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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 Morning Offering

On June 26, the Church celebrated the memorial for St. Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei. The main thrust of his ministry as a priest was promoting holiness in ordinary daily life, especially among the laity. His work in the early part of the last century laid a good foundation for the Second Vatican Council's teaching on the universal call to holiness in the Church. One of the practices that he encouraged, and one that I have practiced for many years, is known as "The Heroic Minute." He describes it this way:

Conquer yourself each day from the very first moment, getting up on the dot, at a fixed time, without yielding a single minute to laziness. If, with God's help, you conquer yourself, you will be well ahead for the rest of the day. (The Way, 191) ... The heroic minute. It is the time fixed for getting up. Without hesitation: a supernatural reflection and... up! The heroic minute: here you have a mortification that strengthens your will and does no harm to your body.
(The Way, 206)

In addition to getting right out of bed, it is helpful to turn immediately to prayer, not to your cell phone to check messages or other distractions. A time-honored prayer encouraged by the Church is known as the Morning Offering. The Morning Offering comes from a movement began in France in 1844 known as the Apostleship of Prayer. The basic goal of this movement (which still exists) is to pray for the pope and the monthly intentions that he designates. Here is the traditional version of the prayer as it is found on the English-language site for the Apostleship of Prayer:

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

I share this with you this week as we reach the conclusion of this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Praying the Morning Offering as soon as you wake up each morning is a way of staying close to the Sacred Heart each day throughout the year and it serves as a helpful reminder to us of the role we have to pray for the needs of the Church throughout the world.

This week will be a week of transition for us here at the Cathedral. We will be saying farewell to Deacon Scott Keen as he transfers to a new assignment at Christ the King Parish. I personally want to thank him for his service to our parish, and we send him with our prayers for continued fruitful ministry. We also welcome Deacon Rob Sgambelluri as he joins us in his first assignment as a newly-ordained deacon. We look forward to the gifts that he will share in service to our parish through his ministry here at the Cathedral.

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 28

7am - Jean Anne Staab
(Betty & Gene Rogers)
5:15pm - J.R. Weakley
(D. A. Drago)

Tuesday, June 29

7am - Anna A. Eleyidath
(Augustine Eleyidath)
5:15pm - Richard Willaredt
(John Konarcik)

Wednesday, June 30

7am - Jean Reno Greenwald
(Janet Zimmerman)
5:15pm - Gina Collins
(Donald & Kathy Byrd)

Thursday, July 1

7am - Jean Anne Staab
(St. Joseph the Worker Rosary Group)
5:15pm - Jean Anne Staab
(Carl & LouAnn Corrigan)

Friday, July 2

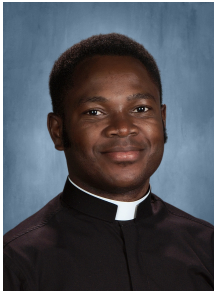
7am - Angeline Sherman
(Ruth Pinski)
5:15pm - Warren Bequette
(Jim & Connie Wheeler)

Saturday, July 3

8am - Rogelio Gotanco
(Joe & Hati Uy)
4pm - Cornelius McCue Family
(Thomas McGee)

Sunday, July 4

7am - Angeline Sherman
(Hattie Pinski)
10am - John Montgomery
(John Busciacco)
5pm - For the People



Who is my Model in the Catholic Faith and Why?

Recently at a Mass, I talked about the need to continually ask ourselves who our models in our Catholic faith are and why these people are our models. Having a model in our various vocations, professions, religious beliefs, and social and moral values is necessary if we must work on a goal in life. In other words, when we have a model in any aspect of our life, it helps to keep reminding us of the need to live like that person or to be better than the person. This makes for a life of purpose – a meaningful life. But when there is no model to look up to, the tendency to become mediocre, less productive, and living below our potentials is stronger.

I attended a high school retreat earlier this week. After one of the presentations, a retreat director asked the teenagers who are the most significant influences in their faith lives as Catholics. Some of them responded that their grandparents are the greatest influence in their faith lives as Catholics. Others indicated either their priests, teachers, or other people in their lives. Only very few of them said their parents are the primary influence in their faith lives as Catholics.

The explanations of those students whose parents or grandparents have influenced their faith the most vary. But I found something common in those explanations. The level of commitment of a parent or grandparent to the faith is directly proportional to the level of commitment their children will have in their faith.

Many of us will agree with me that in most cases, nothing can be more beautiful than the presence of grandparents in our lives growing up. These people are like guardian angels for the most part. They are incredibly soft on us, very protective, and are less likely to make us do what we do not want to do. Of course, that is why they are beautiful people. On the other hand, our parents are more likely to push us when we need to be pushed. But when a parent declares himself or herself Catholic but does not practice the faith, the parent is less likely to impact their child's faith life positively. Only practicing Catholic parents can have noticeable positive impacts on the faith life of their children. Only such parents can be models in the Catholic faith for their children.

Finally, I wondered about those children who are growing up in Catholic homes where there is nothing to show about the Catholicism of the home? No family altar. No crucifix. No sacred images of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or any of the canonized Saints. What will become of the Catholic faith of those children whose parents are Catholics but never or rarely go to Confessions? Attend Masses only when it is most convenient for them? Attend no church events and contribute nothing to both the spiritual and the material growths of the Church? What will such children say about their parents when their peers from Catholic homes talk about how their parents and grandparents have significantly influenced their faith lives? Do we not all need our parents and grandparents to be our first models in our Catholic faiths? What greater legacy can parents leave for their children than the faith of our fathers – that holy faith?

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 19th & 20th

Envelopes:	\$5,159.00
Loose:	\$1,236.15
Maintenance:	\$150.00
Total:	\$6,545.15

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. Irenaeus: The Splendor of Scripture

Feast Day: June 28th

If we select the top several early fathers of the Church (Justin Martyr, Polycarp, Irenaeus, Eusebius, etc.), and peruse their writings we would find ourselves with all but 11 verses of the New Testament. These men knew the writings of the Apostles, and they quoted them with abandon as they preached and taught. St. Irenaeus is our guide and model this week, but any of them offer us a profound, childlike, refreshing approach to the Bible, so I entrust to all of you the invitation to pair your reading of the bible with a glance as well at what the Fathers said about those lines. (Look up Thomas Aquinas Catena Aurea, which is available for free online, and offers their commentary on all four Gospels).

Irenaeus asks us to take a step back with him to our understanding of scripture in general. How do we approach the readings we hear at every Mass. Why, actually, do we read the Bible at every Mass? Have we ever asked ourselves that question?

"True knowledge is that which consists in the doctrine of the apostles, and the ancient constitution of the Church throughout all the world, and the distinctive manifestation of the body of Christ according to the succession of the bishops, by which they have handed down that Church which exists in every place, and has come even unto us, being guarded and preserved, without any forging of Scripture, by a very complete system of doctrine, and neither receiving addition nor suffering curtailment in the truths which she believes; and it consists in reading the word of God without falsification, and a lawful and diligent exposition in harmony with the Scriptures both without danger and without blasphemy; and above all it consists in the pre-eminent gift of love, which is more precious than knowledge, more glorious than prophecy, and which excels all the other gifts of God. - St. Irenaeus of Lyon, Adversus Haereses, 4.33.8

A few questions for our consideration with these lines in mind:

Truth and Knowledge. Where do we look for it? Friends? Wikipedia? Facebook? Us priests always joke with each other saying, "I read it online ... so it must be true...", but in an age where the words, images, and videos that appear before us online are all determined by algorithms beyond our control, showing us precisely what that website thinks will best appeal to our current feelings, should we flippantly go looking there first when we need direction or insight? Irenaeus points us to the doctrine of the apostles, the ancient constitution of the Church throughout the world, and the succession of the bishops. The Church now tends to call these three pillars of truth: scripture, tradition, and magisterium, but Irenaeus was explaining the same three to his flock in AD 180! If they needed it, just a generation or two after the Apostles, do we think we can turn elsewhere?

A second takeaway: the Pre-Eminent gift of Love. The great, staunch, soon-martyred bishop, spoke of love above even the gift of scripture! Scripture, the gift of God's self-revelation, entrusted to the bishops of the Church, and to all the members of Christ's body, to be cherished, protected, passed-on, and contemplated. That gift pales in comparison to the pre-eminent, more fundamental, more amazing gift of love?! I suppose this makes sense, but scripture is easier to carry around, and share with someone, and study, right??... or maybe God's love is a better gift than we imagine. Cannot we carry God's love in our heart, and know that it carries us? And cannot we share with a friend how God's love has been shown in our lives? And, in studying the faith at all, aren't we studying God's love?

Fr. Dominic Rankin is currently working on reading the Bible again in its entirety this year, but is happy to have been given a number of different reminders recently to read it as a story of God's love. It is easy to peruse its pages and compare stories or meditate on familiar scenes, but what if I looked at the entire thing with fresh, childlike, awe-struck eyes? Might I catch a glimpse of a grand gift of Love?

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

Diaconate Reception

Please join us for a small reception following the 10am Mass on Sunday, June 27 in celebration of Deacon Rob's ordination, and as a farewell to Deacon Scott Keen. Deacon Keen will be moving to Christ the King Parish to continue serving as a deacon. Congratulations to Rob and all the men ordained on Saturday, and we wish Deacon Keen all the best on his new assignment! Please keep these men, along with all of the clergy of our diocese, in your prayers.

Meals Needed

During the period of Inquiry of RCIA, we make our seekers feel especially welcome and comfortable by serving a simple meal to start each evening. Inquiry dates are 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 contact Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or 217-522-3342 for more information.

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 or on our website at www.spicathedral.org/ask-father if you wish to remain anonymous. A new question will be answered each week!

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

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.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Diocese

Open Door Seminar - Butler Funeral Homes

The Butler Family of Organizations extends an invitation to all who are interested in learning more about planning for their final wishes to help their families celebrate their lives to join us for a lunch and learn program. We will host an Open Door Seminar on Wednesday, June 30th from 11:30 am-1:30 pm at the Prairie View Reception Center, located at 8865 State Rt. 4 in Chatham. Complimentary lunches from Café Moxo will be provided. This event is free: no cost or obligation.

Please call 217-544-4646 to reserve your space no later than Monday, June 28th .

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/for-providers/Continuing-Education>

St. Cabrini Altar & Rosary Society Garage Sale

St. Cabrini's Altar & Rosary Society will be holding their annual garage sale at the parish hall, 1020 N. Milton, Springfield on Thursday & Friday, July 8 & 9, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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. Any questions, please email vocations@dio.org.

Job Posting: Parish Finance Administrator

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is seeking a highly qualified and enthusiastic individual to take on the role of Parish Finance Administrator. This role assists the Finance Officer in organizational management by interpreting and utilizing parish managerial accounting and financial information. This position oversees support of parishes through supervising parish audits, developing finance policies, establishing internal controls for parishes, and executing an accounting review program. For more information, please visit <https://www.dio.org/jobs/parish-finance-administrator-cpc-springfield.html> or email hr@dio.org.