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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 – November 4

7 AM BARBARA J. MCGRATH (FAMILY & FRIENDS)
5:15PM IRVIN LARRY SMITH (FRIENDS FROM ISBE)

Tuesday – November 5

7 AM DORIS DREA (PHIL & RHODA CHAMPLEY)
5:15PM KARA LEIGH SMITH (FRIENDS FROM ISBE)

Wednesday – November 6

7AM CARL VENVERTLOH (MR. & MRS. RICO JOHNSON)
5:15PM MARY ANN MIDDEN (WILLIAM MIDDEN)

Thursday – November 7

7AM BONNIE DONNALS (DAN KELCH)
5:15 PM MARY ANN MIDDEN (WILLIAM MIDDEN)

Friday – November 8

7AM MARY E. STEIL (STEIL FAMILY)
5:15PM JOE & MARY SCHWESKA (TOM MCGEE)

Saturday – November 9

8 AM ED BARTH (JIM ENNEN)
4 PM BECKY MORGAN (CAROL MORGAN)

Sunday – November 10

7 AM MARY ANN MIDDEN (WILLIAM MIDDEN)
10 AM FOR THE PEOPLE
5 PM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR LOST SOULS(CCCW)



The Glory To Be Revealed

This past Tuesday we heard from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans in the readings for the Mass of the day, specifically brothers and sisters: *I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us* (Romans 8:18). Five minutes before Mass, I had not even looked at the first reading, focusing instead on the Gospel for the day, but I was struck when I finally looked at Paul's words before heading out to offer the Mass.

The Scriptures are eternal and the Word of God is always pertinent for the day, just sometimes part of the Word may be more pertinent. I have talked about social media before and I will say what I've already said: if you are not on social media, stay off...your life will be all the better. I've greatly curtailed my personal presence there but I still find myself browsing around and, sadly, I've noticed people coming virtually undone on social media. Between the political sphere and things in the Church coming out of the recent Pan-Amazonian Synod, more people than ever appear to be losing their minds over things in the world.

As disciples, we must engage the realities of this world and do what we can to witness to Christ and what we know to be right, good, and holy, be it in the secular or sacred realms. In engaging the world we must also be on guard against the danger of falling into despair; enter again St. Paul: *the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us*. This present life is marred by the reality of sin, which has also felled our human nature, but there is good news. God is in the mess with us, bestowing on us with his grace and mercy, and bringing about in us the fullness of redemption.

There is a danger that exists in getting bogged-down by the challenges and crosses of this life and losing sight of the fact that we are in this world but that we do not belong to it. God is bringing about greater things and we must always keep our eyes lifted up in the hope of what is yet to be revealed. God never wants us to lose hope, no matter how upside down things may seem to be and ultimately, our trust must be in him. Only when this world in its present form has passed away will the fullness of God's glory be revealed.



Just having celebrated All Saints Day, I will leave you with two bits of wisdom from two members of that great cloud of witnesses. It is said that Pope St. John XXIII was known to have prayed at the end of the day "its your Church Lord; I'm going to bed." In the end, if we have done what we are supposed to do, we have to trust that God will fill in what is lacking. Finally, St. Pio of Pietrilecina (Padre Pio) says it wonderfully and succinctly: "pray, hope, and don't worry."

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

SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP



THE SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

Stewards identify their gifts and talents from God and use those in service to God's people, the church.

How can you help this Parish live out the mission to make disciples?

In Service to Each Other...

Last week we kicked off the Season of Stewardship and we hope you have been praying and discerning your involvement. All of us are given great gifts from God. Some of us are musically talented, others are great at organizing events or service opportunities, and others are outgoing and welcoming. There is an opportunity at Cathedral for each of us to take part, and each of us is called to give back to the Parish community!

On the next page, you will see a list of opportunities and short descriptions of those ministries. If you are currently involved in any one of those ministries, thank you! If you are looking to make a change or to get involved, next week you will have the opportunity to do so when we provide the Intention Card. In the meantime, please pray about your involvement at the Parish. It is life-giving in so many ways, from fellowship with others to formative for your faith. If you are someone involved in any one of these ministries, invite someone you know to join you. Often we do not want to go alone to an event or program, so please extend a warm welcome and accompany them.

Many individuals just need the invitation. Think about the first time you volunteered for something in the parish. Many of you might remember a personal invitation, rather than a response to a bulletin ad. Personal invitation is the most effective tool to gathering new interest in your ministry or program.

If you are searching for a ministry or program that is not listed, please let us know. We have a variety of guests and newcomers to the parish from all walks of life. This diversity enables the parish to gather new ideas and perspectives, which lead to future programs and ministries. We could not do great church without you!

If you have any questions or if you would like more information, please contact Katie Price, Stewardship Coordinator, at kprice@cathedral.dio.org.

Stewardship in Scripture

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"
(1 Pt 4:10).*

Discernment Question

*What gifts has God given you to share with others?
Are you musically talented, welcoming, or great at hospitality? We have something for everyone!*

SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP



Ministry Overview **Prayer**

Readers- Liturgical Ministry

The ministry of Reader calls those with strong faith and good communication skills to proclaim the Word of God. This responsibility is not to be accepted carelessly; as a proclaimer of the Word, a reader doesn't just read the scriptures aloud, but becomes the vessel for the dialogue between God and His people. Prayerful preparation is essential.

Greeters/Ushers- Liturgical Ministry

Our Ushers & Greeters fulfill an important role in the church. They welcome parishioners and visitors alike and assist those with special needs before, during and after mass. They gather the offerings; provide hospitality, and distribute the parish bulletin following mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are called upon to distribute Holy Communion during Mass when more than the ordained, or ordinary, ministers (bishop, priest, deacon) are needed. Extraordinary Ministers may also take communion to the sick or homebound. To be a servant of God through this ministry requires that you bring a strong faith, a reverence to the sacrament, and an inclusiveness of others as the foundation of your ministry.

Altar Servers

Altar Servers may be called upon to serve in any number of situations including Sunday Mass or weekday Mass celebrations, funeral liturgies, Eucharistic Adoration, or any other public worship service in the church. The Altar Server is an extension of the community's need to participate actively in the celebration of the church's public ministry.

Cathedral Choir/Music Ministry

Cathedral Choir sings every Sunday at the 10:00 Mass and for various special services throughout the year, including Christmas, Holy Week, and various diocesan celebrations. Repertoire extends from Gregorian Chant to newly written compositions. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00 pm in the Cathedral Choir Loft, and warm-ups are at 9:15 a.m. before the Sunday morning liturgy.

Formation

Bible Study

If you would like the opportunity to learn more about your faith through Scripture, then this ministry is for you. The particular study changes throughout the year and all are welcome to join!

Homebound Ministry

Are you someone with a heart for service and hospitality? Join this ministry to help support Cathedral's homebound community and accompany those in need.

Bereavement Ministry

Cathedral parish will begin hosting Grief Share, a weekly grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us.

Family of Faith Program

NEW this year is the Family of Faith program, which is an innovative and family-centric faith formative learning opportunity. Join us as a participating family or a volunteer!

Vacation Bible School

Would you like to help lead youth through their faith next summer? Consider sharing your time for one-week during the summer and help form young minds in the faith!

Youth Ministry

Are you a high schooler looking for a youth ministry program or interested in working with youth? Please contact us with any ideas or insights into reaching out to this audience.

Discipleship & Stewardship Ministry

Are you interested in helping with the Ministry Thank You Dinner or with events like REBOOT? We could use your time and talents in building up disciples at Cathedral. All are welcome!

Adult Faith Formation/Programming

Consider joining us for any of the adult faith formation programs throughout the year. A full calendar is located here: <https://spicathedral.org/adult-faith-formation-2/>

Hospitality

Alpha Ministry

Are you looking to grow in your faith or are you willing to provide radical hospitality to those searching and seeking? Alpha begins again in the new year and we could use your help!

Hospitality/Parish Events

Are you interested and able to help with hospitality for special events? The Cathedral is host to many special events and Liturgies throughout the year!

Service

Cathedral Council of Catholic Women

Join the women of the Cathedral in fellowship and fun! The CCCW hosts a variety of events during the year which supports the Mission of the Cathedral and scholarships. All women of the parish are welcome!

Knights of Columbus Father Augustine Tolton Council

Charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus since its founding. Join these Catholic men of faith and charitable action. They host a variety of service opportunities and events throughout the year which help support the Cathedral and scholarship programs for Cathedral families.



Why Jesus Got Fired from His Catechist Position

The following is an email that was recently sent out to a certain parish staff, alerting them of the latest team update:

To Whom It May Concern:

In agreement with the clearly

delineated diocesan norms for termination of employment, below are just a handful of the reasons we were forced to fire Jesus of Nazareth from our parish staff here at Our Lady of the Emptying Pews:

He was never in the office.

He was constantly leaving work to "go and pray."

He never turned in a single bulletin announcement.

He invited all the "wrong kinds of people" into the Parish community.

He turned over tables at the annual Parish ministry fair.

He encouraged people without master's degrees or PhDs to share, preach, and teach.

He refused to utilize clip art.

He had his "team" set up for his own farewell dinner.

He gave the church keys to a fisherman instead of returning them to the front desk.

He formed catechists and executed a parish plan without first forming a committee to investigate a strategy that might include a committee.

And finally—in a display that demonstrated complete lack of pastoral discretion—he was unwilling to use his special "gifts" to multiply fish and tartar sauce, and thereby prevent the Knights of Columbus from looking foolish at the Lenten Fish Fry.

As anyone can clearly see, Jesus of Nazareth was unwilling to abide by time-honored rules and expectations as set forth by people at the parish who are long-since dead, yet whose memories we celebrate with every rule ("sacred cow") we choose to heed (feed rather than slaughter).

Joylessly yours in Christ,

Members of the Parish(ing) Staff'

Structure is the Means, not the End

Whether you find the above letter insightful or idiotic, jovial or juvenile, the truth is that modern ministry can often take on an institutionalized form that Christ never intended.

That's not to say that Christ did not like structure. He did, to be sure.

He didn't just choose the twelve apostles to mirror and relive Israel's existence in perfect fidelity. In choosing and empowering the twelve and the seventy-two, Jesus created an infrastructure that

offered his truth and healing presence to the masses and in time, through apostolic succession at all Masses.

That being said, our Catholic faith is inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. Our Church is designed to be dynamic and organic—living and active—not predictable and stale.

Getting into the Spirit of Evangelization

Is there really a "new" spirit of evangelization in our ministries or just the same tired approach with a new name and facelift? Are our meetings more about prayer or agendas? Are our classes interactive or strictly lecture-based? Do souls leave intellectually full but spiritually empty? Do we spend more time talking "about" Jesus than actually talking (and listening) to him?

The Church offers us an indispensable gift in her apostolic structure and visible head in Rome. Our Church also invites us to retreat into the desert (prompted by the Holy Spirit as Jesus, himself, was) and allow the Father to direct our next steps. If your ministries have gotten stale or predictable or institutional ... love your parish enough to shut down ministries or programs for a time. Reflect. Discern. Try new things, and then reconvene to process what the Lord is doing and how the Holy Spirit is moving.

Jesus will still "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5) ... if we let him!

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The Teen Timeline (a teen Bible study program), Encounter (a pre-teen Bible study program), and Altaration. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, he serves as executive vice president of Life Teen International. This article was first published on The Great Adventure Blog in March 2014.



STEWARDSHIP: HOSPITALITY



Hospitality Challenges Us to Put Our Faith into Action

Speaking about hospitality in a homily on June 2, 2000, Pope St. John Paul II shared the following message:

"Like the disciples of Emmaus, believers, supported by the living presence of the risen Christ, become in turn the traveling companions of their brothers and sisters in trouble, offering them the word that rekindles hospitality in their hearts. With them they break the bread of friendship, brotherhood, and mutual help."

This message speaks not just to being neighborly and hospitable to people who we might come into contact with, but also people whom we serve. For those who work in the hospitality industry (hotels, theme parks, casinos, tourism destinations, etcetera), it can be challenging to work so closely with such a wide range of people—and to account for their diverse needs and wants. You may be one of those who work in the hospitality industry, or you may not be. Either way, as Catholics it is our duty to become the companions of all of our brothers and sisters, and that includes treating everyone with hospitality and mutual respect by putting our faith into action as we serve them.

What to Do When Facing a Challenging Person

In our lives, we will continually face challenges that test our ability to be kind and loving. But as Pope John Paul II once instructed to a group of volunteer workers:

"Welcoming our brothers and sisters with care and willingness must not be limited to extraordinary occasions but must become for all believers a habit of service in their daily lives."

When working in hospitality, it is critical to remember this teaching when focusing on good customer service. Undoubtedly, we will face a handful of people in our workplaces who are not agreeable and may make us feel frustrated or angry. Still, part

of showing customers good hospitality is sharing the gospel with them, which means treating them with care. When faced with a challenging person, remember Pope John Paul II's teaching, and try to make it a habit to be equally welcoming to every person you encounter.

Mary as a Model of Hospitality

It's also helpful to look to Mary as an example of hospitality and loving service. In the Bible, once Mary conceives Christ, she immediately rushes to serve Elizabeth. The two provide each other with companionship, neighborly attitudes, and comfort, which is exactly the way that we should be hosts to others. This is a great model for how to treat the people served in the hospitality industry: as our holy guests who we can readily comfort.



Later on, in Bethlehem, Mary continued to be welcoming to strangers as they came to greet her new child, Jesus. Even though she herself did not have a lodging for her new family, she still received the wise men and shepherds with open arms. Time and time again, Mary shows us how welcoming people and caring about others is a holy virtue. Our homes, our churches, and our places of work should all be places where guests feel welcome.

Working in the hospitality industry is not for the faint of heart, and it is our Catholic duty to put our faith into action to show every guest the same compassion, care, and comfort in order to act as Jesus did.

Working full time as a writer and researcher, Jackie Morgan pens pieces on numerous topics close to her heart. This article can be found here:
<https://media.ascensionpress.com/2018/10/10/hospitality-challenges-us-to-put-our-faith-into-action/>

Stewardship Activity

Stewardship of Prayer:

Please pray for our parish during this Season of Stewardship.

Stewardship of Service

As the weather changes, consider those neighbors around you who may need additional help. Maybe you might be able to help with leaf removal or make sure their sidewalk is clear and safe. Helping out our neighbors is a great way to build fellowship and be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world!

Stewardship of Gifts- October 27th & 28th

Envelopes:	\$5,440.00
Loose:	\$2,945.98
Maintenance:	\$7.00

Total:	\$8,392.98
September EFT	\$18,509.60