord's call in our lives and journey towards his Kingdom.

Father Christopher House is the Rector of the Cathedral and serves in various leadership roles within the diocesan curia, namely Chancellor and Vicar Judicial.



(USCCB/By Mark Pattison Catholic News Service)

STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship Activity

Stewardship of Time

This week, take some time with the Scriptures. Take a night this week and discuss the daily scripture with your family over dinner.

Stewardship of Talent

While we continue to discern our stewardship of talents, please contact the offices with any questions on how you may be able to serve.

Stewardship of Treasure- November 3rd & 4th

Envelopes:	\$5,819.50
Loose:	\$3,410.50
Maintenance:	\$727.00

Total:	\$9,957.00
October EFT	(\$17,501.20)

Sacraments

Please celebrate the blessed union of Mr. & Mrs. Dylan McKinney and the baptism of Navy May Warwas into the faith. We have not had any recent funerals.

Scripture Questions

First Reading: 1 KGS 17:10-16

We hear today about a miraculous encounter between the prophet Elijah and a poor widow from Zarephath. The woman trusts Elijah even though she is desperate and on the verge of death. How do you find spiritual strength when you are feeling vulnerable and afraid?

Second Reading: HEB 9:24-28

Hebrews speaks of Jesus' sacrificial death for our sins and his eventual return to bring salvation to all believers. How often do you think about the second coming of Christ?

Gospel Reading: MK 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Jesus praises the poor widow for offering a small tithe to the temple treasury because she gave from her poverty rather than from her surplus wealth. What motivates you to offer tithings to the Church?



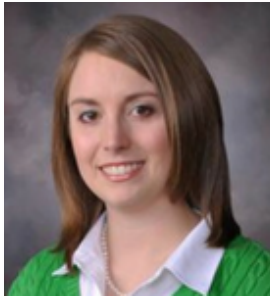
Season of Stewardship

"All things are possible for God"

Thank you for filling out the Stewardship Intention Form! There is still time to fill it out. Please return to the Parish Offices or fill it out online at spicathedral.org/stewardship-form

We are grateful to the many parishioners who have already placed their stewardship forms in the offertory basket or submitted them online last week. Thank you for answering the call, for confirming your commitment to stewardship at Cathedral, and for being a participant in the life of this community! There is still time to fill out your form and join us. To do so, please fill it out online at spicathedral.org/stewardship-form or contact the Parish Offices for a paper copy. Thank you and God bless!

If you have any questions, please reach out to the parish offices or Katie Price at kprice@cathedral.dio.org. Please be patient with Katie's response while she is on maternity leave. We will respond as soon as possible.



An Everyday Guide to Peace

Peace in our world is something that we all dream of, though we often feel paralyzed in our efforts to bring about peace. Watching news clips of the political and religious turmoil present in our world today is enough to make

even the most optimistic person sit back and wonder if peace is something that can be achieved.

The question that has often come to mind when I think about the daunting task of world peace, is how on earth can I, as an individual, really make a difference from day to day?

John Henry Newman (1801–1890) in part answers this question in his statement “holiness before peace.”

Newman claims that true peace can only be found through becoming holy. But what does this mean for us as we go about our daily lives?

The answer to this sounds quite simple: The closer one grows to God, the more peaceful one becomes. That’s because as Christians, we believe that peace on earth ultimately stems from the peace of God. How does this work, practically speaking? Every act of holiness (going to Mass, praying the rosary, helping the homeless) allows God to act in our lives, which in turn allows God to act through us in bringing about peace in the world. As we ourselves grow holier, this allows us to participate in God’s peace, which ultimately influences those around us.

Sometimes bringing about peace in our world can be as simple as a smile or hug to someone who needs it. We recognize Christ in our neighbors, and so we also allow Christ to work through us in our interactions with our neighbors.

Peace, even in the simplest of gestures, originates in God.

Reflecting upon Newman’s idea that peace stems from holiness, we begin to see that the peace that God gives to us as we grow

in holiness is actually a gift for the world. St. Teresa of Calcutta is a great example of peace stemming from holiness. St. Teresa often spoke about her work as a mission of love. She understood her mission to the poor as originating in her worship in the Mass and her participation in the devotions of the Catholic Church, such as the rosary, daily prayer, and feeding the hungry. The peace that St. Teresa exuded in her work with the poor flowed out of her experience of Christ in the Eucharist and her closeness to God, and even though she didn’t always feel the love of God, she cognitively knew that God was present.

While most of us don’t lead the extraordinary life of a St. Teresa, the wisdom of holiness leading to peace is certainly relevant to all of us. As Catholics, Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is present to all of us. This living encounter through the Eucharist changes all of us and brings us all closer to God.

Our daily prayers, rituals like journaling, and acts of mercy like helping the poor or visiting a sick friend all aid in our growth toward God.



In turn, our worship at Mass, accompanied by the daily nourishment of prayer, changes us from the inside out and inspires us to work for peace, whether it be buying a cup of coffee for a person having a bad day or feeding an entire nation. All of these acts come from God and bring us closer to

the peace of Christ and help us to build a peaceful society.

May we as Christians remember where peace ultimately originates: in Christ’s love for his people.

Elizabeth H. Farnsworth heads the daily operations for the National Institute for Newman Studies’ Newman Studies Journal, which provides scholars with top-tier knowledge on Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman’s life, work, and influence. She is also currently a doctoral candidate in theology at the University of Dayton.



Living Stewardship – Service to Communities in Need

At the close of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested that the Church set aside one day each year for communities to “reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.” He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor, to be celebrated each year on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

It is right that during our Season of Stewardship and during the season of Thanksgiving that we take some time to reflect on how the Gospel is calling us as individuals and as a parish family to serve the poor. The widow who fed Elijah with the last of her flour and the widow in the Gospel of Mark help us understand that God is calling us to extravagant generosity. We are called to give all. Really, it's ridiculous! And impossible. Except for those of us in whom Christ lives. And so it is not impossible. St. Teresa of Calcutta said that The Holy Hour before the Eucharist should lead us to a “holy hour” with the poor. Our Eucharist is incomplete if it does not make us love and serve the poor.”

The Cathedral parish, and its members, are active in a wide variety of service activities, and welcome the opportunity to serve people in need in our parish and beyond. There have been many opportunities over the years for parishioners to support the local community. Here is what we have been doing lately:

Catholic Charities Holy Family Food Pantry

A collection bin is in the Atrium for an ongoing food collection for the Holy Family Food Pantry. In the past, the CCCW members collected non-perishable food at their fall meetings to fill the Holy Family Food Pantry Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Beginning this year, all parishioners are invited to participate in this giving opportunity. A list of suggested food items has appeared in the bulletin and cash donations are also accepted. Place a check or cash in an envelope marked “Food Pantry” and drop it in the collection basket.



Helping Hands Food Ministry

We are completing our 13th year of providing a home-cooked meal for the 50 men who seek shelter at Helping Hands. Teams provide a meal on the 4th Saturday of each month. Each January an organizational meeting is held to form teams and plan meals for the year. Volunteers prepare the food, purchase drinks and disposable dinnerware, deliver and serve the meal.

Christ Child Shower

The CCCW has coordinated the Christ Child Shower for many years. Generous contributions of items for babies, preschool children and pregnant/new mothers are accepted and divided between the Pregnancy Care Center and Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery for distribution to their client families.

Blessing Bags

Parishioners donate toiletries, personal care items, socks, etc. to make Blessing Bags for individuals who are homebound or who cannot afford them. In 2018, a group of CCCW ladies and their families prepared packages for 65 residents of a local nursing home as well as 18 home bound Cathedral parishioners in Sister Francella's ministry. In past years, these bags were also provided to Helping Hands to provide needed items to homeless individuals.

Socktober

Borrowing this idea from other parishes, Cathedral parishioners donated almost 500 pairs of socks, hats and gloves for area shelters! We will make this much needed service an annual giving opportunity.

Breadline Sunday

Held annually on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Breadline Sunday is an easy way to donate to St. John's Breadline and get the bread for your Thanksgiving stuffing.

All these ways of helping are essential for vulnerable members of our community and the agencies who assist them. But there may be ways we can do more to address the root causes of homelessness or perhaps join with the Heartland Continuum to seek long-term solutions.

The Heartland Continuum is an organization of all agencies and individuals who serve the homeless population or are interested in helping. These agencies include shelters, soup kitchens, resource areas, and day services. To learn more about the Heartland Continuum and what is going on in Springfield to help people experiencing homelessness, visit heartlandcontinuum.com

If you are interested in helping our parish discern how to better care for those in need, please come on Monday, December 10, at 6 p.m. to the Atrium for a 45-minute presentation called “Healthy Spaces for Helping.” This is a session about the effects of trauma (abuse, neglect, living in poverty) on children and adults. We'll learn about why being trauma-aware is essential to

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responding to the needs of our community, particularly people and populations who are homeless or who live in poverty. If you are interested, please contact Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or by calling 522-3342. All parishioners and friends of the Cathedral are welcome!

Vicki Compton is the Coordinator of Faith Formation and Mission at the Cathedral. She can be contacted by calling the Parish Offices or emailing her directly at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.

Sharing the Gospel

God wants us to be humble, and he wants us to share our blessings. So many people Jesus met were proud, and they thought they deserved special treatment. Other people were rich, but they took what they wanted first and gave God what was left. The poor widow in today's Gospel got it right. She quietly gave to God all she had.

Let Us Pray

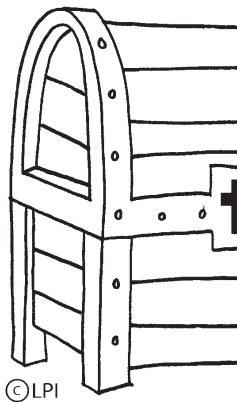
Dear God,
Help me to quietly give you the best of all that you have given me.
Amen

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the poor widow who trusted God with her whole heart.

Puzzle

Complete the picture.



Mission for the Week

If you have a piggy bank, take money out and give it to God next Sunday. Shhhh! Remember to give it to God quietly.

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Growing with the GOSPEL

My Church,
My Family and Me

Mark 12:38-44 ■ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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