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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.



Season of Stewardship

Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving information about our annual Season of Stewardship. Perhaps you are asking – What is that? Don't worry too much if that term sounds new to you, as it is only really two years old, which in Church time, might as well be brand new!

Defined simply, Season of Stewardship is the opportunity for each parish household to pray and discern their commitment to stewardship as a way of life. Although I cannot read minds, I am fairly confident that as you see that word “stewardship”, many of you are thinking that this is about asking for money. If I could humbly, yet firmly push back on that, I would say that if that is what you are thinking, then your understanding of stewardship is unfortunately limited. But thanks be to God that you are reading this to understand more clearly what stewardship is in reality!

One of the best definitions I have ever heard on stewardship comes from the Diocese of Wichita, and they define it succinctly: Stewardship is the “grateful response of a Christian Disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.” Notice the first word in this definition – grateful. Gratitude to God for the gifts that He has given to us must be the beginning of any discussion about stewardship. Every gift that we have in our lives is just that, a gift. A gift that has been received, not one that we own. This is where we as Christians should be different from the rest of society. It is easy to see that what we have – our time, our talents, our bodies, our possessions, our career, our money – is something we have earned, something that we deserve, something that we own. And while it is true that we may have worked hard to achieve and acquire things, all is a gift from God. If it were not for God's grace and His willing us into existence, we would not have any of what we have. As Christians, perhaps we know this is what we should believe, but do we really believe that? Perhaps we should make that prayer of the Apostles from the Gospel a few weeks ago: “Increase our faith!” (Lk 17:5)

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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 24

7am - Mary Coffey
(Carole Ann Rudolph)
5:15pm - Drew Dhabalt
(Jim & Sandy Bloom)

Tuesday, October 25

7am - Deceased Members of the
Dhabalt Family (Pamela Hargan)
5:15pm - Dr. Grigory Frederick
Guzasky (Lou Ann Mack)

Wednesday, October 26

7am - Norma Bartoletti
(Estate)
5:15pm - Adel Anglum
(Family)

Thursday, October 27

7am - Richard Dhabalt
(Bernie Ely)
5:15pm - Karen Bucari
(Alan Bucari)

Friday, October 28

7am - Virginia Mercer
(Jan & Rob Sgambelluri)
5:15pm - Puring Garde
(Family)

Saturday, October 29

8am - Matt West
(Carol E. West)
4pm - Joseph “BoBo” Beneky
(Holly Dahlquist)

Sunday, October 30

7am - Claude & Frances Mitchell
(Jeff & Julie Mitchell)
10am - Gary Leach
(Woody & Becky Woodhull)
5pm - For the People

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In the brief definition of Season of Stewardship that I give above, I say that this is an opportunity for all of us to pray and discern our commitment to our parish. It is not accidental that we start with prayer. And the beginning of that prayer is what I just mentioned – gratitude. So for now, I am not going to say anything more about discerning what your stewardship to our parish might look like. I simply want you to start with prayer – specifically the prayer of gratitude. Spend some time personally praying about the gifts that are in your life. Write them down if it helps. As you reflect on those gifts, thank God specifically for each item. Maybe keep that list for the next couple of weeks and go back to it every day or two, repeating the process of thanking God for each gift, adding new gifts as you become aware of them.

As an added challenge if you are willing to accept it, pay careful attention to each time you use words such as “my” or “mine” and consider, at least in your mind replacing that with “God’s”. Whether it’s “my day”, “my time”, “my schedule”, “my plan”, “my money”, or “my life.” When we see these things not as mine, but God’s, it might cause us to consider them differently. Perhaps it will make us feel uncomfortable initially, but staying with that thought, it can open the door to an awareness of how all of those things we consider “mine” are in fact gifts from Him, gifts for which we can and should give Him thanks, for as we say at each Mass, to give Him thanks is “right and just.”

Father Alford is the Rector of the Cathedral and serves in the diocesan curia as the Vicar for Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations.



St. Pope John Paul II

Feast Day: October 22nd | Patron of Popes, Families, Youth, Laborers, Actors, Athletes, Human Life, Poland, the Elderly, and those with Parkinson’s

This week, St. Pope John Paul II on finding the Holy Father wanted him to become a bishop, from Rise, Let us be on Our Way:

The year is 1958. I'm on a train traveling toward Olsztyn with my group of canoeists. We are beginning the vacation schedule that we have been following since 1953: part of the vacation we are to spend in the mountains, most often in the Bieszczady mountains, and part on the lakes in the Masuria region. Our destination is the Łyna River. That's why—it is July—we are on the train bound for Olsztyn. I say to our so-called admiral— as far as I can remember at that time it was Zdzisław Heydel: “Zdzisław, I'm going to have to leave the canoe because I have been summoned by the Primate [since the death of Cardinal August Hlond in 1948, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński was the Primate] and I must go to see him.” The admiral said: “That's fine, I'll see to it.” And so, when the time came, we left the group to go to the nearest railroad station, at Olsztynek.

Knowing that I would have to see the Primate during our time on the Łyna River, I had deliberately left my good cassock with friends in Warsaw. It wouldn't be right to visit the Primate wearing the old cassock I brought along on our canoe trips (on such trips I always brought a cassock and a complete set of vestments so that I could celebrate Mass). So I set off, first in the canoe over the waves of the river, and then in a truck laden with sacks of flour, until I got to Olsztynek. The train for Warsaw left late at night. I had brought my sleeping bag with me, thinking that I might be able to catch a few winks in the station and ask someone to wake me when it was time to board the train. There was no need for that in any event, because I didn't sleep.

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In Warsaw I arrived on Miodowa Street at the specified hour. ... As I entered the office of the Primate, he told me that the Holy Father had named me an auxiliary bishop to the archbishop of Kraków. In February of that same year (1958) Bishop Stanisław Rospond had died. He had been auxiliary bishop of Kraków for many years during the reign of the prince archbishop of Kraków, Cardinal Adam Sapieha. Upon hearing the words of the Primate informing me of the decision of the Holy See, I said, "Your Eminence, I am too young; I'm only thirty-eight." But the Primate said, "That is a weakness which can soon be remedied. Please do not oppose the will of the Holy Father." So I said, "I accept." "Then let's have lunch," the Primate concluded. ...

At the conclusion of this audience, of such great importance for my life, I realized that I could not return immediately to my canoeing friends: first I had to go to Kraków to inform Archbishop Eugeniusz Baziak, my Ordinary. While waiting for the night train to Kraków, I spent many hours in prayer at the chapel of the Ursuline Sisters in Warsaw on Wiśłana Street. ... The next day I went to see Archbishop Eugeniusz Baziak at 3 Franciszkańska Street and handed him a letter from the Cardinal Primate. I remember it as if it were today. The Archbishop took me by the arm and led me into the waiting room where there were priests sitting, and he said: "Habemus papam"—"We have a Pope." In the light of subsequent events, one might say that these words were prophetic. When I said to the Archbishop that I would like to return to Masuria to join my friends who were canoeing on the Łyna River, he answered: "I don't think that would be appropriate." Somewhat troubled by this reply, I went to the Church of the Franciscans and prayed the Way of the Cross. I often went there for this purpose because the stations are original, modern, painted by Józef Mehoffer. Then I went back to Archbishop Baziak renewing my request. I said, "I appreciate your concern, Excellency, but I would still ask you to allow me to return to Masuria." This time he answered: "Yes, yes, by all means. But I ask you, please," he added with a smile, "come back in time for the consecration."

*So that very evening I again boarded the train for Olsztyn. I had with me Hemingway's book *The Old Man and the Sea*. I read it all night. Once I dozed off. I felt somewhat strange. ... When I arrived at Olsztyn, my group was already there. They had canoed down the Łyna River. The admiral came for me to the station and said, "So, did Uncle become a bishop?" To this I said yes. He said: "That is exactly what I imagined in my heart, and what I wished for you." As a matter of fact, shortly beforehand, on the occasion of my tenth anniversary of ordination, he had wished me this.*

When I was named a bishop, I was hardly twelve years a priest.

I had slept little. When I reached my destination, I was tired. First, however, before going to rest, I went to church to celebrate Mass. The church was under the care of the university chaplain, Father Ignacy Tokarczuk, who was later named a bishop. After a short rest, I awoke and realized that the news had already spread, because Father Tokarczuk said to me: "Oh, the new bishop. Congratulations." I smiled and went to join my canoeing friends. When I took the paddle, I again felt somewhat strange. The coincidence of dates struck me: The date of my nomination was July fourth, the anniversary date of the blessing of Wawel Cathedral. It is an anniversary that I have always cherished in my heart. I thought this coincidence must have some special meaning. I also thought maybe this was the last time I could go canoeing. Later though, I should mention, it turned out that there were many opportunities for me to go swimming and canoeing on the rivers and lakes of Masuria. As a matter of fact, I continued until the year 1978.

Fr. Dominic Rankin has also found that some of the most beautiful moments of his priesthood have happened outside: spontaneous requests for confession, Masses in rugged "cathedrals" of trees and rocks and sunshine, conversations while hiking or running, sublime prayer next to streams or lakes.

Stewardship of Treasure October 15th & 16th

Envelopes:	\$3,984.00
Loose:	\$2,948.00
Maintenance:	\$60.00
Total:	\$6,992.00

September EFT: \$20,848.80

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 Marriages

Connor Mason & Valerie Lopez
Married on October 8, 2022

Deaths

John L. Ansell
Date of Death: September 29, 2022

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

All Soul's Day Mass

Join us in praying for those who have died over the past year and for all souls in purgatory. Members of our parish, and loved ones of our parishioners will be remembered in a special way at this Mass. If you have lost a family member in the past 12 months, please call the parish office so they can be remembered by name. Wednesday, Nov 2 @ 7:00pm.

World Mission Sunday - TODAY!

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Called & Gifted at Cathedral

Do you ever wonder how God has equipped you to fulfill your unique purpose here on earth? Cathedral will be hosting Called & Gifted, a 5 week charism discernment course from Catherine of Siena Institute. There is a fee to purchase the material from the Siena Institute. The course will run on Thursday evenings, Nov 3, 10, 17, Dec 1, 8, 6:00-7:15pm. For more information go to <https://www.siena.org/called-gifted> or to register, contact Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or 217/522-3342.

Blood Pressure Checks - October 29th and 30th

Our parish nurses, Adrienne and Angela, will be available for blood pressure checks before and after masses next weekend. Please stop by!

Directory Update

The directories are expected to arrive in mid-November. If you have not received your photos, please contact the Parish Office at 217-522-3342.

It's SOCTOBER!

The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women is collecting new (or gently used) socks, hats and gloves for men, women & children in area shelters for distribution throughout the winter months. Area social service agencies and nursing homes have been very appreciative of the generosity of Cathedral parishioners in past years as our donations have benefitted many people of all ages. Please place donated items in the White baskets placed in the Atrium. Thanks so much for your generosity to the most vulnerable in our community!

Come Pray the Rosary

You are invited to join us in praying the rosary at the Cathedral every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:45pm.

The Chosen Season Two, Episode 2

Episode 2 of Season Two begins and ends with Nathanael. He thought his life was lost, only to discover something beautiful after meeting Jesus. Come watch the continuing story on Sunday, October 30 @ 2:00pm in the Cathedral School Hall, and bring a friend!

Men's Bible Study

"Iron is sharpened by iron; one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27) Exploring God's Word together allows men to learn from one another, be challenged, and encourage each other as we live out our faith in everyday life. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. No experience or pre-reading is required. Coffee is available. All men are welcome. Join us in the Cathedral School Library (behind the south side of the sanctuary). Contact: Deacon Rob, (217) 836-7900 or rsgambelluri@dio.org.

Fr. Tolton Scholarship Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council will be holding the Father Tolton Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, November 5 in the Atrium at the Cathedral. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$55 per person. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, vegetable, salad, four whiskey tastings, and dessert. Craft beer, wine and whiskey (after the tastings) will be available for purchase. Tea and water are free. Event is by reservation only. Reservations are due Wednesday, November 2. Participants must be 21 or older. Make your reservations online at <https://bpt.me/5576885>.

Bereavement Ministry

Cathedral parish will be hosting another cycle of Grief Share, a weekly, faith-based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us beginning Tuesday, November 1, 1:00-2:30 in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot) Grief Share runs for 13 weeks, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information go to <https://www.griefshare.org/> or contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com Register online or call 217/522-3342 or email Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome.

Join the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. The Father Tolton Council #16126 will be holding a membership drive at after all Masses the weekend of October 22 & 23. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #16126 for local information.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Diocese

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love - Encore Screening

Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This film will be shown as an encore screening at Showplace 12 in Springfield on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7pm.

St. Maurice's Turkey Dinner Drive Thru

St. Maurice Catholic Church in Morrisonville, IL will hold its baked Turkey Dinner Drive Thru on November 6, 2022 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Morrisonville, IL. Dinner will be served from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Meal is \$15.00 and includes baked turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry salad, and coleslaw. Thank you for your support!

Men's Evening of Recollection

A Men's Evening of Recollection will be held Thursday, October 27th at St John's Hospital Chapel (800 E. Carpenter St., Springfield), from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The recollection will include a meditation given by a priest, time for silent prayer and reflection, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All men throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei. Check out: www.opusdei.org

Springfield Deanery Council of Catholic Women Meeting

PRAYER, PLANNING and PARTICIPATION: Springfield Deanery Council of Catholic Women Meeting: Tues., Nov. 15, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Lunch: NOON), Cathedral Lower-Level Meeting Room. We request that women from all 37 parishes in the Springfield Deanery attend. We will be showcasing EACH of our Springfield Deanery Parishes at the 2023 SDCCW Convention: Wed., Sept. 27, 2023: Sacred Heart Griffin West Campus, Mass at St. Agnes Church, Main Celebrant --- Bishop Paprocki. ATTENDING THE DEANERY MEETING, Nov. 15? Please R.S.V.P. to Janet Zimmerman, Pres. of the Springfield Deanery by Tues., Nov. 8: janetzim14@yahoo.com or 217-494-4743. Thank You!

Women's Day of Recollection

There will be a Women's Day of Recollection this coming Thursday, October 27 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days for Life prayer vigil to end abortion will be observed every day from Wednesday September 28 to Sunday November 6, on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, two doors from the Springfield Right to Life offices at 519 North Bruns Lane. Please sign up for at least one full hour shift.