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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!

Diocesan Victim Assistance is available. For the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, please call 217-321-1155.
Please remember that if you or a loved one is in the hospital, a nursing home or homebound, to contact the Parish Office at 217-522-3342.



Passiontide

When you walk into the church for the next two weeks, you will notice something different. Most of our statues, as well as the crucifix above the tabernacle, will be covered in violet cloths. This has been the practice of the Church for many years and it happens during what is known as Passiontide. These are the final two weeks of Lent, beginning on the 5th Sunday of Lent. According to one resource I consulted, this practice of veiling images is meant "to serve as a stark and inescapable visual reminder that these two weeks are the most spiritually

intense, solemn and mournful weeks of the liturgical year." Instead of coasting through the final days of Lent, Passiontide invites us to double-down and so re-commit ourselves to fully embracing the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

During these two weeks, we would do well to keep the Passion of Jesus ever before us, especially during our times of prayer. This can be accomplished in different ways. For example, I always try to find time to re-watch Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ. Watching that movie has forever changed the way that I consider what Jesus went through out of love for sinful humanity, myself included. Praying the Stations of the Cross is another very helpful spiritual practice. Yet another helpful practice is to spend extra time with the Word of God, especially those passages that focus more specifically on the Passion. With that said, let me offer you the following challenge for this coming week (which I hope will extend through Good Friday as well):

Challenge: Pray for 5-10 minutes each day with the Scriptures that focus on the Passion of Christ

Fruit: Keeping the Passion ever before us as we finish Lent

The obvious place to start are with the Passion narratives from the Four Gospels. For your reference, they are as follows:

Matthew 26:30–27:66
Mark 14:26–15:47
Luke 22:39–23:56
John 18:1–19:42

Another highly recommended set of passages to pray with during Passiontide are what are known as the Seven Penitential Psalms. These psalms help to stir up in us a sense of sorrow for our sins, which were the reason for Christ's Passion. They help increase our desire for conversion. The Seven Penitential Psalms are all found in the Book of Psalm, and they are as follows: Ps. 6, Ps. 32, Ps. 38, Ps. 51, Ps. 102, Ps. 130, and Ps. 143. The USCCB has all of these psalms listed on one page, along with a link to a reflection on each Psalm. If you do a search for "USCCB Seven Penitential Psalms", it should be one of the first items that comes up.

All of these passages should be more than enough material to reflect on during these days, but if you get through them all before Good Friday, go back to those passages that stood out and pray with them some more.

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, April 4

7am - Roy F. Rhodes Sr.
(Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Rhodes)
12:05pm - Drew Dhabalt
(Jim & Sandy Bloom)
5:15pm - Andrew Patrick O'Neill, Jr.
(Family)

Tuesday, April 5

7am - Rose Crispi
(John Busciaccho)
12:05pm - Mary Jane Kerns
(LouAnn & Carl Corrigan)
5:15pm - Sophia Bartoletti & Family
(Estate of Sophia Bartoletti)

Wednesday, April 6

7am - Erma Fandel
(Fred & Rita Greenwald)
12:05pm - Jack Ely
(Bernadette Ely)
5:15pm - William F. & Shirley Logan
(Lisa Logan & Lori Logan Motyka)

Thursday, April 7

7am - Betty & Gene Barish
(Family)
12:05pm - Drew Dhabalt
(Women's Bible Study)
5:15pm - Anthony & Ammini P
(Ann Vaduk)

Friday, April 8

7am - Torquato "Tony" Bartoletti
(Estate of Norma Bartoletti)
12:05pm - The Bentel/Dutton Family
(Haley Dutton)
5:15pm - Special Intention for
Bianca (D. A. Drago)

Saturday, April 9

8am - Mary Celine Sestak
(Sharon & Ruth Kruzick)
4pm - Judith Hubbell
(Hubbell Family)

Sunday, April 10

7am - Mary Ann Midden
(William Midden)
10am - For the People
5pm - Amabile Bartoletti
(Estate of Norma Bartoletti)



Fr. Kapaun: A True Peacemaker

We have sadly been hearing a lot about war in the news in the past month or so. Russia's invasion of Ukraine is a reminder that war is not a thing of the past. In reality, much of our world was still at war even before Russia's recent invasion. However, we as Americans are more tuned in to European news than news from other parts of the world. For example, a civil war has been going on in Syria for the past ten years or so, claiming around half a million lives. I admit that most days, I don't think twice about people who are fleeing their homeland because their towns have been destroyed by war.

Jesus taught us in the seventh Beatitude: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." War is never a good thing, and while self-defense is a legitimate reason to have a standing army, physical violence should only be used as a last resort. It is sobering to consider how often wars have been fought between Christians, especially between Catholics. While it can be helpful to build bridges between nations through diplomatic and economic ties, the best way to unite nations is by a common faith. One of the basic beliefs of our faith is that when we are baptized, we become sons and daughters of God. Knowing that we are children of the same heavenly Father should be reason enough to lay aside our weapons!

All of this is a long introduction to the person I wanted to write my article about this week: Fr. Emil Kapaun. Usually, I leave the saint stories to Fr. Rankin, because he does such an excellent job with his article each week! Fr. Kapaun is a fairly well-known priest who died in the Pyoktong prisoner-of-war camp in North Korea. His name was back in the news in March of 2021, as his body had been identified in a cemetery in Hawaii, and it was transported back to his hometown of Wichita, Kansas.

Fr. Kapaun was a member of the United States Armed Forces, but in a role that only a priest can fulfill – he was a Catholic priest Chaplain in the Army. After serving in various duties in Kansas, he was deployed to Burma and India at the end of World War II. However, he is better known for his actions as a chaplain during the Korean War. He was known to be fearless as he ministered to men on the front lines, offering the Anointing of the Sick, hearing Confessions, burying the dead, and carrying the wounded to safety. One time his tobacco pipe was shot out of his mouth, but this did not deter him. While protecting the town of Unsan, Fr. Kapaun's soldiers were overrun and many of them made a retreat. Fr. Kapaun decided to stay with the wounded while they were captured.

Fr. Kapaun heroically served his men for several months while they were in the Pyoktong POW camp. He was known to men of all faiths as a leader and one of the best at stealing food to keep his soldiers alive. (His patron saint for these excursions was St. Dismas, the good thief who died with Jesus.) Fr. Kapaun often volunteered to bury the dead so that he could say some prayers while he did so. After a while, Fr. Kapaun became too weak and sick to serve as a chaplain, and even to live. He died in 1951, and it was thought that he was buried in a mass grave.

As I mentioned earlier, Fr. Kapaun's body was identified in 2021 in a grave in Hawaii. I do not know the story of how it ended up there, but it was relocated to Wichita, where Bishop Kemme was finally able to celebrate a funeral Mass for him. Fr. Kapaun was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in battle in 1950, and in 2013, President Obama posthumously awarded him the Medal of Honor, only the fifth chaplain to receive this award since the Civil War (all Catholic priests).

Fr. Kapaun was a true peacemaker. As a priest, his job was not to fire weapons, but to bring God's mercy to people who were in the heart of war, a place of destruction and sadness. Only God can bring about true peace, and he does so through peacemakers such as Fr. Kapaun.

For more information about Fr. Kapaun, visit frkapaun.org

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 March 26th & 27th

Envelopes:	\$5,692.00
Loose:	\$4,471.00
Maintenance:	\$50.00
Total:	\$10,213.00

February EFT: \$20,179.85

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!

Sacraments

Deaths

Betty Rogers
Date of Death: 03/20/2022



St. Isidore of Seville

Feast Day: April 4th

St. Isidore the Farmer is one of the most-often chosen saints for confirmation patrons around our diocese. Being a patron for anyone involved in agriculture or livestock, he is a popular saint especially for our young men in even vaguely rural settings. However, his feast day is not until May, and he was named after a saint that lived 500 years before him, the saint we celebrate this week: Isidore of Seville.

That first Isidore was born to Severianus and Theodora, a duke and duchess, of Roman heritage (you can tell by their names!) in Spain in 560. As heresies swirled amongst bishops, barbarians pillaged and resettled swaths of the continent, and the Roman empire split and splintered, we find ourselves looking back to a rough and difficult age. Yet Isidore's family must have had laid the foundations for their family deep in the truths of their Christian faith because despite all that turmoil, all of the four children of the ducal family would be eventually hailed as saints (that being Leander, Isidore, Fulgentius, and Florentina – may I just say they had a way with names back then!) Isidore was blessed to be educated at the Cathedral school in Seville, entrusted with grammar, logic, and rhetoric (the “trivium”, the foundational three elements of a integral and liberating education) as well as arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy (the “quadrivium”, four higher elements of a classical, liberal, education), as well as, of course, the principles of the faith, Latin, as well as some Greek and Hebrew.

Just to comment briefly on these parts of his education: it really was not all that long ago that these different elements remained the fundamentals of anyone's education: think Abraham Lincoln studying law and logic between chopping down trees. Nowadays a “liberal” education is seen as rather unpractical, and we find a constant emphasis on the harder, more mathematical, scientific, empirical forms of knowledge. (Just think of how many times politicians and educators emphasize STEM courses and competency). But, can't a case be made that we have forgotten the foundation in trying to build ourselves up to the heavens? I use grammar and rhetoric every time that I speak or write. I rarely use the quadratic formula. Of course, you might respond that my line of work requires more speaking and less calculating, and that is true, but the quadratic formula is eternally stranded on the level of numbers and mathematics. It will never solve for the mystery of life; it will never break a flower or rainstorm into their constitutive components; it will never decipher, or discover, Shakespeare; and I'm not going to use it to get to know a friend, nor to stay a friend of God. I am glad that I learned it, yes, yet, it would be a far greater loss to loose the ability to reason and communicate and read and pray, than to not be easily able to “solve for x.”

Isidore may have become a monk (history has forgotten that particular detail) but in any case, he would follow his own brother in becoming Bishop of Seville right around the difficult year of 600AD. I would love to comment on all the various episcopal things he did, problems he faced, sacraments he celebrated, and homilies he preached, but I'm going to instead focus on what he was best known for: his safeguarding and teaching of the truth. It was a volatile, brutal, illiterate age, and so Isidore sat down to compile everything that was to know, putting it all in what would be the grandfather of all encyclopedias, his *Etymologiae*. He collected, and saved for all of us, countless excerpts and summaries of ancient texts, truly on almost everything that was known at the time: science, religion, philosophy, grammar, geography, infrastructure, mathematics, medicine, technology, geology, nautical, animal, and avian knowledge... And, he invented one or two things you might have used today: the period, comma, and colon. (I used all three in the last five words of that sentence without even trying) Before Isidore, punctuation did not exist! ENTIREBOOKSWEREMOSTLYALLCAPSANDOFTENWITHOUTSPACES. His invention of punctuation would allow the treasures hard-won throughout human history to be passed along through the hard centuries that were coming.

And, they made writing this article substantially easier.

Fr. Dominic Rankin has no particular memory of learning these most basic parts of speech, though, funnily enough, he has, for many years, had a disorderly love for the comma. I bitterly remonstrate with a book or article if the author neglected an oxford comma, and throw them in around every appositive phrase, that being a clarifying statement within a larger one, as well as in various other, unnecessary places (see what I did there). My mom was not always impressed, though perhaps I was just trying to make up for the thousands of human writings that never knew the beauty of a proper comma...

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

During the month of April, we recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month (NCAPM) and the importance of communities working together to help families thrive and prevent child maltreatment. Through this collaboration, prevention services and supportive relationships help protect children and produce thriving families. Cathedral's partnership with Safe Families is one way we are helping to protect children and produce thriving families. Safe Families has provided us with blue pinwheels to serve as a visible sign that families are loved and supported in our congregation and community. The blue pinwheel is a nationally recognized symbol for prevention because it represents the great childhood all children deserve and the prevention efforts that help ensure that happens. Find out how you can support local families with Safe Families by going to www.springfield.safe-families.org or by calling the parish office 217/522-3342.

Come Watch The Chosen on Cathedral's Big Screen

The Chosen – Episode Seven

The desire to be on top is like an electromagnetic force. And it can seize any one of us, like a thumbtack sucked up by a magnet. So then, think about what it would take to reverse that mighty pull once you'd been seized. What would cause you to willingly give it up, walk away from the money, and lay down the power?

Sunday, April 3, 2:00-3:15, Cathedral Atrium

Lent at the Cathedral

We want to walk with you during Lent. We are here to listen, to pray with you, to serve with you, and to grow into intentional disciples with you. We want to help provide answers to your questions and help connect you to a relationship with Jesus. In our effort to provide radical hospitality, we have created a variety of resources and programming both online and in person. From online to in-pew, we have an opportunity for you to grow in your Catholic faith at Cathedral this Lent! Visit www.spicathedral.org/lent today!

Faith Community Nursing

So now that the Faith Community Nurses have been introduced, you may wonder.....Just what is it that they do?" Parish nursing is a specialty practice of professional nursing that is recognized by the American Nursing Association as Faith Community Nursing. Faith Community Nurses are licensed, registered professional nurses that undergo additional training specifically designed for health ministry. The focus of the work of Faith Community Nurse is on assisting members of the faith community to maintain and/or regain wholeness in body, mind, and spirit to enhance quality of life. Some roles of the Faith Community Nurse are: health advocate, health advisor, health educator, integrator of faith and health, and health referral agent. We want to thank everyone who stops by to get their blood pressure checked or checks out our health education posters. Please let us know how we can serve you – what health education topics are you interested in? What support groups would you find helpful? You may call Adrienne at (217) 638-7879 or e-mail Angela at jamsbentley@comcast.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

Making A Difference

Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Second Collection - St. Martin de Porres Center

Next weekend's second collection will be for the St. Martin de Porres Center. St Martin De Porres uses donated funds to purchase food to give to those who may not have the resources to provide for themselves. Your generous donation will go towards assisting St. Martin de Porres Center's mission of providing for those in need.

Pastoral Care for Cathedral's Sick & Elderly

If you, or someone you know from the Cathedral parish are homebound, hospitalized, or in a nursing care facility, please let the Cathedral Office know (217-522-3342). You may request to be put on the Cathedral Prayer Line or request a Pastoral Visit. Sr. Francella and her Cathedral volunteers.

CCCW & Knight's of Columbus Council #16126 Scholarship

Applications for the CCCW & Knight's of Columbus Council #16126 scholarship are now available. Completed scholarship applications, essay, and teacher evaluations must be submitted and received by the Cathedral Rectory by **noon on Wednesday, April 13, 2022**. For more information or to apply, please visit <https://spicathedral.org/cccw-knights-of-columbus-council-16126-scholarship-application/>

Candle Donation Increase

Due to increase in oil prices, paraffin, a derivative of oil, has increased the cost of the candles in our shrines in the Cathedral. Votives will increase to 75 cents each, and large candles will increase to \$2.50 each. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for your donations.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Diocese

The Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield - May 6-15

The Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield board cordially invites you to the LAFS 2022 May 6-15. LAFS 2022 theme "Holding fast to the Sacred; our journey through time," will explore how our diverse faiths guide us through life's milestones—from weddings, births, and death. The Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield is an interfaith celebration of the arts. What are "liturgical arts"? Liturgical arts are cultural expressions of creativity, beauty, and community life: music, dance, drama, poetry, architecture, and visual art. The festival explores expressions of the soul and the spirit by showcasing excellence in a journey across the arts, inspired by the beautiful diversity of faith traditions within our own community. For more information and for a list of events, please visit <http://www.lafspringfield.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/LiturgicalArtsFestival/>

SAVE THE DATES

The Springfield Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) is pleased to announce the dates of the Celebration of the 2022 Our Lady of Good Counsel Women of Distinction and the 2022 SDCCW Annual Convention. The Celebration of the Women of Distinction Award Celebration will be on Sat., July 23, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, followed by a luncheon at the Crowne Plaza. The 2022 SDCCW Convention will be held on Wed., Sept. 28, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Mattoon. Further information and registration for both events will be forth coming. The Mission of the SCCW as an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women is to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

Illinois Right to Life Annual Leaders for Life Banquet

Illinois Right to Life cordially invites you to it's 53rd Annual Leaders for Life Banquet which will be held on Friday, April 29th, 6:00 pm, at The Carlisle in Lombard. Dan Proft, radio talk show host for AM 560, will serve as master of ceremonies and Dennis Prager will be featured as keynote speaker. Dennis Prager is a best-selling author, nationally syndicated radio talk show host in the USA and co-founder of the Internet phenomenon, PragerU. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <https://illinoisrighttolife.org/Banquet> or call (312)-422-9300.

Newman Ministry

Some Newman info for our college bound students... You can sign up to be connected with Newman at <https://signupnc.newmanministry.com/>. For more information and connecting with friends, faith, and fellowship by downloading the Newman Connection app <https://www.newmanministry.com/app>

Parents: there is also a Newman Parent Guide coming soon! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Angela Bentley, Newman Ambassador at jamsbentley@comcast.net

Bishop Paprocki's Easter Egg Hunt at The Evermode Institute

All are welcome to attend an Easter Egg Hunt and activities at the new Evermode Institute (4875 Laverna Rd, Springfield, IL 62707) on Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m.! Come enjoy family activities, free treats and beverage, and check out the grounds of the future home of The Evermode Institute. Children will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt for ages 0-12 starting at 2PM (bags for the hunt are included). A special Easter blessing will take place at 3:30 PM with Bishop Paprocki in the main chapel. Please RSVP at dio.org.

Collaborate, Connect & Celebrate: Family Caregiver Conference

Join Carle Health and the Alzheimer's Association for an educational event for families coping with memory loss, Alzheimer's disease and other dementia on May 19th from 5pm-9pm in Normal, IL. This educational event celebrates caregivers who give their time and energy caring for a loved one facing Alzheimer's or dementia. Attendees are invited to honor their loved ones, collaboratively learn new caregiving strategies and connect with others facing similar challenges. Complimentary dinner will be provided, but registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/collaborate-connect-celebrate-family-caregiver-conference-tickets-278072982777>

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