



Cathedral

WEEKLY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE RECTOR | FR. BRIAN ALFORD

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Mass Times: Saturday - 4:00pm; Sunday - 7:00am, 10:00am, & 5:00pm
Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday - 7:00am & 5:15pm; Saturday - 8:00am
Reconciliation: Monday through Friday - 4:15pm-5:00pm; Saturday - 9:00am-10:00am & 2:30pm-3:30pm; Sunday - 4:00pm-4:45pm
Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday - 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Diocesan Victim Assistance is available. For the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, please call 217-321-1155.

Please remember that if you or a loved one is in the hospital, a nursing home or home-bound, to contact the Parish Office or Sr. Francella at 217-522-3342 x 142.

Welcome to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception!

On behalf of our bishop, the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, our parishioners, deacons, and priests, we 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.

We hope that your visit to our Cathedral is one of grace and beauty and that you feel at home in the mother church. We 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!

Stewardship Activity

Stewardship of Treasure - June 27th & 28th

Envelopes: \$4,777.40
Loose: \$1,656.15
Maintenance: \$90.00
Total: \$6,523.55

May EFT: \$23,892.00

Did you know you can make a gift online? If you would like to extend a special gift to the Cathedral, please visit <https://spicathedral.org/give-online/>. We appreciate your generosity!

Sacraments

Baptisms

Congratulations to Quentin Becket Kahle, son of Eddie & Kylie Kahle! He was baptized here at the Cathedral last weekend. Please keep Quentin in your prayers!



From the Rector

"In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess 5:18)

This is the passage that has been in my mind for the past several weeks as I have been preparing for my transition to this new assignment here at the Cathedral. In fact, my final bulletin article at my previous parish, St. Jude

Parish in Rochester, began with this same verse, as I shared with my former parishioners my gratitude to have been a part of their lives for the past four years.

This weekend, as I spend my first weekend with you as the new Rector, I continue to give thanks to God. First of all, I give thanks for the wonderful leadership of Father House who served you so faithfully for the past six years. I have the privilege of working closely with Father House at our Catholic Pastoral Center and I know full well what big shoes I have to fill, but I am grateful that he has done a great deal to ease my transition through his leadership to you and his friendship to me.

I give thanks to Bishop Paprocki, the Pastor of our diocese and of this Cathedral Church, for entrusting me with the daily pastoral care of our Cathedral Parish. I am grateful to have the blessed distinction of being the first priest ever ordained by Bishop Paprocki and it has been my privilege to serve him in various capacities for most of my priesthood. Now I have the opportunity to serve with him and on behalf of him in this place that is so dear to both of us.

I give thanks for the privilege of having two newly-ordained priests join us here at the Cathedral. I have had the joy of serving Father Chineke and Father Vahling as their Vocation Director throughout their years of seminary formation. Their dedication to their formation was inspiring to witness. I have no doubt that their dedication was fueled by their desire to share their gifts with the people of God that they would one day serve as priests. Now, all of us will be the grateful recipients of the fruit of that hard work as they share the love of Christ with us here at the Cathedral.

Finally, I give thanks that I am coming back to the Cathedral, a place that is familiar to me. Many priests have some anxiety about moving to a new parish as there is so much to learn in a new assignment. While I have much to learn, I am much more at ease coming here because of my history with this parish. As you may remember, I lived in residence here for three years while I served as Bishop Paprocki's Priest Secretary and Master of Ceremonies. While I did not have as much involvement as the priests assigned here, this was still my home and I felt very welcomed by you throughout that time. Even before my arrival, I have received that same warm welcome. I thank God in advance for the many opportunities of serving you in the future.

Father Alford is the Rector of the Cathedral and serves in the diocesan curia as the Vicar for Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations.

Stewardship Activity (Continued)

Stewardship of Prayer

Lord Jesus,

I'm tired of the same struggle in my life.

I feel distant from you.

My choices have not let me into the right places.

I've listened to the whispers of my enemy

instead of your words in Scripture,

and the result has been disastrous.

So today I'm confessing my desperate need for you.

Lord, I truly need your forgiveness.

I want to turn around and head another direction...

Back to you.

But I need your help.

Root out the darkness and light up my life
with your holy presence.

Help me to understand what went wrong.

Show me how my destructive patterns first began.

With your restoration, Lord, perhaps I can help others
find their way back to you also.

I will not give my enemy the victory.

Instead, I will except yours.

Instead of a meltdown, with your help and grace

I will allow your spirit to give me your heart

and to live for you the rest of my life.

Thank you, Jesus, for your sweet forgiveness

and promised restoration. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Monday - July 6

7am - Polly Keen

(LouAnn & Carl Corrigan)

5:15pm - John Montgomery

(John Busciacco)

Tuesday - July 7

7am - Tom Bartolomucci

(Ned & Janet Riordan)

5:15pm - Michael J. Foley, Sr.

(Betty & Glen Rogers)

Wednesday - July 8

7am - George Friedel

(Ladies Auxiliary 1098)

5:15pm - Dr. Eugen Stonikas

(William & Debra Stonikas)

Thursday - July 9

7am - Anna A. Eleyidath

(Augustine Eleyidath)

5:15pm - Lemuel Moss

(Jean Moss)

Friday - July 10

7am - Barbara J. McGrath

(Family & Friends)

5:15pm - Patria & Rufino Gotanco

(Joe & Hati Uy)

Saturday - July 11

8am - Richiusa & Leo Families
(Family)

4pm - Thomas Rapps

(Sharon & Kevin Post)

Sunday - July 12

7am - Betty & Gene Barish
(Family)

10am - For the People

5pm - Judith Loro

(Lou Ann & Carl Corrigan)