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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.



Mass Intentions

Every so often, I have people ask about the meaning of Mass intentions. You have probably noticed that when we offer the Prayers of the Faithful, we always include an intention for a specific person. In the bulletin, you will notice the list of Mass intentions that are coming up for the week ahead. But what is this all about? What exactly are Mass intentions?

When a priest celebrates Mass, he does so with two specific intentions in mind. First, he offers Mass according to what the Church expects of him. Priests are encouraged to pray the following prayer each time before they celebrate Mass:

My purpose is to celebrate Mass and to make present the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the rite of the holy Roman Church to the praise of our all-powerful God and all his assembly in the glory of heaven, for my good and the good of all his pilgrim Church on earth, and for all who have asked me to pray for them in general and in particular, and for the good of the holy Roman Church. May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us joy and peace, amendment of life, room for true repentance, the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit, and perseverance in good works. Amen.

Let me draw your attention one line, where the priest promises to pray “for all who have asked me to pray for them in general and in particular.” The “in particular” mentioned here is the second specific intention, where the priest will intend to offer that particular Mass so that the fruits of the Mass will be applied to that person in particular. To be sure, each Mass will benefit the entire Church, but it is also the case that individuals can receive special graces when a Mass is offered specifically for them.

One common misconception is that Mass intentions are only for those who are deceased. That makes it pretty awkward when you see somebody's name listed in the bulletin and you just saw them last week! Having masses offered for the deceased is probably much more common, as this is one of greatest gifts we can offer souls who have died. The Church's presumption is that when people die, they need purification in Purgatory before being admitted to Heaven. These souls rely on our prayers to assist them in their final steps toward Heaven, and the Mass is the greatest means to help achieve that end. But masses can be offered for the living as well. Several members of our diocesan Catholic Pastoral Center staff have had masses celebrated for them at the Cathedral on or near their birthdays. In that regard, this past Friday (August 5) at the 5:15 pm Mass we had a Mass intention for Bishop Paprocki on the occasion of his 70th Birthday! Many blessings to him in gratitude for his leadership to our diocese! On Sundays and Holy Days, there will also be a Mass offered for the parish family, as required by Canon Law.

In addition to the priest who has a particular Mass intention at every Mass, it is customary for all the faithful to bring a Mass intention with them to offer up with the priest. This is made clear when, at the Offertory, the priest says to the people: “Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father Almighty.” By virtue of our Baptism, we have a share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, though not in the same way as ordained priests. Nevertheless, we are all priests in the general sense, and one of the primary things that a priest does is to offer sacrifice. Part of that sacrifice is the intention we offer at Mass for somebody, living or dead. Keep that in mind the next time you are at Mass. Before Mass begins, take a moment before each Mass to name that intention in your heart, and unite it to the sacrifice being offered by the priest on your behalf at that 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, August 8

7am - Tom Shrewsbury
(LouAnn Mack & Carl Corrigan)
5:15pm - Torquato “Tony” Bartoletti
(Estate)

Tuesday, August 9

7am - Mary Jane Kerns
(Estate)
5:15pm - Anna Geraldine Gasaway
(Rob Gasaway)

Wednesday, August 10

7am - Joe Reichle
(LouAnn Mack & Carl Corrigan)
5:15pm - Mathias Bates
(Bates Family)

Thursday, August 11

7am - Janet Hackenmueller
(Anonymous)
5:15pm - Karen Bucari
(Alan Bucari)

Friday, August 12

7am - Joe Lauduskie
(Jim & Sandy Bloom)
5:15pm - Special Intention for
Bianca (D.A. Drago)

Saturday, August 13

8am - John Montgomery
(John Busciacco)
4pm - Sophia Bartoletti
(Estate)

Sunday, August 14

7am - Mary Ann Midden
(William Midden)
10am - For the People
5pm - Deceased members of the
CCCW (CCCW)



Saintly Schenanegans (Part 3)

Ok, we complete our examination of the Church's calendar of feast days this week. We have seen how, because of such a spectacular number of saints, you cannot always celebrate a saint on their actual day of death, or, at least they cannot all find a place on the Universal Calendar. For some saints, like Mary, Martha, and Lazarus who we started this whole project with, we do not know the day they died since we simply do not have records of that. For others, we have to move their feast-day to celebrate something more important, for instance St. Dominic, who we will celebrate on August 8th, actually died on August 6th, but because Our Lord's Transfiguration is celebrated on the 6th, St. Dominic is bumped forward 2 days, onto a day which may not be his heavenly-birth-day, but happily falls on the day of his earthly birth.

Why did we begin this investigation with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus? Well, because two years ago, Pope Francis changed the feast on July 29th from just being for St. Martha, to also include her sister Mary, and brother Lazarus. These are the kinds of smaller changes that happen constantly in the life of the Church that perhaps we don't notice, but which gradually impact our life of faith. Why might Pope Francis have done this? If I had to guess, it actually has to do with St. Mary Magdalen, who has sometimes been conflated with Mary of Bethany, but whom scholarship has gradually shifted to thinking that the two Mary's were different disciples of Jesus. Pope Francis, in 2016, upgraded the feast day of St. Mary Magdalen (on July 22nd) from the level of an obligatory memorial to a feast, (this primarily means that she now has more of her own prayers at Masses on that day). After giving greater emphasis to St. Mary Magdalen, and focusing on the gift of mercy that she received from Jesus, Pope Francis wanted to give greater emphasis to the other Mary, reminding all of us of what it looks like to have close friendship with Jesus. He does not just forgive, He also wants to spend time with us in our homes!

I should mention that saints are not always added or upgraded on the calendar. Sometimes Popes choose to remove saints from the calendar, and not simply for space reasons. St. Pope Pius V, who we saw preceding Pope Gregory XIII, did some preparatory work for his successor and removed whole bunch of saints from the yearly calendar (Sts. Joachim and Anne, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, and others) as well as some feasts we may now consider rather odd (the feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, for instance). Other feasts he "downgraded" to a lower class so they would not trump important seasons such as Advent and Lent. After Vatican II, something similar happened, with dozens of saints losing their feast day (examples being St. Philomena, St. Ursula, and St. Christopher) and others being moved to other days or upgraded/downgraded as far as their "class" of feast goes. There are a variety of reasons for this. Sometimes because devotion or knowledge of a saint has waned they may be removed, or other saints who are considered more impactful, loved, or needed at this particular time might take their spot.

Here we can see how popular devotion actually ends up impacting the Church's liturgical life. As saints grow, or shrink, in popularity, this can eventually change the Church's celebration of them. That said, the Church also has an obligation to push back on fads and whims, holding before the world saints who challenge and shock us. You get into heaven not because of a popular vote but because of complete surrender to God! Still, each of us personally should choose saints as particularly close friends both for the ways that they challenge us, but also for the ways their lives or virtues attract us. Even if it is not a saint on the universal calendar, we can and should look up their feast day and celebrate accordingly!

A final nugget found in researching these essays: Hurricanes were originally not given alphabetical names, but the name of the saint on whose feast day they first made landfall. See the "San Calixto" hurricane (named after St. Pope Callixtus I, October 14th, 1780), "San Ciriaco" (after St. Cyriacus, August 8th, 1899, though his day has now been stolen by St. Dominic), or even Hurricane Betsy, nicknamed "Santa Clara" (after St. Clare, August 12th, 1956, though her feast since 1970 has been restored to her actual day of death of August 11th.)

Fr. Dominic Rankin has seen a shift in popular devotion to the saints over just the past year or two, with far more children choosing St. Gianna and St. Teresa of Calcutta as their patron saint at confirmation than before. This could be because we shifted to younger children receiving that sacrament over that same period so I wonder if the stories of Gianna and Teresa more easily captivate our young ladies' hearts?

Did the directions that Pope John Paul II gave in 1997, "On Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priest: Practical Provisions" go away? I have seen lots of people using their hands during the Lord's Prayer and "with your spirit". The directions said: "In eucharistic celebrations deacons and non-ordained members of the faithful may not pronounce prayers — e.g. especially the eucharistic prayer, with its concluding doxology — or any other parts of the liturgy reserved to the celebrant priest. Neither may deacons or non-ordained members of the faithful use gestures or actions which are proper to the same priest celebrant. It is a grave abuse for any member of the non-ordained faithful to "quasi preside" at the Mass while leaving only that minimal participation to the priest which is necessary to secure validity."

Before reading your question, I was not familiar with the 1997 document by Pope John Paul II which you mention. It is quite lengthy, and I have not read the entirety of the text, but I can assure you that it is still in force. At the end of the document are thirteen practical provisions which give examples of what to do or not to do during the sacred liturgy, where I see in provision number six the quote that you shared about quasi-presiding.

I am assuming that the purpose of this document and instruction was to correct liturgical abuses which had popped up in various places around the world following the implementation of the Second Vatican Council. Vatican II had called for a renewal in the understanding of the common priesthood which flows from one's baptism into Christ as priest, prophet, and king. However, the Council was also extremely clear that there are two types of priesthood in the Church – one common, one ministerial. The people that we call "priests" are generally ministerial priests. These two types of priesthood are essentially different, and as the Council said in *Lumen Gentium*, "Indeed the ministerial priesthood does not of itself signify a greater degree of holiness with regard to the common priesthood of the faithful; through it, Christ gives to priests, in the Spirit, a particular gift so that they can help the People of God to exercise faithfully and fully the common priesthood which it has received". The ministerial priesthood exists to serve the common priesthood.

Unfortunately, some in the Church misunderstood the Council's teachings and sought to replace the priest at Mass with other people. In some places, based on the reading of the document, some priests were allowing members of the lay faithful to say the priest's prayers of the Mass at the altar, while the priest might step in to say the Consecration to ensure the validity of the Mass. This is the grave abuse that the document is referencing.

It does not seem to me that extending one's hands while praying the Lord's prayer or saying "and with your spirit" constitutes a grave abuse, such as a lay person praying the priest's prayers from the altar. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal does not prescribe a gesture for the lay faithful during the Our Father, or while saying, "and with your spirit." There are varying opinions on the suitability of the lay faithful praying the Our Father while holding hands or with hands extended. In one way, I can see this as an inappropriate imitation of the priest who also prays the Our Father with hands extended. Praying with one's hands extended is a very traditional gesture of prayer, and one that I am sure we have all used before. It has typically been reserved to the priest during Mass. However, in this case, I do not think that there is the intention to mimic the priestly gesture, as most priests have their hands extended vertically during Mass, while the lay faithful have their hands open horizontally. I am definitely getting "into the weeds" here, but it seems to me that the intention in this case is not to imitate a priestly gesture. My understanding is that the lay faithful praying with hands extended is not envisioned by the rubrics. However, I have never corrected anybody about this, nor do I intend to, as I see it only as a slight irregularity, and not a liturgical abuse.

This document clarifies things that many of us take for granted, but may have been neglected or abused in some parts of the world. Among other things, this document affirms that only a member of the clergy can give a homily, only a priest can celebrate the Anointing of the Sick, only priests can be members of the diocesan presbyteral council, and clergy are the ordinary ministers of baptism and funerals. Thank you for your attentiveness to the liturgical instructions of the Church – through them, we find great freedom in worshiping God as he wants us to!

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

Stewardship of Treasure July 30th and 31st

Envelopes:	\$3,922.00
Loose:	\$3,465.00
Maintenance:	\$105.00
Total:	\$7,492.00

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!

Sacraments

Baptisms

Yago Salamanca
Baptized on 07/31/2022
Child of Stevens Salamanca &
Rennye Delgado

Deaths

William (Bill) Spivey
Date of Death: 07/28/2022

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

Mission Appeal Weekend - August 27th & 28th

During Mission Appeal Weekend, Sisters Lucy and Chrisanta of the Congregation of the Sisters of our Lady of Usambara Tanga - Tanzania will be visiting the Cathedral.

As a religious community, they are working to fulfill the following ministries:

- Formation of postulants and novices and ongoing formation of sisters and laity. We also provide two years catechetical and theological training to the laity and young professed sisters, so as to prepare them to serve God's people in various settings in Tanzania. We provide training in more effective evangelization, and deliberately foster efficiency, transparency and accountability.
- Malaria endemic and other killers' diseases leading to high demands of medications and medical needs, and high shortage of medication. Our area has high parental death due to HIV/AIDs leading to high number of children in need, this is a major problem in the area. Our community has health centers where children, elderly and others can access medical treatment and education for opportunistic sicknesses that come with being infected by various deadly viruses. The need for modern medical equipment.

Pray the Rosary

Come join us to pray the rosary as our Blessed Mother requested. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:45pm.

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.

RCIA Introduction: Meet Kara Krasucki

Hi there! My name is Kara Krasucki. I've lived in Springfield since 2006, just after the tornadoes. I graduated from LLCC and plan to earn my BA/MA at UIS and hopefully become a Psychology Professor at either institution. I'm engaged to a wonderful man, Andrew, who is from Divernon. I am also an adopted Dog Mom to a 13 year old Chihuahua named Sammy, whom I am always willing to share photos and videos of if you need some extra cuteness in your day. I love psychology, writing, hula hooping, singing, and getting lost in my Nook app. My Dad is Catholic and my Mom was Pentecostal so I was able to experience both Churches growing up. I've always been inexplicably drawn to the Catholic Church and since I started attending mass at the Cathedral I have no doubt that I have found a home here.



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.

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.

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

Directory Updates

If you want your photo included in the directory and didn't have your photo taken, you can submit a photo. The cost is \$15 and you will receive a copy of the directory. If the photo was taken professionally, a release from the photographer is required.

Church records will be used for names and addresses in the directory. To update your information or to request your information not be included in the directory, please contact the parish office at 217-522-3342.

Additional copies of the directory are available for \$10 and must be pre-ordered.

The deadline for the items listed above is Monday, August 22.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Diocese

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.

Butler Funeral Home Peace of Mind Seminar

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 on Thursday, August 18th from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Lake Pointe Grill in Springfield. This event is complimentary: no cost or obligation. Please call 217-544-4646 to reserve your space no later than Monday, August 15th.

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.

Dive Deep: Sean Hussey

From a quarterback record holder to theology teacher - Sean Hussey set records as a quarterback for Charleston High School. Today, our Catholic faith is his passion. This year, he starts as a theology teacher at St. Anthony High School in Effingham, but that passion for our faith wasn't always part of his life. Hear his story by going to dio.org/podcast to listen or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms.

DCCW Meeting - Monday, August 15

All women, far and near are invited to the Springfield Deanery Council of Catholic Women Meeting: Monday, August 15, Our Lady of the Holy Spirit, Mt. Zion, 400 North Whitetail Circle. Registration: 9 A.M., Mass: 9:30 A.M., Feast of the Assumption of Mary, followed by Brunch. Chelsie Leffelman from "Empower Illinois" will explain how we can obtain a state tax credit for donating to "Invest in Kids" (scholarships for qualified students who attend participating Catholic Grade or High Schools). Deanery Meeting, Diocesan and Deanery announcements, Parish Happenings, Fun Bingo and Prayer to approximately 2 P.M. RSVP to President, Janet Zimmerman, janetzim14@yahoo.com or 217-494-4743.

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.

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!