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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.



Pray and Fast for Illinois

Last month, the Supreme Court overturned the 1973 decision of Roe v. Wade which granted legal access to abortion in our country. In the years following that decision, it is estimated that more than 63 million abortions have taken place in our country alone, a staggering statistic to consider. While this Supreme Court decision was a welcome step in the right direction for the protection of human life, there is much work to be done. To some extent, changing laws is easy (though it may not seem that way), but the work of changing hearts and changing the culture is FAR more difficult. But this is where the most important work of the Pro-Life movement lies. To be sure, every effort, including working for a change in legislation, is necessary when it comes to building a culture of life. But the work of converting hearts is where we have the most hope for lasting success. Jesus Himself makes the call

to conversion a central theme in His preaching, and it continues to be at the heart of the Church's work in our world.

In that regard, a new grassroots effort has begun which is inviting the people of Illinois to undertake a campaign of prayer and fasting for the conversion of those in our state. Central to this effort is the recognition that Illinois is one of the states where the legal access to abortion continues, and our state is becoming a place where others will come in order to obtain an abortion. Even though the recent Supreme Court decision promises to reduce abortions in many places in our country, the opposite will be true for our state. As Catholics in this state, we cannot be unmoved by this sad situation, thus the invitation to turn to our two most powerful tools in combating evil and sin – prayer and fasting.

This campaign is asking the faithful to pray and fast every Friday on bread and water, offering up these acts for the conversion of Illinois. To be sure, we hope that one day the laws of our state will reflect our beliefs in the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. And while our primary focus with this campaign is protecting innocent life in the womb, it must extend to other areas of life as well, including proper care for the poor, mentally ill, prisoners, etc. Perhaps as important as anything to pray for is the conversion of heart that is necessary with regards to how we consider one another. Division has never felt so strong and people on every side of every issue seem more ready to attack those who oppose them, verbally and physically. While some division is to be expected as we seek to pursue truth and justice, the type of division that is becoming more common in how we speak of and treat others is nothing short of demonic. That may sound strong, but consider that the primary work of the devil is to divide us, and he will never cease to find ways of making us see others as the enemy and worthy of our fiercest reactions. The Lord invites us, however, to see others as our neighbors, as brothers and sisters. Sometimes siblings and neighbors disagree, and there can be a place for that, but we must never lose sight of the necessity of always approaching others with charity, which is to will the good of the other. And one of the greatest goods we can will for another is their conversion to truth according to God's will, which will bring about the unity the Lord desires for us as His beloved children.

So let us join in praying and fasting for the conversion of those in our state, recognizing that the first ones for whom we offer our prayers for conversion is ourselves. Only from that place of being converted ourselves will we be able to work for the conversion of others, motivated always by charity, and never by bitterness, anger, or hatred.

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, August 1

7am - Douglas Crocher
(Chris Sommer)
5:15pm - Duncan
(Family)

Tuesday, August 2

7am - Bill West Family
(Carol West)
5:15pm - Joseph Reichle

Wednesday, August 3

7am - Albert Crispi Sr.
(John Busciacco)
5:15pm - Special Intention
(Richard & Kay King)

Thursday, August 4

7am - Helen Gaupel
(Julie Berberet)
5:15pm - William F. & Shirley Logan
(Lisa Logan & Lori Logan Motyka)

Friday, August 5

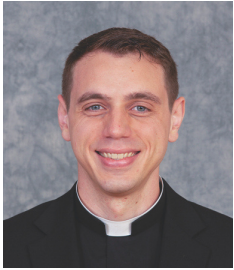
7am - Sophia Bartoletti & Family
(Estate)
5:15pm - Bishop Thomas John
Paprocki (Chris Sommer)

Saturday, August 6

8am - Julie Kemp
(Family)
4pm - Pamela Harmon
(Matt Reed)

Sunday, August 7

7am - Julie Kemp
(Family)
10am - Mercedes & Charles Nesbitt
(Kathy Frank)
5pm - For the People



Papal Pilgrimages

I don't usually talk about current Church events in my Weekly column, but recently I have felt drawn to think about and follow Pope Francis' penitential pilgrimage to Canada. I admit that I have only been reading a few articles here and there about his time visiting our neighbor to the north, but I soon hope to sit down for a while to watch some videos, read his homily transcripts, and see how the indigenous peoples of Canada received his visit. Pope Francis has been very clear about the reason for his visit to Canada this week. He is there to apologize for the ways in which the Catholic Church

historically mistreated various indigenous peoples, especially in the administration of boarding schools in which native language and dress was prohibited. Recently, graveyards of students have been discovered, probably the remains of students who passed away from illness while studying, with no funds to return their bodies home.

When I first heard about the Pope's plan to travel to Canada, I was surprised because it didn't seem like the Catholic Church was the only or even the primary perpetrator of these sins. The government paid for these schools, and other churches and organizations also administered similar schools. But, these facts do not excuse Catholics from the duty to do what we can to correct injustices of the past. The Church leads the world in many ways, and offering authentic apologies is another way for the Church to lead the world down the path of reconciliation. After Pope Francis met with Canadian Indigenous leaders in Rome, he said, "any truly effective process of healing requires concrete action." Pope Francis' concrete action in this case is to humbly ask for forgiveness with sorrow. Although the wounds may still feel fresh to many indigenous people, it is hard to ignore the authenticity and love that Pope Francis carries in his demeanor and words. Pope Francis is an 85-year-old man, and to make the journey to Canada, mostly in a wheelchair, is a striking sign of his authenticity.

When a Pope visits a certain place, the ripple effect of those events lasts for generations. My first time seeing the pope in person (at least I'm assuming that I saw him, as I was four years old) was when Pope John Paul II came to St. Louis in 1999. Recently some parishioners told me that they were at the same event in 1999 with Pope John Paul II. In 1993, Pope John Paul II had also visited Denver. Although I wasn't born yet, I have heard that the Pope's time in Denver impacted an entire generation of young Catholics. His visit contributed to the re-opening of their seminary, the establishment of the Augustine Institute, and several other evangelistic initiatives. In 2015, Pope Francis came to Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia to celebrate the canonization of St. Junipero Serra. I was there with my seminary at the canonization Mass. Although these events are only a very small part of what popes do in their ministry, the impact of their visit reverberates far beyond the few days spent there. I hope that Pope Francis' time in Canada is fruitful. In a way, he represents every Catholic around the world, and he shows us how we should respond to sin: not with denials or cover-ups, but with humility and love for the one who has been hurt by the sin.

On Monday, Pope Francis concluded a homily with the following words. May we all seek true reconciliation in our lives, always through the Cross.

Dear friends, the reconciliation brought by Christ was no agreement to preserve outward peace, a sort of gentlemen's agreement meant to keep everyone happy. Nor was it a peace that dropped down from heaven, imposed from on high, or by assimilating the other. The Apostle Paul tells us that Jesus reconciles by bringing together, by making two distant groups one: one reality, one soul, one people. And how does he do that? Through the cross (cf. Eph 2:14). Jesus reconciles us with one another on the cross, on the "tree of life", as the ancient Christians loved to call it.

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

Stewardship of Treasure July 23rd and 24th

Envelopes:	\$6,499.00
Loose:	\$5,169.00
Maintenance:	\$163.00
Total:	\$11,831.00

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!



Saintly Schenanegans (Part 2)

We continue our unpacking of the ins and outs of celebrating the saints this week, and we start back in the 1500s when the Church's liturgy was much more varied than it is now. We have grown accustomed to the Mass being in large part the same the world over, and outside of variety in language and culture, you should be able to go to a Catholic Mass anywhere in the world and follow the liturgy pretty well: the prayers, music, movement and rituals should all be familiar. Back before the Council of Trent, however, there were dozens of different missals, and countless different feasts, celebrating different saints, in different ways, on different days, in different countries. Of the many things that came from the Council of Trent, one of the requests it made of the Pope was that he unify the Church's celebration of the

sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The Protestant reformation had shown a widespread lack of understanding of the sacraments throughout the Church, and though Trent was a spectacular theological response to them, it awaited the work of the Popes that followed that council to put into liturgical form the dogmatic teachings from that council of bishops. This meant a reform of the liturgy that would move most dioceses and orders to a unified Missal and calendar of feast days. I should note that exception was given to protect traditions that stretched back far into the Church's history, that being ancient Rites (example: the Ambrosian Rite) as well as particular Rites connected to the great Religious Orders of the Church's history (like the Dominican Rite), but all the recent customizations of the Mass would be unified in one Roman Catholic Rite.

Pope Pius V would be the one to complete the unifying of the Missal and Breviary in 1568 and 1570, but our story will stick with his successor, Pope Gregory XIII, upon whom fell the task to create a universal calendar. First he painstakingly established a list of all those that the Church considered saints: a document that would become the Roman Martyrology we came across last week. (Gregory would also promulgate the Roman Pontifical, with the rubrics for papal liturgies, and his successor, Pope Clement VIII would promulgate the Episcopal Ceremonial, for liturgies of the bishop, as well as the Roman Ritual, for blessings, other sacraments, and those sorts of things.)

The problem of establishing a common-calendar was actually a pretty gnarly one. Ever since Julius Caesar, the western world had been using the Julian calendar which had years with (on average) 365.25 days. That quarter day was created by the addition of an extra day in each 4 "leap" years. Back then, instead of adding February 29th, they actually duplicated February 24th. Funnily enough, with the feast of St. Matthias on February 24th, they had to decide to celebrate him on the second 24th of February during those leap-years... But there was a big problem: one year on earth is actually 265.2422 days long, so the extra-day-every-four-years after 15+ centuries meant the calendar was now about 10 days off.

It is bad enough to have the calendar gradually not quite matching reality, but the bigger reason that Pope Gregory XIII wanted to fix the calendar was that every time we celebrated the feasts of Our Savior's life (or the saints), we were not quite exactly doing so on their anniversary, and Jesus matters enough to celebrate Him as perfectly as we can! So, Gregory fixed the leap-year problem by adding February 29th on years divisible by four except when the year is divisible by 100 (but, ignoring those years that are divisible by 400). This means that his "Gregorian" calendar has years averaging 265.2425, which is very close to reality (though we're still set to be about a day off every 7700 years. Obviously, we have not had to deal with that problem yet.)

Of course, Gregory also had to move the calendar forward those 10 days to catch it up with Earth's orbit around the sun: so October 5-14, 1582 never happened! Everybody (in a Catholic country) went straight from the 4th to the 15th of October in 1582. Plenty of people complained about "losing" 10 days of their life, and plenty of Protestant and Orthodox countries at first refused to accept this Papal dictate at all. In fact, for a number of years, crossing into some countries meant you went backwards or forward 10 or more days (and you thought daylight savings time was bad!). It took until the 1900s for Eastern Europe (Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Russia, Estonia, Romania) and others like China and Turkey to accept the update, and Saudi Arabia held out until 2016! Why those specific days in October? Because Gregory did not want to skip any important feast days, so he held out until right after the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th.

Fr. Dominic Rankin cannot move onto the final part of this series without recounting one fascinating saintly detail from those ten nonexistent days. St. Theresa of Avila died right about midnight on October 4th, 1582. So, we are not sure if her last words, "'My Lord, it is time to move on. Well then, may your will be done. O my Lord and my Spouse, the hour that I have longed for has come. It is time to meet one another," were spoken on the last hour of October 4th or the first hour of October 15th 1582! (Just to clarify, the Church decided to celebrate her feast day on October 15th.)

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

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

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 from Sr. Francella and her Cathedral volunteers.

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.

Thank You from First Step

"How God has blessed First Step Women's Center through the generosity of wonderful friends like you! The Cathedral donated over \$2300 as part of the Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign. Precious lives will be saved because of your generosity. Our prayer is that God will richly bless you for helping to make our ministry happen." We continue to accept baby bottles. It's not too late to return yours in the collection basket or parish office. Thank you.

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

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, 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.

Safe Families Trainings

Cathedral is a Safe Families parish. This means our parish partners with Safe Families to exemplify Biblical hospitality that helps keep children safe and families intact. We surround families in crisis with a caring, compassionate community. And we need you to help grow our network of support by opening your arms, your hearts, and your homes. There are two virtual training sessions being held in August and registration is now open.

Safe Families Session 1: Core/Family Friend Training
Tickets, Tue, Aug 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-families-session-1-corefamily-friend-training-tickets-388231369477?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Safe Families Session 2: Host Family Training Tickets, Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-families-session-2-host-family-training-tickets-388241489747?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Contact Vicki if you have questions 217/522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.

Volunteers Needed: St. John's Breadline

Starting on August, St. John's Breadline will resume serving breakfast between 8 - 9 a.m. featuring the entrée of the day along with choices of cereal, oatmeal, grits, fruit, and breakfast breads. St. John's Breadline is in need of volunteers from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering at St. John's Breadline, please contact Shawna Harris at 217.528.6098 or sharris_stjb@cc.dio.org.

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! We will no longer be collecting these at the Cathedral; donations may be dropped off directly 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!

SDCCW Convention

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) are inviting all women of the diocese to their 93rd annual convention called "Women of the Bible" on Wed. Sept. 28 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Mattoon (1920 Richmond Ave.) It takes place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The program starts at 9 a.m. with Mass at 11 a.m. The speakers are Dr. Dee Stern a grief therapist and chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. Dr. Stern, who recently authored the book "Comforting the bereaved through listening and positive responding: What are the bereaved trying to tell us?" will give a talk titled "Comparing their grief to how women grieve today." Patty Winn, a character of true faith and grit, will use her talents to portray historical and biblical characters and present "Women at the well." Women of all ages are welcome to attend the convention which seeks to enhance, enrich, and renew family life with the beauty and riches that God planned for it from the time of creation. The cost is \$50 and includes breakfast and lunch. A block of hotel rooms in Mattoon have also been reserved at the Super 8 and Comfort Suites. Registration is due by Sept. 7. Make checks payable to SDCCW and mail the payment to Jody Secondino-Crandell, 12872 N. 1900th St., Paris, IL 61944. For more information, contact Jody at or call 812-208-4293. Registration forms have also been provided to each parish to put in their vestibules or other locations.