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# *Cathedral* WEEKLY

A close-up photograph of a bronze statue of Jesus Christ, depicted as the Good Shepherd. He has long, wavy hair and a beard, and is wearing a robe with a textured, fur-like collar. He holds a small lamb in his left arm and a wooden staff in his right hand. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

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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 13 May

7 AM - LEMUEL MOSS (JEAN MOSS & RALPH WALTER) 5:15PM- EULALIA & RAYMOND OHL (ANGELA OHL-MARSTERS)

#### Tuesday 14 May

7 AM- CATHERINE ARMSTRONG (JOHN BUSCIACCO) 5:15PM WILLIAM F. LOGAN (LISA LOGAN & FAMILY)

#### Wednesday 15 May

7AM- KATHLEEN D. DHABALT (LISA DUFFEY) 5:15PM LARRY IRVIN SMITH (FRIENDS FROM ISBE)

#### Thursday 16 May

7AM-MARY KAY BUTLER HARRELSON (LARRY & BEVERLY HOFFMAN) 5:15 PM MARY ANN MIDDEN (WILLIAM MIDDEN)

#### Friday 17 May

7AM-DORIS DREA (LLOYD & MARY BOES) 5:15PM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR BANCIA (ANONYMOUS)

#### Saturday 18 May

8 AM- BILL CRUMLY (MICHAEL & MARY BELFORD) 4 PM GENEVIEVE BITSCHENAUER (BARBARA BITSCHENAUER)

#### Sunday 19 May

7 AM- FOR THE PEOPLE 10 AM JOHN MONTGOMERY (JOHN BUSCIACCO) 5 PM ROY RHODES (ED & MARY PETRUNICH)

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## An Icon of the Good Shepherd

For this Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, we are given the image of the Good Shepherd from John's Gospel. This image of the Lord is familiar to most of us and has been the subject of countless pieces of art. There is always the danger of sentimentality with the image of the Good Shepherd, the danger of creating an unreal image. In art, the Good Shepherd is always presented as clean, tidy, serene, but is that really a correct image of the Good Shepherd?

This past Tuesday, May 7th, a man by the name of Jean Vanier died in France at the age of 90. Some of you may have heard of him, most probably have not. He grew up the son of the governor-general of Canada when our northern neighbors were still not fully independent of the British Empire. He served in both the British and Canadian navies and considered the priesthood for a time before finding a unique calling from the Lord in his mid-30s.

In the early 1960s, following a visit to his spiritual director in France, and at his urging, Jean started visiting asylums in France. In seeing the horror of the conditions that many lived in and the inhumanity that they were subjected to on a daily basis in inadequate and underfunded institutions, he felt called to act. In beginning his work with the mentally and physically disabled, Jean said that he found those he served to be a *"source of life and truth, if we welcome them and put ourselves in their service."* What started in a broken down home in north-east France turned into what today is known as L'Arche International with 154 communities around the world in 38 countries in the service of men and women with physical and mental disabilities. The community's name comes from the French word for "ark," specifically Noah's Ark, which served as a refuge for Noah and his family amidst the destruction of the world.

Jean noted *"as we share our lives with the powerless, we are obliged to leave behind our theories of the world, our dreams, and our beautiful thoughts about God...to be grounded in a reality that can be quite harsh."* In speaking of the value of serving those in his community, he said *"when those engrained in a culture of winning and of individual success really meet them, and enter into friendship with them, something amazing and wonderful happens. They too are opened up to love and even to God. They are changed at a very deep level. They are transformed and become more fundamentally human."*



For me, Jean Vanier was a living icon of Christ the Good Shepherd, seeking out those whom society saw as less than desirable, and bringing true Christian care and compassion to them.



Christ the Good Shepherd is not a sanitized figure in art but our loving savior who enters into the messiness of our lives and the brokenness of our sinfulness, to bring us back to life and love with God. And he invites us to do the same, to bring his goodness, love, and mercy to the broken, the vulnerable, and to societies "undesirables;" to bring anyone and everyone to God by our authentic living out of the Gospel.

*To learn more about Jean Vanier and L'Arche International, you can visit L'Arche International's website at [larche.org](http://larche.org) and you can find the article that I read on May 7th about his death in the Washington Post.*

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## “Ralph Breaks the Internet” & Satan’s Attacks

I’ve always been a sucker for some good slapstick humor (growing up on Ace Ventura and Wayne’s World), and Wreck-it Ralph has been a welcome addition to our children’s movie library.

In the Wreck-It Ralph sequel, Ralph Breaks the Internet (spoilers ahead), Venelope’s game Sugar Rush is about to be unplugged. The steering wheel for the console was broken after Ralph tried to change up the driving course to make it more exciting for her. After discovering that a replacement steering wheel was up for auction on eBay, Ralph and his best friend venture into the internet to save Sugar Rush, beginning an epic adventure.

There’s a lot of fun and humor that ensues, but the lightness takes a turn when Venelope discovers an online racing game called Slaughter Race. She discovers a new method of racing where everything is new and finds a desire to leave Sugar Rush and move to the online game permanently. In an effort to keep Venelope from leaving the arcade, Ralph finds a virus that he hopes will make Slaughter Race boring.



This is the part that struck me. The virus scans the new game and says over and over, “*Searching for insecurities. Searching for insecurities.*” The first scan hones in on Venelope’s glitch and then distributes that glitch all around her. With her insecurity taking over the game, the game is rebooted, causing Venelope to abandon the race for fear of deletion. She is in despair and thinks it is all her fault until Ralph reveals that he is the one who uploaded the virus. They fight, and Venelope tells Ralph that she never wants to see him again, sending him into grave despair. The thing he wanted to save is now taken from him because of his failure to choose the good for the other.

In that despair, the virus escapes from the game into the online world and begins to scan for insecurities. Its sight sets on Ralph, calling him a “100% insecurity.” Then the virus clones a lot of insecure Ralphs to infiltrate the internet.

This is the motus operandi of the enemy: identifying our insecurities and making them larger than life.

He prowls the earth “like a roaring lion searching for whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8), and for a lion to devour someone the person would have to be vulnerable to the attack, would have to be insecure, even if just for a moment.

With Ralph, the virus (enemy) takes his insecurity and makes it much louder and much larger than it actually is.

Take our nagging insecurities. You’re a bad parent. You’re not good enough. You can’t do this. You don’t have the ability to be successful. The enemy latches onto that insecurity and makes it larger than life.

So the virus multiplies “Ralph,” but each of these new insecure Ralphs are a fraction of who he really is—only his insecurity multiplied.

At one point, the real Ralph approaches the search bar (Mr. Nosemore) and exasperatingly asks, “*How did this happen?*” And the search bar replies that if insecurities are left unchecked they can “destroy friendships.”

Mind. Blown.

The enemy not only hones in on my insecurities but, if left unchecked, the insecurities can become so large that they begin to define

who I am. Then, we allow them to direct our lives, to ruin our relationships, to breed insecurity instead of extending healing.

In the fourteenth rule of discernment from St. Ignatius of Loyola, he writes that the enemy “behaves as a chief bent on conquering and robbing what he desires: for, as a captain and chief of the army, pitching his camp, and looking at the forces or defenses of a stronghold, attacks it on the weakest side, in like manner the enemy of human nature, roaming about, looks in turn at all our virtues, theological, cardinal and moral; and where he finds us weakest and most in need for our eternal salvation, there he attacks us and aims at taking us.”

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Like this virus in *Ralph Breaks the Internet*, the enemy of human nature, according to the fourteenth rule, walks about the “walls” of your heart, seeking out the insecurities and attacks through that weakness.

After Ralph’s insecurity is multiplied and distributed in the internet, it begins to attack everyone in search of Venellope. The loss of her friendship was the reason of his insecurity—losing her, being alone, was the foundation of his weakness. I think it even hearkens back to the initial *Wreck-It Ralph* film—perhaps losing her would affirm what he thought all along: “*I’m just a bad guy.*” A bad guy doesn’t have friends.

Ralph tells Venellope to save herself and she asks what he will do. And he says, “*I got a date with the man in the mirror.*” Isn’t that the way to combat the enemy?

Facing the man in the mirror means that we must look within and fortify those weaknesses. If you take the insecurities and reinforce them with the truth—that you are made in the image and likeness of God, that you are beloved, that you are adored by him whom we adore—then the weaknesses disappear within his grace. Often when we find our weaknesses, we hide them. We shy away from them and not only believe them to be our definition but retreat into the isolation that the enemy extends to us (see rule thirteen). This weakness must be only mine. No one else is weak like this. If I tell anyone, they’ll think I’m crazy. So what does Ralph do? What should we do in the face of the enemy?

He goes into this literal giant of his insecurities. He tries to kill the virus by sheer force but realizes that the only way to overcome the insecurity is to speak truth into the weakness.

Ralph’s fear was losing his friend and the suffering it may cause. In his confronting of the virus, he says, “*You just have to let her go. It will hurt . . . a lot.*” Then, as he finds peace in self-gift, of letting his friend go to pursue her dreams possibly without him, the virus disappears.

We must do the same. We must look our insecurities in the face and correct the lie. Weaknesses, insecurities, times when we think we are less, must be recognized for the false truth that they are.

Recognizing the lie of the enemy comes from habitual introspection, perhaps with the help of spiritual direction and/or retreat. It also requires true friendship with someone with the ability to speak the truth of our belovedness into our lives, especially when the insecurity seems daunting and we forget who we are. We must have someone to remind us of our belovedness, for it is only the beloved who can see the belovedness of others. That friendship is the start of true evangelization.

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***During the month of May, we will be sharing Catholic Marian prayers with you in the Weekly. We hope this will enhance your devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother.***

### The Magnificat

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.  
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,  
he has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and exalted those of low degree;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.

(Luke 1:46-55)

Scripture contains this prayer of Mary’s joy and wonder at her role in the mystery of the Incarnation.

The Church recites this beautiful prayer daily at Evening Prayer (Vespers) in the Liturgy of the Hours.



## Stewardship Activity

### Stewardship of Time & Talents

Consider spending more time in prayer to Mary, our Mother or sharing your gifts with others, as she so generously gave.

### Stewardship of Treasure May 4th & 5th

Envelopes:	\$ 4,550.00
Loose:	\$ 3,182.34
Maintenance:	\$ 1,928.00

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Total: \$ 9,660.34  
April EFT (\$18, 475.00)

## Sacraments

Congratulations and many prayers of blessing for Leilani Anahi Papille, whose family recently celebrated her Baptism at Cathedral! Welcome!

## Scripture Questions

### First Reading:

Luke records in Acts how and why Paul and Barnabas took their gospel message of the crucified and resurrected Messiah to the Gentiles. How do you imagine history would have changed if the Jews had accepted Paul's gospel message?

### Second Reading:

John's vision speaks of the eternal and heavenly rewards for those who suffer for the faith. To whom should you communicate this saving message?

### Gospel Reading:

In what ways do you find Jesus' metaphor of the sheep and shepherd appealing?

## The Ultimate Mother

I find myself feeling guilty the last few years on Mother's Day. I wake up in the morning, typically sleeping in because my husband got up with Gracey. I enjoy the hand-made gift or the meal that was cooked in the kitchen by my daughter. I am offered to, "go get your nails done" or "go take a nap." In both circumstances I feel "mom guilt" that I should be playing with the kids, cleaning diapers, picking up small Barbie shoes or wiping off snotty noses. You can't step away from motherhood. It is a full-time job, not like "40 hours a week", but every minute of the day. It is something we find very hard to take a break from because when one child gives you a break, the other is tugging on your dress. My mother exemplifies this role of motherhood. Her phrase is often, "ATM: Any Time Mom."

At the moment we give birth (or in my mom's case, adopt) we instantly give up our life for another. Whether we realize it or not, our interests, our needs, our desires, are secondary. This is not a complaint, rather a challenge. I remember my mom telling me the story of my adoption. She had just won a seat on the school board in Rochester, MN. The social worker called my mom saying, "Congratulations, Vicky! You are going to be really busy!" My mother replied, "Oh yes, between work and this new role, I am sure it will be busy, but exciting!" The social worker replied, "No, I mean you are going to be really, really, busy Vicky. I have a child for you and Doug (my dad) to meet." As soon as possible, my parents and I met for the first time. We all fell in love and just as quickly as a blink of the eye, my mom was willing to sacrifice her life for mine. She surrendered.

She was all in. My mom had an amazing career as a doctor, from residency at Mayo Clinic, to her oncology practice in Peoria, IL. She tirelessly worked for women in crisis. Breast cancer in the 80's was often a death sentence, but she comforted and educated so that she could provide the best care possible. She assisted in creating the Heartland Clinic in Peoria, IL, which helps disadvantaged in the community receive quality healthcare. She led "Race for the Cure" and advocated in the legislature to have insurance companies cover mammograms. After all this hard work and accomplishment, by the time I entered school she

decided to "retire early." She attended school Masses, helped as a "room-mom," joined the school board, lead the Girl Scouts Troop, and said "yes" to just about anything she could do to support my brother and I growing up.

She modeled Mary, who is the ultimate role model for all of us—mother or not. Mary saw it all. When invited, she surrendered. Mary *surrendered* to motherhood in a way that is hard to imagine. Her surrender was rooted in God's will. While she couldn't know the details to come, she knew the profound, earth-shattering call that was now her responsibility— to nurture, love, support, teach, comfort, the Son of God. Whoa.

While we might think that raising Jesus was filled with peace and joy, it was not without turmoil. Think about the time He was lost as a teen, to her support of His ministry beginning at Cana, and the heartache of holding her battered, lifeless, beloved Son. She saw it all. She surrendered and endured it all with an unshakable faith. She is the perfect role model of a disciple who illuminates light and love. Her love transcends any anxiety, insecurity, or materialism...much like the love we receive from our mothers.

Each one of us is called to radical love. In the spirit of Mary, are we willing to radically surrender and love our brothers and sisters who may differ from us? Are we willing to surrender our will for God's will?

On this Mother's Day, I pray that you will know and feel the love that Mary has for you. If your mom is with us today, thank her. If your mom is among the angels, thank her. If you are without a mom, thank the one who nurtures you and supports you in your life, whoever that may be. We should all be grateful for the role Mary plays in our lives— a Mother who is nurturing, loving, supportive, and always a "ATM"- anytime mom!

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## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus loves you so much! He knows what makes you happy and what makes you sad. You are his precious child, and he wants to be close to you forever. Get to know Jesus by reading about him in your Bible. Find out what makes him happy. Learn how he loves people who need help, and try to follow his example.

## Prayer

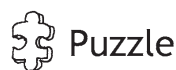
Dear God,

Help me to stay close to you. Help me to become the person you want me to be.

Amen.

## Mission for the Week

Every night before you go to bed, read from a Bible storybook. Ask God to help you love him more and more.



### Puzzle

Find your way through the bible maze.



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John 10:27-30 ■ 4th Sunday of Easter

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