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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!



Very Reverend Christopher A. House
Rector

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Monday 21 January

7 AM -Mrs. Mary Ratna Kumari Pandity (Suseila Pandity) 5:15PM - NO MASS

Tuesday 22 January

9 AM - Dorothy Huber (Children) 5:15PM - Mary Ann Midden (The Kings)

Wednesday 23 January

7 AM -Special Intention for Apostles of Light (Anonymous) 5:15 PM - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden)

Thursday 24 January

7 AM -Special Intention for Apostles of Light (Anonymous) 5:15 PM - Mary Corrigan (Carl & Lou Ann Corrigan)

Friday 25 January

7 AM -Ronnie Briggs, Jr. (Fr. Zach Edgar) 5:15 PM - William Borre (Kay & Dick King)

Saturday 26 January

8 AM -Marlen Perkins (Ann Czwomog) 4 PM - For the People

Sunday 27 January

7 AM -Mary Ann Midden (William Midden) 10 AM - John & Edith Bakalar (John Busciacco)
5 PM - George J. Nicoud, Jr. (Family)

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No Wine Before It's Time

Some of you may remember TV commercials in the late 1970s and early 1980s with actor/director Orson Wells speaking for Paul Masson wine. Well's tagline for those spots was "we will sell no wine before it is time." The point of the line was stressing that Masson was not simply rushing out a product but that only when the time was right, when everything was ready, would a wine be released for sale. Today, with the wedding feast at Cana, the headwaiter is shocked because the best wine has been saved for a later time. Why? Because the time is right; the time is now.

This Sunday's Gospel reading of the wedding feast at Cana is traditionally considered the Lord Jesus's first miracle. Once again we find the theme of epiphany, of revealing or making known, in the Gospel this weekend, a theme that will continue over the next several Sundays. With that in mind, when we look at this Gospel selection, we may be naturally inclined to say that this passage in John is about marriage; yes, but to a lesser extent. Jesus is at the wedding feast with Mary his mother and his disciples. We can easily deduce that he sees marriage as something good and, naturally, our Lord in his plan of salvation raised marriage to the dignity of a sacrament, but there is something more here and it's all about the wine.

There are two details about the water made wine that we need to note as recounted for us by John: its quality and its volume. As with any miracle, there are two realities at work: the actual miracle that takes place and a greater truth that the Lord is making known to us through it. It is clear from the testimony of the headwaiter that the wine made by the Lord is good, very good, and while other good wines have been served, surprisingly, and even better wine is offered later on. This wine is offered in superabundance, 120 to 130 gallons if you do the math in John's account. That is MORE than enough wine for the celebration. Everyone can be satisfied without any worry that this new wine might run dry.

This miracle of the water made wine shows us that a special time has come. Now is the time of the Messiah. The quality and abundance of the new wine tells us that, while God's grace has been made manifest in times past, it is being made manifest again in a new, wonderful, and abundant way in Jesus Christ. The time of the Messiah does not refer to the time only when Jesus walked on the earth. That time is now!

Here in the early days of 2019, this is the time of the Messiah and every day, month, and year will be until his glorious return. The grace of God continues to be offered to each and every heart freely and in superabundance. These are the days of redemption. Heaven has been flung open to everyone that will hear the word of Christ and strive to keep it, and the Lord will grant us the fullness of his grace to help us along the way.

Now is the time for the wine of God's grace. He is lovingly and generously offering it to each and every one of us. Drink freely!



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

Cover Photo: Painting of Miracle at Cana scene by Maerten de Voos from year 1597 in the Cathedral of Our Lady, Antwerp, Belgium.

Photo Above: The stained glass of the Wedding at Cana in St. Etheldreda, London, by Charles Blakeman (1953 - 1953).

STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship Activity

Stewardship of Time

We are starting Adoration again in February on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4PM. We are looking for Adoration volunteers, please contact the offices for more information or interest.

Stewardship of Talents

"Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others." Colossians 3:23

Stewardship of Treasure Jan. 12th & 13th

Envelopes: \$3,972.59

Loose: \$3,388.75

Maintenance: \$80.00

Total: \$7,441.34

December EFT (\$18,934.45)

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Sacraments

Are you looking for sacramental information? Please contact the Parish Offices at 522-3342.

Scripture Questions

First Reading: IS 62:1-5

Isaiah could not remain silent with his prophetic message. Who are the people in your faith community on fire for the Good News of the Lord?

Second Reading: 1 COR 12:4-11

St. Paul teaches the Corinthians about the various gifts of the Holy Spirit? What would you identify as your gifts from the Holy Spirit, and how do you use these gifts to benefit others?

Gospel Reading: JN 2:1-11

The miracle at the wedding feast in Cana is the first sign of Jesus' divine identity in the Gospel of John. We hear that after the disciples witnessed the water turn into wine, they "began to believe in him." Do you recall when you first started to believe in Jesus?

A Lesson in Stewardship

The other day I was asked to teach students about stewardship at one of our local Catholic schools. To get us started, I turned to the students to teach me something first. Have you heard about this "floss" dance? The "floss" is a new dance that has swept the social media networks and shows a person moving side to side with their arms moving in a similar fashion back and forth. At first glance, it looks easy, but don't be fooled! In fact, the dance takes great coordination, which at one point in my life I probably had! When I asked for volunteers to help me with "the floss," the kids were jumping out of their seats. I am not sure which was more appealing, the attention of doing the "floss" in front of their peers or showing "Church-lady Katie," an adult, how to "floss." Both probably sounded equally ridiculous and funny, which is perfect for a child! Once the students approached and I incredibly embarrassed my poor daughter in the audience, the laughter was contagious and we were "flossing!" Well, I was attempting, I wouldn't say successfully.

As the students took their seats again and the laughter turned into "shhh" from the teachers, we regrouped and I asked if they could tell me what any of that had to do with stewardship. As you are reading this, you are probably wondering the same thing! The students responded with some great answers, "It's fun," "We did it together," "We volunteered." I asked them if they felt joy or laughed. All responded, nodding their heads. Then I said, "Perfect, that is the beginning of stewardship, acknowledging the gifts we receive." Acknowledging that gifts are not just tangible, but often the grace filled moments of laughter, friendship, joy, and happiness.



Living a stewardship way of life is being intentional about prayer, service, and giving. But stewardship is not just sacrifice, it is acknowledging the many gifts around us. Because of the good stewards in the pews, we have many gifts at the Cathedral. The sacred space is maintained and beautiful. The ministries and formation programs are welcoming and plentiful. We celebrate daily Mass and have beautiful music ministry volunteers to enhance the Sunday Liturgies. We are grateful for the committed volunteers who serve the Alpha guests. We are truly blessed at the Cathedral and it is because of the stewards in the pews. Are you one of them? If so, thank you! If not, consider joining us in a stewardship

way of life. Start by acknowledging the gifts in your life, spending time in thankful prayer to the Lord and giving the Cathedral your time and talents. Stewardship is the act of acknowledging these gifts and sharing them with others. It is the activity of the disciples and we are each called to respond!

Katie Price is the Coordinator for Stewardship at the Cathedral and within the Diocese of Springfield. She can be reached at the Parish Offices or at kprice@cathedral.dio.org.



Altar Server Witness

You may have seen me serving the 5:15 daily mass at Cathedral. No, I'm not a seminarian, and yes I'm a working young adult. So, why do I serve? I moved to Springfield five years ago after graduating college. As I journeyed out into the "real world" I knew I wanted to continue the practice that I developed right after graduating college of attending daily mass. I started to go the 5:15 mass at Cathedral and after about a year of attending, Fr. Seth Brown contacted me and asked if I would be interested in serving daily mass there. Somehow growing up I was able to wiggle out of altar serving all together (unlike my two brothers). I decided to give it a shot however when Fr. Seth Brown asked and quickly grew to love donating my time to serving the holy sacrifice of the mass. Serving has given me a greater appreciation for the mass and helped me grow into a deeper relationship with our Lord. It allows me to give back to the Lord for all the blessings and love He has shown me. Being involved in the mass in a different way has also helped in my own discernment in both big and little life decisions. If you have the slightest interest in altar serving (no matter how young or old you may be) I encourage you to give it a shot. I think you'll be surprised of the graces you will receive from your service to the Church.

-Nicholas Gray, Parishioner and Altar Server



The Privilege of Serving at the Altar

The Mass is without a doubt one of the most privileged moments in the life of a Christian. It is there that we hear the Word of God proclaimed once again among the community of the faithful. It is there that we gather as a community around the altar of sacrifice, offering ourselves and our intentions and uniting them to the one true sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. It is there that we receive His very Body and Blood—the "source and summit of the Christian life"—which makes us united to God and to each other, giving us the strength and grace to live our mission as disciples in the world.

In the reforms to the liturgy called for by the Second Vatican Council, the council fathers explicitly stated that their aim was to consider before all else the *"full and active participation by all the people."* It's a phrase which has been oft-misunderstood in the fifty years since the close of the council. But primarily, this "full and active participation" consists of every individual offering their entire selves in the Mass—by engaging themselves in the Mass in every aspect: praying with the priest, singing, and, where appropriate, serving the liturgy through various roles.

One of those ministries of service—and a privileged one at that—is altar serving. An altar server is entrusted with serving the priest in the act of sacrifice. This entails holding the book during the various prayers offered by the priest, helping to prepare the altar, receiving the offertory gifts alongside the priest or deacon, and carrying the cross, incense, or candles during the processions into and out of the Church. But more than the mere responsibilities of the altar server, the role is privileged because of its proximity and importance to the Mass. Altar servers have a unique opportunity to serve directly the Body and Blood of Christ, to be present in the sanctuary for the sacrifice of Calvary, and to aid the priest as alter Christus (an "other Christ").

Our Cathedral parish has a faithful corps of men and women, girls and boys who assist the priests and deacons at the altar, and for that we are all very grateful. Nevertheless, we invite anyone who has considered this ministry in the past or who is currently interested to come forward and join our team. This new year of God's grace is a perfect opportunity to offer your full and active participation in the liturgy by joining this ministry—or any of our other opportunities to sing, pray, and serve.

Please RSVP for training! New and returning altar servers should attend!

A training for all youth servers (5th grade and older, current and new) will occur on **Monday, January 21 at 11 am**, with a pizza party to follow. Parents are invited as well! Training for all adult servers (weekday and weekend, new and experienced) will occur on **Wednesday, January 23 at 6 pm**, with a dinner hosted in the Cathedral rectory (TBD) to follow.

For interest and to RSVP to the training, please contact Fr. Friedel at 522-3342 or email Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.



A Beginner's Guide to Eucharistic Adoration

My first experience with Eucharistic Adoration occurred in sixth grade at my Catholic elementary school when my homeroom teacher took my entire class to the church to pray in silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. If you're thinking it was difficult for 35 12-year-olds to sit still and pray in silence for

an hour, then you'd be right. We squirmed and fidgeted and poked our neighbors to avoid giving our undivided attention to the Lord. Our behavior earned a mild scolding from our soft-spoken teacher, who reminded us of Jesus' own words in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before he was crucified: "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"

After that, I didn't go to Adoration again for many years. First, there was the challenge of carving out an hour in the middle of the week to get there, when so many other activities and errands felt more pressing. Secondly, I was worried that Adoration might only be for super holy people — ones who spend time with God in perfect, prayerful contentment. My mind is full of worldly concerns and distractions, so maybe Adoration wasn't for me. Finally, my inner, fidgety sixth grader was concerned Adoration might be, well, boring. I assumed a Holy Hour would look like waiting for a big revelation from God and hearing nothing but crickets.

After moving to Colorado, though, I discovered that my new parish had a perpetual Adoration chapel, which meant I could sit with the Blessed Sacrament at any time of the day or night. And despite my years of doubts, I somehow found myself wanting to try again. Here are some things I that helped me commit to a weekly Adoration practice:

It's not all about me

Like Mass, Adoration isn't necessarily about what we will get out of it. True, the graces dispensed by God help us grow in holiness, but the primary purpose of Adoration is right there in the name of the act: to adore the One present to us in the Eucharist.

Just be

Remember that you don't actually have to do anything. The Catholic faith recognizes that the greatest gift God gives us is himself, and Adoration is another way for us to recognize that gift outside of receiving the Eucharist at Mass. So, don't overthink it. Just receive the gift.

Pray (with a little help)

If it's been awhile since you've entered the Adoration chapel and you're worried you might be a little bored (that's understandable!), or you have no idea where to start (it's okay!), I'll offer the following suggestions:

- **Pray the rosary.** To contemplate the mysteries of Jesus' life in the rosary is to contemplate the mystery of the Eucharist given

to us and the Blessed Sacrament we praise in Adoration. So, pairing these prayers is a great habit to get into.

- **Write in your prayer journal.** Writing in a prayer journal is a great way of making your relationship with God seem more tangible, since we're getting the words out of our heads and onto the paper. Think of the practice as writing a letter to God. Take all your worries of the day and lay them down during Adoration. Or write to him about everything that's going well in your life right now.
- **Listen to music.** Music can be an extremely effective way to focus our thoughts on God. Just make sure you have headphones that will keep everyone else in your vicinity from hearing your music if they'd rather spend their time in meditative prayer. I usually find that slow, reflective melodies work best for this environment — anything by Audrey Assad usually does the trick for me.
- **Read.** While Adoration isn't really the time to break out that thriller you've been working your way through, it is a great opportunity to pull out a book by one of the saints (such as "The Diary of St. Faustina," St. Francis De Sales' "Introduction to the Devout Life," or St. Thérèse's autobiography "The Story of a Soul." Or prayerfully consider a few lines of the Catechism. You may also choose to read a set of devotional essays like Caryll Houselander's "The Reed of God," which is full of meditations on Mary. And of course, don't forget the Bible!

You don't have to sit still during your Holy Hour in order to make it count. It's okay for it to be a natural extension of the rest of your prayer life. So, if there's something that really helps you focus your prayer, bring it to Adoration. Most of all, remember to receive the gift of Christ in the Eucharist and just be present to God.

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Cathedral will be offering Adoration on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4PM to 5PM starting on Feb. 5th. We will have more information in the next coming weeks. If you are interested in participating, please contact Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.

Sharing the Gospel

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.

Let Us Pray

Dear God,

Help me to do everything you say. Help me to listen to you as I pray. Help me to listen to the people you have place in my life to help guide me in growing closer to you.

Amen.

Puzzle

Find the two identical jars.



Mission for the Week

What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke.

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Growing with the GOSPEL

My Church
My Family and Me

John 2:1-11 ■ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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