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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 19 November

7 AM - Patricia Thomas (Tom & Deedee Nagy) 5:15 PM - Special Intention for Burmeister & Lentz Families (Sue Warner)

### Tuesday 20 November

7 AM - Janet Fineshriber (Jim & Helen Lorden) 5:15 PM - Catherine Staab (Brian & Mickey Lauer)

### Wednesday 21 November

7 AM - John Montgomery (John Busciacco) 5:15 PM - Elizabeth Tobin (Barb Farris)

### Thursday 22 November

9AM - Dr. William Coughlin (Linda Pierceall)

### Friday 23 November

7 AM - Clementine Howard (Pat Wiedower & Family) 5:15 PM - NO MASS

### Saturday 24 November

8 AM - Barb McGrath (Friend) 4 PM - Guy Hunt (Bill Vogt)

### Sunday 25 November

7 AM - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden) 5 PM - For the People  
10 AM - Bernice Lauduskie (Jim & Sandy Bloom)

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## Give Thanks To The Lord

Many of us will celebrate the annual tradition of this coming Thursday as Thanksgiving Day. Our national tradition goes back to 1621 to the giving of thanks by pilgrims and their Native American neighbors at Plymouth (although history argues that many of the details of the first

Thanksgiving are more myth than anything else). The tradition continued through the years, finally being fixed by President Lincoln by decree in 1863 that a national day of thanksgiving should occur on the last Thursday of November. The date was fixed again in 1941 by an act of Congress declaring that the fourth Thursday of November would be the date for Thanksgiving each year. This was a compromise between Republicans and

to Mass at the Cathedral at 9:00AM, as there is no better way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day than with thanksgiving at Mass. The word Eucharist in Greek means "thanksgiving." Every time we gather for the Mass, we are gathering to offer thanksgiving to God for his goodness, his mercy, and his love.

Long before the pilgrims at Plymouth gathered for the "first" Thanksgiving, thanksgiving had already been offered on these American shores in the Mass, but no one can be exactly sure when that happened. If you ask the Irish they will tell you it was by St. Brendan all the way back around the year 512 (one of the windows on the south side of the Cathedral commemorates this tradition). We know that Mass was offered on Epiphany on the island of Hispaniola as a part of Columbus's second voyage in 1494. Finally, most likely by 1498, Henry Cabot's expedition was exploring Newfoundland and Augustinian friars were among those in his party so Mass was most likely offered on the continent by then.



Democrats. President Roosevelt had wanted Thanksgiving on the second to the last Thursday of November to provide for a longer Christmas shopping season to help the American economy. Republicans wanted to keep Thanksgiving on last Thursday of November, as Lincoln had declared, as an honor to the former president. The compromise allowed for both sides to get what they wanted, depending on how many Thursdays were in November in a given year.

No matter what Thursday the holiday is celebrated on, what is important is the reason why the day is celebrated. This is the one federal holiday that is designated as a day of offering thanks to God for the gifts and blessings that he has bestowed on the nation. While many of us will gather with family and friends to give thanks in the afternoon or evening, I invite you to first come

It is important for our lives to be marked by thanksgiving. Thanksgiving must be a way of life for the Christian, not simply a day on the calendar. Acknowledging that God is the giver of all good gifts, and that our talents and resourcefulness emanate from him, keeps us humble and open to receiving the continued graces that he wants to bestow on us. On behalf of Bishop Paprocki, Father Stock, Father Friedel, Deacon Smith, Deacon Keen, and all of the Cathedral Parish staff, I wish you and yours a blessed and happy Thanksgiving. God bless you!

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

## Stewardship Activity

### Stewardship of Time

Pray the rosary with your family this week. If someone in your family is not local, try calling them and praying together.

### Stewardship of Talent

Consider providing a service to someone in need during your Thanksgiving holiday.

### Stewardship of Treasure- November 3rd & 4th

Envelopes: \$5,168.50

Loose: \$3,163.37

Maintenance: \$300.00

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Total: \$8,631.87

October EFT (\$17,501.20)

## Sacraments

Please continue to pray for those listed on the online prayer wall and in our daily intentions. We have not had any recent funerals, weddings, or baptisms. Looking for sacramental information? Please contact the Parish Offices at 522-3342.

## Scripture Questions

First Reading: DN 12:1-3

The prophet Daniel shares a vision he received about a coming time of divine judgement. What is your reaction to this vision as a believing Christian?

Second Reading: HEB 10:11-14, 18

The author of Hebrews speaks of Jesus' offering of his life as a sacrifice for sins. And in this action, believers are "consecrated." How do you show appreciation for this divine gift?

Gospel Reading: MK 13:24-32

In the Gospel reading, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the end times and the coming of the Son of Man. How is this a message of hope for you?



## Embracing Reality As Given

I enjoy working out. After my second child, a switch flipped in my brain and I started lifting weights and changing my eating habits. I think we hear about those kind of transformations all of the time but I've learned that training my body and

mastering my eating habits also had a profound affect on my spiritual life.

We suffer from a grave disembodiment. We tend to believe that our hearts, our souls, our minds are somehow altogether separate from our bodies. I would argue that they are altogether the same. Our inner life is often reflected from without, and the same can be said in reverse. When we are heavy of heart, we may expound this externally—binging on food (hello, pint/gallon of ice cream) or listening to sad music. When our heart is light, we do the opposite. There is a sense of incredulity when you see someone urging others to give all that they have to holiness when they cannot apply that discipline to how they care for their bodies.

What care are we called to? As with all things, we must operate in "reality as given," and Christ rarely asks contrary of us. For instance, I have four children under the age of seven and a profound love for writing/theology. I rarely make time for more than an hour in the gym. Even that can be scarce at times. I won't be training for Olympia or the NYC marathon anytime soon. That's my "reality as given," and I'm sure yours is different.

When St. Paul wrote "*I beat my body into my slave*," I'm sure he wasn't speaking of hitting the local gym as much as the spiritual asceticism that even Pope St. John Paul II frequently spoke of as self-mastery.

I remember speaking with my doctor about all of this—fitness and the like. He told me that he struggled with the eating part. He didn't like the idea of "depriving" himself or the monotony of repetitive meals. I invited him to change his hermeneutic. There's really no deprivation or monotony if we view it all as simplicity and discipline. Simplicity of life without beckons us into deepening our inner life.

Now, the flipping of my switch that I spoke of didn't come without suffering—cravings that I chose not to fulfill, painful soreness after moving up in weight on squats, etc. Great love requires suffering. That suffering begets humanity. Even the science behind muscle building requires a breakdown of muscle fibers. And that "breaking down" makes something stronger, just like suffering actually restores our harden hearts with "natural" hearts. Suffering makes way for love.

Ratzinger wrote, "*When we know that the way of love—this exodus, this going out of oneself—is the true way by which man becomes human, then we also understand that suffering is the process through which we mature. Anyone who has inwardly accepted suffering becomes more mature and more understanding of others, becomes more human.*"

Suffering over a spin class and suffering of spirit may seem vastly different, but taming my flesh has taught me a lot about taming my soul, and it has given me the greater gift of praxis that otherwise I have not. All things point to Christ, and all things that we give credit to the world for are meant to be redeemed for him—even what we eat and even more so how we treat this body that was made to worship him. All for Christ! Everything.

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## Post-Thanksgiving Gratitude

I am not sure your family tradition the night of Thanksgiving, but much to my chagrin I have a few family members that hit the big sales starting that evening. While I am not opposed to snatching a good sale, I always feel uncomfortable thinking about the workers who leave their families to

prepare for the mad rush of eager shoppers. I am sure the deals on that evening make it worth it for that special item someone has been asking for all year, but I wish we could just give it one day. In fact, the next day, known as "Black Friday," is one of the biggest shopping days in the US. Did you know the most popular requested gift card this year is an Amazon gift card? Anyone surprised? The shopping weekend doesn't end here! We continue on to "Small Business Saturday" and then "Cyber Monday."

The upcoming weekend is a shopper's delight! But, something seems to be missing in all of this commotion. Thanksgiving is an opportunity to recognize your blessings! The gift of family, friends, a warm meal; we receive an abundance of blessings! I hate to say it to my fellow shoppers reading this, but wouldn't it be better to have "giving days" rather than "shopping days" ahead of us?

Good news, "Giving Tuesday" is right around the corner! Giving Tuesday is celebrated on November 27, 2018 and is promoted as a global day of giving. While the day has increased in awareness and popularity since its inception in 2012, it is still unknown to many. Giving Tuesday was created by a team at the Belfer Center for Innovation and Social Impact and an organization called 92nd Street Y. They wanted to create one day when individuals and communities could celebrate and encourage giving. The day juxtaposes the consumerism culture prominent in days prior. Last year, all types of nonprofits received over 2.5 million gifts which totaled more than 300 million dollars- *all raised in ONE day!* Those numbers are a tremendous example of generosity in a world that sometimes seems to emphasize individualism and consumerism over philanthropy.

So, how can we as Catholics participate in Giving Tuesday? How about responding in the spirit of stewardship? Think about your GPS for a minute. Yes, the GPS that you may have used to navigate you to a store or an event recently. Just as a GPS navigates us to our destination, stewardship helps us navigate our faith life. Ultimately, the destination is being in full communion with Jesus. Here at Cathedral, we will be posting opportunities to

use our *Stewardship GPS to Give, Pray, and Serve*. We invite you to join us.

On November 27th:

- Join us for Mass at 7AM or 5:15PM
- Come in for Confession from 4:15PM- 5:00PM
- Take time reading the Scriptures for the day, easily found on USCCB's website (<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/112718.cfm>)
- Pray for those listed on the online prayer wall or listed as a Mass Intention for the week
- Consider serving at your favorite organization that day or contacting an organization about volunteering
- Call a friend and invite them to an upcoming faith formation event or next Sunday's Mass



Share with us how you use your Stewardship GPS on Giving Tuesday by engaging in the conversation on Facebook or with your peers. We are all blessed in abundance by God. Let us lead the way (GPS!) by our example on Giving Tuesday!

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## #GIVING TUESDAY

For more information on Giving Tuesday:  
<https://www.givingtuesday.org/>

To join the conversation on Cathedral's Facebook page on Giving Tuesday:  
<https://www.facebook.com/spicathedral/>

## 5 Ways To Observe The World Day Of The Poor

*What is the World Day of the Poor?* In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can “reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.” He designated this day as the “World Day of the Poor.” It will be celebrated on the thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (two Sundays before the season of Advent each year.) The second World Day of the Poor is Sunday, November 18, 2018.

“It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy.”

– Pope Francis

Here are 5 Ways you can observe the World Day of the Poor:

**1. Pray for the poor.** There are so many people who need our prayers. If you're overwhelmed and not sure where to start, try praying with your newsfeed. As you see headlines about what's happening around the world, pause and pray for the people affected by those stories.

**2. Learn about the causes of poverty and work to change them.** There are many reasons why people around the world are trapped in poverty: lack of jobs, war and climate change that affects what farmers can grow are only a few examples. We can raise our voices together to ask our government to support

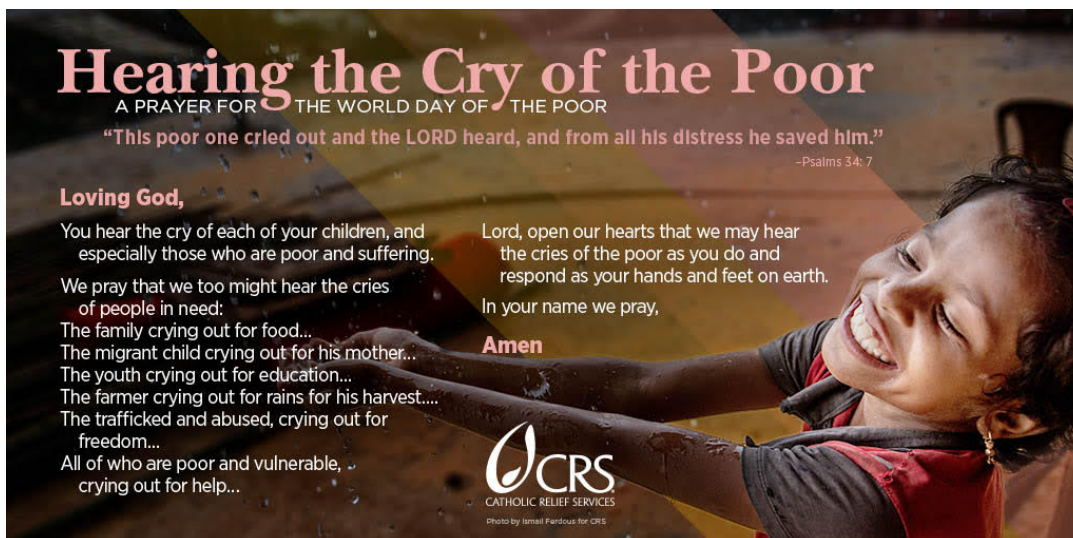
policies that help address these causes of poverty. Advocate on behalf of people who are hungry and living in poverty by sending a letter to your Representatives and Senators in Congress at [support.crs.org/act/nourish-change-13](http://support.crs.org/act/nourish-change-13).

**3. Support the church's outreach to the poor.** One way to care for the poor around the world is to support the work of Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries. Go to [crs.org/ways-to-give](http://crs.org/ways-to-give) to help our brothers and sisters in need. Cathedral parish is looking to deepen our involvement in caring for the poor locally. Contact Vicki Compton at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or call 522-3342 to be part of this effort.

**4. Make caring for the poor part of your routine.** Do you buy coffee, chocolate or Christmas gifts? One way to support low-income workers around the world is by buying things you use on a regular basis from organizations that pay a fair wage. If you drink coffee or tea, look for a fair trade label, which means that the farmers who harvest the coffee or tea are paid fairly and work in safe conditions. As you begin your Christmas shopping, consider buying gifts from around the world that are produced and traded ethically. Locally you can shop at Simply Fair, 2367 W Monroe and you can find a list of ethical online companies at [ethicaltrade.crs.org/guide](http://ethicaltrade.crs.org/guide).

**5. Practice the corporal works of mercy.** The Corporal Works of Mercy are drawn from Jesus' life and teachings. They call us to: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead and give alms to the poor. Pope Francis added a new work of mercy: to care for God's creation. The Corporal Works of Mercy offer a clear model and starting point for how to care for our neighbors in need.

For more information, please contact Vicki Compton at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org)



## Hearing the Cry of the Poor

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

*“This poor one cried out and the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.”*  
—Psalms 34: 7

**Loving God,**

You hear the cry of each of your children, and especially those who are poor and suffering.

We pray that we too might hear the cries of people in need:

- The family crying out for food...
- The migrant child crying out for his mother...
- The youth crying out for education...
- The farmer crying out for rains for his harvest....
- The trafficked and abused, crying out for freedom...
- All of who are poor and vulnerable, crying out for help...

Lord, open our hearts that we may hear the cries of the poor as you do and respond as your hands and feet on earth.

In your name we pray,

**Amen**

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## Sharing the Gospel

Today's Gospel reading gives us both a warning and a promise. One day Jesus will come back, so we need to be ready. For those of us who follow God to the end, Jesus promises to take us to heaven. So live every day like you are going to meet Jesus. One day you will.

## Let Us Pray

Dear God,  
Keep me close to you until I live with you in heaven.  
Amen

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of angels bringing you to heaven.



## Word Unscramble

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

shaken	glory	chosen
clouds	angels	leaves
power	gather	heaven

shknae	<u>s</u>	<u>h</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>k</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>n</u>
gthrae	—	—	—	—	—	—
chsnoe	—	—	—	—	—	—
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## Mission for the Week

Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.

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# Growing with the GOSPEL



Mark 13:24-32 ■ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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