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# Cathedral WEEKLY

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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 – August 12

7 AM MARY ANN MIDDEN (WILLIAM MIDDEN)

5:15 PM DORIS DREA (JOHN BUSCIACCO)

#### Tuesday – August 13

7 AM JOE LAUDUSKIE (JIM & SANDY BLOOM)

5:15 PM BETTY EDGAR (MARGARET BARTH)

#### Wednesday – August 14

7 AM LELAND ORR (THE SGAMBELLURI FAMILY)

5:15 PM WILLIAM F. LOGAN (LISA LOGAN & FAMILY)

#### Thursday – August 15

7 AM JIM STEIL (STEIL FAMILY)

12:05 PM FOR THE PEOPLE

5:15 PM Irvin Larry Smith (Friends from ISBE)

#### Friday – August 16

7 AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THANKSGIVING (CATHEDRAL PILGRIMS OF THE HOLY LAND)

5:15 PM JOANN DANIEL (NICHOLSON FAMILY)

#### Saturday – August 17

8 AM BRADLEY SELVAGGIO (ROSE STOREY)

4 PM GENEVIEVE BITSCHENAUER (BARBARA BITSCHENAUER)

#### Sunday – August 18

7 AM MARY ANN MIDDEN (WILLIAM MIDDEN)

10 AM FOR THE PEOPLE

5 PM JOHN MONTGOMERY (JOHN BUSCIACCO)

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## Launching a New Calendar of Discipleship Formation!

The Cathedral staff is excited to share with you the upcoming adult faith formation series! All are welcome to join us to dive deeper into their understanding of faith, explore new topics, and learn within a supportive and welcoming community. There is no cost to attend any of these programs, unless noted and non-parishioners are encouraged to attend. You do not need to RSVP or register for any of these programs, unless noted. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Offices at 522-3342. Keep watching the *Weekly*, website ([spicathedral.org](http://spicathedral.org)) and the e-newsletter for any changes or additions to the calendar. We look forward to seeing you!

### AUGUST

#### HOLY HOUR FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE AWAY FROM THE FAITH

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration and prayer for our children who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith. All are welcome!

**Tuesday, August 27th - 7:00PM**

### SEPTEMBER

#### CATHEDRAL FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES

Join us for the next concert in the Cathedral First Friday Concert Series on September 6, 2019 at 7PM. This month we will feature "Gospel Favorites" with artists: Debbie Ross, singing; Mark Gifford, piano; Roger Holmes, drums; Rhett Bradley, bass. All are welcome to attend and the concert is free! The concert will be in the Cathedral Atrium.

**Friday, September 6th - 7:00PM**

#### REBOOT!\*

Presented by noted Catholic speaker and author Chris Stefanick, REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! Tickets are available at the Cathedral office or online at [spicathedral.org/reboot](http://spicathedral.org/reboot).

**Thursday, September 19th - 7:00PM**

### OCTOBER

#### CATHEDRAL FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES

Join us for the next concert in the Cathedral First Friday Concert Series on October 4, 2019 at 7PM. This month we will feature an "Oktoberfest" theme with artists: Jay Landers, accordion and Mark Gifford, piano. All are welcome to attend and the concert is free! This concert will be located in the Cathedral Atrium.

**Friday, October 4th - 7:00PM**

#### MODELS AND INTERCESSORS: THE CANONIZATION OF SAINTS

Join Father House for an evening exploring the Church's process for the beatification and canonization of saints.

**Monday, October 7th - 7:00PM**



#### THE LIFE AND THEOLOGY OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Pope Francis is set to canonize John Henry Cardinal Newman on October 13th. Join Father Rankin for two sessions on the life and theology of Cardinal Newman, who was a key player in 19th century England's Oxford Movement that eventually led to Newman's conversion to Catholicism.

**Mondays, October 21st and 28th - 7:00PM**

### NOVEMBER

#### CATHEDRAL FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES

Join us for the next concert in the Cathedral First Friday Concert Series on November 1st, 2019 at 7PM. This month we will feature the Lincoln Land String Quartet. All are welcome to attend and the concert is free!

**Friday, November 1st - 7:00PM**

#### THE THEOLOGICAL AND CANONICAL ASPECTS OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

In this four-part series, Father Rankin will explore the theological and scriptural foundations of marriage in the Church in sessions one and two. In sessions three and four, Father House will explore marriage in canon law and the Church's process for declaring a marriage null.

**Mondays, November 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th - 7:00PM**

## DECEMBER

### NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Beginning December 1st thru December 9th, the Cathedral will host the annual diocesan novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, our diocese, and the Cathedral Parish. Each night a different preacher will offer a homily on a different aspect of Marian theology and devotion. The novena is moved one day this year because December 8th falls on the Second Sunday of Advent resulting in the transfer of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception to December 9th.

**December 1st thru 8th - 7:00PM; Last Night and Closing Mass, December 9th - 5:15PM**



### SPRINGFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS "MESSIAH"\*

The Cathedral is thrilled to once again host the Springfield Choral Society's presentation of Handel's "Messiah." This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available through the Springfield Choral Society or at the door the evening of the performance.

**Saturday, December 14th - 7:30PM**

### ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

On the evening of Gaudete Sunday, in the holy season of Advent, join Mark Gifford and the Cathedral Choir for an evening of Scripture, music, and prayer as we reflect on the two promised comings of Christ.

**Sunday, December 15th - 7:00PM**

### CAROLS AT NOON

As the Church begins her celebration of the Christmas season following Christmas Day, join Mark Gifford to enjoy the beauty of the sights and sounds of Christmas in the Cathedral.

**Thursday, December 26th - Noon**

## JANUARY

### EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS

In the continued joy of the Church's celebration of Christmas, you are invited to again join Mark Gifford and the Cathedral Choir for an evening of Scripture, music, and prayer as we reflect on the events surrounding the birth of our Savior at Christmas.

**Sunday, January 5th - 7:00PM**

## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Beginning with the new church year in Advent, the majority of the year's Sunday Gospel readings will be taken from Matthew. Join Father Friedel as he explores the structure and themes of this gospel.

**Tuesdays, January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th - 7:00PM**

## FEBRUARY

### THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT

You are invited to join Father House and explore the prefiguring, establishment, and development of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**Mondays, February 24th and March 2nd, 9th, and 16th - 7:00PM**

## MARCH

### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

In preparation for the celebration of the holiest days of the Church year, join Father Friedel as he examines Matthew's account of the Jesus's Passion.

**Wednesdays, March 25th and April 1st - 7:00PM**

## APRIL

### THE RESURRECTION IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

In the joy of Easter, dive deeper into the mystery of the Lord's Resurrection as Father Friedel explores Matthew recounting of the greatest event in all of history.

**Wednesday, April 15th - 7:00PM**

## MAY

### MARY, QUEEN OF THE MAY

Behold your mother; Mary, leading us to Jesus in our crosses and consolations. Join Father Rankin for a series about our Blessed Mother, Fatima and proper devotion to Mary

**Thursdays, May 7th and 14th - 7:00PM**



# FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



## **NEW Family of Faith-Catechesis for the Whole Family**

In the upcoming weeks, you will hear about the new and exciting faith formation program being offered to Cathedral Parish School of Religion (PSR) families. We recognize that a child's faith formation is the primary responsibility of the parents, therefore we need to equip parents with the skills and knowledge to teach and share the faith in the home. This new format will be open to everyone in the Cathedral community and more information regarding registration for children will be available soon.

A great feature of this program is the ability to welcome the whole parish community through the monthly "Teaching Classes." These classes will give all parishioners an opportunity to learn about their faith and have the tools to share it! All are welcome at the Teaching Classes and we hope to see you there! A list of topics, days, and times are listed below and if you have any questions, please contact the Parish Offices.

### **2019-20 Calendar**

#### **YEARLY TOPIC: THE CREED**

##### **September 8, 6:15-7:30PM**

The Role of Parents in Faith Formation, 6:15-7:30

##### **October 6, 6:15-7:30PM**

What is Faith? Who is God? 6:15-7:30

##### **November 3, 6:15-7:30PM**

Created in God's Image, 6:15-7:30

##### **December 1, 6:15-7:30PM**

Annunciation, Immaculate Conception, 6:15-7:30

##### **January 5, 6:15-7:30PM**

Who Is Jesus, 6:15-7:30

##### **February 9, 6:15-7:30PM**

Paschal Mystery, 6:15-7:30

##### **March 8, 6:15-7:30PM**

The Holy Spirit, 6:16-7:30

##### **April 5, 6:15-7:30PM**

Marks of the Church, Communion of Saints, 6:15-7:30

##### **May 3, 6:15-7:30PM**

The Way of the Creed, 6:15-7:30



## **Why Family Faith Formation Is Important**

*Family of Faith* was created to help develop strong Catholic families in which children learn the joys of following Jesus Christ and the truths of our Faith through the witness of Christian life given by their parents.

Studies tell us that parental involvement in the faith-life of their child is by far the most important element in ensuring that a child develops into a practicing Christian. A Family of Faith provides both the parish catechist and the parent with an easy-to-use, turnkey solution to catechizing the whole family and helping parents lead their children to Heaven.

### **Engage Families**

With A Family of Faith, families come together regularly — growing in relationship with one another and learning the truths of the Catholic Faith and how to apply them in their lives. In the parish and at home parents and children have the opportunity to build strong relationships through discussion and reflection on topics that matter in their lives.

### **Learn to Follow Jesus**

As families continue to come together to learn about the life of Jesus Christ, His teachings and the Catholic Faith, they desire to know Him better. The home becomes the place of deep learning as families desire to follow Jesus more closely. Families are introduced to the spiritual treasures of the home, the domestic church. Parents can learn and share with their children practices such as grace before meals, reading and praying with Scripture, and learning about the lives of the saints.

### **Rebuild the Domestic Church**

As parents and children engage in discussion about what they are learning, spiritual curiosity is awakened and families desire to deepen in their understanding. Each month parents have the opportunity to choose from a variety of activities and discussion that they can do as a family to explore the concepts that are taught in each lesson. Younger children might learn through the experience of coloring one of the beautiful illustrations while older children might meditate on the Scripture.



## Coming Home

On July 20, 2019 Father Peter Harman returned to The Cathedral to celebrate Mass and his 20th anniversary of entering the priesthood, this Mass was a coming full circle for my husband Dan and I.

The year was 2009 and friends of ours, George and Margaret Murphy, members at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception invited my husband Dan and I to the dedication of the newly renovated Cathedral. We were life long Lutherans and did not know about the Cathedral or even where it was located. George explained to us a bit of the history and the renovation the Cathedral and that Father Peter Harman was the rector there. Hearing the joy and excitement in the Murphy's voices, we decided to join them and attend. At the time, never once did the thought of being Catholic ever enter our minds.

On December 2, 2009 we arrived at the Cathedral and sat with George and Margaret and they introduced us to his mother Mrs. Murphy. She welcomed us with a smile and made us feel right at home.

The mass was beautiful as was the Cathedral, we thanked them for asking us and returned home. We were given a beautiful book at this mass that told about the renovation and what the statues, windows, etc. were and their meaning, and a history of the Cathedral. I put this book in my magazine basket and every now and then when I cleaned out the magazines there at the bottom was the Cathedral book and this soft little voice in my head would say, *not now, keep it.*

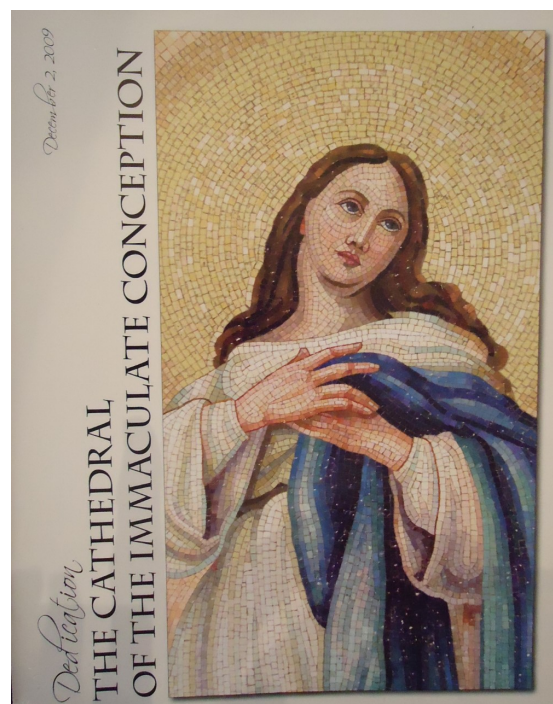
Shortly after December 2, 2009 a series of events began to happen ( this is another story unto itself ) and on December 8, 2013 we came into the Catholic Church, the feast day of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After visiting several parishes we were drawn to the Cathedral and are members here.

The Easter Triduum several years ago was a special time for Dan and myself, on that Easter Sunday as we were leaving, I turned around and looked at our Blessed Mother Mary and she became as real to me as real can be. As we left the dedication Mass in 2009, Mrs. Murphy took a hold of my hand and thanked us for coming and we thanked her, George, and Margaret. Mrs. Murphy looked me in the eye and said "you will be back"... I walked over to the pew where we sat with Mrs. Murphy in 2009 and on that Easter Sunday, at that same pew, I said:

*Yes, Mrs. Murphy we came back .... we came Home .... and I thank our Lord everyday for leading us home and to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of Springfield, Illinois. And oh, the dedication book, it is now cherished by us as we learned about our church home and refer to it often.*

In closing we never know when we extend an invitation, a warm welcome, or a smile, what our Lord Jesus has in His plan for a person's life. All we are asked to do is be His hand, His feet, His voice .... He will do the rest.

*This article is written by Cathedral Parishioner Kathy Roe. We are grateful for the many ways she serves this community and thankful for her inspirational witness.*



## Thank you from the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women!

Thank you to everyone who donated items, for the use of vehicles and trailers to pick up items, sharing delicious meals for the volunteers, and most of all for the many, MANY hours of work to make our two sales a big success! God bless you all for your



## Stewardship Activity

### Stewardship of Time

Put your phone on "do not disturb" or in airplane mode and set a timer for your prayer time. That way, you won't be interrupted by others calling or texting - or by yourself checking the time!

### Stewardship of Talents

Set faith-based priorities. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival."

### Stewardship of Treasure August 3rd & 4th

Envelopes:	\$ 5,352.43
Loose:	\$ 3,973.67
Maintenance:	\$ 1,033.00

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Total:	\$ 10,364.10
July EFT	(\$17,870.60)



## Giving: It's All About Love

"This is going to be the shortest homily you've ever heard," our priest announced. It was the 6:30 a.m. Mass, and he wanted to reassure the crowd gathered for ashes that they'd get to work on time. "Jesus sums up our Christian life in three things in today's

gospel," he said, and then spoke a few words about almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. "They're all in Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18," he said. "Go home and pray over that and ask the Lord what he'd have you do."

I thought that was great advice, beginning with sending us all home to meditate on Scripture. And doing that helped me home in on my Lenten practices. But when I saw the same gospel come up for today, I have to admit my first thought was "been there, done that." Why would I re-visit what I'd spent two months doing, already?

And then I remembered what the priest pointed out. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving aren't just for Lent, they define who and what we are as Christians. Spend some time reflecting them and you'll see why that is: because all three spring from love.

*When we truly love God, one way we show that is by spending time with him in prayer.*

*When we truly love others, we give generously to them.*

*When we truly love ourselves, we redirect our appetites away from self-indulgence and toward that which truly satisfies.*

## Sacraments

If you would like sacramental prep information, please contact the parish offices at 217-522-3342.

## Scripture Questions

First Reading: WIS 18:6-9

How is your faith in the Lord a source of courage for you in troubled times?

Second Reading: HEB 11:1-2, 8-19

The author of Hebrews defines faith as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" and holds up Abraham as a model of faith. Who would you see as a model of faith in your faith community?

Gospel Reading: LK 12:32-48

Jesus warned Peter of the responsibilities entrusted to followers of Christ. How well do you think you are stewarding the gifts God has given you?

And when we do any of those things out of love for the Lord, we are less likely to do them so we look good and holy to others (which is what Jesus warns against in this gospel).

I love the way this gospel is paired with the first reading, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, which turns giving from a chore to a joy. Why? (1) Because God is all about giving us more than enough so that we can give, and (2) Because whoever gives a lot, will receive a lot. God is a giver so we can be givers too!

If you doubt God's generosity, spend some time with verse 8 and notice all the superlatives:

*Moreover, God is able to make **every** grace **abundant** for you, so that in **all** things, **always** having **all** you need, you may have an **abundance** for **every** good work.*

What are you waiting for?

How can you give out of that abundance, today?

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