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## WEEKLY

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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DEALING WITH TEMPTATION | FR. CHRISTOPHER HOUSE  
LENT 2019  
TOGETHER IS BETTER | KATIE PRICE

# Cathedral WEEKLY

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Mass Times: SAT 4PM, SUN. 7AM, 10AM, 5PM  
Weekday Masses: MON. thru FRI. 7AM, 5:15PM and SAT. 8AM  
Reconciliation (Confessions): MON-FRI 4:15PM- 5PM, SAT. 9AM-10AM,  
2:30PM-3:30PM, and SUN. 4PM-4:45PM  
Adoration: Tuesdays & Thursdays 4PM to 5PM

Diocesan Victim Assistance is available. For the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, please contact: Patricia Kornfield at 321-1155.

Please remember that if you or a loved one is in the hospital, a nursing home or home-bound, to contact the Parish offices or Sr. Francella at 522-3342 x 142. Hospitals may know you are Catholic, but not know you are from Cathedral. We would be happy to visit.

## 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 11 March

7 AM - Louise Rees (Kerry & Vicki Bundy) 12:05PM - Eleanor Svetlik (Loretta Midden & Dave Compton) 5:15PM - William F. Logan (Lisa Logan & Family)

#### Tuesday 12 March

7 AM - Gertrude Rutkowski (Barbara & Lance Todoroff) 12:05PM - Joyce Jenness (Jerry & Pat Goclan) 5:15PM Mary Corrigan (Carl & Lou Ann Corrigan)

#### Wednesday 13 March

7AM - Joyce Jenness (Leroy & Renee Daiber) 12:05PM - Roy Rhodes (Dick & Mary Jane Davidson) 5:15PM - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden)

#### Thursday 14 March

7AM - Victims of Clerical Sexual Abuse (Anonymous) 12:05PM - Fred Wassell (Carl & Lou Ann Corrigan) 5:15PM - Mary Dwyer (Barbara Bitschenauer)

#### Friday 15 March

7 AM - Louise Rees (Woody & Rita Halbrook) 12:05PM Betty Edgar (Ed & Bonnie Murray) 5:15PM Irvin Larry Smith (Friends from ISBE)

#### Saturday 16 March

8 AM - Roy Rhodes (Carol Guazzo & Family) 4PM - Norman & Eileen Rovey (Family)

#### Sunday 17 March

7 AM - Deceased Members of the Rocco Picciniono Family (John Busciacco) 10 AM- Tom McGee Family (Tom McGee) 5 PM - For the People

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## Dealing with Temptation

Temptation is real. It is not the stuff of legend and myth nor is it some figure of speech. Temptation is not sin and sometimes people inadvertently mingle the two. Temptation is an invitation to turn from God and to serve ourselves. If we consent to temptation then the actual act that constitutes the turning from God is what is sinful. We know that temptation itself cannot be sinful because of the Gospel proclaimed to us this weekend from Luke regarding Jesus being tempted by the devil. In fact, all four Gospels state that Jesus faced temptation.

Why was Jesus tempted? The Catechism (##538-540)

teaches us that Jesus underwent temptation for us, to show us that we are not alone in our struggle to follow God's will in our lives, and to show us that we can be victorious in the face of temptation. While the devil tempted Jesus through the allurements of pleasure, power, and honor, the basis for this temptation was Jesus's sonship. Twice in Luke's account of the temptation of Jesus the devil premises his temptations with "if you are the Son of God." The devil tempted Jesus with a perverted notion of what Jesus's sonship was while Jesus clung to the truth of his sonship which called for perfect obedience to the Father's will. In the Garden, Adam and Eve lost sight of what it meant to be children of God, of the obedience that was expected of them and the grace that come as the fruit of obedience. Jesus in his temptation, and ultimately in the Cross, shows us that he is the new Adam whereby he completely and perfectly chooses the Father's will over his own.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask the Father to "lead us not into temptation." Immediately we are faced with the problem of an insufficient translation from the original Greek to English. We don't have to ask God to not lead us into temptation. He won't, because for him to do so would be contrary to his divine nature as God wants us to be free from the power of evil. However, God does allow us to be tempted. He allows us to be challenged to use the grace he has given us to discern what is of him (good) and what is not (evil). Facing temptation and overcoming it leads to spiritual growth. Again, this is why prayer, the Sacraments, mediating on the Scriptures, and good works are all so important in our discipleship because these are pathways to the grace that we need.

Let us pray together that these Lenten days may be a time of increased grace for all us through our prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. The grace given to us, that is the fruit of these holy acts, will strengthen us in our struggle against temptation and evil and allow us to stand victorious with the Lord Jesus over the power of sin and death in our lives.

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



## Lenten Schedule

### Mass

Sunday Masses: Saturday Evening Vigil- 4 PM,  
Sunday- 7 AM, 10 AM, 5PM

Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday- 7 AM, 12:05PM, 5:15 PM, Saturday 8 AM

### Confessions

Monday thru Friday 4:15 PM to 5 PM,  
Saturday 9 AM to 10 AM and 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM,  
Sunday 4 PM to 4:45 PM

### Adoration

Tuesday and Thursday 4 PM- 5 PM

### Stations of the Cross

Friday during Lent immediately following the 5:15 pm Mass.  
The Stations will also be prayed on Good Friday at 12:05PM.

*Sign-up to be a Liturgical Minister today by contacting Vicki Compton at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org).*



The season of Lent begins this year on **Ash Wednesday, March 6th** and ends just prior to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday, April 18th**, when the Easter Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season of the Church year.

## Lenten Regulations

Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, each Friday in Lent, and on Good Friday. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast, i.e., eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Small quantities of food may be taken at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during those two days. Liquids do not break the fast and nourishment needed for special needs (such as illness or pregnancy) should always be taken. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.

Resources provided by the Cathedral to help you along the Lenten Journey! Available at the Church entrances.

## Almsgiving: Second Collections During Lent

Ash Wednesday, March 6th: Church in Eastern Europe (only offering)

March 10th: St. Martin de Porres Center

March 17th: Catholic Charities (envelope in packets)

March 24th: Helping Hands of Springfield

March 31st: Catholic Relief Services (envelope in packets)

April 7th: The Pregnancy Care Center

April 14th: Cathedral Angel Fund (tuition assistance for students from Cathedral parish who attend local Catholic schools)

## Lent

We give up so that we might receive!

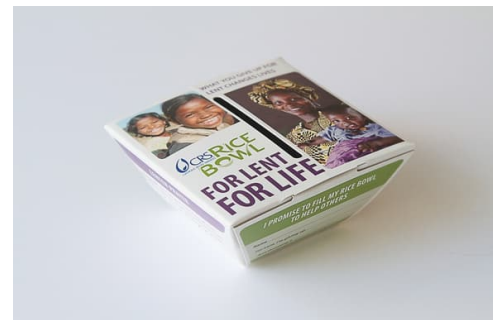
<p><b>Give Up</b> Anger/Worry</p>	<p><b>Receive</b> Peace from the Holy Spirit</p>
<p><b>Give Up</b> T.V./Idle Activity</p>	<p><b>Receive</b> An opportunity to find a passion God is calling you towards.</p>
<p><b>Give Up</b> Sweets/Eating Out</p>	<p><b>Receive</b> An opportunity to share in your abundance with someone who knows the pain of hunger.</p>

## Open Your Heart to God, Lenten Reflections from Pope Francis, Thomas Merton and Henri JM Nowen Daily Prayer Booklet

Christ has called us to be his disciples, but we must always work to make the relationship better. Since Lent offers us a chance to grow in friendship with God, we turn to three experienced friends of Jesus—Pope Francis, Thomas Merton and Henri J.M. Nouwen to share their insights about how to open our hearts to God in reflection and prayer, in our encounters with others and in our work for God's kingdom on earth. Each daily reflection includes a related scripture quote and a prayer starter question.

## Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl and Calendar

During Lent our parish will participate in a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter the needs of the world with the hope of the Resurrection. During this holy season, it is important to reflect on the crosses of hunger, poverty and war that our brothers and sisters carry. Please take a rice bowl and calendar and use them to guide your daily meal, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gift to CRS Rice Bowl.





Your journey begins here! We are here to listen to you, to pray with you, to serve with you, and to grow into intentional disciples with you. If you have been away from the church for awhile, welcome back. You are welcomed with open arms! If you are a current parishioner looking to get involved, contact us so we can help you. If you have questions, seek us out. We are here to serve. Contact the Parish Offices anytime at 217-522-3342 or fill out the contact form on our website [spicathedral.org](https://spicathedral.org).

**The Cathedral Lenten page is at <https://spicathedral.org/lent-2019/>**

## Lenten Faith Formation Programs

### **A Historical, Theological, and Liturgical Look at Lent- 3/11**

Ashes. Fasting. Veiled Images. Join Fr. House for a look at the "Why's" behind the do's and don'ts of the Lenten Season. Cathedral Atrium, Monday March 11th at 7 PM.

### **The Passion Narrative in the Gospel of St. Luke- 4/3 & 4/10**

In preparation for the celebration of Holy Week, join Father Fridel for a study of our Lord's Passion as recorded by St. Luke. Cathedral Atrium, 7 PM Wednesday April 3rd & 10th.

### **Catholicism: The New Evangelization- Starts 3/5**

This video and discussion series, hosted by Bishop Robert Barron, explores the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. Cathedral School basement, Tuesdays, March 5-April 9, at 10 AM.

### **Novena for Life**

Join us in prayer March 17th through the 25th at 7PM. Due to the recent legislation proposed at the Illinois House and Senate, we must act. One of the most powerful ways in which we can act is through prayer. All are welcome!



### **Scripture Reflections by Fr. House**

Fr. House will be sharing daily scripture reflections throughout Lent. You can find these daily videos on the Diocesan Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/diospringfield/> or you can go to the [spicathedral.org/lent-2019](https://spicathedral.org/lent-2019) webpage and SIGN-UP to receive the

Scripture videos in your email inbox everyday!

## Lenten Online Prayer Wall

Please share your intentions with us! Your intentions will be remembered during Adoration each Tuesday and Thursday. You may fill out the intention in the prayer book near the pulpit or you may submit your intention online at [spicathedral.org/lent-2019](https://spicathedral.org/lent-2019) and we will place it in the book on your behalf. We will be holding your intentions in our prayers throughout Lent.

## Lenten Discipleship Challenge

As disciples we are called to journey together and accompany each other during our challenges and joys. This Lent, let us model that call by sharing the Lenten journey with a friend.

Find a friend and join the Lenten Discipleship Challenge with us!

Each week we will post a spiritual challenge from the Cathedral Lenten prayer booklets or the CRS Rice Bowl challenge. You and your partner will accompany each other by discussing the challenge and holding each other accountable to completing the challenge. We are often more successful at reaching goals when we have a partner to keep us accountable. The first challenge will be shared on Ash Wednesday and each subsequent Sunday.

If you are serious about growing your relationship with Jesus this Lent, find a partner and journey together. If you do not have a partner, please reach out to Katie Price at [kprice@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:kprice@cathedral.dio.org) or 217-522-3342. The Cathedral staff are committed to journeying with you and will offer to be your partner if you do not have one.

# STEWARDSHIP



## Stewardship Activity

### Stewardship of Time

Pray with us! Bring your family and friends to the Novena for Life March 17-25th at 7PM.

### Stewardship of Talents

We need help with the 12:05 PM Mass during Lent. Please reach out to Vicki Compton if you can help at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org).

### Stewardship of Treasure March 2nd & 3rd

Envelopes:	\$6,809.00
Loose:	\$4,692.94
Maintenance:	\$1,002.00

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Total:	\$12,503.94
February EFT	(18,700.45)

## Sacraments

For Sacramental information, please contact the Parish Offices at 522-3342.

## Scripture Questions

### First Reading:

Throughout the Book of Deuteronomy, and in today's reading, Moses reminds the Israelites of how God was present throughout their history. Moses instructed Israel to make a sacrificial offering to the Lord God in thanksgiving. As we begin the season of Lent, how will you show gratitude to the Lord?

### Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Roman Christians that everyone (Jew and Gentile alike) who believes in Christ with their heart and mind will be saved. Why do you think anyone would object to this teaching?

### Gospel Reading:

Jesus began his public ministry defeating the temptations of the devil. How do you think the devil tempts you?

**The Cathedral Parish School of religion students spent Super Bowl Sunday collecting cans of soup for the Holy Family Food Pantry. They nearly doubled their collection goal of 50 by collecting 95 cans of soup to help the hungry in our community!**



## Together Is Better

Have you come across the 40 Day Generosity Challenge? Last year I came across this Lenten resource, and wanted to find a way to introduce something like it at Cathedral. You

can find out more information here, <https://40acts.org.uk/>. In general it invites participants to challenge themselves each day with a task which would engage them in acts of stewardship.

We have created our own Lenten challenge called the "Discipleship Challenge." It is based on the idea that when we make small goals and have a friend to hold us accountable, transformation occurs. The Discipleship Challenge invites you to find a friend and challenge each other to be disciples. Each week

during Lent we will suggest a challenge. The challenges are based around the CRS Rice Bowl and the Lenten Prayer Booklet we have provided you. The goal is to complete the challenge and then hold the other person accountable by calling, meeting, or emailing and asking how they did or are doing with the challenge. Accompaniment can have the power to transform. When we minister to each other, God is present. He shapes us into disciples who make other disciples. We are in this together.

Cathedral staff is committed to walking through Lent with anyone who may not have a partner. Please contact the offices if you would like to participate, but need someone on staff to join you. We welcome your feedback during the challenge and look forward to hearing your witness stories along the way! Please send any questions or thoughts to Katie Price at [kprice@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:kprice@cathedral.dio.org).

*Katie Price is the Coordinator for Stewardship for the Cathedral and coordinates stewardship for the Diocese.*



## Novena for Life

Join us for the Novena for Life from March 17th through March 25th. This is an opportunity to share in the power of prayer! All are welcome to join us at 7PM every night.


## Cathedral Parish Pro-Life Committee

Our parish is looking for individuals who are interested in helping our community pray and advocate for life every day of the year. We need a chairperson or co-chairs who will work to inform and educate our parishioners on how to support a culture of life in our city, state and country. If you are passionate about respecting life, and have a little time to give, please consider stepping forward to serve as a pro-life chairperson. Contact the parish office for more information or to volunteer, 522-3342 or [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org)

## Life Advocacy Day


Mark your calendar to join Bishop Thomas John Paprocki on Life Advocacy Day Wednesday, March 20th to share our concerns for respecting life at all stages. We will meet at 10AM at the Howlett Building, Hall of Flats (501 S. 2nd St. Springfield). You may join us for lunch at 12PM, after meeting with legislators, lunch reservations are required. Please contact Donna Moore for reservations or questions at (217) 698-8500, ext. 161.

## Family Reflection




### Puzzle

Help Jesus to avoid the devil by staying on the path that leads to God!




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### Mission for the Week

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.


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Luke 4:1-13 ■ 1st Sunday of Lent

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### Read the Gospel and Color



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