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Cathedral WEEKLY

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LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD AND... | FR. CHRISTOPHER HOUSE

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Mass Times

Sat. 4:00PM; Sun. 7 AM, 10 AM & 5 PM

Weekdays: Mon. thru Fri. 7 AM & 5:15PM and Sat. 8 AM

Reconciliation (Confession)

Mon. thru Fri. – 4:15PM to 5:00PM, Sat. – 9:00AM to 10:00AM and 2:30PM to 3:30PM, Sun. – 4:00PM to 4:45PM

Adoration

Tues. & Thurs. 4PM- 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 – July 15

7 AM WILLIAM F. LOGAN
(LISA LOGAN & FAMILY)
5:15PM IRVIN LARRY SMITH
(FRIENDS FROM ISBE)

Tuesday – July 16

7 AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR LOST SOULS (CCCW)
5:15PM KAY KING (DICK KING)

Wednesday – July 17

7AM DORIS DREA (LINDA STONE)
5:15PM BILL CRUMLY
(MICHAEL & MARY BELFORD)

Thursday – July 18

7AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR LOST SOULS (CCCW)
5:15 PM BART ROTHERHAM
(ROTHERHAM FAMILY)

Friday – July 19

7AM MARY ANN MIDDEN
(WILLIAM MIDDEN)
5:15PM KEVIN GLEASON
(CARL & LOU ANN CORRIGAN)

Saturday – July 20

8 AM BETTY & GENE BARISH (FAMILY)
4 PM BECKY MORGAN (CROL MORGAN)

Sunday – July 21

7 AM MARY ANN MIDDEN
(WILLIAM MIDDEN)
10 AM FOR THE PEOPLE
5 PM MRS. MARY RATNA KUMARI PANDITY
(SUSEILA PANDITY)

Stewardship Activity

Stewardship of Time

Add to your summer reading list a Catholic author or daily Scripture readings!

Stewardship of Talent

Recognize the talents in others this week. Invite them to participate in the life of the church!

Stewardship of Treasure- July 6th & 7th

Envelopes: \$6,345.00
Loose: \$5,163.90
Maintenance: \$980.00

Total: \$12,488.90
May EFT \$16, 976.60

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Love the Lord Your God AND...

The scholar of the law in this Sunday's Gospel asks the ultimate question of Jesus: "*what must I do to inherit eternal life?*" First, Jesus quotes part of the *Shema* found in the Book of Deuteronomy. The *Shema* is a foundational prayer for the Jewish people: "*you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind.*" In short, we are called to love God with the totality of who we are; however, Jesus adds something to it.

What Jesus adds is nothing new and, while it is not a part of the *Shema*, it is a part of the law found in the Old Testament. In reciting the *Shema* and how we are to love God, Jesus adds at the end "*and your neighbor as yourself.*" He joins this commandment to the *Shema* and places it at the heart of the law. Total love of God is a hard enough, but I have to love my neighbor too? Yes, and this is what the Lord says is required for eternal life. Our Lord then adds a



further twist to drive the point home.

Saint Luke recounts for us that the scholar of the law seeks further clarification. Most likely this scholar was a scribe who was an expert in the law and why he presses Jesus on the issue of "who is my neighbor" is unclear, but the answer that Jesus gives would have been hard for most of his listeners to bear. In response to the scholar's question, Jesus tells the crowd a parable, the one that we know as the story of the Good Samaritan.

The journey down from Jerusalem to Jericho is not down in the sense of heading south. Jericho is actually east/northeast of Jerusalem, but "going down" refers to the descent in elevation and this descent is through a very hot, barren, and rugged terrain. It is here that the story's victim, a Jew, falls prey to robbers. The two who first come upon the man are religious figures, a priest and a Levite. Both of them pass him by with the likely excuse that to help this man, who would have been bloodied by the robbers, would have left them defiled and unable to fulfill their duties in the Temple in Jerusalem. Here, Jesus demonstrates for us the danger of extreme religiosity where the law becomes idolatrous; true duty to God would never demand the dismissal of someone in dire need.

Then comes the third person, a Samaritan. In the history of warring peoples in the Middle East, the conflict between the Jews and the Samaritans was classic; their hatred for each other was total and absolute. Imagine yourself in the place of the Jewish man who has been attacked. The person who is approaching him is a Samaritan and the thought of "now he is going to finish me off" could have very likely crossed his mind. However, the Samaritan is moved with compassion when he comes upon this man who is his "enemy" by societal norms. In his compassion, the Samaritan tends to his needs and goes above and beyond to ensure the victim's well-being. This is a