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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!



Being Home

If you have not already, you will soon be receiving a letter in the mail from me regarding our annual Season of Stewardship, of which I wrote in last week's bulletin. With that said, those who read this bulletin article may not be receiving a letter, either because you are just visiting or because you are not officially registered at the Cathedral. So if you do not receive a letter, you are not off the hook!

One of the themes that I have presented to the parish over my time here is the notion that we are a family of faith. Although this is the title of our catechetical program for our grade school and high school students and their families, it is more than just a program, more than just a title. From time to time, I have people asking me where home is. I always struggle to answer this – I grew up in Troy, IL (southern part of our diocese), my family moved to Wisconsin when I was in college, my parents now live part time in Wisconsin and part time in Texas, and pretty much all of my family lives outside of the diocese, with the exception of a few distant relatives. A common reaction to my trying to explain this is empathy for how difficult that must be, not being able to see family very often, not being able to spend holidays with them. Can it be difficult? Absolutely! But am I sad? Not a bit. For my entire priesthood, home has always been where I have been assigned, and I believe that has been a great grace that has enabled me to be more attached to a parish family than if I had the presence of my own family close by. Don't get me wrong, I would love to have my family closer, but I do not feel disappointed at all with the situation that I have. Each parish has welcomed me into their family, and I have done my very best to be a good member of that family, such that I have tried to be generous with my time, the gifts God has given me, and yes, even my money. And I have been very joyful in being able to give of these because when they are given for those we love, the cost is not really an issue.

Why do I share this with you? Because I want you to know how thankful I am to be a part of our Cathedral Parish family. I love it when I get to celebrate Mass and see all of you, sharing the one person I love more than anything else, Jesus Christ! It's why I do my best to be around to distribute Holy Communion at masses that I am not celebrating and greeting you after as many masses as possible. It is because I love being around you, and I love being able to serve you.

My great prayer for this parish is that we see one another as a family. It is my prayer that you love being around this family we have here. You all have your own families, and I know you want what is best for them. As your spiritual father, you are my family, and I want what is best for you, to have a sense of belonging, an awareness of being loved by Jesus, and a desire to be more fully invested in this family. Many of you are indeed invested in this parish family, and that brings my heart so much joy. But I want more for our family. When I appeal for us to pray about our stewardship, my prayer is for you to be here, to make that commitment to pray with your parish family, and to pray for your parish family. If all that came from this appeal for the Season of Stewardship was having more of you here to celebrate each Sunday as a family, I would be a very pleased spiritual father. And just by showing up, realizing what a gift it is to be a part of this family, I have no doubt you will authentically desire to share yourselves more generously with your family whom you love and who loves you, for we are all united together as brothers and sisters in the one love of God Himself for us as His beloved sons and daughters.

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, October 31

7am - CCCW

(CCCW)

5:15pm - Karen & Justin Howard
(Richard & Kay King)

Tuesday, November 1

7am - Mary Ann Midden

(William Midden)

12:05pm - For the People

5:15pm - Tony Bartoletti
(Estate)

Wednesday, November 2

7am - Richard Dhabalt

(Kevin & Earlene Keen)

5:15pm - Kyle Buckman

(Karen Murruffo)

7pm - Recently Departed
(All Souls)

Thursday, November 3

7am - John & Edith Bakalar

(John Busciacco)

5:15pm - Mary Anglum
(Family)

Friday, November 4

7am - Sophia Bartoletti & Family
(Estate)

5:15pm - Mary Coffey
(Carole Anne Rudolph)

Saturday, November 5

8am - Anna Geraldine Gasaway

(Rob Gasaway)

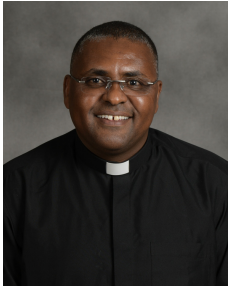
4pm - Maren Bowyer Gallagher
(Gallagher Family)

Sunday, November 6

7am - Amabile Bartoletti
(Estate)

10am - For the People

5pm - Barbara Burrows
(Steve Hotze)



The Cardinal Virtue of Prudence

In our previous bulletins, we have been discussing the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity(love). These theological virtues put us in contact with God, enabling us, to know Him, trust in His promises and goodness, and love Him. As we reflect on theological virtues, there is a need for additional moral virtues which concern self-control and our relationship with others. There are many moral virtues but there four cardinal virtues under which all other moral virtues may be classified: Prudence, Justice, fortitude, and temperance. Many times, in our daily activities, whether we are at home, workplace, or Church, we have used this word, Prudence, knowingly, or unknowingly when we are conversing or making a decision.

Today we are going to discuss one of the four Cardinal Virtues, which is Prudence. Among these, Prudence is a mother of all other virtues. What is Prudence? I do recall my mother telling me always before you act or make any decisions, be prudent. So, the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines prudence as follows: "prudence disposes the practical reason to discern, in every circumstance, our true good and to choose the right means for achieving it." (CCC, 1835).

Additionally, St. John Paul II, in his Papal audience, explains Prudence by saying that "the prudent man, who strives for everything that is good, endeavors to measure everything, every situation, and his whole activity according to the yardstick of the moral good. So, a prudent man is not one who as is often meant can wangle things in life and draw the most significant profit from it; but one who is able to construct his whole life according to the voice of upright conscience and according to the requirements of sound morality" (Pope St. John Paul II, General audience, Wednesday, 25 1978).

Prudence is known to be the mother of all virtues because it is the first step towards working to be a good human being. According to Josef Pieper, none but the prudent man can be just, brave, and temperate, and the good is a man who is able to make the right decision; he or she must be able to know what is good and what is not good. So, Prudence is being able to recognize what is good and always being able to act in a good way.

Prudence in our daily life activities has to shape us. So, how and when can we know that a person is prudent? A prudent person looks at the concrete reality of a situation with apparent, honest objectivity; references and applies the moral truths for example, the Ten Commandments or the precepts of the Church. Moreover, Prudence also seeks to accomplish the action in a good way, doing what is right in a good way. Prudence helps us prudently to care for others through counsel we give. Moreover, thanks to the virtue of Prudence, one is able to judge rightly and reads the signs of his/her time. Prudence helps the intellect see the right thing to do and to choose the right means for achieving it. Wise choice involves taking good counsel while acquiring knowledge from the past and present. In the same line, we are not simply or only acting individuals, but we need good and prudent friends to help us with counsel, choices, and decision making.

In short, in order to know what to seek and avoid, Prudence is needed to be applied in our daily life as Christians. To pursue the common good for all, Prudence is necessary. Prudence helps us to see what aids the human salvation and what limits our progress. As the book of proverbs puts it: "The heart of wise make their mouths prudent, and their lips promote instructions (Prov 16:23).

*Further reading on the four Cardinal virtues by Josef Pieper can be found on
online: [fourcardinalvirt012953mbp.pdf](https://www.fourcardinalvirt012953mbp.pdf).*

Father Paul Lesupati serves as parochial vicar at the Cathedral.

Stewardship of Treasure October 22nd & 23rd

Envelopes:	\$4,957.00
Loose:	\$3,345.00
Maintenance:	\$31.00
Total:	\$8,333.00

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

Baptisms

Margaret Ann Timoney
Child of Michael & Kayla Timoney
Baptized on October 23, 2022



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, I recall Pope John Paul II's famous words at his homily during the Mass for the inauguration of his pontificate (by the way, isn't it awesome that so many of the substantial moments of our Catholic life are situated within the Holy Mass! Tells us something about where the Church draws its strength and center.):

The new Successor of Peter in the See of Rome, today makes a fervent, humble and trusting prayer: Christ, make me become and remain the servant of your unique power, the servant of your sweet power, the servant of your power that knows no eventide. Make me be a servant. Indeed, the servant of your servants. Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Help the Pope and all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ's power to serve the human person and the whole of mankind. Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Do not be afraid. Christ knows "what is in man". He alone knows it.

And now an explanation JP II gave of these words in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*:

When on October 22, 1978, I said the words "Be not afraid!" in St. Peter's Square, I could not fully know how far they would take me and the entire Church. Their meaning came more from the Holy Spirit, the Consoler promised by the Lord Jesus to His disciples, than from the man who spoke them. Nevertheless, with the passing of the years, I have recalled these words on many occasions. The exhortation "Be not afraid!" should be interpreted as having a very broad meaning. In a certain sense it was an exhortation addressed to all people, an exhortation to conquer fear in the present world situation, as much in the East as in the West, as much in the North as in the South. Have no fear of that which you yourselves have created, have no fear of all that man has produced, and that every day is becoming more dangerous for him! Finally, have no fear of yourselves!

Why should we have no fear? Because man has been redeemed by God. When pronouncing these words in St. Peter's Square, I already knew that my first encyclical and my entire papacy would be tied to the truth of the Redemption. In the Redemption we find the most profound basis for the words "Be not afraid!": "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (cf. Jn 3:16). This Son is always present in the history of humanity as Redeemer. The Redemption pervades all of human history, even before Christ, and prepares its eschatological future. It is the light that "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (cf. Jn 1:5). The power of Christ's Cross and Resurrection is greater than any evil which man could or should fear.

Finally, I leave all of us with the reflection John Paul II had prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday of 2005, though he died on the eve of that feast, (with his final words being the whispered prayer: "let me go to the house of the Father") and so this, his final message, was given after the Mass said for the repose of his soul:

Dear Brothers and Sisters! The joyful Easter Alleluia resounds also today. Today's Gospel page of St. John underlines that the Risen One, on the night of that day, appeared to the Apostles and "showed them his hands and his side" (John 20:20), that is, the signs of the painful Passion printed indelibly on his body also after his Resurrection. Those glorious wounds, which eight days later he made the incredulous Thomas touch, reveal the mercy of God "for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). This mystery of love is at the heart of today's liturgy, Sunday "in Albis," dedicated to the worship of Divine Mercy. To humanity, which at times seems to be lost and dominated by the power of evil, egoism and fear, the risen Lord offers as a gift his love that forgives, reconciles and reopens the spirit to hope. It is love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much need the world has to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, who with [your] Death and Resurrection reveal the love of the Father, we believe in you and with confidence repeat to you today: Jesus, I trust in you, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Fr. Dominic Rankin has found these simple words "Jesus, I trust in You" to be perhaps the most potent prayer he can say. No matter what is happening – a fear or worry, a suffering or loss, a sleepless night or lengthy marathon, in Adoration, on Amtrak, in my office ... – every single one of those moments is clarified, sanctified, and filled with peace simply by surrendering it to Jesus with that phrase: "Jesus, I trust in You."

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

The Chosen Season 2, Episode 3

A long, exhausting day turns into night as the disciples help Jesus deal with a large crowd hoping to be healed. Around the campfire, over dinner, the group tried to get to know each other better - but tensions erupt. Come watch the continuing story on Sunday, November 6 @ 2:00pm in the Cathedral School Hall.

Thank you for Your Support of World Mission Sunday

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. It's not too late to offer your donation in the collection basket. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.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>.

Season of Stewardship 2022

Do you desire a deeper prayer life? Do you desire purpose and authenticity? Do you desire to meet new people? Are you looking to serve the community or help parishioners? Are you looking to be more charitable or increase your giving to the parish family? If you answered yes to any of these questions, stewardship of time, talent, or treasure is your answer! Just as our parish families share their witness stories this weekend, we each have a stewardship witness to share! What is your story?

This week you will receive your season of stewardship parishioner mailing. This is your invitation to say, "Yes!" You will receive a letter from our pastor, ministry information and your commitment card. Why would we collect the commitment card? It's simple, individuals are 40% more likely to complete their goals or commitments by writing them down. Additionally, knowing this information helps our ministries and staff prepare and plan parish hospitality, liturgies, and programs more effectively. Please send in your commitment card to the parish office or place it in the offertory basket on Sunday!

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!

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.

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 (enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot). Contact: Deacon Rob, (217) 836-7900 or rsgambelluri@dio.org.

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.

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.

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.

First Friday Concert

Join us for our First Friday Concert Series! November's concert, Dual Piano, will feature Damien Kaplan and Mark Gifford. The First Friday Concert Series is sponsored by the Staab Family, and is free and open to the public. All are welcome! Friday, November 4, 2022 - 7pm

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 Agnes Church - African Mass

St. Agnes Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring an African Mass on Sunday, November 6 at 11am featuring a music prelude at 10:45am. A light lunch in the Parish Center will follow the Mass. All are welcome.

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!

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!

Holiday Help - Nov 6, 2022

The Butler Family of Organizations invites those touched by the loss of a loved one to attend the Holiday Help program, Brightening Spirits, on Sunday, November 6th, from 2-3:00 p.m. at the Prairie View Reception Center, 8865 State Rt. 4, Chatham. Grief specialist Bill McKenzie, MA, LCPC, will present practical ways to help you cope during the holidays and other significant days. A candle lighting ceremony will provide comfort to warmly remember and honor your loved one. Reservations are requested for planning purposes. Reserve your seat by calling Butler Funeral Homes at 217-544-4646.

Sew-n-Sews Craft Sale - St. Jude Parish

The Church of St. Jude Sew-n-Sew ladies have been busy making and donating many items for the craft sale. There are kitchen items, such as: potholders, dish clothes, aprons, hanging towels, etc. There are baby items, such as: bibs, burp cloths, blankets, etc. Holiday items, beautiful florals, quilts, fleece throws, American Girl doll clothes, and many other items just in time for the Holidays! We will also have baked goods! Join us on Saturday, Nov. 5th 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 6th 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We accept check or cash at the sale, but no credit or debit cards please. All proceeds will benefit the Youth of St. Jude Parish.

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.

Employment Opportunities - Concordia Village

Concordia Village is hosting Clinical Open Interviews for CNAs, LPNs, and RNs on Tuesday, November 8th, 8am-11am & 1pm-5pm, and Tuesday, November 22nd, 1pm-5pm. We are hiring for all shifts (Day, Evening, and Nights) for Full Time and Part Time Hours. Additionally, Concordia Village is looking for a Part Time Chauffeur to drive our residents to and from appointments or events around Springfield. This position is 16-24 hours/week, no weekends. Any candidates interested in either of the above can reach out to Coartney Foster at Coartney.Foster@LSSLiving.org, or 217.993.7100