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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!



## Source and Summit

As many of us are aware, the topic of the Eucharist has been in the news quite a bit in the last couple of years. In August 2019, a new study was released by the Pew Research Center which reported that just one third of U.S. Catholics agree that the Eucharist is truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. A few months later, as the global pandemic hit, Catholics throughout the world found themselves deprived of the Eucharist as public masses were suspended for fear of spreading the COVID-19 virus. During the most recent

election cycle, the question of the reception of the Eucharist by certain Catholic politicians was raised. In their recent Spring meeting, the bishops of the United States discussed, among other things, the Eucharist. They approved an action item "to task the Committee on Doctrine to move forward with the drafting of a formal statement on the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the Church." They also discussed a program of Eucharistic Revival to begin next year to invite Catholics to a deeper understanding and love of the Eucharist.

Beginning next Sunday, the Gospels for the next several Sundays (except August 15 which is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) will be taken from the sixth chapter to St. John's Gospel, known as the Bread of Life Discourse. This chapter contains some of the most important scriptural foundation for the Eucharist, which the Church teaches to be the source as summit of our lives as Catholics. With that in mind, I would like to devote the next several bulletin articles to this important topic in the hopes that all of us can get a jump start on this Eucharistic Revival to which our bishops are inviting us.

As I prayed about the best way to approach this topic, I decided to draw upon some of the Eucharistic writings from some of our recent popes. These reflections will not be presented in any particular order, other than trying, where possible, to connect the liturgical cycle with certain papal reflections. For example, in two Sundays (on August 1), I will look to Pope St. John XXIII, who wrote a beautiful document about St. John Vianney, whose Feast Day is August 4. This Patron of Priests had a great love for the Eucharist and John XXIII has some nice reflections on the Eucharistic devotion that this great saint had.

I realize that we dedicated our January bulletin articles to the Eucharist, but with a topic so near and dear to us as Catholics, it should be not problem for us to delve deeper into this great gift. I am excited to share with you some of the great insights of our popes over the next several weeks as we all strive to deepen our appreciation for the Bread of Life we are privileged to consume each Sunday, and in fact, every day if we do desire.

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, July 19

7am - Anna A. Eleyidath  
(Augustine Eleyidath)  
5:15pm - Souls of Purgatory  
(Jake & Ely)

### Tuesday, July 20

7am - Betty & Gene Barish  
(Family)  
5:15pm - Anna Geraldine Gasaway  
(Rob Gasaway)

### Wednesday, July 21

7am - Richard Willaredt  
(John Konarcik)  
5:15pm - Karen Bucari  
(Alan Bucari)

### Thursday, July 22

7am - Jean Anne Staab  
(St. Joseph the Worker Rosary Group)  
5:15pm - J.R. Weakley  
(D.A. Drago)

### Friday, July 23

7am - Anna A. Eleyidath  
(Augustine Eleyidath)  
5:15pm - Edith June Hackenmueller  
(Harry Hackenmueller)

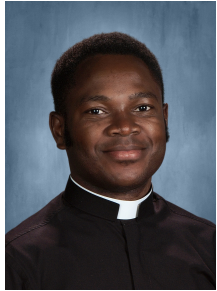
### Saturday, July 24

8am - Gina Collins  
(Donald & Kathy Byrd)  
4pm - Kyle Buckman  
(Mom)

### Sunday, July 25

7am - Mary Ann Midden  
(William Midden)  
10am - Charles & Mercedes Nesbitt  
(Kathy Frank)  
5pm - Mike Vietti  
(Becky & Woody Woodhull)





## Woe to the Shepherds...

This weekend, the first reading comes from the book of Jeremiah. It begins with, *“Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture.”* After this scary pronouncement and later in the passage, the prophet proceeded to declare God’s intention to gather the remnant of his flock and appoint shepherds for them.

Jeremiah, one of the Old Testament Bible's major prophets, lived in a time in Israel when shepherds (priests and prophets) had authorities that transcend religious boundaries. While there were kings and judges, the shepherds were revered authority figures.

During Jeremiah’s time, there were so many challenges and problems. Many of these were social, political, and economic dilemmas, which were rooted in the high moral decadence of the Jewish culture of the time. Some of these problems include infidelity to God, corruption, abuses in the places of worship, idolatry, apostasies, and an increased number of false prophets. The society also faced some difficult challenges. The invasions from their neighboring nations in the north and the long-standing drought were among the more devastating challenges that ravaged the Jewish society during the time of Prophet Jeremiah.

While these problems and difficulties prevailed, the people suffered political instability, economic stagnation, insecurity, and countless social crises. God saw all these and became embittered. His anger was on the shepherds, leaders of the people, who have abandoned the ways of God and preached the ways of men. These leaders engaged in false prophecies, idolatries, false circumcisions, and corrupt practices that destroyed the people's faith and weakened their relationships with God.

The same problems that attracted the wrath of God upon the shepherds of the people during the time of Jeremiah seem to be present in our own culture today. Infidelity to God? In our times, we have men and women who parade themselves as Catholics but continue to support and enact laws that contradict the teachings of Christ. The abortion law, which directly contradicts the fifth commandment, is one example of this. Abuses in places of worship? The many bad liturgical practices, sexual and financial misconducts among some church officials in our times are abuses in places of worship.

False prophets? Ordained church ministers who agree with some of the teachings of the Church and disagree with others are no less false prophets. Idolatry? People who choose football games or other sporting, shopping, and business activities on Sunday mornings over going to Masses are no less idolatrous. They replace the worship of God with these activities to the detriment of their souls and the souls of the people they influence.

This week, let us pray for God to touch and transform the lives of our leaders (parents and civic leaders) and shepherds (priests and bishops). May they not lead us astray but to God, who is the source of all good things. Amen.

*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 July 10th & 11th

Envelopes:	\$5,617.00
Loose:	\$2,584.49
Maintenance:	\$421.00
Total:	\$8,622.49

June EFT: \$23,486.25

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!

*Why is it we say certain prayers for certain Masses and not for other Masses?*  
- A Parishioner of the Cathedral

A person who only attends Mass on big feast days such as Christmas or Easter, or even on Sundays only, may be surprised at the simplicity of the Church's daily Masses. There are two reasons that we might say some prayers at certain Masses but not at others. The first reason is that there are multiple options that the priest is allowed to use whenever he celebrates Mass. The second reason is due to the principle of progressive solemnity.

There are several parts of Mass that may not always look or sound the exact same because the priest chooses to use a variety of options. The priest is not allowed to change just any part of the Mass. Individual priests did not invent the Mass, and when priests change things based on their personal theological opinions or the desire to be novel, it is a betrayal of their office. At ordination, priests promise to celebrate the liturgy and sacraments faithfully, which means being faithful to the rubrics handed down by the Church. However, it is also true that there are many options for parts of the Mass which can be used at the discretion of the priest. A noticeable option at the beginning Mass is the penitential act. The two most commonly used options are the prayer called the Confiteor (which means "I confess") and the tropes. The tropes are a triple invocation calling upon Jesus for his mercy, such as saying, "You were sent to heal the contrite of heart; Lord, have mercy." Both of these options invite us to repentance and call to mind our sinfulness, and the priest can use either at his discretion.

Another option the priest has at every Mass is which Eucharist prayer he chooses to pray. You would probably recognize the three most common options. Eucharistic Prayer I is the most ancient and traditional, and it is often used for feast days and Sundays. (It is also the longest Eucharistic Prayer, which is the honest reason it is not used very often!) Eucharistic Prayer II is the shortest and simplest and is often chosen for daily Masses. Eucharist Prayer III is of medium length and is often chosen on Sundays. There are actually seven other options besides these three, and the priest celebrant can choose to use them at his discretion. On weekdays, the homily and intercessions are optional, so you may see them omitted occasionally.

The second reason we say certain prayers for some Masses is because of the principle of progressive solemnity. This principle is the idea that the more solemn, or important, a certain day is, the more we celebrate it. Sunday is Resurrection Day and is the most important day of the week, so we celebrate it by praying the Gloria and Creed every Sunday. Other feast days such as Christmas, Easter, Immaculate Conception, Assumption, etc. are also celebrated by praying the Gloria and Creed. In addition, it is best to have hymns or antiphons sung on special days in the Church's calendar. There are four "levels" of solemnity in the Church, and from lowest to highest they are ferial days, memorials, feasts, and solemnities. Which level a certain day falls under dictates which prayers are said on that day.

The external experience of a Mass on Easter Sunday will be very different than one on a weekday during ordinary time. However, Mass is always Mass, and the sacrifice of Jesus is equally present at every Mass. The different prayers and hymns of the Mass help us to open our hearts to receive God's love and give glory to him!

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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 weekend, our parish will be visited by Fr. Délix Michel with the Diocese of Gonaïves, 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.

### **Take Me Out to the Ballgame Night**

Cathedral parishioners are invited to hang out together at the Springfield Slider's baseball game on Friday, July 30th beginning at 6:35pm. Knights Action Park passes will be given away to the first 100 kids, age 17 and under. See you there!

### **Safe Families for Children**

Safe Families for Children is a movement fueled by compassion to keep children safe and families intact. We rely upon host families, and a network of support, to open their arms, their hearts, and their homes. A representative from Safe Families will be in the Atrium following all the Masses during the weekend of July 31st and August 1st. Please stop by their table, or visit [www.Safe-Families.org](http://www.Safe-Families.org) for more information.

### **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.

### **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 Gentlease Formula
	Enfamil Infant formula	Walmart Gift Cards
	Baby wipes	Diapers (sizes 4,5,& 6)
	Pull Ups	Kitchen-size Trash Bags
	Lysol Disinfecting Spray	Lysol Disinfecting Wipes
	Lysol Disinfecting Concentrate	Toliet Paper
	All Types of Premie Clothing	Diapers (Premie and Newborn)
	Maternity Clothing	"Take Me Home" Outfits (newborn to 3 months)
	Pacifiers	Gently-Used Clothing (newborn to 18 months)
	Baby Spoons	Sippy Cups
	Baby Wash	Baby Lotion
	Baby Shampoo	

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

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## Around the Diocese

### Story Time at St. Agnes Parish

St. Agnes is very excited to announce that author and speaker Meg Hunter-Kilmer will be visiting us Thursday, July 22 at 6pm on the St. Agnes Peacebuilders Playground (and parish center) for a special book reading! AND SOME ICE CREAM! Meg's new book for kids, "Saints Around the World" is filled with 100 stories of diverse, interesting and beautiful backgrounds. All families are invited to join us to hear some of the stories, visit, have some ice cream for dinner and get a book signed. Books will be available for purchase at \$22.95 each. Even the littlest will love the pictures and stories. Please RSVP to [cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org](mailto:cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org) or just join us when you can.

### Springfield Deanery Diocesan Counsel of Catholic Women Brunch

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: or 217-494-4743.

### 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.

### 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).

### University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

The University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) offers a variety of online formation courses to help with catechist formation and general ongoing adult formation and enrichment. Registration for the next cycle of courses is open. This cycle runs from August 22– September 25, 2021. Deadline to register is August 18. Visit <https://www.dio.org/catechesis/approved-formation-programs.htm> for more information about VLCFF and how courses align with the Diocesan Catechist Formation Process. As a member diocese of the VLCFF program, session fees are reduced to \$50 per course or \$40 per seminar. Spanish language courses are available. And VLCFF has several certificate programs, too. The Certificate in Catechesis qualifies for the advanced level of catechist formation for the diocesan Catechist Formation Process. Questions? Contact Kyle Holtgrave, Director for Catechesis in the Office for Catholic Education, at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154.