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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.



Amen

For the three years that I served as Bishop Paprocki's Master of Ceremonies, I joined him for many Confirmations around the diocese. He and I met with the candidates for Confirmation each time before the Mass. Among other things, Bishop Paprocki would talk to the young people about what to do when receiving Confirmation. He explained that as he applied the Sacred Chrism to their foreheads, he would say: "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." He would then ask them if they knew how to respond, which many did by shouting out "Amen!" He would then go on to explain what that word means, that it is a word of assent, basically meaning "I believe, it is true, so be it."

I always appreciated this brief moment in Bishop's talk to the children because having an understanding of what this simple, but powerful, word means is very important. We say Amen all the time, and as a result of that, it can become a little mechanical without our taking time to really consider the significance of what we are saying.

In the first section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which deals with the articles of the Creed, the very final few paragraphs deal with the final word of the Creed, which is Amen. Here are a few of the main points made by the Catechism:

The Creed, like the last book of the Bible, ends with the Hebrew word amen. This word frequently concludes prayers in the New Testament. The Church likewise ends her prayers with "Amen." (CCC 1061)

In Hebrew, amen comes from the same root as the word "believe." This root expresses solidity, trustworthiness, faithfulness. And so we can understand why "Amen" may express both God's faithfulness towards us and our trust in him. (CCC 1062)

Think about our saying Amen when we receive Holy Communion. The priest, deacon, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion says to us: "The Body of Christ", to which we respond: "Amen." Over my nearly 12 years as a priest, I have distributed communion to thousands of people, and it throws me off when I do not get the expected response. Sometimes there is no response, sometimes there is an alternate response. Is that permissible? Here is what the General Instruction for the Roman Missal says:

the Priest raises the host slightly and shows it to each, saying, The Body of Christ. The communicant replies, Amen, and receives the Sacrament either on the tongue or, where this is allowed, in the hand, the choice lying with the communicant. As soon as the communicant receives the host, he or she consumes the whole of it. (GIRM, 161)

This makes it clear that there is to be a response, and that the only acceptable response is say "Amen". With that knowledge, we can now all be in communion with what the Church asks of us, and to respond as she asks is a sign of humility and obedience, two virtues that the Lord loves to see in us!

Assuming grace, we can conclude that some have never been given those instructions, but anybody who has now read this article knows and can share it with others as well. Just know this is not meant to call anybody out, for those who make a different response may be making a more intentional response than just an automatic response without any thought to what Amen means. Regardless, all of us stand to benefit from examining how we respond each time we approach the Eucharist, saying with great faith and devotion: Amen!

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, April 24

7am - John & Edith Bakalar

(John Busciacco)

5:15pm - Brother Francis Skube

(Marge Sebille)

Tuesday, April 25

7am - Rick Weitzel

(Angela Williams)

5:15pm - Tricia McCoy

(Vicki Compton)

Wednesday, April 26

7am - Laura Fjestul

(Chris Sommer)

5:15pm - Mildred & Edward Nelson Sr

(Angela Ohl-Marsters)

Thursday, April 27

7am - Deceased Members of the

Vincent Darrigo Family

(Jeannette Giannone)

5:15pm - Cathy Furkin

(Family)

Friday, April 28

7am - Sophia Bartoletti

(Estate)

5:15pm - Mark Beagles

(Tom McGee)

Saturday, April 29

8am - Mary Jane Kerns

(Estate)

4pm - Richard Dhabalt

(Dale & Jane Grieser)

Sunday, April 30

7am - Hildegard & Herbert Rader

(Bev Hoffman)

10am - John Brunk

(Family)

5pm - For The People



Ss. Philip and James

Feast Day: May 1st| Apostles, Martyrs| Imagery: implements of their martyrdom: cross (for Philip), club (for James).

The St. James we celebrate this week is the one described as “the younger” (or “the lesser”) in the Gospels (this, to distinguish him from the other apostle St. James, the son of Zebedee). This same man is given abundant additional description as “the just” (for his impeccable righteousness in leading the Church of Jerusalem, and his being the first martyr among the apostles there), the “brother of Jesus” (perhaps as a relative of Our Lord), “son of Alphaeus”, and “son of Mary [wife] of Clopas” (probably this is the “Cleophas” on the road to Emmaus, an additional name for Alphaeus).

St. Philip, happily, easily, is just Philip, the Apostle. He probably carried the Gospel to areas of Greece and Syria and would have been martyred there at some point after the Council of Jerusalem.

This week, I simply draw our attention to the unique fact for which we celebrate these men on the same feast day: their relics, after the early Christian centuries, were entombed together in Rome. Along with Bartholomew (in the Church of St. Bartholomew), Peter, as well as Simon and Jude (in St. Peter's), and St. Paul (in St. Paul's Outside the Walls), Philip and James make up the 6th and 7th apostles to find their final earthly resting place in the Eternal City (in the Church of the 12 Apostles). (Some hold that St. Matthias, or at least substantial parts of his bones, are also in Rome, in St. Mary Major).

All this leads me to a simple question: Where will you be buried? Who will you be entombed with? I don't ask this in a macabre way, or even in preparation for your funeral or anything ... but each of us will, at some point, come to our final day on this earth, and I think before then we should consider, and prepare, for that moment. Thing is, we often act as if our lives are all about holding onto life as long as we can and avoiding death, but if you think about it, I suspect you'll find that the places of your life where you felt most alive, were probably marked by a certain kind of death.

Think of an occasion of great joy. Probably it was also a moment marked by sacrifice, by self-gift, by choosing somebody above yourself. What about a tremendous sense of freedom? Did it come after a period of dedication, effort, training, or cost? What about a uniquely profound relationship? Didn't it require you to let down your guard, to risk yourself, to accept another, to stay with them through hard times? Life comes in the midst of death. Resurrection comes in the midst of the cross.

I am writing this in the Boston Airport, flying back the day after running the Boston Marathon. I went into the marathon wanting, above all, to stay joyful throughout the race. As the hours ticked down ahead of time, my mind was filling with doubts. My training was too easy, too flat, too inconsistent. I had a sunburn, and a smashed big toe, and heavy legs from marching all over Boston in the days before the marathon. Plus, after the gauntlet of Holy Week, I was feeling a bit feverish and under the weather. Joy was getting eroded by fear. In the hours before the gun went off I collected dozens of prayer-intentions for the race, said Mass, ate and stretched and prepped as best I could, and tried to recover my excitement ... but doubt and fear of the suffering to come was winning the upper hand.

I would like to say there was some magical moment when it all switched – perhaps as the rain poured down on us waiting to start?? – but it wasn't quite like that. As the run began, my legs grew tired all too soon, and my prayerfulness seemed ragged as well. Yet one phrase resiliently stuck in my mind:



“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross...” [Hebrews 12:1-2]. I wanted joy; I was feeling the cross, yet it was as that sacrifice went down, as I fought – body and soul – to keep running, as I endured the death that is any challenge of that sort, joy arose again, but alongside of suffering. The Lord carried me up those hills, and those hills carried me to the Lord. A little taste of death was in fact a little taste of Life.

Fr. Dominic spent many hours trying to find a translation of the marvelous Menologio of Basil II, now 1000 years old, which has miniature illustrations and accompanying biographies of hundreds of saints including James the Just. Apparently, the internet can do no better than a scan from the Vatican Archives ...

Stewardship of Treasure

April 15th & 16th

Envelopes:	\$4,402.00
Loose:	\$3,518.00
Maintenance:	\$110.00
Total:	\$8,030.00

March EFT

\$21,547.80

March Second Collections

Helping Hands	\$3,050.01
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	\$4,271.00
Catholic Charities	\$4,764.12
Tuition Assistance	\$2,946.00

March Debt Reduction

\$696.00

March Easter Flowers

\$1,747.00

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

Patricia Michelle McCoy
Date of Death: January 6, 2023

WEEK OF APRIL 24

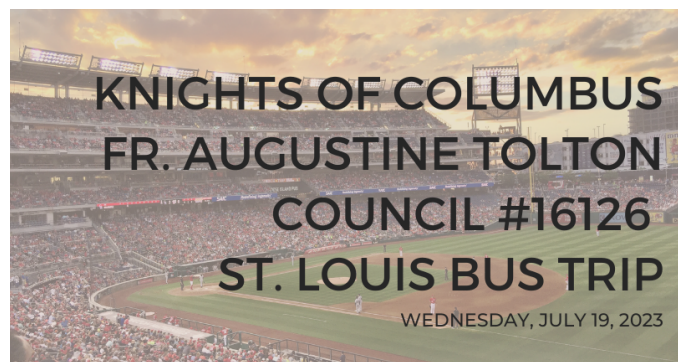
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
	Adoration 4:00 PM Church	Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library Young Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Parish Meeting Room Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Cathedral School	Lectio: Eucharist Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM School Library Adoration 4:00 PM Church Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM School Library Knights of Columbus #16126 Meeting 6:00 PM School Classroom CCCW Meeting 6:00 PM Cathedral School Hall			

What's Going on Around the Cathedral?



First Friday Concert

Join us for our First Friday Concert Series! May's concert, Fanfares and Flourishes, will feature Aaron Duncan, Trumpet & Mark Gifford, Organ. The First Friday Concert Series is sponsored by the Staab Family, and is free and open to the public. All are welcome!



K of C Fr. Augustine Tolton Council #16126 St. Louis Cardinals Bus Trip

Ready to start scheduling your summer plans? On Wednesday, July 19th join Fr. Augustine Tolton Council #16126 as we take a charter bus down to St. Louis for a seminary tour and St. Louis Cardinals game. Fr. Alford will give us a tour of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, where several of the seminarians from the Diocese attend, and celebrate mass there. That afternoon we will be attending a St. Louis Cardinals game before returning to Springfield that evening. Additional details including an itinerary can be found at the link below. There are 40 spots on the bus available, and an additional 20 spots for those that would like to transport themselves. The cost is \$65/person for a spot on the bus and ticket (section 265) to the game. If you would like to provide your own transportation the cost is \$20 for a ticket. You can reserve your spot now by visiting the link below. If you have any questions about the trip you can contact info.kofc16126@gmail.com.
<https://tinyurl.com/2p823x3x>

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



CCCW & Knight's of Columbus Council #16126 Scholarship

Applications for the CCCW & Knight's of Columbus Council #16126 scholarship are now available. Completed scholarship applications, essay, and teacher evaluations must be submitted and received by the Cathedral Rectory by midnight on Friday, May 12, 2023. For more information or to apply, please visit www.spicathedral.org/cccw-knights-of-columbus-council-16126-scholarship-application/

Kids Good Grief Camp

If you are a parent or guardian of a child who has experienced the death of a loved one, consider Kids Good Grief Camp. This annual camp helps young people in our community cope, understand, and handle their grief. Register at StaabFuneralHomes.com. Sunday, May 7, 12:30-4:30
Erin's Pavilion at Southwind Park

Family of Faith Trivia Winners

Congratulations to the winning Anselment team at our Annual Family of Faith Trivia night!



Catholic Charities Fundraiser

Springfield Catholic Charities will be holding their annual fundraiser on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2200 Meadowbrook Rd. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, a silent and live auction as well as Dual Pianos with Damien Kaplan & Mark Gifford. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased after masses April 15 & 16 and April 22 & 23 or online at cc.dio.org

Livestream Ministry Team

While most of us have been back to in-person Mass for quite a while, there are still some beloved members of our parish family whose physical limitations prevent them from attending Sunday Mass. Our ability to livestream the Mass is a tremendous gift to those who are unable to be with us in person. You are invited to be part of this ministry team by serving on the team that livestreams the Sunday 10:00 Mass and Holy Day and Triduum liturgies. If you would like to help us serve our housebound parishioners in this way, please contact the parish office to arrange for a brief training. 217/522-3342

Grief Share

Cathedral parish will once again be hosting 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, May 23, 1:00-2:30pm in the Cathedral School Library. 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 @ 217/899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com To register call 217/522-3342 or email Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome.

Second Collection - Catholic Home Missions

Home mission dioceses are found in every region across the United States and its territories. Often their small Catholic populations are distributed across a large geographical area and have few priests to serve them. Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal provides home mission dioceses with the resources to welcome and minister to their growing multicultural populations. Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

AROUND OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND



"I Am Not Afraid – I Was Born to Do This."

Have you ever felt like you weren't doing the work you should be doing?

We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love — a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, This. This is who I'm supposed to be. I recognize this person.

For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me — but it doesn't matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of "I said I don't want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!" and "Honey, I've got an early meeting, I'm so sorry but I have to run," ringing in the background, I think to myself: I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.

Christ's own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn't until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had known it all along — "Were not our hearts burning within us?"

In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

I don't know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don't know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you.

"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread." — Luke 24:35

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Around the Diocese

- **St. Joseph the Worker Church in Chatham, IL Mission Trip Fundraiser/Raffle**, tickets can be purchased by stopping by the church before or after services or by stopping by the office beginning April 22nd- May 7th.
- **Concordia Village Clinical Hiring Event/Open Interviews for Clinical Positions**, Tuesday, April 25th, 1pm-5pm. Concordia Village is also looking for part time evening dining servers, a part time Chauffeur, and a full time exercise class instructor. Questions, please contact Coartney.foster@lssliving.org or 217-993-7100.
- **Women's Day of Recollection**, Thursday, April 27th, at Sacred Heart Church (730 S. 12th St., Springfield), from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. There will be a meditation given by a priest, time for silent prayer and reflection, a doctrinal talk, and Benediction. Confession and spiritual direction with the priest will be available.
- **Men's Evening of Recollection**, Thursday, April 27th at St John's Hospital Chapel, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The recollection will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a meditation given by a priest, time for silent prayer and reflection, an opportunity for confession, a doctrinal talk and Benediction. For more information, visit www.opusdei.org
- **St. Joseph the Worker NET Retreat**, Sunday, April 30 from 1pm-7pm, for all teens grades 6-12. Large & Small group presentations, games, skits, personal testimonies, prayer, moving dramas, live music & recreational time. For more information or to register (due by 4/28) visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044aead2da1fa7-netretreat#/> Questions can be directed to Dawn Roesch at sjwyouth@comcast.net.
- **St. Joseph the Worker Church in Chatham Chicken Dinner and Auction**, Saturday, May 6 from 4-7pm, and an online basket auction from May 6-13. View items and bid by visiting this link: <https://www.32auctions.com/CHWC2023>
- **Mark Your Calendar for a Diocesan-Wide Celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield**, a Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This major event will include talks from nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass where the arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the first speaker starting at 1 p.m., and Mass begins at 4 p.m. Stay tuned for how to get free tickets!
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, November 27-December 7, 2023. For more information, please visit www.holylandtoursllc.com or email edanaher@dio.org.