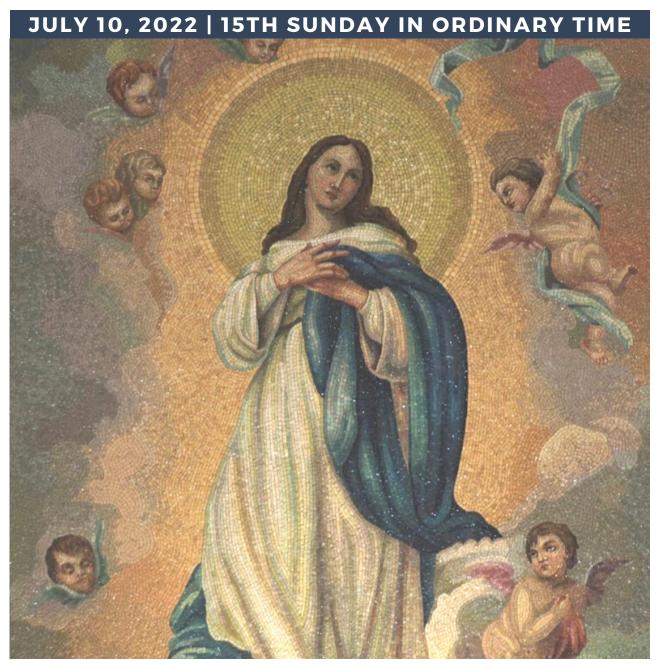
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Sunday Masses

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!

RECTOR'S COLUMN





Tethered to the Tabernacle

If you have been paying much attention to the Catholic media (local and national) over the past several months, you may have noticed news about the Eucharistic Revival that is now underway. This effort, promoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will take place in a few different phases:

- 1. Year of Diocesan Revival: June 19, 2022 June 11, 2023
- 2. Year of Parish Revival: June 11, 2023 July 17, 2024
- 3. National Eucharistic Congress: July 17-21 2024 in Indianapolis
- 4. Year of Going Out on Mission: July 21, 2024 Pentecost 2025

Here in our diocese, we will observing a diocesan Year of the Eucharist from December 8, 2022 through December 8, 2023, with a very special Diocesan Eucharistic Congress and Mass at the Bank of Springfield Center on October 28, 2023.

So far, very few things have been set in stone with regards to how these various phases and celebrations will take place, but that should not deter us from jumping right in with our participation in this important time of Eucharistic renewal. One aspect of Eucharistic devotion that has and will continue to be emphasized throughout the revival is the importance of Eucharistic Adoration. Spending time in the presence of the Eucharist (exposed in the monstrance or reposed in the tabernacle) can have a very profound impact on our lives, deepening our relationship with Jesus and enflaming our hearts with a greater desire to receive Him in the Eucharist. When I was discerning entering the seminary, I was blessed to live in a parish that had Perpetual Adoration, meaning that I could stop in to visit Jesus at any time. It was during those visits that I grew more in my faith than the hours I spent reading or listening to Catholic radio.It is a practice that I pray will increase in the life of the faithful in our parish and our diocese over the next few years. Currently, we have Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral from 4 pm - 5 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. We are going to look closely at how we can expand these times, but also know that the church is open throughout the day and spending time with the Lord, present in the tabernacle, is equally powerful in deepening our love for the Eucharist.

Regarding Eucharistic Adoration, I'd like to share the following quote from Venerable Fulton Sheen that I came across recently on the topic of praying a Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament:

So the Holy Hour, quite apart from all its positive spiritual benefits, kept my feet from wandering too far. Being tethered to a tabernacle, one's rope for finding other pastures is not so long. That dim tabernacle lamp, however pale and faint, had some mysterious luminosity to darken the brightness of "bright lights." The Holy Hour became like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the foul and fetid atmosphere of the world. Even when it seemed so unprofitable and lacking in spiritual intimacy, I still had the sensation of being at least like a dog at the master's door, ready in case he called me.

May we all come to desire to be "tethered to the tabernacle" during this time of Eucharistic Revival!

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 11

7am - Eric Nelson (Family) 5:15pm - Mary (Family)

Tuesday, July 12

7am - Betty & Gene Barish (Family) 5:15pm - John A. Sestak (Steve & Vicki Stalcup)

Wednesday, July 13

7am - Leo Kennedy (Jan & Rob Sgambelluri) 5:15pm - Jessy G (Ann Vaduk)

Thursday, July 14

7am - Katherine Jobin (Steve & Vicki Stalcup) 5:15pm - Amabile Bartoletti (Estate)

Friday, July 15

7am - Mary & Herb Priester (Family) 5:15pm - Diana Schumacher (Daniel Schumacher)

Saturday, July 16

8am - Maren Bowyer Gallagher (Gallagher Family) 4pm - For the People

Sunday, July 17

7am - Pamela Rose Harmon (Archie Harmon) 10am - Erma Bartoletti (Estate) 5pm - Special Intention (Richard & Kay King)

CONTEMPLATION CORNER





Archbishop Carroll Inauguration Prayer

This past Independence Day, I noticed in the Ordo (the little book with daily instructions for Mass) that in place of the intercessions at Mass, I could use a version of the prayer that was written by Archbishop John Carroll during the presidency of George Washington. Archbishop Carroll is pictured in a stained glass window alongside Washington in our Cathedral. During the Revolutionary War, Washington sent then-Fr. Carroll along with Benjamin Franklin on a diplomatic mission to Canada, and the Founding Fathers' respect for Fr. Carroll played a part in his being the first Archbishop of Baltimore. I thought this prayer was a powerful reminder of the duty I have as a citizen to pray for my civic leaders. St. Paul commanded us to

pray for our leaders, which is something I need to do more often. Let's start by praying this prayer for our president and governor by name.

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Fr. Vahling serves as a teacher and chaplain at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School in Springfield.

Stewardship of Treasure July 3rd and 4th

Envelopes: \$7,394.00 Loose: \$3,725.00 <u>Maintenance:</u> \$1,115.00 Total: \$12,234.00

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!

Sacraments

Deaths

David (Bud) O'Shea Date of Death: June 24, 2022

CONTEMPLATION CORNER





St. Camillus de Lellis

Feast Day: July 14th | Patron for the Sick, Hospitals, Nurses and Doctors, and those with gambling and other addictions | Often pictured as a priest with a wound on his leg tending an ill person.

In 1575, Camillus, a strapping 25 year old young man, was working at the Capuchin friary in Manfredonia Italy (just north of the "heel" of the boot, on the East coast). He had served in various armies around Italy with his father ever since he was a young man, and had just left Rome's San Giacomo hospital for treatment of wounds endured in that service. But he wasn't disciplined, nor a disciple. Camillus had a stubborn and rebellious streak ever since he was a little boy, saddening his

mother who passed away when he was still little, and – always being taller than his peers – had ran off to the army at the age of 13, embracing all the worst vices he could find, cussing and gambling and carousing. His father also died during those critical years of his young-adulthood and Camillus continued down the deadly game of risking his life, gambling away his possessions, and selling his soul to wherever pleasure was to be found.

Even nearly losing his life in shipwreck in 1574 did not dislodge him from this way of life, and so it was that he found himself, destitute and injured, working on the grounds of that capuchin friary. One of the friars had the perception to see in this man a spark of grace that even Camillus's mother and father were unable to foster. As they made their way up the rugged road to San Giovanni Rotundo (to another friary, where, in a few more centuries, Padre Pio would live), that friar chatted with Camillus and at some point called him out for his sins. "God is everything. The rest is nothing. One should save one's soul which does not die." As the rocks of the Gargano mountains scraped the sky above, the reality of God finally pierced Camillus's heart. He slid from his saddle, threw himself on the ground, and all those unprayed prayers finally broke free: "Lord, I have sinned. Forgive this great sinner! How unhappy I have been for so many years not to have known you and not to have loved you. Lord, give me time to weep for a long time for my sins."

His prayer was answered. He attempted to join the Capuchins, but his past decisions haunted him. A wound on his leg received while a soldier of fortune would not heal, and with such a condition, he could not be admitted to vows. We can ask why they didn't allow this converted, convicted, transformed soul into their community? He felt called to become a friar, why would a leg wound exclude him?! How unfair, how unaccepting, how cruel. The unfortunate fact is that each of us can make decisions that impact our future, change our path, limit our options, but they never stymie God! Camillus could not become a friar, but that closed door was an invitation to deeper surrender. He went back to Rome, returned to the hospital where before he had been kicked out for quarreling with other patients and staff, and began to aid those in the most dire straits. This was a hospital for the incurables, for those with no means, and no hope of recovery, and while the ulcer on Camillus's leg continued to pain him, he worked to love those others in pain. He found a spiritual director, an awesome priest, Philip Neri, and formed a group of men dedicated to give wholehearted care to the abandoned and neglected patients at this hospital. Eventually, Camillus would be ordained a priest, and the group would become a legitimate religious order. Their symbol was a red cross upon their priestly cassock; their charism was to pour themselves into the care of those who were sick and dying. They would board ships carrying the bubonic plague; they would stand guard over the recently deceased to be assured that they had indeed passed into eternity; they would care for the wounded in the middle of battles, on one occasion, their medical tent and everything in it was obliterated in the midst of things except that red cross. Camillus remained injured his entire life and was known to crawl to the sick when his leg would not support him. He died, still leading the order, and still caring for the sick, in 1614.

Fr. Dominic Rankin was intrigued to find that 250 years after the Camillians had chosen the red cross to be the symbol of medical care in the middle of disasters, the Geneva convention would choose it for the same purpose. There is no direct connection between their choices, but it is a beautiful thing that one of the most iconic symbols in the world is the Christian cross, once a symbol of death, now a symbol of love, care, sacrifice, and healing.

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!

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course

Register now to attend the Fall 2022 course. Registered nurses of all faiths are invited to attend the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing training course. Faith Community Nurses draw a closer link between their faith and healthcare communities by acting as health educators and counselors to a faith community membership, as well as assisting with homebound, nursing home and/or hospitalized congregation members. Through this nondenominational program, participating registered nurses receive continuing education hours, as well as the support and resources necessary to implement or support a Faith Community Nursing program in their own congregation. Established in 1997 by Carle, the program has trained over 500 nurses who've found joy serving their congregations. Cost is \$200

TO REGISTER VISIT https://cmetracker.net/CARLE FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (217) 365-7933





Parish Directory

Although the first set of photo sessions is now complete, it is not too late to have your photo taken. Another session is scheduled for July 12-18. See the signup information below to make your reservation!

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 il218 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.

Fishing with Father

Enfamil Gentlease Formula

Here are more pictures of the Tejeda family at our Fishing with

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 Walmart Gift Cards
Diapers (sizes 4,5,& 6)
Kitchen-size Trash Bags
Lysol Disinfecting Wipes
Toliet 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!

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.

Biking for Babies

BIKING FOR BABIES will be passing through Springfield and stopping at Sacred Heart Church on 07/15/22. People of good will are invited to join the missionaries for mass at 5PM and to bring a dish to share for a potluck meal after mass in the Parish Center.

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.

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.

Employment Opportunity - Director of Admissions

SHG is hiring a Director of Admissions. The primary function of this position relates to the analysis, marketing and outreach efforts of prospective students and their families. The Director of Admissions is responsible for providing leadership for the development and implementation of a marketing and communications plan that includes strategies to ensure Sacred Heart-Griffin meets its enrollment objectives. This position reports to the Director of Advancement. For more information, please visit www.shg.org.

49 million People in 46 countries face extreme, lifethreatening conditions of hunger and malnutrition.

The war in Ukraine is straining an already-fragile global food system, especially as emerging markets and developing economies depend on Russia and Ukraine for fuel, fertilizer and staples like wheat and sunflower oil. As costs increase, the potential for further conflict and instability continues to alarm the world's most vulnerable countries, where so many rely on imported food to feed their families and survive. CRS is collaborating with our partners on a comprehensive response to meet immediate needs and ramp up programming that will strengthen resilience. Go to crs.org to learn more about our brothers and sisters in need and how you, through CRS, are helping them.

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.