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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 1 April

7 AM -Barb McGrath (Mark & Mary Petrilli) 12:05 PM - Shirley Logan (Lisa Logan & Family) 5:15 PM - Special Intention for Lost Souls (CCCW)

Tuesday 2 April

7 AM -Veronica Paprocki (Steven & Ann Richard) 12:05 PM - Lemuel Moss (Jean Moss & Ralph Walter)
5:15 PM - Mary Gregory (Carl & Lou Ann Corrigan)

Wednesday 3 April

7AM -Gertrude Rutkowski (Barbara & Lance Todoroff) 12:05 PM-Patrick Mack (Carl & Lou Ann Mack) 5:15 PM - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden)

Thursday 4 April

7AM -Joyce Jenness (Otto & Sharon Baumgartner) 12:05 PM - Roy Rhodes (Carol Guazzo & Family)
5:15 PM- Kristin King and Family (Kay & Richard King)

Friday 5 April

7 AM -Joyce Jenness (Jack & Martha Burnett) 12:05 PM - Betty Edgar (Kerkhoff Family) 5:15 PM - Kara Leigh Smith (Friend from ISBE)

Saturday 6 April

8 AM -Ed Barth (Cheryl Gale) 4 PM -Roy F. Rhodes (Rhodes Family)

Sunday 7 April

7 AM -Betty & Gene Barish (Family) 10 AM - For the People 5 PM- Rose Crispi (John Busciacco)

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LENTEN RESOURCES



Lent at the Cathedral

We are more than halfway through the season of Lent. How is it going for you?

The staff at Cathedral is committed to journeying with you this Lent. We wanted to take this page to highlight some resources available to you this Lenten season. We hope you will pray or serve with us. We also have many opportunities to extend gratitude for all of God's gifts through generosity. Let us help you on your journey toward intentional discipleship!

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.

Prayer

Take some time to pray

Join us at the additional Mass added during Lent, Monday- Friday at 12:05pm.

Submit your prayer request online (to pray for during Adoration or write the prayer in the pray book during Adoration, located next to the Baptismal font.

Lenten Scripture Series with Fr. House in your email inbox everyday. Sign-up here:
<http://eepurl.com/gjE51X>

CRS Rice Bowl: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

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

Fasting

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.

Almsgiving

Almsgiving: Second Collections

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)

Don't forget to fill your CRS Rice Bowls!



Be Made Whole

Right after our last child, I was recovering from the cesarean surgery and started to notice that my foot was sore. My husband is in orthopedics, so one morning over breakfast, I told him that it was hurting a bit. He promised to keep an eye on it, and we went about the day. Two days later the pain had grown worse, and by the

end of the day it was swollen. We tried to treat it medicinally until I couldn't walk on it at all. It was a Friday, and he told me to come in for an x-ray. I didn't go. It was tough to get all the kids taken care of and make time for all of that. So the weekend came and it got progressively worse. I finally went in that Monday and got the x-ray.

The x-ray tech set me up and went over to hit the button to take the picture. Then, she kind of chuckled, I think.

"So, what have you been doing?" she asked.

"What do you mean?"

"Have you been hiking? Or on a boat or something?"

"What? No. These questions are pretty random."

It turns out that there was an old piece of metal in my foot. I had to have it removed that week, and the diagnosis was that I had stepped on it when I was a child. After my pregnancies and other bodily changes, it festered and resurfaced. (Yes, this is all totally true. This is literally my x-ray.)

It had finally festered and needed to be removed. That resonates deeply, especially during Lent.

How many unhealed wounds do we walk around with? What will it take to finally let go and allow healing?

Two illustrations of operating in woundedness come to mind: turning off the light and broken bones.

If you are in a well-lit room (maybe wherever you are reading this) and turn off the light, the darkness is shocking at first. But, if you wait a moment, your eyes adjust. You can probably make out the outlines of the furniture around you. You could get up and walk around without stubbing your toe. You might even be able to pour a drink amidst that darkness. If there are people in the room, you could still find them, commune with them, speak with them.



But the Lord does not intend for you to live "just getting by." To be fully alive requires illumination. With the light of the divine, everything can be seen. You can pour the drink, but now you can see the color of the liquid. You can speak to your friends, but now you can see the outlines of their smile lines when they laugh and the pain in their eyes if they are heavy hearted. Illumination is required for a joyful life, fully entrusted to God.

Now, the broken bones. I asked my husband about his knowledge of field medicine after reading about St. Ignatius of Loyola's horrific run-in with a loose cannonball. I realize that many of us walk around on broken bones, set on the front lines of battle.

When my mother died, to get through the funeral and all of the planning of laying her to rest, I slapped a band-aid on my broken heart. But to live my life in pursuit of God, I had to revisit my

broken heart, rip the band-aid off, and allow real healing to take place.

The broken arm that's set and wrapped in the ER can heal in that position. The person can probably use their arm though not fully. They can "just get by" until the deficiency becomes too hard to bear. They return to the doctor, and here's the kicker: in order for the arm to be healed correctly, it has to be re-broken.

When I think of Lent, I think of an invitation for authentic healing. That usually takes place in the desert. It usually

can only happen if we allow our old wounds and our broken bones to be re-broken and band-aids to be completely ripped off. Let the wind of the Holy Spirit and the hands of the Divine Physician put everything as it should be. Let him take our hearts of stone and turn them into flesh.

Where in your life are you just getting by?
Where is the wound that you have tried to hide but
continues to fester?

Where does real healing need to take place?

Think of the person with chronic knee pain that finally has the time and money to get it fixed. You'll hear them say, "I feel like a new person." Or, "I had no idea life could be like this." Usually, living with such chronic pain or woundedness makes us numb to the possibility of life without it. We live without hope and aren't even aware of it.

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When we become aware of the piece of metal that we were wounded with when we were children or maybe even when we are adults, we have to endure the suffering of reopening a wound to really allow for the removal of that which has broken our hearts.

In Co-Workers of the Truth, Joseph Ratzinger wrote the following: It is only by enduring himself, by freeing himself through suffering from the tyranny of egoism, that man finds himself, that he finds his truth, his joy, his happiness...The crisis of our age is made very real by the fact that we would like to flee from it; that people mislead us into thinking that one can be human without overcoming oneself, without the suffering of renunciation and the hardship of self-control; that people mislead us by claiming that here is no need for the difficulty of remaining true to what one has undertaken and the patient endurance of the tension between what one ought to be and what one actually is....There

Getting Back to Lent

In a conversation with my five-year old daughter the other day, I asked where she wanted to grab breakfast on Saturday. I said, "Do you want pancakes or donuts, buddy?" Her response, "Mom, duh, I can't have donuts because I gave them up for Lent! Did you forget already?" I did. I wouldn't say I "forgot" it was Lent, but rather being present and mindful to daily sacrifices or Lenten activities haven't been top of mind. Yes, I humbly admit, this has been a difficult Lent for me. With much going on at work and two more little ones in the family (5 month old twins), my distraction level is high.

A sacrifice is a challenge that is meaningful and intentional. Giving something up and offering it as a sacrifice shouldn't be easy, rather an act of intentional discipleship. During Lent, we are preparing ourselves to witness the ultimate act of sacrifice and unconditional love. Jesus sacrificed everything. Easy and meaningless are not in the description.

Many of us need to recommit midway through Lent. Here we are closer to the end of Lent, rather than the beginning. Those early Lenten promises we made may have been put on the back-burner or forgotten. Maybe we have found ourselves slipping in an extra meal when we are fasting, forgetting it is meatless Friday, or taking in a quick sweet we were supposed to be giving up. I get it. Life gets in the way, or we feel like it does. It is hard to

is, in fact, no other way in which one can be saved than by the cross.

Christ constantly invites us into union with his suffering. In her wisdom, the Church turns up the volume on this invitation during the season of Lent. When all is stripped away, we can hear his cries even greater: "Return to me with your whole heart." And as you revisit these wounds and make yourself vulnerable to healing, may you also hear the quiet whisper of Love Himself. My child, these wounds do not define you. Love Himself descends into humanity, drawing you into his divine life with an ever-ending refrain that he whispered over all of creation. You. Are. Good. This wound, this sin, is not the definition of who you are. You are good. Be made whole this Lent.

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adjust one's routine or behaviors. It is hard when we fail. We fall, we drop the cross, we are incomplete. However, we shouldn't be discouraged. We need to realize in those moments of weakness that we can find strength to get back up through Jesus. We can be forgiven and we can try again.

Think about Jesus as the model. Jesus was met with challenges and struggles. He was tempted in the dessert, distraught in the



garden, burdened by the cross and ultimately sacrificed His life for us on the cross. It is through this Lenten journey we are walking alongside Him- step-by-step, fall-by-fall, but with his help we get up again. We are lifted through prayer, humbled through fasting, and gratefully generous through almsgiving. We know Jesus' unconditional mercy and love for us abound. The journey of the cross enables us to receive the grace to courageously go out and live the Gospel, despite our failings or worries.

So, how do we begin again? One day at a time. One intentional act after another. Making a choice to put Jesus first, then again, and again. Before you know it, you won't find yourself in the Dunkin Donuts line, but rather in the pews, before Jesus. Right where we are supposed to be.

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STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship Activity

Stewardship of Time

Spend some time this week at the movies!

Unplanned is a pro-life video that will be playing in theaters locally starting this weekend. More information at <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/>

Stewardship of Talents

We are still looking for liturgical ministers during Lent. Please contact Vicki Compton for more information at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.

Stewardship of Treasure March 23rd & 24th

Envelopes:	\$ 6,611.50
Loose:	\$3,123.97
Maintenance:	\$25.00

Total:	\$9,760.47
February EFT	(18,700.45)

Sacraments

Please keep the repose of the soul of Veronica Paprocki, Bishop Paprocki's mother in your prayers. Also, please keep the repose of the soul of parishioner Mary Priest. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time. For Sacramental information, please contact the Parish Offices at 522-3342.

Scripture Questions

First Reading: JOS 5:9A, 10-12

After Moses died, Joshua successfully settled the Israelites into the Promised Land (Canaan). Israel was now fully freed from their Egyptian captors after 40 years of struggle. When have you experienced liberation from a difficult situation?

Second Reading: 2 COR 5:17-21

Paul taught that through Christ, we, as believers, are reconciled to God. In this way, we are a new creation. How does the season of Lent keep you focused on this reality?

Gospel Reading: LK 15:1-3, 11-32

Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son is one of the most beloved parables. Why do you think so many people relate to this parable?

Pro-Life Corner

We need you!

Recent extreme abortion legislation has awakened a new resolve in the faithful to fight against abortion. The Cathedral is determined to keep right to life as a priority issue. We need some volunteers to help coordinate our efforts. If you are interested in helping to co-chair a Pro-Life Committee please call the parish office or email vcompton@cathedral.dio.org. Thank you!

Still time to contact your lawmaker!

We still need your help in contacting legislators. If you have yet to contact your legislator, please do so by going to the Catholic Conference of Illinois (<https://www.ilcatholic.org/>) and hit the button that reads, "Contact your state lawmaker." If you have already written your legislator, please send your friends and family an email or post to your social media account and encourage them to do the same!

Have a movie night!

The upcoming film, *Unplanned*, is coming to Springfield, IL. The movie *Unplanned* is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. The movie tells the story of Abby Johnson. She was the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic director in the nation, was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in...Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

- You can find out more information here: <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/>
- Purchase tickets for the movie here: <https://www.amctheatres.com/movies/unplanned-59384>
- If you are interested in getting together with other Cathedral parishioners for dinner and a movie, please contact Katie Price at kprice@cathedral.dio.org. We are looking to get a group to head to the movies together!



Sharing the Gospel

Everything you have is a gift from God -- your body, your mind, your food, your clothes -- everything! Sometimes people become proud, and they think they have earned God's gifts. Sometimes people run away from God, and they waste God's gifts. Just remember, it is never too late to run back to God. Every good gift comes from God.

Prayer and Mission

Dear God,
Help me to be truly thankful for all the gifts you have given me.
Amen.

Mission for the Week

Name three good things God has given you. Say "thank you" to God for those gifts in a prayer.

Family Activity



Puzzle

Complete the Picture.



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Mission for the Week

Name three good things God has given you.
Say "thank you" to God for those gifts in a prayer.

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Growing with the
GOSPEL



Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 ■ 4th Sunday of Lent

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Read the Gospel and Color



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