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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MONICA, PRAY FOR US! | 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!



St. Monica, Pray for Us!

This past week we had the privilege of celebrating the feast day of a mother and her son. On Thursday, August 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Monica. On the following day, the Church celebrated her son, St. Augustine. St. Augustine is recognized by many as one of the greatest and most prolific writers in the nearly 2000-year history of the Church. In fact, there is a saying that if someone claims to have read all of his writings, they would be lying.

But the Church would not have a St. Augustine without a St. Monica. And that fact is true both on a natural level (which is obvious) and on a spiritual level. You see, St. Augustine was far from a saint in his early years. His mother saw that he was living an immoral life, but she supposedly had a vision that he would come back to the faith one day. With the hope given from that vision, she dedicated herself to prayer and fasting for her son. Finally, after 17 years of prayer, St. Augustine was finally baptized in Milan by another future saint, St. Ambrose.

There is a moving passage from the *Confessions* of St. Augustine, his spiritual autobiography, where he recounts a conversation he had with his mother as the end of her life drew near. He records the following words from his mother:

Son, as far as I am concerned, nothing in this life now gives me any pleasure. I do not know why I am still here, since I have no further hopes in this world. I did have one reason for wanting to live a little longer: to see you become a Catholic Christian before I died. God has lavished his gifts on me in that respect, for I know that you have even renounced earthly happiness to be his servant. So what am I doing here?



One of the greatest struggles faced by parents is the sadness they experience when their children have left the practice of the faith. If you, or somebody you know, is in that situation, I encourage you to ask the intercession of St. Monica for their loved ones. Her powerful prayers on earth helped to bring about one of the most important conversions in the life of the Church. From her place in Heaven, her prayers to the Lord on our behalf are even more powerful!

St. Monica, pray for us!

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

Stewardship of Prayer

Prayer for the People of Beirut

God of refuge, hear our prayer, as we hold the people of Beirut in our hearts at this time. Fill us with compassion and move us to reach out in love.

In your mercy, bring comfort to those who mourn, healing to those who are injured, shelter to those who are homeless, sustenance to those who hunger.

Give strength to those who are working to rebuild shattered lives, and protect those who are vulnerable especially in a time of coronavirus.

Lead us in your ways so that together we may bring the light of new hope wherever there is destruction and despair.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mass Intentions

Monday - August 31

7am - Anna A Eleyidath
(Augustine Eleyidath)

5:15pm - Deceased Members of the CCCW
(CCCW)

Tuesday - September 1

7am - Doris Drea
(Asher, Gittler, & D'Alba, Ltd.)

5:15pm - John Steil
(Tom Steil & Sharon Oldfield)

Wednesday - September 2

7am - Helene O'Shea
(Bud O'Shea)

5:15pm - Nancy Shea
(Jim & Barb Stelte)

Thursday - September 3

7am - Mattie Hergenrother
(Steve Hergenrother)

5:15pm - Ralph Walter, Sr.
(Jean Moss)

Friday - September 4

7am - Steve Hergenrother
(Thomas Hergenrother)

5:15pm - Helen "Bobbie" McCarthy
(Family)

Saturday - September 5

8am - Roger David
(Lou Ann & Carl Corrigan)

4pm - Genevieve Bitschenauer
(Barbara Bitschenauer)

Sunday - September 6

7am - Barbara McGee
(McGee Family)

10am - Charles & Mercedes Nesbitt
(Kathy Frank)

5pm - For the People

Stewardship of Treasure - August 22nd & 23rd

Envelopes:	\$3,826.00
Loose:	\$711.00
Maintenance:	\$65.00
Total:	\$4,602.00

July EFT: \$23,159.00

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