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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!



Praying the Rosary

As many of you are aware, our house at the Cathedral is a house of runners. While not all of us run every day like Bishop Paprocki, and not all of us run as fast as Father Rankin, we all have been known to “pound the pavement” around town with some regularity. I have to admit that I do not love running. Do not get me wrong, it is good exercise and it is something that I do not mind doing. I just find it difficult to get motivated to get outside and, once I start running, to keep going! For me, the secret to boosting my motivation is the Rosary. I always carry a finger rosary with me and I find that praying the Rosary keeps my mind occupied with holy thoughts, distracting me from the discomfort of running.

Several years ago, a priest made suggestion to me about how I might get more out of praying the Rosary. He invited me to pause at the end of each decade, asking Mary what she wanted me to understand about the mystery that I had just prayed. This practice has been extremely fruitful, as it helps me from turning the Rosary into a repetitive set of words without much reflection.

October is the Month of the Rosary, so it can be a good time for us to examine the role this devotion plays in our spiritual life. Maybe you find yourself struggling with not getting much out of the Rosary, feeling that it is too repetitive. Perhaps you can adopt the practice that was suggested to me, one which I make use of regularly.

As you know, our theme for our Family of Faith catechesis program for this month is our Vocation to Beatitude. I like to tie this theme of Beatitude to the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, because these mysteries focus especially on the Resurrection which is the event that makes our sharing in heavenly beatitude possible. The final two Glorious Mysteries are the Assumption of Mary and the Coronation of Mary. These two mysteries invite us to reflect on the fact that, at the end of her earthly journey, Jesus welcomed His mother into Heaven, body and soul, to share in this gift of eternal beatitude. As I stop at the end of these two mysteries, asking Mary for her guidance to understand them, I am always drawn by the image of the joy she must have in being reunited with her son, knowing that nothing will ever separate them again. This thought strengthens within me a desire to share in that same gift when I reach the end of my journey.

Another image that comes to mind when I reflect on these two mysteries is the desire that Mary has for us, her children, to share in this gift as well. After all, at the foot of the Cross, Jesus gave her to us to be our mother. The thought of her longing for us to be in Heaven should bring us great peace. But even more than our awareness of her desire for us to be with her and her son is the fact that she is constantly working on our behalf to have that desire realized. Each time when we pray the Hail Mary, we ask her: “pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.” She is right next to her son in Heaven, constantly asking Him to help us. There is no moment in our lives, no matter how difficult, that she is not praying for us and as a result, there is not a single moment when her son is not happily accepting her request for us, sending us the graces we need to persevere and one day join them in Heaven.

During this month of October, perhaps we can ask our Blessed Mother to help us to understand how in each of the mysteries of the Rosary, they reveal God’s love for us and His plan for us to be with Him forever in Heaven. She can help us to see how through His life, death, and Resurrection, He has each of us in mind, “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.” (Jn 3:17)

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, October 11

7am - Anna A. Eleyidath
(Augustine Eleyidath)
5:15pm - NO MASS

Tuesday, October 12

7am - Special Intention for Ellen
Mattox (Shana Gray)
5:15pm - Norman & Eileen Rovey
(Family)

Wednesday, October 13

7am - Anna Geraldine Gasaway
(Bob Gasaway)
5:15pm - Giner Hermon
(Jeannette Giannone)

Thursday, October 14

7am - Richard Willaredt
(Donna Favier)
5:15pm - William F & Shirley Logan
(Lisa Logan & Lori Logan Motyka)

Friday, October 15

7am - John & Edith Bakalar
(John Busciacco)
5:15pm - J. R. Weakley
(D. A. Drago)

Saturday, October 16

8am - Kathy Jarvis
(Carol Bellm)
4pm - Judith Hubbell
(Family)

Sunday, October 17

7am - Angeline Sherman
(Bob & Deane Buretta)
10am - Sr. M. Pauletta Overbeck, OP
(Becky & Woody Woodhull)
5pm - For the People



Pope Saint John XXIII

Feast Day: October 11th

Good Pope John – as Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli would be called after his election to the papacy at the venerable, and supposedly leisurely, old age of 76 – did not die on October 11th (contrary to the typical feast-day given to any saint, the day they were “born” into heavenly life). But in the Church’s wisdom, she has chosen a different day on which to recall his saintly life: the day that he opened the Second Vatican Council.

Why another council? After all, it hadn’t even been a century since Vatican I, and besides, 1962 didn’t seem an age filled with heresies, and couldn’t the Pope just invoke his infallibility and declare what needed declarinThe gentle pope explained himself on that memorable October 11th to a packed St. Peter’s Basilica:

What is needed at the present time is a new enthusiasm, a new joy and serenity of mind in the unreserved acceptance by all of the entire Christian faith, without forfeiting that accuracy and precision in its presentation which characterized the proceedings of the Council of Trent and the First Vatican Council. What is needed, and what everyone imbued with a truly Christian, Catholic and apostolic spirit craves today, is that this doctrine shall be more widely known, more deeply understood, and more penetrating in its effects on men’s moral lives. What is needed is that this certain and immutable doctrine, to which the faithful owe obedience, be studied afresh and reformulated in contemporary terms. For this deposit of faith, or truths which are contained in our time-honored teaching is one thing; the manner in which these truths are set forth (with their meaning preserved intact) is something else.

– “*Gaudet Mater Ecclesia*”, Opening Address to the Second Vatican Council, Pope John XXIII, October 11, 1962.

His point was clear: this was a council, not to define something that needed defining, but to engage the Catholic world in declaring anew the perennial truth of Jesus Christ. Several hours later, the exceptional day seemed complete, yet as he began to wind down in the papal apartments, he heard the continued murmur of the excited crowd assembled below in St. Peter’s Square. They were cheering and praying, carrying torches and lights, and celebrating this tremendous moment in the life of the Church. They were so happy to be Catholic, so delighted by their faith, and so wanted to see their papa before they went back home. “I do not want to speak! I’ve already said everything this morning” he wearily disclosed.

But then, unlike any Pope before him, Good Pope John placed upon his neck the sacred stole, opened the window, and waved down at the delighted crowd. He held no text, there were no courtiers flanking him, or Swiss guards protecting him. He dispensed with all formality and just embraced the Catholic world standing below his window. His most famous speech would come in the simple sentences that followed as he looked upon the souls below.

Dear sons and daughters, I feel your voices! Mine is just one lone voice, but it sums up the voice of the whole world. And here, in fact, all the world is represented here tonight. It could even be said that even the moon hastens close tonight, that from above, it might watch this spectacle that not even St Peter’s Basilica, over its four centuries of history, has ever been able to witness. We ask for a great day of peace. Yes, of peace! ‘Glory to God, and peace to men of goodwill.’ If I asked you, if I could ask of each one of you: where are you from? The children of Rome, especially represented here, would respond: ah, we are the closest of children, and you’re our bishop. Well, then, sons and daughters of Rome, always remember that you represent ‘Roma, caput mundi’ [‘Rome, the capital of the world’] which through the design of Providence it has been called to be across the centuries. My own person counts for nothing — it’s a brother who speaks to you, become a father by the will of our Lord, but all together, fatherhood and brotherhood and God’s grace, give honor to the impressions of this night, which are always our feelings, which now we express before heaven and earth: faith, hope, love, love of God, love of brother, all aided along the way in the Lord’s holy peace for the work of the good. And so, let us continue to love each other, to look out for each other along the way: to welcome whoever comes close to us, and set aside whatever difficulty it might bring. When you head home, find your children. Hug and kiss your children and tell them: ‘This is the hug and kiss of the Pope.’ And when you find them with tears to dry, give them a good word. Give anyone who suffers a word of comfort. Tell them ‘The Pope is with us especially in our times of sadness and bitterness.’ And then, all together, may we always come alive — whether to sing, to breathe, or to cry, but always full of trust in Christ, who helps us and hears us, let us continue along our path.

– Pope John XXIII, “Moonlight Speech”, October 11, 1962

As he stepped back inside, he took off the stole, and laughed with his secretary, “I did not know what to say. I turned to my Teresina [my ‘little Therese’]”. It was the little flower of Lisieux – her understanding of the kindness of God, and the little chances we have every day to choose love – that inspired the Holy Father on that lovely, moonlit, night of 1962, and on that anniversary every year, we are filled with joy as well as he looks down on us from heaven.

Fr. Rankin, stepping into his historical shoes this week, notes that just 5 days after these words, another Catholic leader also named John, the 35th president of the United States, announced to a frightened world the presence of USSR nuclear missiles on Cuba. Thankfully, a final John tells us that “perfect love drives out fear” [1 John 4:18], and that is exactly what happened: the crisis ended; Christ remains.

Do we know why Jesus asked the people he healed and those who witnessed many of his miracles to not talk about them? And it seems that most, if not all, ignored him. What can we conclude about why he wanted people to keep quiet about this aspect of his ministry, and about the seemingly willful disregard of his requests? I know that a big part of Christ's passion is that things were foreordained to play out the way they did, but did 'the blabbers' make things worse? Make things happen more quickly? What lessons from all of this are here for us, today?

– Marcel Pacatte, Cathedral Parishioner

We are in “year B” of the Sunday reading cycle, meaning that we hear mostly from the Gospel of Mark. Just looking back at several previous Sunday Gospels, I see that in the gospels of the 23rd, 24th, and 25th Sundays in Ordinary Time, Jesus commanded his followers to tell no one about what they witnessed him do. For example, on the 24th Sunday, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Christ, Mark tells us, “Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him” (Mark 8:30). This certainly seems counterintuitive, because we hear Jesus later command his disciples to “Go and make disciples of all nations.”

Scholars have come to call these commands of Jesus the “Messianic Secret,” meaning that his disciples knew that he was the Messiah, but they needed to keep the secret from outsiders. It seems that there were several contributing factors to Jesus’ desire to keep his identity a secret. Jesus never comes out and explicitly says, “Keep it secret for this reason,” so it is possible to have different understandings and even disagreements about exactly why Jesus said this. One reason is that many people did not understand what God’s plan for the Messiah was. There were different prophecies and predictions about different types of Messiahs in the time of Jesus. Generally, there was a hope for a priestly, prophetic, and kingly Messiah. We believe that Jesus fulfills all three of these offices, and we share in these three offices through our baptism into the life and death of Christ. Notice that shortly after Peter confesses that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus explains that he would have to suffer and die. He is trying to reconfigure their understanding of the Messiah, and Peter rebukes Jesus for this.

At the time of Jesus, there was a group of Jews who called themselves the “Zealots.” We hear that Jesus called Simon the Zealot to be one of his twelve apostles. The Zealots were a militant political group who hoped for the coming of the Messiah to return Israel to its former political independence and glory. They must have been trying to raise some forces to support the messianic king when he did come. The Messiah was seen to be a Davidic general who would raise an army against (presumably) the occupying Romans. Jesus is asked in one of the gospels, “Have you come to restore the kingdom to Israel?” This seems to be a question from the political point of view. At his trial before Pilate, Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world, and Pilate seemed confused about how one could be a king, but not of this world (John 18:33ff). So, when Jesus wanted his identity to be kept secret, one of the reasons was probably to avoid involvement with the Zealots and others who had great political aspirations for Israel. Of course, Jesus’ spiritual kingship far exceeds any political kingship, because his kingdom lasts forever.

Another reason for the Messianic Secret is that the Apostles did not yet understand the Paschal Mystery of Jesus. This is similar to the first reason, but more focused on the Apostles’ preaching of the Gospel. If we think back to the Acts of the Apostles, the preaching of Peter and the Twelve always focused on the events of the Paschal Mystery: his death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. Without being witnesses to these events, their understanding of Jesus’ role in salvation history was incomplete. They could not preach the good news of the gospel until the mission of Jesus was complete; they were still in a preparation period.

I have some more thoughts about this, and I’ll save them for next week!
To be continued...

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

Stewardship of Treasure October 2nd & 3rd

Envelopes:	\$6,795.00
Loose:	\$3,333.00
Maintenance:	\$1,822.00
Total:	\$11,950.00

September EFT: \$23,178.40

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!

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

Grief Share

Cathedral parish will be hosting Grief Share, a weekly, faith-based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us beginning Wednesday, October 27, 1:00-3:00pm in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot) Grief Share runs for 14 weeks, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information go to <https://www.griefshare.org/> or contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com To register call 217/522-3342 or email Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome.

Cathedral Merchandise Sale

Cathedral has partnered with Primo Designs to help you show off your Cathedral pride! Merchandise offered is long and short sleeve T-shirts, polos, sweatshirts and quarter zips. Order and pay online at https://shop.primodesigns.net/Cathedral_of_immaculate/shop/home Merchandise can be picked up at Primo or the Cathedral or shipped to your home. The online store closes on October 18 at midnight so don't delay!

Encountering Christ in the Word

You are invited to deepen your love of Sacred Scripture and enhance your encounter with our Lord by gathering twice monthly to break open the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday liturgy. We will be reading and praying together as a parish community to see what insights God is revealing to us and to prepare well to hear the proclamation of the Word on Sunday. We will meet in the atrium on October 19 from 7:00-8:00pm and hope you will join us.

It's SOCTOBER!

The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women is collecting new (or gently used) socks, hats and gloves for men, women & children in area shelters for distribution throughout the winter months. Area social service agencies and nursing homes have been very appreciative of the generosity of Cathedral parishioners in the last three years as our donations have benefitted many people of all ages. Please place donated items in the White baskets placed in the Atrium. Thanks so much for your generosity to the most vulnerable in our community!

Cookbooks For Sale

Get part of your Christmas shopping done early for the cook who has everything! The Catholic War Veterans are still selling cookbooks with proceeds going toward the support of Catholic veterans. Cookbooks are available for purchase in the Parish Office. Call 217-522-3342 or stop by to purchase one.

Parish Secretary - Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is looking for a Parish Secretary. The Parish Secretary serves as the face, voice, and presence of the parish to the parishioners, the public, new parishioners and any other person with whom they come in contact. Their main responsibility is to promote the mission of the parish and foster a welcoming atmosphere through all methods of communication and media. This position also supports the Rector, members of the parish staff, as well as various committees and boards. Please send resume and any other supplemental information to bvogt@cathedral.dio.org. For more information, please visit www.dio.org/humanresources/employment.html#parishes, or call the Parish Office at 217-522-3342.

Griffin's Noble Cause

Join PJ and Katie Oubre, our diocesan archivists, and Fr. Dominic Rankin for an exploration of the history and theology behind our very own Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. From the bishop who was tasked to build it, to the building and its architect; from the baptismal font to the bells; and from the bones of the place to its blessings. Our story will take us past the baffling, and the beautiful, and we will come away with a greater understanding of our own history, and the grace of God visible, and manifest, in our Cathedral.

Tuesday, October 12 at 7pm in the Cathedral Atrium

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Dinner

Fr. Tolton Council #16126 will once again be hosting the Father Tolton Scholarship Dinner this year. It will be held Saturday, October 16 in the Atrium at the Cathedral. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, vegetable, salad, four bourbon tastings, and dessert. Craft beer, wine (and bourbon after the tastings) will be available for purchase. Tea and water is free.

This event is by reservation only. Reservations are due by Wednesday, October 13, and can be made online at www.kofc16126.bpt.me

There will also be a raffle for a whiskey themed basket valued over \$500. Raffle tickets will be \$10 each and will be sold up until the evening of the dinner or until all 500 are sold. Participants in this event must be 21 or older.

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Around the Diocese

Sacred Heart-Griffin Mega Raffle Drawing

Tickets are on sale now for SHG's 27th annual Mega Raffle Drawing! Tickets are \$100 each and only 4200 tickets are sold. There are 70 cash prizes available including the GRAND PRIZE of \$100,000! An Early Bird drawing will be held on October 15th with (20) \$500 cash prizes given away. The raffle concludes on October 30th with a LIVE drawing at the KC Hall on Meadowbrook. Purchase your tickets by calling 217-787-9732 or online at shg.org. Each Springfield Catholic grade school will receive \$1000 from the raffle proceeds. Thank you in advance for supporting SHG!

Laudato Si' - Church of the Little Flower

Caring for our brothers and sisters means caring for the planetary home we share. On May 25, 2021 the Vatican Dicastery for Human Integral Development launched the Laudato Si' Action Platform, a seven year journey to sustainability. Pope Francis is calling on the entire global Catholic community to participate in this most important journey. Sr. Sharon Zayac, OP will offer an overview of the Platform on October 7, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at the Church of the Little Flower, in Springfield. Sr. Sharon has graciously offered her time with us without charging a fee, but a basket will be passed around for those who wish to donate. All are welcome!

Trunk or Treat!

St. Joseph's KC Council 17229 invites everyone to join us for Truck or Trunk, Saturday, October 23, right after 4:30 Mass until 7:30 pm in the Parish parking lot. Anyone is welcome to come trick or treat. We also encourage everyone to come and decorate the trunk of your vehicle and pass out candy to the kids. Adults please feel free to dress up. There will be judging for top three decorated vehicles with prizes. Come celebrate Halloween with us! Questions please contact Grand Knight Mike Geist. 217-741-8370.

Holy Family Food Pantry

Holy Family food pantry is especially in need of pancake mix, syrup, jelly and toothbrushes. Thank you for your generosity!

Springfield DCCW Meeting - November 3

The Springfield Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet on Wed., Nov. 3, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 700 East Spruce St., Chatham, IL. The theme of the meeting is "2021 Year of St. Joseph." Brunch will be served at 10:00 a.m. followed by the meeting. All women of the Springfield Deanery are invited to participate. This gathering will give all the opportunity to get to know women from other parishes, learn more about the mission of the Council of Catholic Women, share what is happening in your parish and further our devotion to St. Joseph. Please bring your face mask. If you plan to attend, contact Janet Zimmerman, President of the Springfield Deanery: janetzim14@yahoo.com or 217-494-4743. Thank you!

Butler Funeral Home Peace of Mind Seminar

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, October 14th from 11:30 am-1:30 pm at Finley's Tap House, located at 3236 Ginger Creek in Springfield. Complimentary lunch will be provided. This event is free: no cost or obligation. Please call 217-544-4646 to reserve your space no later than Monday, October 11th.