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## **Sunday Masses**

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

## **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!



## The Sacred Heart and the Priesthood

Last week, we reflected on the important and inseparable connection between the Sacred Heart and the Eucharist. Today, I would like to invite us to see how that connection extends in a special way to the priests of the Church. On the night of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, when Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist as a sign of His enduring love for His people, He also instituted the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It was His intention to make the gift of the Eucharist dependent on the ministry of His Apostles and their successors, the bishops, and those who share in their sacramental ministry, the priests. Priests are therefore united to the Heart of Jesus in a special way, as described simply but beautifully by St. John Vianney, the Patron of Priests: "The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus."

Last year, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart fell on June 19. Providentially, that was the day to which we transferred our priesthood ordination for the year due to pandemic restrictions in place. It was so fitting to celebrate this gift of priestly ordinations on that day on which the Church remembers the great love Christ has for us. In his ordination homily, Bishop Paprocki made the following point about the essence of the priesthood, pointing to the example of one of the greatest priests of our diocese, Venerable Father Augustine Tolton:

*If you look to the heroic virtue of Father Tolton, this holy priest of Jesus Christ will teach you how, again and again, no matter the joys and sufferings you will experience through your ministry, to allow your hearts to be pierced out of love for God and neighbor; he will teach you how to lead others into the Sacred Heart so that they might know how much God loves them. This, after all, is the principal mission of the Diaconate and of the Priesthood.*

Two of the men ordained to the priesthood on that day were our very own Father Peter Chineke and Father Dominic Vahling. It has been a real joy to witness their first year of priestly ministry. In their own way, each of them has done as the Bishop has encouraged them, to lead people to know how much God loves them. Also ordained to the diaconate on that day was Deacon Chris Trummer, who was just ordained to the priesthood this past Saturday (June 12). We pray that his ministry will follow this same direction, that those who will encounter his ministry will grow in their understanding of God's love for them.

In conclusion, I invite all of us to join in prayer for all of those who are in Holy Orders in our parish and in our diocese. There are a lot of different things that we do in service to our parishes and our diocese, but we must never forget that everything should be directed toward leading all of you to that deeper encounter with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose love for us has the power to transform our lives here, and prepare us to be with Him forever in Heaven.

*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, June 14

7am - Jean Reno Greenwald  
(Bev & Larry Hoffman)  
5:15pm - Ann Gustafson  
(Jeannette Giannone)

#### Tuesday, June 15

7am - Anna A. Eleyidath  
(Augustine Eleyidath)  
5:15pm - Shirley Logan  
(Lisa Logan & Lori Logan Motyka)

#### Wednesday, June 16

7am - John & Edith Bakalar  
(John Busciacco)  
5:15pm - Jean Anne Staab  
(Genny Severino)

#### Thursday, June 17

7am - Special Intention for Rev.  
Msgr. David Hoefler (Chris  
Sommer)  
5:15pm - George Friedel  
(Mark & Donna Yehling)

#### Friday, June 18

7am - Richard Willaredt  
(Dawn Dowdy)  
5:15pm - Norman & Eileen Rovey  
(Family)

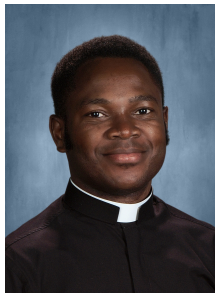
#### Saturday, June 19

8am - Warren Bequette  
(Betty Hodapp)  
4pm - Joseph Kohlrus, Sr.  
(Augustine Eleyidath)

#### Sunday, June 20

7am - Mary Ann Midden  
(William Midden)  
10am - Charles & Mercedes  
Nesbitt (Kathy Frank)  
5pm - For the People





## Why Do We Celebrate the Sabbath on Sunday Instead of Saturday?

One of the major concerns we have today as Catholics is the fleeing of our Catholic brethren from the faith. While some of our brothers and sisters leave the faith for other religions or churches, most of those who walk away avoid religious identification or affiliation. A good number of them, directly or indirectly, prefer to be identified as “non-practicing Catholics.” In addition, I recently found out that some people leave the Catholic faith because of their doubts over some of our Catholic Christian teachings and practices.

I recently met a young adult who stopped attending Masses and other Church activities when she discovered that Saturday is the Sabbath according to the Bible. Still, Christians ignore it and observe their Sabbath on Sundays. I gently inquired from her what efforts she made to find out why this “wrong practice.” She explained that she came across that in her study of the Bible and never bothered to make a further inquiry from anyone since the Bible is the highest source of truth for Christians. I appreciated her efforts to read her Bible – a practice that is, unfortunately, rare among many Catholics today. But I also encouraged her not to limit her search for the truth in her Bible studies. Sometimes, asking questions for clarifications from Catholic friends and families or sharing ideas with them can be helpful.

Although old and very established text, the Bible is a living text with deep spiritual, theological, and historical elements. These things make the Bible, sometimes, more challenging to understand than it may appear. For this reason, reading and studying it and sharing the fruits of our studies with others increases our chances of a deeper understanding of the Bible texts.

It is easy to agree with me for encouraging the young lady not to limit her search for the truth in her studies of the scriptures and share with others and ask questions. But unfortunately, we live in a time and culture where radical individualism and subjectivism have become moral virtues instead of the social vices they are. Regrettably, individualism and subjectivism as social ills have continued to negatively impact how we live our lives, not only as Catholic Christians but as human beings in general.

While I took time to explain why most Christians celebrate the Sabbath on Sundays instead of Saturdays, I will summarize my explanations here.

The realization of Saturday as the Sabbath and not Sunday is most probably a product of a plain reading of the Old Testament bible. This O.T is a story of the revelations that God made in and with his people – the Ancient Jews. While these revelations are still true and valid for us Christians, Jesus Christ – the Son of God and second person of the Trinity, is the fullness of God’s revelations. Therefore, while everything in the O.T is still true and valid, Christ, who is the fullness of God’s revelations and his teachings in the New Testament, completes the O.T.

Jesus Christ resurrected on a Sunday – Easter Sunday. His resurrection is most critical for the salvation of humanity and very central in our entire Christian life and practice. Therefore, instead of celebrating the Sabbath on a Saturday as the people did during the Old Testament times, Christians choose to celebrate this wonderful day of rest and worship on Sundays to honor Christ and mark the glorious day Christ signed our salvation.

*Father Peter Chineke serves as parochial vicar at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and as co-chaplain of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School.*

### Stewardship of Treasure June 5th & 6th

Envelopes:	\$6,776.00
Loose:	\$2,437.10
Maintenance:	\$730.00
Total:	\$9,943.10

May EFT: \$22,060.40

Online Giving: If you would like to extend a special gift to the Cathedral, please visit our website. Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



## St. Romuald: Simplicity in Scriptural Prayer

**Feast Day: June 19th**

We are plunging along in our summer "bible study" with the saints. This week we find ourselves around the year 1000, in the Benedictine monastery of St. Apollinare (near Ravenna, so, a bit North of halfway between Venice and Rome in Italy). The Abbot, Romuald, is putting the finishing touches on his rule. Unlike that of Augustine (used by the Dominicans), or Benedict (Benedictines), or Albert (Carmelites), his rule is found in its entirety below:

Sit in your cell as in paradise.

Put the whole world behind you and forget it.

Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish,

The path you must follow is in the Psalms — never leave it.

If you have just come to the monastery,  
and in spite of your good will you cannot accomplish what you want,  
take every opportunity you can to sing the Psalms in your heart  
and to understand them with your mind.

And if your mind wanders as you read, do not give up;  
hurry back and apply your mind to the words once more.

Realize above all that you are in God's presence,  
and stand there with the attitude of one who stands  
before the emperor.

Empty yourself completely and sit waiting,  
content with the grace of God,  
like the chick who tastes nothing and eats nothing  
but what his mother brings him.

And that is the whole thing! Might I invite you to pray to the Holy Spirit and read through that again? This is scriptural prayer at its best, and most basic, and if it is enough for Camaldolese Monks, it is probably enough for much of your or my spiritual life too!

Recognize that wherever you are right now, God is close. Paradise is near. Let His quiet fill your heart.

Take up a Psalm, or another line from scripture. Let it sit in your mind. Consider it. Plunge its depths. Return to it. Repeat it slowly. Let the Lord speak to you through it.

Now return to God. He is with you. He loves you. He gazes upon you. Look up at Him. Love Him. Wait on Him. Just be with Him.

*Fr. Dominic Rankin usually goes long on these little articles. This week he is taking a card from St. Romuald and keeping it simple. Let Scripture do the work. Let God do the talking. Let your love be carried aloft by Him. God's "liturgical providence" provides us these words today:*

**Ez 17:22** Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it out; I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain; 23 on the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar; and under it will dwell all kinds of beasts; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it."

**Psalm 92:1** It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
2 to declare your merciful love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night, ...  
12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
13 They are planted in the house of the Lord,  
they flourish in the courts of our God.  
14 They still bring forth fruit in old age,  
they are ever full of sap and green.

**Mark 4:30** And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Around the Cathedral

### Ask Father! Weekly Column

Have questions about your faith? Want to know more about a particular Catholic teaching? This summer, our priests are answering your questions! Submit your questions to Haley at [hbentel@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:hbentel@cathedral.dio.org) or on our website at [www.spicathedral.org/contact-us/](http://www.spicathedral.org/contact-us/) if you wish to remain anonymous. A new question will be answered each week!

### Period of Inquiry

Exploring the beginnings of faith is the first part of the process in welcoming new members to the Catholic Church. Cathedral will begin an Inquiry course on Tuesday, June 22 @ 6:00pm. Please feel free to invite any friends or relatives who may be interested in becoming Catholic. Fliers are available at the atrium doors.

During the period of Inquiry, we make our seekers feel especially welcome and comfortable by serving a simple meal to start each evening. Inquiry dates are June 22, July 6, July 20, Aug 3, Aug 17, Aug 31, and Sept. 7. If you are interested in providing a meal for 12-15 people on one of these dates, let us know. Meals have included soup and bread, pasta and salad, pizza delivery, sloppy joes and chips.

Please pray for those who will participate this year - both Seekers and team members. Contact Vicki for more information or to volunteer at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or 217-522-3342. THANK YOU!

### RCIA Sponsors

We will soon be welcoming a new group of seekers who are exploring the Catholic faith. They will need faithful companions to journey with them. The demands on you would be a commitment of most Tuesday evenings (for as long as a year), as well as a willingness to share your time and your faith with the candidates and catechumen who are part of RCIA. This is a serious commitment for serious disciples, but the rewards for you are immeasurable! Training will be provided for all team members. If you want to know more, or wish to make this commitment, contact Vicki at 217-522-3342 or [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org)

### Family of Faith Potluck

All families with children at home are invited to meet new friends and old at a family BBQ potluck on Sunday, June 13 at 6:30pm in the Cathedral Parking Lot! Please bring a dish to share. Our priests will be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone! The Cathedral Parish has a family-based catechetical program, Family of Faith, which we'll be starting again in September. You and your children are welcome to join us! Anyone at the picnic can answer your questions about Family of Faith. For more information or to RSVP please call 217-522-3342 or email [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org).

### CCCW Scholarship Recipients

The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women and the Knights of Columbus Council #16126 are pleased to announce the 2021 scholarship recipients:

Jacob Carstens, Ty Copelin, Rachel Holtgrave, Evie Humke, Mary Beth Kessler, Ava Southern, Thomas Southern, Connor Thompson, and Liam Thompson.

Congratulations to all the students that received scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year!

### Single & Parenting – Hard Work, Real Hope

As a single parent, you know there aren't many people who truly understand the unique challenges you face. You deeply desire to do what's best for your kids, and you worry that you aren't. Sometimes, it's all you can do to survive from one day to the next. Single & Parenting is a special group that will bring practical help and hope to your life. Gather with other single parents to watch dynamic videos featuring single-parenting experts and enjoy small-group discussion. Single & Parenting meets on Thursdays, June 3-August 26 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Cathedral School Library. FREE child care will be available. For more information and to register, contact Vicki at 217/522-3342 or [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org)

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Around the Diocese

### "Summer time, when the livin' is easy."

The schedule may look different, but the goal remains the same. Stay connected to the faith nourishing programming that Covenant Network provides daily and throughout the night by tuning into WIHM radio 88.1 FM. Or listen on the Covenant Network app on your mobile device or on our website [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).

### Biking for Babies

Cyclists from Biking for Babies will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, July 16th. While cycling across America these pro-life enthusiasts spread awareness of and collect donations for pregnancy resource centers. All are invited to attend 5:15 pm Mass, enjoy dinner with the cyclists, and hear their testimonies. To RSVP contact Vicki Compton at: 217/522-3342 or email . Biking for Babies is partnering with three pregnancy help centers within our diocese: First Step Women's Center (Springfield), Choices Pregnancy & Health (Charleston), ThriVe Metro East (Godfrey). Donations can be made at: [www.bikingforbabies.com/give](http://www.bikingforbabies.com/give).

### Fall 2021 Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course

Faith Community Health is excited to announce the dates for the Fall 2021 Foundations of Faith Community Nursing program. The registration is currently open for Nurses that are interested in attending this program. Faith Community Nurses draw a closer link between communities of faith and the health system by acting as health educators and health counselors to fellow members of their faith community, as well as assisting with homebound, nursing home and/or hospitalized congregation members. For more information, or to register, please visit <https://carle.org/providers/Continuing-Education>

### Called and Sent - High School Encounter

The Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the Office of Vocations is hosting Called & Sent: a High School Encounter July 4-7 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. This encounter allows you to gain the skills and tactics necessary to practice your faith and have a deeper understanding of who Jesus Christ is. You will also explore how Jesus is calling you to live out your mission. You will gain tools and learn techniques that will help you strengthen and share your faith. This encounter will allow you to answer the call! Registration is \$250 and includes 3 nights' accommodation, 8 meals, lots of snacks, and program materials. Register online at [www.dio.org/vocations/cas](http://www.dio.org/vocations/cas). Any questions, please email [vocations@dio.org](mailto:vocations@dio.org).

### Religious Freedom Week, June 22-29, 2021

Come join us:

- Bishop Paprocki celebrates Mass, Sunday, June 20, 10:00 am Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.
- Go to our diocesan webpage to find out Why Christians Need to Talk about Religion and Politics: <https://www.dio.org/plasm/faithful-citizenship.html>
- Join Bishop Paprocki in praying the rosary for our country, on Wednesday, June 23, 12:00 pm, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Come in person or participate through the diocesan Facebook page, YouTube page and [dio.org/live](http://dio.org/live)