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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.



Surrender

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things." (Lk 10:41) The words that Jesus speaks to Martha in this Sunday's Gospel can easily apply to us. If you are like me, there is usually a list of things that cause anxiety and worry in our lives. Whether it's related to our families, our job, our health, the state of the world – there are so many things that we tend to worry about, things which rob us of peace.

How do we handle anxiety and worry in our lives? Certainly, we stew over those anxieties more than is healthy, in many cases. We think about what might happen, generally focusing on the worst possible scenario, which only intensifies our worry. We might bring

those worries to a family member or friend, hoping to get some encouragement or advice on how to resolve our worries. There may be a place for that, though we need to be careful there too, for sometimes sharing our anxieties with others will increase their anxieties, or it may introduce new worries into our already troubled mind. This is not to say that we should not share our fears and frustrations with good and trusted individuals, it is just a caution to not put too much hope in others to solve our problems. So what is one to do? We look to the example of the other person in the Gospel, Martha's sister Mary. Where is she? She is sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to Him. Did she have some worries and anxieties? Most likely. But her being there close to Jesus shows that first and foremost, she brings what she has to Him. Jesus's words to Martha are not necessarily a rebuke, but an invitation to come and spend time in His presence, to pause her thoughts, her activity, and just be with the Lord who already knows her worries, and who desires to speak peace into her heart, as He was doing with Mary.

This is a beautiful model for us to follow. When we find ourselves feeling overwhelmed with our many worries, how quick are we to place ourselves in the presence of the Lord, to be still and let Him be present to us? We can do this anywhere but coming to the Church to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is a very privileged place to do so. I am not guaranteeing that just coming before the Lord will remove all the problems in our lives. But bringing those worries to Him gives us the opportunity to be reminded that the Lord is near to us. He knows what unsettles our hearts and He wants us to invite Him into those places of worry.

As I thought about this topic, a prayer came to mind that I was only recently made aware of – The Surrender Novena. Each day has a short reflection and at the end of each reflection the person praying the Novena is asked to pray the following line 10 times: "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!" Perhaps that prayer, said even just once in the presence of the Lord, can bring us great peace in the midst of those anxieties that bother us. Why not give these words a try at some point this week? What do we stand to lose? Nothing. What do we stand to gain? Peace!

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 18

7am - John & Edith Bakalar
(John Busciacco)

5:15pm - Will
(Family)

Tuesday, July 19

7am - Justine Ford
(Jeannette Giannone)
5:15pm - Living & Deceased
members of the Patterson Family
(Anonymous)

Wednesday, July 20

7am - Betty & Gene Barish
(Family)
5:15pm - Betty Rogers
(Family)

Thursday, July 21

7am - Cathy Furkin
(Family)
5:15pm - Karen Bucari
(Alan Bucari)

Friday, July 22

7am - Deceased members of the
Kruzick & Tobin Family (Steve &
Vicki Stalcup)
5:15pm - Sophia Bartoletti & Family
(Estate of Sophia Bartoletti)

Saturday, July 23

8am - Andrew Hanson
(Chris Sommer)
4pm - Kyle Buckman
(Karen Marruffo)

Sunday, July 24

7am - Sophia Bartoletti & Family
(Estate of Norma Bartoletti)
10am - Mercedes & Charles Nesbitt
(Kathy Frank)
5pm - For the People



Why Study Canon Law?

Since priest assignments were announced this spring, I have been asked many times by parishioners, students, family, and friends, "Why are you studying Canon Law?" Fr. Peter Chineke and I will both begin programs of study in Canon Law this fall, with Fr. Peter studying full-time at Catholic University in D.C., while I will be studying online through St. Paul University in Ottawa in a part-time capacity.

First, I'll address the question, "What is Canon Law?" Canon Law is a collection of laws of the Catholic Church; the current edition was promulgated by the pope in 1983. Every society or group has laws, rules, and regulations; the Catholic Church is no exception in this regard. It may be surprising that the Church's laws are relatively simple compared to other bodies of law! There are 1752 "canons" (a word that comes from a Greek word for law) in my Canon Law book. Pope Francis has updated some laws recently, so I will need to purchase an updated edition soon. Sometimes the Catholic Church is criticized for having too many rules, but in reality, the Church's legal system is extremely simple compared to our state or national laws. Consider that the Catholic Church has over a billion members, and one small book contains the laws that help to keep the Church functioning smoothly!

I often refer to the final Canon of the Code, which reminds us all why Canon Law exists in the first place. In part, this Canon reads, "having before one's eyes the salvation of souls, which is always the supreme law of the Church." Over 2000 years, the Church has a lot of experiences in her collective memory, and the Church has made certain rules to better foster encounters with God, which bring about the salvation of souls! When I was in the seminary, one of our favorite professors was our Canon Law teacher. Just like any legal study, Canon Law can sometimes be known for being boring or tedious. However, our professor, Msgr. Ramacciotti, was a very engaging and hilarious teacher. He would come up with funny and memorable examples, and we discussed a lot of hypothetical marriages between "Joe Catholic" and "Mary Methodist." There was once a big lecture at the seminary by a visiting bishop, and the topic was Canon Law. Msgr. Ramacciotti introduced the lecture and questioned how anybody could think Canon Law was boring. Citing the final canon of the code, he asked us, "why do you think the salvation of souls is boring?!"

A practical reason that Bishop Paprocki has asked Fr. Peter and me to study Canon Law is that our diocese will eventually need more canon lawyers. Currently, there are four priests in our diocese who practice Canon Law. Two of these priests finished their studies relatively recently, while two of them may be described as more "experienced"! I have heard from canon lawyers that much of their time is spent investigating marriage cases. You may have heard about declarations of nullity in the Catholic Church, when a Church tribunal declares that a supposed marriage was actually invalid from the beginning, thus freeing the person to enter a true marriage with somebody else. Although marriage law is only one small part of Canon Law, it demands a lot of attention because of the current state of marriage in our culture, and the practicality that many Catholics in our diocese are married or have been legally divorced.

Some parts of Canon Law apply to all Catholics, while other sections may apply only to those in religious vows, clergy, or those accused of canonical crimes (Ouch!). One of my favorite sections of Canon Law when I was in the seminary was the section on the College of Cardinals and how they relate to the pope. The whole world watches the Vatican when the Cardinals convene to elect a pope, and Canon Law directs a lot of what goes on during that time.

Canon Law can actually be some interesting reading. I would encourage you to read some of the laws regarding the sacraments, especially the Eucharist! Go to your search engine and look up "Canon 897, Code of Canon Law," and that is the beginning of the section on the Eucharist. Unlike some legal systems, Canon Law is easily understood, and not much technical training is required to benefit from reading parts of it. I know this topic is not of interest to everyone, but to those who have read this article, thank you! Please say a prayer that Fr. Peter and I will be good students in Canon Law, to help in our local church's goal of working for the salvation of souls.

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

Stewardship of Treasure July 9th and 10th

Envelopes:	\$4,721.00
Loose:	\$3,798.00
Maintenance:	\$1,175.00
Total:	\$9,694.00

June EFT: \$19,391.00

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!



St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Feast Day: July 21st | Patron of his hometown, Brindisi, Italy | Often pictured in Capuchin habit, writing with a quill, holding the baby Jesus, or carrying a crucifix.

Lawrence is one of those hard saints to emulate. Born to devout parents, he grew up an intelligent and pious boy and by the age of 16 entered the Capuchin order and quickly mastered not only those studies but he also easily became fluent in Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish, and French. While still a deacon his preaching was so moving that he was asked to travel all over Italy preaching in the largest and most popular cities in the country, something he would continue to do after he was ordained a priest at the young age of 23. It was said that he had memorized the entire bible, in its original language, and so over the course of his life he would be called to preach all over Europe, bringing countless people back to the true faith by his clarity, depth of scriptural and patristic insight, and capacity to relate his sermons to the varied congregations he addressed. Over the following decades, he would hold many of the highest positions in the Capuchin order and on one famous occasion also rode out in front of Christian armies defending Hungary against a Turkish invasion. He carried only a crucifix, but came away without a scratch, and the Christian armies faced 4-to-1 odds against them, but came away with the victory.

How can you or I emulate that?! Where in our lives do the graces – of fluency in language, ecstasy at Mass, defense amidst battles, eloquence and knowledge and convincing words ... – where in my life would those graces even go? I don't even ask for such tremendous gifts, sticking with just requesting the graces needed for my daily duties. "Give me this day my daily bread": the basic grace of being patient, attentive, generous, and faithful ... of perseverance in prayer, of trust in God, of love of neighbor. I struggle to carry my daily cross enough even without 80,000 Turks bearing down on me. I struggle to communicate the Gospel to one person in spiritual direction, much less to crowds who don't want to hear it. I struggle to stay prayerful when saying Mass for the nuns, ecstasy and sublime contemplation seem unlikely.

When getting to know a great saint like Lawrence, we are faced with a difficult situation: we must both accept that Lawrence was given graces that we have not, but at the same time we must not give up the call that God speaks to us to live a life of heroic sanctity. How can we stay both humble, and bold? Both content/trusting, and magnanimous? How is it every "enough" to spend my morning on email and laundry when Lawrence was reading the Old Testament in Hebrew and leading armies into battle?! May I point out a simple, but transformative, truth? Notice that every one of those wondrous graces in Lawrence's life was so that he could love. Being a saint is easy, it only requires love. "Love one another as I have loved you." "Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and your neighbor as yourself." "What you did for the least of my brethren, you did for Me." "Whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Fr. Dominic Rankin struggles to be a saint just like everybody else. He faces the same attack and same lie that we all do: "you aren't smart enough ... holy enough ... productive enough ... courageous enough ... trusting enough ... humble enough ... loving enough ... to be a saint." Thing is, the lie is easily denounced: sanctity doesn't depend on me, it depends on Jesus. And He is enough for me to become a saint.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Joey, John Paul and Luke who were Confirmed and/or received First Communion recently! Please pray for these young men to always stay close to Jesus!

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!

Women's Bible Study – Touching the Divine, A Study of the Gospel of John

Touching the Divine, a 20-lesson Bible study, focuses on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality. Saint John referred to himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” and as we study, John will teach us how much Jesus loves us, and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Knowing Christ more intimately, as John did, will touch your heart and fill you with hope!

Thursdays at 10:00am and 1:00pm beginning on September 1.

Contact Vicki to reserve a spot and purchase your book, \$40 217/522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org If you'd like to be in an evening group let Vicki know.



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

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

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

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Around the Diocese

Dive Deep - St. Louis Cardinals Chaplain Shares Stories from the Ballpark

It is a dream come true for Father Chris Comerford, pastor of St. James and Patrick in Decatur. A huge baseball fan, he has been combining two of his loves, the sport and our faith, for more than 12 years as Chaplain for the St. Louis Cardinals. Fr. Chris shares funny stories, players he has gotten to know, and what it's like ministering in Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Go to dio.org/podcast to listen or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms

49 million People in 46 countries face extreme, life-threatening 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.

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.

Springfield Right to Life Fundraiser

Springfield Right to life and Two Hearts Springfield will be hosting a joint fundraiser on September 10, 2022 with Ms. Amy Gherke, the Director of Illinois Right to life as the featured speaker. The Breakfast event will be held at Christ the King Parish from 8:00 to 11:30 with the doors opening at 7:30. If you are interested in hosting a table at this event, please contact the office at (217) 523-2700 or (217) 670-1115 to make your reservation and then plan to attend a (light) luncheon meeting on July 23 from 11:30-1:00. This luncheon will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Center at 1615 West Washington Street.

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.

Have plastic containers and/or plastic bags?

St. John's Breadline is asking for donations of plastic containers for Soup To-Go and plastic bags for taking groceries home for their guests. Recycle with purpose! Donations may be dropped off at St. John's Breadline any day between 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thank you for helping them serve others with faith and love!