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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.



Precepts of the Church – Part II

In last week's bulletin, I wrote about the Precepts of the Church, focusing on the first precept of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. I was pleased to see a good number of people in attendance for our masses on the Solemnity of the Assumption this past week, even though it was not a day of obligation this year due to its falling on a Monday.

Given that the concept of the Precepts of the Church may be new for some of you, or at least something you may have not considered in a while, I thought it might be a good idea to address the other precepts over the next few weeks. For our review, the Catechism states the following about these precepts (emphasis added):

The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor. (CCC 2041)

Instead of just going from one precept to the next, I would like to jump to the fifth precept for our consideration this week: Providing for the needs of the Church.

In our Fourth Diocesan Synod, held in 2017, a prominent theme was that of stewardship. The tenth declaration from the Synod summarizes what we mean by stewardship:

As a Diocese committed to discipleship and stewardship, the community of Catholic faithful recognizes that everything we have comes from God and that He has given us gifts not just to use them for ourselves but also to share them with others. As faithful and generous stewards of God's abundant gifts, those committed to discipleship and stewardship as a way of life pledge to share their talents, give of their time and contribute proportionately from their financial resources for the good of the Church and those in need.

You will have noticed in last weekend's bulletin a summary of our financial position which offers some insight into the good financial stewardship in our parish. In most parishes, unfortunately, a large majority of the financial support comes from a relatively small number of parishioners. In other words, let us not be too comfortable with where we are, but heed the invitation to prayerfully reflect on how the Lord is inviting us to be more generous in sharing from our abundance for the good of the Church – locally here at the Cathedral, and beyond. In that regard, you will see some information in the bulletin about our mission appeal that will be taking place next weekend. Supporting the good work of the sisters who will come to speak with us is an excellent way for us to live our stewardship for the good of the Universal Church.

Lest you think stewardship is only about money, notice how the definition also includes being stewards of our time and talent. In that regard, we have noticed some disappointing declines in the number of liturgical ministers at our masses. It is becoming more and more difficult to fill some of the slots we need in order to make for a good experience at each Mass. In particular, we have a great need for greeters and ushers, especially at our 5:00 PM Sunday Mass, and for people to do the livestreaming at our 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Please contact Vicki Compton if you are willing to exercise your stewardship of time and talent in these or any liturgical role.

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 22

7am - John & Edith Bakalar
(John Busciacco)

5:15pm - Genevieve Bitschenauer
(Barbara Bitschenauer)

Tuesday, August 23

7am - Betty Rogers
(Glen Rogers)

5:15pm - Alfred G. Nicoud
(Tim Nicoud)

Wednesday, August 24

7am - Aileen A. Ford
(Sandra Dangelo)

5:15pm - Josephine Beagles
(Family)

Thursday, August 25

7am - Gekas Family
(Philip & Peggy Gekas)

5:15pm - Barbara McGrath
(Family)

Friday, August 26

7am - Ann West
(Carol E. West)

5:15pm - Sophia Bartoletti
(Estate)

Saturday, August 27

8am - John Vogt Jr.
(Bill Vogt)

4pm - Virginia Chineke
(Fr. Peter Chineke)

Sunday, August 28

7am - Pamela Rose Harmon
(Archie Harmon)

10am - Tim Davlin
(Carol West)

5pm - For the People



Prayer of Bl. Jordan of Saxony to St. Dominic

Last week, I shared the first half of a prayer to St. Dominic. Here is the second half. I invite you to pray this prayer for the Dominican Order, either all at once or spread out during the week. This prayer can be found in a foldable PDF form at: <https://www.marburydominicanuns.org/prayer-of-bl-jordan-to-st-dominic/>

Thursday

O holy father Dominic, we praise you and venerate you, because you consecrated yourself to Jesus Christ. In the first flower of your age you dedicated your virgin soul to the comely Spouse of virgins. In your baptismal innocence, shining with the grace of the Holy Spirit, you devoted your soul in fervent love to the King of kings. From early youth you stood arrayed with the full armor of holy discipline. In the very morning of life you “disposed your heart to ascend by steps” unto God; you went “from strength to strength,” always advancing from good to better. Your body you offered as “a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing unto God.” Taught by divine wisdom, you consecrated yourself entirely to Him. Having once started on the way of holiness, never did you look back, but giving up all for Christ, who for us was stripped of all, you followed Him faithfully, choosing to have your treasure in heaven rather than on earth.

Friday

O holy father Dominic, steadfastly did you deny yourself. Manfully did you carry your cross. Valiantly did you plant your feet in the footprints of Him Who is in very truth our Savior and our Guide. All on fire with the flame of charity burning strongly in your fervent soul, you de-voted your whole self to God by the vow of poverty. You embraced it yourself and by the counsel of the Holy Spirit instituted the Order of Friars Preachers to carry out the strictest form of evangelical poverty. By the shining light of your merits and example you enlightened the whole Church. When God called you from the prison of the flesh to the court of heaven your soul went up into glory, and in shining raiment you now stand near to God as our advocate. Come then, I pray you, and help me, and not only myself, but all who are dear to me. Help likewise the clergy, the people, and the women consecrated to God. I ask with confidence, for you always zealously desired the salvation of all mankind. You, after the blessed Queen of virgins, are beyond all other saints my hope, my comfort, and my refuge. Bow down, then, in your mercy to help me, for to you do I fly, to you do I come and prostrate myself at your feet.

Saturday

O holy father, I call upon you as my patron. Earnestly I pray to you, devoutly do I commend myself to you. Receive me graciously, I beseech you. Keep me, protect me, help me, that through your care I may be made worthy to obtain the grace of God that I desire, to receive mercy, and all remedies necessary for the health of my soul in this world and the next. Obtain this for me, O my master. Do this for me, O blessed Dominic, our father and leader. Assist me, I pray you, and all who call upon your name. Be unto us a Dominic, that is, a man of the Lord. Be a careful keeper of the Lord's flock. Keep and govern us who have been committed to your care. Correct our lives, and reconcile us to God. After this exile is ended, present us joyfully to the beloved and exalted Son of God, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who, with the glorious Virgin Mary and all the court of heaven, dwells in honor, praise, glory, ineffable joy, and everlasting happiness, world without end. Amen.

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

Stewardship of Treasure August 13th & 14th

Envelopes:	\$3,701.00
Loose:	\$4,032.00
Maintenance:	\$70.00
Total:	\$7,803.00

July EFT: \$21,501.00

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

William “Bill” Meyer
Date of Death: 08/05/2022



Saint Stephen I, King of Hungary

Feast Day: August 16th | Patron of Hungary, Kings, Stonemasons/Bricklayers, Protector against the Death of Children

This week we begin 1500 years before Stephen's crown was returned to Hungary from Fort Knox, with the calendar now standing at about 440 AD. If you were unfortunate enough to be on the shore of the Danube river (so, modern-day Hungary) at that time, you would find yourself on the run from Attila the Hun, who was sacking Roman outposts as he swept down the river pillaging the entire Balkan peninsula with his army of horse archers. Attila would, a decade later, be stopped from sacking Rome by a word from Pope St. Leo I, but during this campaign he and his brother Bleda burned and pillaged pretty much every

settlement except for Constantinople itself. Thankfully, if you survived their onslaught, the barbarian brothers would be long in the historical rearview-mirror 500 years later when the only reminder of their presence was perhaps a shadow of "Bleda" carried down in the name of the city of "Buda". In any case, ironically, all this means that if we were to stand along the Danube in 1945, or 445, or 945, we would have found ourselves each time surrounded by bloodthirsty pagan hordes, though different ones each time.

In 945, to finally get closer to the time of St. Stephen, if we again were standing there on the Danube, we would now be bumping elbows with "the Hungarians", a conglomeration of Magyar tribes originally from Mongolia, actually descendants of the same people from which Attila and Bleda had come from. These tribes had recently gained control of the Carpathian Basin by defeating and displacing the prior residents here, members of the Kingdoms of Bulgaria, East Francia, and Moravia (who had been weakened by their own internecine conflicts). Many more details could be found if you were to delve into the Church records of that time, for that is where most of this history was recorded. The "Chronicle by George the Monk" contains the first known reference to the Hungarians. Their first raids are recorded in the "Annals of St. Bertin". The succession of their kings, who we will now get to know, are given to us in an anonymous monk's "Gesta Hungarorum". Archbishop Theotmar, 300 miles west in Salzburg, wrote around 900 of the Moravians and Hungarians allying against the Germans. His diocese has been in existence for 400 years, so Christianity was well established there in Germany, at that time ruled Louis the German, the grandson of Charlemagne. Theotmar, though, would die in battle against the Hungarians in 907, before their conversion to the faith that he championed.

To get back to those seven different Magyar tribes. As they were taking over those lands within the Carpathian peninsula, they had chosen to unite under one of their chieftains, Álmos. Three other Khazar tribes, after an unsuccessful revolt against their Khagan [King] joined those seven, calling themselves together the "Ten Arrows" ["On-Ogur", probably the origin of the name "Hungarian"], and choosing Álmos as their Grand Prince around 850 AD. They thus definitively left behind their loose obedience to the Khagan further east (and south), and started the Árpád Dynasty, which would last 450 years and would count 8 members of its line as Catholic saints or blessed, though of course we're not there just yet! Among the first six successors of Álmos, Christian names are nowhere to be found: Árpád, Zoltán, Fajsz, Taksony, Géza, and Vajk. Each, unfortunately, were in the main cruel pagan chieftains, with Géza, though he was baptized at some point and did allow missionaries into his kingdom, continuing to practice pagan rites and mercilessly murdering relatives who could act as rivals to his power.

But baptism did not leave Géza's son unconverted. Named Vajk at his birth in Esztergom, 30 miles North of Budapest, the only son of Géza and Sarolt, would take the name Stephen (after that famous deacon-martyr of the early Church) upon his own baptism at the hand of St. Adalbert of Prague. Providentially, his pagan father would arrange Stephen's marriage to Gisela, a Christian princess of Bavaria (daughter of Henry II, a member of the Ottonian dynasty, who had taken over the Germanic lands after the Carolingians had fallen from power. The Germans and Hungarians were now on better terms and this marriage was one of the acts that solidified that congenial relationship). With the help of Christian Knights from Germany, Stephen would solidify his reign over all the Hungarian tribes, and later, with the support of both Otto III (then Holy Roman Emperor) and the consecration of Pope Sylvester II, would become the first King of a united Hungary and was crowned either on December 25th, 1000 AD, or January 1st, 1001. (The records we have speak of his being crowned on the "first day of the second millennium" which could be interpreted by the dating of that time either way).

Fr. Dominic Rankin was recalling last week a time he dressed up as St. Louis of France for Halloween, important to note was that his homemade crown also incorporated some sort of bucket to maintain its structural integrity. It also made it far too small, and rather uncomfortable. St. Stephen's crown is actually far too large to fit a normal human head, so they insert a leather pad between the crown and the king to be crowned, making it fit properly, and far more comfortable than my bucket.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

Directory Group Photos - Monday, August 22

Dear Friends, as you know we have been creating a new Cathedral Directory. We would like to include group photos of all our great Cathedral volunteers and groups. We know that some of you may be unavailable at this time/date and we are sorry. It would be impossible for us to find a time and date that would work for everyone.

Please come to the atrium promptly, even early, if you would like to be in your group's photo. We will keep things moving, so don't be late! If you know of someone who should be in the photo, but may not receive this communication, please reach out to them with this info.

5:40 Home Bound/Nursing Home Visitors
5:50 Family of Faith
6:00 Altar Servers
6:10 RCIA Team
6:20 Live Stream Crew
6:30 Ushers/Greeters
6:40 Lectors
6:50 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
7:10 Women's Bible Study
7:20 Choir & Cantors
7:30 CCCW
7:40 Knights

We also apologize if you are in more than one group and there is a long gap in between photos. Thank you and God bless you for your service to our faith community!

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:

- Education has opened minds for so many women and brought changes to those who went through our education system. We offer education from kindergarten through high school. We provide seminars to various groups of people.
- Great demands for food and extreme poverty.

Living in the Father's Love Women's Bible Study

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? Living in the Father's Love will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all. This brief but powerful six-lesson Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love. Thursday evenings, 6:15-7:30 @ Cathedral School Library, Sept 1- Oct. 6, \$20. Contact Vicki to order a book and reserve your spot 217/522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org

Volunteers Needed

Please use this link <https://ome.flocknote.com/signup/84704> to volunteer to assist with Diocesan Confirmation and First Communion masses that are held at the Cathedral on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Volunteers are needed to greet and to assist with the reception. Thank you!

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.

Thank You!

Adam Wente has recently wrapped up his hygiene drive for the Holy Family Food Pantry. He was able to collect a large number of items which will go towards greatly helping many people in the Springfield area. This was all made possible by your very generous donations and will be greatly appreciated by the Holy Family Food Pantry and those who they help.

Touching the Divine Women's Bible Study

Study the Gospel of John with other Catholic women in this 22-week course from Walking With Purpose. You will learn about Christ's divine qualities: Our source of fulfillment for all that we need, The ultimate gift giver, Our model of fidelity, Our redeemer and restorer. Thursdays at 10:00am or 1:00pm @ Cathedral School Library, beginning on September 1, \$40. Contact Vicki to order a book and reserve your spot 217/522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org

Families of Faith

The Cathedral welcomes parishioners and non-parishioners all ages to participate in faith formation. This fall we will continue year four of A Family of Faith: Catechesis for the Whole Family, a family-based catechesis and formation opportunity meant to assist parents with the education of their children in the faith. This year will focus on Prayer. Families meet twice a month, on Sunday evenings, for small group and whole group faith formation experiences. All families with children pre-school through high school are welcome. Pick up a registration packet in the atrium or contact Vicki at 217/522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org if you have questions.

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Around the Diocese

Women's Day of Recollection

A Women's Day of Recollection will be held this coming Thursday, August 25, at Sacred Heart Church (730 S. 12th St., Springfield), from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. There will be two meditations given by a priest and a 30-minute period for silent Adoration between the meditations. The ladies may take advantage of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spiritual direction during this time, as well as following the Recollection. All women throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature Opus Dei.

A History of Sin: From Adam to Augustine

At first glance it may seem odd to think that sin has a history – but it does. The saga of sin is a long journey with many twists and turns. In this series we'll see that there are several different meanings of sin in the Old Testament. We'll show that even Jesus and Paul did not share the same understanding of sin. And we'll trace the evolution of sin through some of the important theologians of the early Church. Join us for the history of sin from Adam to Augustine on Saturdays, August 27, September 3, 10 & 17 10 am – 12 Noon at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor's Center, Belleville, IL. Cost: \$40 for series, or \$10 each session. Register online or call 618.394.6281

Save the Date!

Friday, October 28th is this year's Annual Comedy in the City dinner event benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. Entertainment for this event will be provided by the Murder Mystery Company with the theme: "Midnight at the Masquerade." Ticket information coming soon!!

Employment Opportunity - Concordia Village

Looking for a position that's more than just a job? Concordia Village, a senior living facility in Springfield, IL, is hiring. Our communities have a number of open positions offering flexible scheduling, competitive pay, tuition reimbursement, and benefits. Open Interviews for CNAs, LPNs and RNs ONLY will be held on Tuesday, August 9th and August 23rd from 8am-11am & 1pm-5pm at 4101 West Iles Avenue, Springfield, IL. Dining, Activities & Wellness, and Housekeeper candidates can visit our website to apply. Questions can be directed to Coartney Foster at 217-993-7100.

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.

PSR for Extraordinary People 2022-2023 Academic Year

Calling all Extraordinary People! PSR for Extraordinary People will begin the 2022-2023 academic season on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Regular classes run from 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday evening during the academic year. Our class is designed to meet the needs of developmentally disabled youth & adults who want to grown in their Catholic faith and share fellowship with other like-minded people. Please call Jane Mosey-Nicoletta (217-971-4179) or Blessed Sacrament Parish (217-528-7521) for details and opening picnic information."

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.