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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.



Transitions

Here at the Cathedral, we have grown accustomed to seeing faces come and go, particularly with the resident priests and seminarians who have called this place home. Several seminarians have spent the summers with us, getting some exposure to parish life as they prepare for the priesthood. Many newly ordained priests have had their first assignments at the Cathedral, then after getting a couple of years of experience, they move on to the next stop in their journey. All of this turnover can be difficult, both for the priests and the people, but I think there are also many blessings to be found. Our parish community has had the privilege of getting to know more priests and seminarians than any other

parish, which I think has been enriching in many ways.

Last weekend, we bid farewell to Father Peter Chineke as he prepares to begin his studies in Canon Law at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. I was very pleased with the number of people who stopped to greet Father Peter after the masses last weekend. As a parish community, you should be very proud of the role you have played in offering Father Peter some good formation that will serve him for many years to come. You have welcomed him as you have welcomed every priest and I know he will be forever grateful for his time with us.

This weekend, we welcome Father Paul Lesupati, newly ordained and just home from a trip back to his native Kenya where he spent the month of June. He will bring unique gifts to our parish that will add to the diversity of our experiences with priests here. I am confident that you will welcome him with the same joy and support that you offered to Father Peter and to all of our priests.

A few people this last weekend thought Father Dominic Vahling was also leaving. For the most part, your experience of him will be the same. He will still be celebrating masses and hearing confessions here. But now just being "in residence", he will not be quite as involved in the non-sacramental ministry of the parish, such as faith formation and hospital visits. The same goes for Father Dominic Rankin. He will continue to be in residence, though we may even see him a little more regularly for some masses since he will soon be concluding his daily celebration of Mass for the Dominican Nuns. Their monastery in Girard is nearing completion and they will arrange for a chaplain who will be able to offer Mass for them daily. Father Rankin will be focusing more of his efforts on promoting vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and holy matrimony, so that might put him on the road from time to time, but he will still very much be present.

As for me, there is nothing new to report! As Rector, I enjoy a little more stability with regards to my time here. I continue my diocesan work as Vicar for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. And speaking of vocations, I am happy to welcome Phillip Gorrell, one of our seminarians, to the parish for the remainder of the summer. He has a short introduction later in the bulletin.

As we mark the halfway point of 2022, this gives me an opportunity to remind you to offer those three Hail Marys each day – one for the clergy of the parish (new and old), one for yourself personally, and one for the entire Cathedral parish family. On behalf of all of the clergy here, past and present, I offer my gratitude for your prayers and support. We love serving you and we promise you our daily prayers, especially each day at Mass.

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, July 4

7am - John Montgomery
(John Busciacco)
5:15pm - NO MASS

Tuesday, July 5

7am - Maren Bowyer Gallagher
(Gallagher Family)
5:15pm - William F/Shirley Logan
(Lisa Logan & Lori Logan Motyka)

Wednesday, July 6

7am - Tony Bartoletti
(Estate)
5:15pm - Will
(Family)

Thursday, July 7

7am - Bob & Elizabeth McDevitt
Family (Family)
5:15pm - Irvin Lawrence Smith
(Larry & Beverly Smith)

Friday, July 8

7am - Joseph Reichle
(Lou Ann Mack & Carl Corrigan)
5:15pm - Special intention for
Bianca (D.A. Drago)

Saturday, July 9

8am - Anna Geraldine Gasaway
(Rob Gasaway)
4pm - Pamela Harmon
(Matt Reed)

Sunday, July 10

7am - Mary Ann Midden
(William Midden)
10am - For the People
5pm - Sophia Bartoletti & Family
(Estate)



St. Luigi Palazzolo

Feast Day: June 15th | Patron for Orphans, the Sisters of the Poor, Puppeteers (along with St. Simeon Salus) and Catechists | Often pictured in birretta and cassock surrounded by boys and girls.

One illustrious member of our parish recently brought to my attention a saint canonized back in May of this year. (I'll let you attempt to identify said parishioner, though I suspect you may be able to guess who it was based on the saint that he mentioned.) This saint, a priest, Fr. Luigi Maria Palazzolo, actually had his feast day just a week or two ago, so I decided to introduce all of us to him this week.

Luigi was born the 9th of 9 boys in Bergamo, Italy (way up in the North of Italy, right at the foothills of the alps) in 1827. His family was fairly well off, but Luigi was the only child of his parents to reach adulthood, and his father died as well when he was 10. His mother, Theresa, valiantly and lovingly raised Luigi as a faithful and virtuous young man despite all those pains that must have crushed her heart. I cannot imagine how much pain she must have endured, and how ineffective she must have felt in being a wife and mother, yet her love, along with God's grace, was forming Luigi's heart through the midst of all those trials into a man devoted to the care of impoverished, orphaned, and suffering children. God's power was holding her, and her son, through all of it! Only God can bring love out of loss, and a respect for life out of the pain of death – what a miracle he worked, through all that suffering, in Theresa and Luigi!

When he reached adulthood, Luigi quickly followed his heart's yearning to become a priest. He entered the seminary at 17 and was ordained at the age of 23 or 24, quickly finding a charism for caring for the poor and orphaned children there in Bergamo. Similar to the United States in the second half of the 19th century, during the first half of that century in Italy there were thousands of abandoned, neglected, orphaned, and starving children on the streets of Italian cities (also because of civil war and economic hardships). Like Don Bosco, who was doing the same work at that time in the nearby city of Turin, Don Luigi befriended these children, gave them food and a place to stay, taught them, and (like Bosco's magic tricks) put on puppet shows for these, his littlest disciples. (The puppets are still around! If you ever get to Bergamo, you can find them in the Palazzolo Museum). He began this work with boys, but found that many girls were in the same dire straits, and so began to take care of the girls too.

I want to make mention of a truth that Luigi knew, but which we don't as easily recognize these days. He saw an abject need for poor and orphaned girls to be cared for, but he knew that food and education and a roof over their heads and the occasional puppet show were not enough. They needed to be cared for by women, who could raise them as young ladies, just as the boys needed the care of a father, who could help them to become good men. Luigi lost his father at the age of 10. He knew the loss that a young man has when he does not have a man to show him how to be a man. Theresa, Luigi's mother, gave him all the love that a mother could, but she could not replace the love and example of a father, and Fr. Palazzolo knew he could not fully replicate the love of a mother for these girls. So it was that he began to pray and look for a means of giving these young ladies the feminine love of a mother.

In the 1850s, the bishop of Bergamo, had written a catechism to help teach the faith to the people of his diocese, calling for men and women to assist the Church in addressing the wounds that secularism was already wreaking on the young people of that time. This call captivated Fr. Palazzolo and also Teresa Gabrieli, a talented young woman who had lost her own father as a child, and who now also yearned to do something meaningful work for the hurting youth around her. She had not married, and now, with Fr. Luigi, discovered not only a love for his poor girls, but also a call to found with him the religious order, the Sisters of the Poor in 1869.

And so life spun along. Both grew old and both continued to love those whom God entrusted to their care. The number of sisters grew and started ministries in other cities. In his last day, Don Luigi's asthma left him sleeping in a chair and enduring the pain and incapacitation of constant sores on his legs. His sufferings were rewarded when the sisters' constitution was approved, but he died about a month later, on June 15th, 1886 with the name of Jesus on his lips. Mother Teresa (not to be confused with her spiritual descendent in Calcutta), continued to care and teach the poor until she suffered a stroke in 1908, dying shortly thereafter (she is now named Venerable). Eventually there would be thousands of her sisters around the world, and of note are the several sisters who would give their lives caring for the sick during the Ebola outbreak of 1995 in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and also when the COVID-19 pandemic struck Bergamo in 2020.

Fr. Dominic Rankin, this week, will be meditating on Fr. Palazzolo's simple exhortation: "Don't give only words or superfluous kindnesses, but give bread, wine, fire, advice, real and meaningful helps."



Meet Seminarian Phillip Gorrell

As I was concluding my studies at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary this past spring, I was wondering where Father Brian Alford, our Vocation Director, was going to assign me for the summer. Prior to coming to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the final six weeks of my summer break, I went on a trip to the Holy Land and participated in a summer formation program at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, where I will be continuing my studies in the fall.

I am from the southeast corner of the diocese in Marshall, IL. I did elementary school at my family's home and attended Marshall Community High School where I graduated in 2018. That same fall, I entered seminary formation for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois attending Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. Graduating this past spring from Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, I will be continuing my studies at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Saint Louis, Missouri this fall. Last month, I spent ten days in the Holy Land visiting sites such as Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, and the Sea of Galilee. Thanks to modern air travel, pilgrimages to the Holy Land are accessible to people from all over the world. Throughout the pilgrimage, our group encountered people from all parts of the world, ranging from Brazil, South Korea, England, Spain, Nigeria, and Mexico. I am inspired by the devotion of all these people, and the many millions who came before them, to the places where Our Blessed Lord lived and breathed. It was strong reminder that the church is not limited to one country or culture, but it is a universal church for all people.

After returning to the United States, I went to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary to attend a summer formation program. During this four-week formation program, we had an eight-day silent retreat. The eight days of silence helped me to disconnect from the world and instead connect to God who is the source of the world. Furthermore, I had the privilege of seeing the devotion of those who participated in the retreat with me. The silence in fraternity helped me to be open to the grace of God and it helped me to recognize how often I worry and do not surrender those worries to God, instead relying on my own human frailties. Surrender everything to the Lord and He will do everything for you.



Last weekend, around 20 young adults enjoyed the Forge cookout on the patio. We invite all Catholic young adults to join us and get involved with bible studies, prayer, and social events! Email Fr. Vahling for more information. In this photo, Fr. Vahling is giving some good advice to the grill master.

Stewardship of Treasure June 25th and 26th

Envelopes:	\$4,118.00
Loose:	\$2,546.00
Maintenance:	\$85.00
Total:	\$6,749.00

May EFT: \$20,731.00

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

Invite The Holy Spirit Into Your Life

Cathedral Women's Bible Study invites you to learn how the Holy Spirit can change your life through the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control. Explore the fruits of the Holy Spirit through real-life stories, examples from the Old and New Testaments and the wisdom of the Church while you examine how you are cultivating the fruits of the Spirit in your own life. This 7 week Bible Study meets at the Cathedral on Thursday mornings at 9:00am and runs July 21-September 1. Please call Vicki at 217/522-3342 to reserve your spot and order your journal book (\$12.00). All women are invited!

Cathedral Bible Study

Would you like to learn more about our Blessed Mother while having an opportunity to share your faith and enjoy conversation with friends? If so, the Cathedral Bible Study Group invites you to its upcoming study series, Mary - Virgin, Mother and Queen. Meetings will be on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 6:15 to 7:45pm beginning on July 6th. The study will include workbooks which participants may order through the group or purchase on their own. For more information please contact the parish or Larry Travis at LTravisjr@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities Donations Needed

Catholic Charities is in immediate need of toilet tissue. Donations can be dropped off at Catholic Charities (120 S. 11th St., Springfield IL), or at the Parish Office.

Fishing with Father

Earlier this week, some of our families joined Father Alford and the other priests at the Villa Maria for an evening of fishing fun!



Parish Directory

It's time for a new parish directory! When people come to our parish they are looking for a place to belong. A parish directory helps them connect with new relationships and helps us connect with those we haven't seen in a while. Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here on the Cathedral campus. You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give family and friends. Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory! Our directory will not be complete without you! Schedule your appointment now.

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply visit www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login in on the right side, enter **1218** in the Church Code field, and enter **photos** in the Church password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. Appointments will fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

The last week for photos is July 12-July 16. Sign up today! Please call the Parish Office at 217-522-3342 if you have any questions.

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, or members of the CCCW will be collecting items after Mass the last two weekends of July (July 23-24 and July 30-31). 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

Cooling the Capital

Catholic Charities is participating in "Cooling the Capital". We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community by distributing fans and bottles of water to people in need to help beat the brutal summer heat. This effort is made possible through the Capitol Radio Group, Noonan True Value, & Two Men & a Truck. WANT TO HELP? You can purchase a new fan and drop it off at Noonan True Value on North Grand or Capitol Radio Group on East Sangamon Ave. The fans/water will be picked up weekly by Two Men & A Truck and dropped off at Catholic Charities. NEED A FAN/WATER? Call Catholic Charities at 217-523-4551 to sign up for Cooling the Capital!

Butler Funeral Home Open Door Session

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. The details are as follows:

Thursday, July 14th | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Bella Milano | 4525 Wabash Ave., Springfield, IL 62711

This event is complimentary: no cost or obligation.
Please call 217-544-4646 to reserve your space no later than Monday, July 11th.

March for Life Dobbs Rally & March - July 9

The U.S. Supreme Court Dobbs decision will impact Roe v. Wade. Therefore, the March for Life Chicago added a special event this summer for Midwest pro-lifers to help communicate the message of life! To any outcome, pro-lifers must respond to communicate the message of life! The rally and march is taking place on Saturday, July 9, beginning at 2pm at the Federal Plaza, 50 W Adams, Chicago, IL. For more details or to RSVP, visit MarchforLifeChicago.org/Dobbs

Pro-Life Bridges Day

Springfield Right To Life will be hosting a Pro-Life Bridges event at the West Lakeshore Drive overpass in Springfield on Friday, July 8th, 2022 from 3pm to 6pm. Please join us as we share the Pro-Life message with hundreds of motorists. Call 217-523-2700 or 217-741-8230 for additional information.

St. Cabrini Parish's Altar & Rosary Society Garage Sale

St. Cabrini Parish's Altar & Rosary Society will be holding their garage sale July 14, 15, & 16 at the Parish Hall, 1020 N. Milton, Springfield. It will be from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 7:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday. Items to be donated can be dropped off Monday through Wednesday, July 11, 12, & 13.

Homeschool Community Opportunity

Catholic Schoolhouse has opened registration for Homeschool students in the Springfield Area for the 2022/2023 academic year. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, hands-on science, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. Please join us for an Informational Meeting, July 9th, 10am-12pm at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception School. For more information, RSVP, or for future meetings contact Beth Clark at Springfieldil@catholicschoolhouse.com, Text:(217)691-9510

Vessels: A Day of Reflection for Women

Join women from across the diocese to experience the power of Christ in Scripture and Sacrament. Elena Tejeda and Father Ervin Caliente will be presenting on Broken Vessels. This one day event will be hosted at Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield on July 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$35. To register for the event go to, www.dio.org/vessels.

Eucharistic Revival – A Mission for You and Your Family Begins NOW!

You are invited to join Catholics in our diocese by participating in a nationwide movement to grow into a deeper understanding and devotion of the holy Eucharist. This movement of Catholics, called Eucharistic Revival, is about healing, conversion, formation, and becoming a unified Body of Christ by focusing on encountering the real Body of Christ, present to us in the Eucharist. Visit www.dio.org to learn more about this mission, how to sign up for updates, the timeline of events, and how to get involved.