



Cathedral WEEKLY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COVERING THE BASES OF PRAYER | 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 29

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

(MICHAEL & MARY BELFORD)

5:15 PM No Mass

Friday – August 2

7AM MARY PRIESTER (PAT KORNFELD)
5:15PM DORIS DREA
(LLOYD & MARY BOES)

Saturday – August 3

8 AM SCOTT LAWASON
(BOB & MARY LAWSON)
4 PM FOR THE PEOPLE

Sunday – August 4

7 AM MARY ANN MIDDEN
(WILLIAM MIDDEN)
10 AM CHARLES & MERCEDES NESBITT
(KATHY FRANK)
5 PM ALBERT CRISPI, SR.
(JOHN BUSCIACCO)

Tuesday – July 30

7 AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THANKSGIVING (CATHEDRAL PILGRIMS OF THE HOLY LAND)
5:15PM JAMES (MAC) GRAHAM
(LEAH, SUE ELLEN & JACK BILLINGTON)

Wednesday – July 31

7AM MARY PRIESTER
(SANDY & JIM BLOOM)
5:15PM IRVIN LARRY SMITH
(CAROL GREENWOOD)

Thursday – August 1

7AM BILL CRUMLY

Stewardship Activity

Stewardship of Time & Talent

We are looking for writers! If you have a story to tell, contact Katie at kprice@cathedral.dio.org.

Stewardship of Treasure- July 20th & 21st

Envelopes: \$5, 056.00
Loose: \$3,081.03
Maintenance: \$55.00

Total: \$8,192.03
June EFT \$16, 976.60

Please keep Jacob Fernandez Ramos and Isabella Joanne Tenegra and their families in your prayers, as they recently celebrated their Baptism.

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Covering the Bases of Prayer

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the wonderful truth that we have a God who is accessible, a God who wants us to come to him with our cares, concerns, sorrows, joys, everything. This underscores the importance of prayer for our lives: the fact that God wants to be in relationship with us and that God wants to be in constant contact with us.

Why do we pray? I ask that question seeking an honest, personal answer. For most of us, we find ourselves motivated to pray by a sense of need either for ourselves or for someone else. There is nothing wrong with that as, again, the Lord invites us to cast our needs on

Him. However, petition is only one form of prayer and as disciples we need to make sure that we are rounding all the bases of prayer in our life of faith.

There are four basic types of prayer. The one that we are most familiar with is petition, but in asking the Lord for something we must be careful to not mistake God for Santa Claus in that we only go to him with our wants. The other forms of prayer are adoration, contrition, and thanksgiving. Offering prayers of all forms will serve to make us stronger in our discipleship.

In looking to the other three types of prayer, we need only ask ourselves three simple questions each day to make sure that we are not lacking in these other forms:

Adoration: have I praised God today for his greatness and glory?

Contrition: have I acknowledged the ways in which I have sinned and offended God and asked for his forgiveness?

Thanksgiving: have I thanked God for the richness of his graces and blessings this day?

The disciple is a person of prayer and our daily prayer should encompass all four forms: praising God for his greatness, acknowledging our sins and seeking his forgiveness, asking the Lord for whatever we need of grace, and thanking him for all his goodness and blessings.

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

Please note! There is no 5:15pm Mass, Adoration or Confessions on Thursday, August 1st. Communion Service only.

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.

Please take some time to look over the advertisers on the back of the Cathedral Weekly. We are able to produce the Cathedral Weekly each week because of their support. Thank you!

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.