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# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAREWELL TO SEMINARIAN RYAN KEHOE | FR. BRIAN ALFORD



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Reconciliation: Monday through Friday - 4:15pm-5:00pm; Saturday - 9:00am-10:00am & 2:30pm-3:30pm; Sunday - 4:00pm-4:45pm

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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!

# RECTOR'S COLUMN





# Farewell to Seminarian Ryan Kehoe

While speaking to others about living at the Cathedral, one of the first things I comment on is the blessing of living in a full house. For just over a month, we have had one bishop, four priests, and two seminarians living at the Cathedral Rectory. It has been a source of great joy to have so many of us around, sharing in various ways in the ministry of the parish and enjoying some great fraternity with one another.

As they say, though, all good things come to an end. This weekend will be the last one for one of our seminarians, Ryan Kehoe, who has been with us here since the pandemic caused all of our seminaries to send their men home early. Wanting to make their abrupt transition away from the seminary more manageable, we attempted to put pairs of seminarians together at various parishes. With the room available, it made good sense to send one of our seminarians here, and Ryan was the lucky one to come to join Grant Wilson who has been with us the entire year.

The new priests in the house affectionately refer to our seminarians as "the kids" and we joke about sending them back to school at the end of the summer. But we all will miss them very much as they have been an absolute delight to have around the rectory and the parish. I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to meet and interact with these two fine men.

Since Grant will be with us a little longer, we can save our farewell for another time and I can write a few things about Ryan. He recently graduated from Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis. He is now moving on to theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. For the next four years, Ryan will dedicate himself to being formed in four dimensions: intellectual, spiritual, pastoral, and human. This formation will lead, God-willing, to a man who is more closely configured to Christ, the Good Shepherd, whom He will seek to imitate in ministry to the people of God in our diocese.



Now that he has become a part of our Cathedral Parish family, I invite you to add Ryan to the list of your daily prayers, asking the Lord to give Ryan the graces to be totally open to the work He wants to do in his heart as he prepares for the priesthood. And please pray for all of our seminarians, for the chances are very good (almost guaranteed) that some of these men will serve here at the Cathedral as priests one day. Our prayers for them now will be for their benefit and ours.

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

## **Mass Intentions**

# Monday - August 10

7am - Mattie Hergenrother (Thomas Hergenrother) 5:15pm - Elsie Kokotovich (Premo & Kay Clay)

#### Tuesday - August 11

7am - Anna A. Eleyidath (Augustine Eleyidath) 5:15pm - Mathias Bates (The Bates Family)

#### Wednesday - August 12

7am - Deceased Members of the CCCW (CCCW) 5:15pm - Ralph Walter, Sr. (Jean Moss)

#### Thursday - August 13

7am - Joe Lauduskie (Jim & Sandy Bloom) 5:15pm - Lawrence Jaros (Shirley Sethaler)

#### Friday - August 14

7am - Mary Priester (Family) 5:15pm - Lemuel Moss (Jean Moss)

## Saturday - August 15

8am - Mattie Hergenrother (Thomas Hergenrother) 4pm - Jim Steil (Steil Family)

#### Sunday - August 16

7am - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden) 10am - Helen Call (Rebecca & Woody Woodhull) 5pm - For the People

# Stewardship Activity

#### Stewardship of Prayer

Prayer of St. Ignatius

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess.

You have given it all to me; to you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; dispose of it according to your will.

Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me.

Amen.

## Stewardship of Treasure - August 1st & 2nd

Envelopes: \$5,486.00 Loose: \$1,540.87 <u>Maintenance: \$763.00</u> Total: \$7,789.87

June EFT: \$25,536.85

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