

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
First Friday Concert Series

Tonight's Program

<i>When the Saints Go Marching In</i>	Spiritual
<i>The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power</i>	Andre Crouch
<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	Traditional Gaelic Melody
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Traditional American Melody
<i>Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>	Wm. J. Kirkpatrick
<i>The Joy of the Lord</i>	Alliene G. Vale
<i>Day by Day</i>	Stephen Schwartz
<i>A Change Is Gonna Come</i>	Sam Cooke
<i>Turn, Turn, Turn</i>	Taken from the book of Ecclesiastes
<i>Down By the Riverside</i>	Spiritual
<i>Just A Closer Walk With Thee</i>	Traditional Folk Song
<i>Were You There</i>	Spiritual
<i>In the Garden</i>	C. Austin Miles
<i>Peace In the Valley</i>	Thomas Dorsey

Upcoming Concerts

October 4, 2019

Oktoberfest

Jay Landers, accordion; Mark Gifford, piano

November 1, 2019

Lincoln Land String Quartet

Carols at Noon

Join us on December 26, 2019 for a special concert on the pipe organ with Mark Gifford.

This concert series is sponsored by the Staab Family.

Artists & Information

Debbie Ross, Vocalist

Debbie Ross is well known throughout central Illinois for singing songs that you know and love. The Debbie Ross Band is popular and known for their unique sound. When then Senator Barack Obama came to Springfield to announce he was running for President, it was Debbie who was invited to sing the National Anthem for that historic event. Tonight, Debbie brings her unique style to gospel hymns with a few special songs added. During the day, Debbie is a librarian for the IDOC.



Mark E. Gifford, Piano

Mark E. Gifford is in his fourth year as Director of Music and Organist for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. He is also the program director and accompanist for the First Friday Concert Series. As organist for the Cathedral, Mark plays the Cathedral pipe organ; an instrument with a four manual console and 3,369 pipes.

Rhett Bradley, Bass

Rhett Bradley is a local Springfield musician. A bass player for 15 years he has studied both electric and upright bass at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana. He currently performs regularly across a variety of local churches as well as for musical productions at the Hoogland Center, Legacy Theater, and Muni.



Roger W. Holmes, Drums

Roger Holmes has been a drummer for as long as he can remember. He started playing in the pit for musical theater in high school and has played for countless productions at The Muni, Theater Center, New Salem and others. Roger is a retired Sangamon County Judge and now is Of Counsel at Brown, Hay and Stephens, Inspector General for the City of Springfield and an Adjunct Professor at Lincoln College at their Normal campus. He is married to the love of his life, Sharon, and together they have six grown children plus four grandchildren and counting.