



# *Cathedral* WEEKLY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER AND WORK | 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.

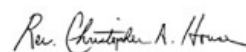
Please remember that if you or a loved one is in the hospital, a nursing home or home-bound, to contact the Parish offices or Sr. Francella at 522-3342 x 142. Hospitals may know you are Catholic, but not know you are from Cathedral. We would be happy to visit.

## 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 22

7 AM FRANK & MARY MATHEIS  
(RITA MESSINGER)

5:15 PM BILL CRUMLY  
(JEANNE & JACK MACCARTHY)

### Tuesday – July 23

7 AM IRVIN LARRY SMITH  
(CAROL GREENWOOD)  
5:15 PM EULALIA & RAYMOND OHL  
(FAMILY)

### Wednesday – July 24

7 AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR  
LYMAN HUBBARD (ANONYMOUS)  
5:15 PM KYLE BUCKMAN (MOM)

### Thursday – July 25

7 AM BREDGETTA LENN (FAMILY)  
5:15 PM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR BANCIA  
(ANONYMOUS)

### Friday – July 26

7 AM DORIS DREA (LINDA STONE)  
5:15 PM MARY PRIESTER  
(JUDITH & IGNATIUS HODNIK)

### Saturday – July 27

8 AM CARL VENVERTLOH  
(MR. & MRS. RICO JOHNSON)  
4 PM VOGT FAMILY (BILL VOGT)

### Sunday – July 28

7 AM JOHN & EDITH BAKALAR  
(JOHN BUSCIACCO)  
10 AM SR. M. PAULETTA OVERBECK, OP  
(WALTER & BECKY WOODHULL)  
5 PM FOR THE PEOPLE

## Stewardship Activity

### Stewardship of Time

REBOOT your spiritual life-get your tickets today!  
Go to [spicathedral.org/reboot](http://spicathedral.org/reboot)

### Stewardship of Talent

Have you consider liturgical ministry? We are always looking for help!

### Stewardship of Treasure- July 13th & 14th

Envelopes: \$5,729.00  
Loose: \$2,565.43  
Maintenance: \$180.00  
SSND 2nd collection: \$4,216.12

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Total: \$12,690.55  
June EFT \$16, 976.60

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## Prayer and Work

This past July 11th, as every year, the Church celebrated the memory of St. Benedict, the man who is called the “father of western monasticism” and from whom the Benedictine Order takes its name. Benedict was born in 480 and lived in central Italy. As a young man, Benedict was sent to Rome to study. While there, he became disillusioned with Roman life, abandoned his studies, and left the city to find peace away from it, eventually becoming a hermit in Subiaco. It was there that Benedict wrote his famous *Rule* which has been the guiding force of Benedictine life, and reference for religious life in general, for 1500 years.

At the heart of the Benedictine life is the rhythm of prayer and work, in Latin *ora et labora*. A balance between contemplation and activity is key to balance in the Benedictine way of life. In reading the *Rule*, it may appear that work takes more time than prayer, but ultimately prayer should permeate every aspect of the monk or nun’s life, work included. The *Rule*’s prologue begins with *listen carefully, my son, to the master’s instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart. This is the advice from a father who loves you; welcome it, and faithfully put it into practice.* The monk or nun’s life is all about listening, about making sure that one can hear the voice of God over the voices of the world.

This Sunday’s Gospel tells us of the welcome that Jesus received from his friends Martha and Mary. Martha is dutiful in her responsibilities towards hospitality, but she becomes lost in her efforts, and is angered by her sister Mary who has chosen to sit and listen to the Lord. Martha attempts to win the Lord’s backing to rebuke Mary but it is Martha who finds herself gently corrected by Jesus. In his response to Martha, Jesus does not dismiss her efforts nor downplay the importance of hospitality, but invites her, like Mary, to see what is most important, in this case it is the Lord, who simply wants to be with the two sisters.

All of us have things going on in our lives, some of which are very important. As disciples we must be sure, in things large or small, that we do not become distracted from the Lord. The monk or nun goes about their work with God before their eyes as they complete their labors, but mastering that awareness takes time and discipline for anyone; even the most “experienced” monastic takes time from the their labors to sit at the Lord’s feet. In going about our daily living, we must keep the Lord before our eyes in all things; learning how to do this takes time at his feet to listen. Excelling in our discipleship will only be possible, and sustained, through taking the time to be with the Lord, to listen, to love, and to be loved.

Martha’s labors were important but she lost sight of why, or rather for whom, she was doing them. Each day, as we go about our living, as we are faced with choices and decisions, may everything be for the Lord. For us to have the grace to make those choices for him, we must first to take time with him.

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

## Thank you for 100!

The *Cathedral Weekly* has reached issue number 100! It seems like not too long ago when the Cathedral staff had an idea to shake up the traditional Sunday bulletin. While we were met with nerves and some hesitation, we stayed focused on the goal to create a faith formation resource. We saw the bulletin as an opportunity to continue one’s formation on the weekend, and become a piece that might be shared with others. As our bulletin company has told us, we are the only bulletin in the country that has converted a traditional style format for a bulletin into a faith formative, evangelization tool.

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As we start to envision the next 100 *Cathedral Weekly* issues, we hope to make some improvements, including:

- Enhancing the family formation section for families of all ages, so it is not just an activity section for children.
- Inviting “views from the pews” articles, which are written by parishioners, for parishioners
- Developing content which connects and compliments our adult faith formation programs to the *Weekly*
- Local news and ministry articles which highlight the good work of the Cathedral community

*We hope these improvements can continue delivering you a unique tool to enhance your faith life! If you have any questions, ideas, or comments, please contact Katie Price at [kprice@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:kprice@cathedral.dio.org).*