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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 Chosen

Our second reading for this Sunday from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians is one of my favorite readings in the Church's liturgy. It is packed with powerful phrases that get to the heart of what it means for us to live as people of faith, that the Father "destined us for adoption to Himself through Jesus Christ" (Eph 1:4-5) and that "we might exist for the praise of His glory." (Eph 1:12)

As I read through this reading again, the verse that struck me was the following: "In Him we were also chosen." (Eph 1:11) The word 'chosen' immediately called to mind the new series on the life of Jesus called The Chosen. It seems as though more and more people are encountering this series and sharing how much the depiction of Jesus and His disciples in the series has been fruitful to them. In a story I read about the series, the filmmaker Dallas Jenkins described his desire to present Jesus in a way that is "a little bit more personal, intimate, immediate." In my experience with this series, the series has definitely accomplished that.

This past week, I was helping to lead a summer program for high school students focusing on our call to discipleship. In a session that I led on prayer, I used a clip from the series, the one of the miraculous catch of fish. I invited the participants to pay particular attention to the face of Jesus as He spoke to Peter and as He observed the miracle unfolding. As I watched the clip with them, I was struck with the eyes of Jesus, how He looked upon Peter with great love as He invited Him to trust, putting out the nets after an unsuccessful night of fishing. Then, I was moved by the joy in His face as He watched Peter and those in the boat haul in a huge catch of fish. I then invited the participants to realize that they could use that image, that gaze of Jesus, to give them an idea of how He looks at them – with love, with delight, with joy. He does so because each of us has been chosen by Him, chosen to be His beloved children, and chosen to live the fullness of life that comes from following Him.

I would invite all of you to do this little exercise as well. If you go to your favorite search engine (or directly to YouTube) and search for "the catch of fish The Chosen" you should see a video that is about 5:19 in length. Watch that video with particular attention to the face of Jesus, then bring that image of Jesus to prayer, allowing yourself to be the object of His loving gaze toward you. Doing so can be a powerful way to enter into prayer, and it is an image we can go back to over and over again as we are invited to live with constant awareness of our being chosen by Him to be His adopted children.

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## Welcome Seminarian Padrick Mulligan!

Hello, I am happy to be joining your community at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the remainder of this summer! I have already been greeted by a number of you and I thank you for your warm welcome. Like Jayke White, I am also from Edwardsville, and I call St. Mary's parish my home. My family there includes my parents, Michael and Michelle Mulligan, and my younger brother, Sean. I have another brother, Michael Jr., serving as a captain in the Army, currently stationed in California. I went to St. Louis University High School and then Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to study mechanical engineering, which led me into a four year career as an energy efficiency analyst. I left engineering in 2018 to enter Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, originally studying for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and then last year transferring back here to my home diocese. I enjoy running and playing music, especially singing; this past year I even served as the head cantor at the seminary. I look forward to encountering Christ in many ways as I serve at the Cathedral this summer and come to know many of you.





## Mass Intentions

### Monday, July 12

7am - Betty & Gene Barish  
(Family)  
5:15pm - Eric Nelson  
(Family)

### Tuesday, July 13

7am - Anna A. Eleyidath  
(Augustine Eleyidath)  
5:15pm - Shirley Tate  
(Brenda Capranica)

### Wednesday, July 14

7am - Jean Anne Staab  
(St. Joseph the Worker Rosary  
Group)  
5:15pm - William F. & Shirley  
Logan (Lisa Logan & Lori Logan  
Motyka)

### Thursday, July 15

7am - Sophia E. Bartoletti  
(Bartoletti Family)  
5:15pm - Diana J. Schumacher  
(Dan Schumacher)

### Friday, July 16

7am - Richard Willaredt  
(John Konarcik)  
5:15pm - Special Intention for  
Richard & Kay King (Richard & Kay  
King)

### Saturday, July 17

8am - Angeline Sherman  
(Hatti Pinski)  
4pm - Loretta Heimlich Sloan  
(Kathy Heimlich)

### Sunday, July 18

7am - Richard Sherman  
(Keller Family)  
10am - John & Edith Bakalar  
(John Busciacco)  
5pm - Tommy Regan  
(Vick & Janet Burghart)

## Honor Your Father and Your Mother

One of the most beautiful things about our Christian faith is that we have all the guidelines for doing the right things and avoiding the wrong things. These guidelines come in different forms throughout the scriptures. The Church has also articulated them through the many books of the sacred deposits of our faith, particularly the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2052-2534). While we find these guidelines of our faith in both the bible and the catechism, they are summed up in the ten commandments (Exodus 20:1-17).

In two of my most recent bulletin articles, I have discussed the third commandment. This third commandment is about honoring the sabbath day and keeping it holy.

In this issue, I want us to reflect on the fourth commandment – honor your father and your mother. While we first see this and the rest of the ten commandments in the Old Testament, St. Paul commented on all of them in various places across his epistles in the New Testament. In his letter to Ephesians 6:1-3, he noted the promise that God attached to the fourth commandment. This promise, "...that your days may be long... carries a lot of weight for St. Paul. So, St. Paul proceeded to say that whoever honors his father and mother have more chances of having a good life on earth.

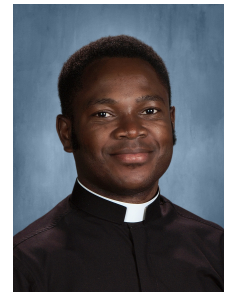
As Christians, we can always interpret this fourth commandment to mean different things in different contexts. But in this reflection, I want to see how it applies to us in the ways we treat our parents (and their bodies) when they pass on to the next life. Do we honor them by keeping their wishes and decisions as they made them? Or do we dishonor our parents by doing what we want with their bodies and their decisions once they pass on?

Recently, I traveled to Nigeria for the funeral of my father. During his burial, a problem arose with the place of his final rest. He had decided where he wanted to be buried. Some members of the family wanted to do otherwise during his burial. They insisted on a different place, though not without legitimate reasons. But the question I was able to ask them was, "Is this about our convenience or about honoring our father even unto death?"

Many people have witnessed this problem, especially with some of our devout Catholic men and women. When these staunch Catholics pass on, anyone would expect that their children will accord them a befitting Catholic funeral in the most sacred and honorable way. Unfortunately, the reverse is sometimes the case. This treatment of one's parents is highly dishonorable and goes against the fourth commandment.

Honoring one's parents is a commandment we should do well to keep even when our parents have passed on to the next life. Praying for them and keeping their wishes and legacies to the best of our strengths is not just a charity. It is also a moral obligation based on the fourth commandment – honor your father and your mother that your days may be long (Exodus 20:12).

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## Stewardship of Treasure July 3rd & 4th

Envelopes:	\$4,896.00
Loose:	\$3,690.34
<u>Maintenance:</u>	<u>\$852.00</u>
Total:	\$9,438.34

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!

*Several years ago we changed our response of “peace be with you” to “and with your spirit” but I still feel like I don’t fully understand what I am trying to relay with this response. Could I ask for some details on what is meant behind this response? Maybe some history as to why it changed?*

*- Rebecca Logerquist, Parishioner of the Cathedral*

There is a short, practical answer to this question and a longer, theological answer. I’ll start with the short one. In 2011, a new English translation of the Mass was published for the United States with the intention of having a more literal translation from the original Latin. Since 1970, the English-speaking world had been saying, “And also with you” in response to the priest’s greeting “The Lord be with you.” This was a translation of the Latin phrase, “et cum spiritu tuo.” Even without any training in Latin, one can see that the word “spirit” is clearly present! The phrase, “and also with you” was simply not a literal translation of the text.

Translation is not an easy task. Most parts of the Mass were celebrated in Latin until 1970, when the liturgical reform allowed for Mass to be celebrated in the local language, at least in parts. There was and still is debate as to whether our translation should be more literal or should have less formal language and still try to capture the sense of the text. Today, the Church is leaning more literal whereas in the past, many translations were looser and less formal. “And also with you” is an example of the loose, informal translation.

Now on to the more theological question. What does the phrase, “And with your spirit” actually mean? In researching for this answer, I have read several articles and the answer is not as clear-cut as I hoped it would be! However, this does not mean that the dialogue is any less valuable or should be changed simply because its meaning is mysterious. It seems to have been in use in Christian liturgy since the 200’s, or even earlier, and St. Paul used this type of phrasing in several of his letters. At the conclusion of 2 Timothy, Paul said, “The Lord be with your spirit.” Today, it is a response that is given only to ordained clergy in the context of the liturgy. It is part of a sacred dialogue that transcends our everyday conversations. Because of its use in the liturgy, the word “spirit” seems to be referring to the spirit that the priest received at his ordination. Especially in the liturgy, the priestly presence of Christ is present in the celebrant in a unique way, which was shared with the twelve apostles and has been handed down to priests ever since.

St. John Chrysostom (347-407) explained this phrase in a homily on Pentecost Sunday: “If the Holy Spirit were not in our Bishop when he gave the peace to all shortly before ascending to his holy sanctuary, you would not have replied to him all together, “And with your spirit.” This is why you reply with this expression ... reminding yourselves by this reply that he who is here does nothing of his own power, nor are the offered gifts the work of human nature, but is it the grace of the Spirit present and hovering over all things which prepared that mystic sacrifice.” [1]

In an article by Louie Verrecchio, he described the importance of this greeting which reminds us that it is Christ himself who celebrates the Eucharist: “We’re acknowledging that the priest who stands before us is not just another member of the congregation. He’s not even just the “presider.” Rather, the priest who stands before us does so as one uniquely configured to Christ, present in this place to serve in Persona Christi – in the Person of Christ – and most certainly not by his own resources.”[2]

For a fuller explanation, I would recommend looking up the two articles which I have cited in footnotes one and two. The formal language of the liturgy is a way for us to step out of daily life and prepare for an encounter with God. It is also a reminder for priests that the Mass is not a performance, and our personalities should not set the tone for Mass, but rather reverence and the honor due to Jesus should characterize the words we speak and gestures we perform. I am grateful for your question, as I learned a lot in my research for this answer.

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

[1] <http://blog.adw.org/2010/05/and-with-your-spirit-its-not-what-you-think/>;

[2] <https://catholicexchange.com/the-introductory-rites-no-mere-greeting>

Have a question about your faith? Want to know more about a particular Catholic teaching? Submit your questions to Haley at [hbentel@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:hbentel@cathedral.dio.org) or on our website at [www.spicathedral.org/ask-father](http://www.spicathedral.org/ask-father) if you wish to remain anonymous.

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Around the Cathedral

### Missionary Cooperative Appeal in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: The missionary Cooperative Appeal is an annual program in which missionaries from around the world speak at each parish assigned to them. The goal of this appeal is to increase awareness of missionary work and to raise funds to help missionary organizations continue their evangelization effort. In the diocese of Springfield in Illinois, we have been welcoming missionaries for many years. This upcoming weekend, July 17-18, 2021, our parish will be visited by Fr. Délix Michel with the Diocese of Gonaives, Haiti. He will share with us his courageous evangelization efforts on behalf of the Catholic Church and give us an opportunity to support the work of the church in that field. A second collection will be taken. Donations by check should be made payable to the parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Cookbook Sale

The intention for the 10:00am Mass this Sunday is for the Catholic War Veterans. Veterans will be selling cookbooks after all Masses this weekend, with proceeds going toward the support of Catholic veterans. Extra cookbooks will be available for purchase in the Parish Office.

### CCCW Clothing Sale

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 6th and Saturday, August 7th, 2021 for the upcoming CCCW Clothing Sale! Please watch for more details in the Weekly and on the Cathedral's Facebook page and website.

### 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).

Additionally, we are looking for families to host cyclists the evening of Friday, July 16, 2021. They will arrive at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception about 2:00 pm, July 16th. Cyclists will go to their host family's home, wash up, then go back to the Cathedral for Mass at 5:15 pm. After Mass and dinner, cyclists will then go back to their host family's home to spend the night. Cyclists will need to be back at the Cathedral at 4:30 am for breakfast the next morning and continue with their cross-country ride to St. Louis. Families need only to provide a place for a cyclist(s) to sleep and shower, and their bikes will be stored at the Cathedral. Dinner and breakfast will also be served at the Cathedral. If you and your family are interested in hosting one or more cyclists please contact Donna Moore at 217-321-1161, or [dmoore@dio.org](mailto:dmoore@dio.org). Thank you for supporting Biking for Babies!

### CCCW Christ Child Shower

Please join the CCCW for the Christ Child Shower in July! We will be collecting items for the Mini-O'Beirne Crisis Nursery and the Pregnancy Care Center during the month of July. Items can be placed in the crib located in the Atrium.

We will distribute items to the two organizations in early August.

Items requested are:

Snacks for Kids  
Enfamil Infant formula  
Baby wipes  
Pull Ups  
Lysol Disinfecting Spray  
Lysol Disinfecting Concentrate  
All Types of Premie Clothing  
Maternity Clothing  
Pacifiers  
Baby Spoons  
Baby Wash  
Baby Shampoo

Enfamil Gentlease Formula  
Walmart Gift Cards  
Diapers (sizes 4,5,& 6)  
Kitchen-size Trash Bags  
Lysol Disinfecting Wipes  
Toilet Paper  
Diapers (Premie and Newborn)  
"Take Me Home" Outfits (newborn to 3 months)  
Gently-Used Clothing (newborn to 18 months)  
Sippy Cups  
Baby Lotion

Personal Care Items for Moms (Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Paper Towels, Kleenex)

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Around the Diocese

### **Springfield Deanery Diocesan Counsel of Catholic Women**

Women living in the Springfield Deanery, which now consists of Macon, Sangamon, Cass, Morgan, Menard, and Christian Counties, are invited to a brunch on Aug. 4. from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield to learn about the mission of the Springfield Diocesan Counsel of Catholic Women, how to get involved, and the group's participation in the Water for Life Catholic Relief Services project. Father Peter Chineke, parochial vicar at the Cathedral and the Spiritual Advisor of the Springfield Deanery, will share his vocation story. Please RSVP to Janet Zimmerman, Springfield Deanery President, by July 27: [janetzim14@yahoo.com](mailto:janetzim14@yahoo.com) or 217-494-4743. You must be vaccinated.

### **Springfield Right to Life - Pro-Life Bridges Event**

Springfield Right To Life will be hosting a Pro-Life Bridges event at the West Lakeshore Drive overpass in Springfield on Friday, July 16th, 2021 from 3 to 6 pm. Please join us as we share the Pro-Life message with hundreds of motorists. Call 217-523-2700 or 217-602-9177 for additional information.

### **Peace of Mind 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 a Peace of Mind Seminar on Thursday, July 15th from 11:30 am-1:30 pm at the Prairie View Reception Center, located at 8865 State Rt. 4 in Chatham.

### **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](mailto:hr@dio.org).

### **Dive Deep: Two brothers. One vocation. A sit down with the Trummer brothers**

Fathers Michael and Chris Trummer, two brothers from Effingham County. Their stories to the priesthood are pretty incredible and they involve a funny story. Dive Deep sits down with the Trummer brothers. Go to [www.dio.org/podcast](http://www.dio.org/podcast) to listen and subscribe.

### **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>