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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.



The Need for Adoration

I recently read an article where the author (Elizabeth Scalia) recounted a conversation that she had with a fellow Catholic. Her friend was a very active Catholic, one who certainly believed in the Real Presence of the Eucharist. But when the topic of Eucharistic Adoration came up, her friend dismissed the practice. Here is how she describes it:

Eucharistic Adoration he dismissed as well, calling it a leftover from medieval times, when reception at Mass was deeply limited, and Adoration and "Spiritual Communion" were the best most Catholics could hope for. He declared the modern-day practice of Adoration to be both irrelevant and unnecessary, and added that Jesus "doesn't need it."

Later in the article, Scalia offers a very powerful reflection in response to her friend's objection to adoration, writing:

My friend's argument against the need for Eucharistic Adoration seemed very earthbound to me, grounded in a worldly considerations of history and utilitarianism—"Christ doesn't need it." Well, maybe not, but he asked for it—"Could you not keep watch with me one hour?" (Matt 26:40)—which suggests that on some level he wants our quiet companionship.

My fear is that when we hear about the practice of holding a 40 Hours Devotion, we can get caught in a sort of utilitarian thinking. You hear me inviting you to sign up for an hour and you may think my purpose is to ensure that we have all our slots filled, as though we have some sort of quota to fill. We need all the slots full because I do not want Jesus left alone, with nobody to adore Him while He is exposed in the monstrance on the altar. Does He need adorers for those slots? No, but He wants them.

If we speak about need when it comes to Eucharistic Adoration, it is not really at all about what Jesus needs or what the parish needs. It is each of us who are in need. We need to spend time with Jesus. We need to be in His presence, to let ourselves be still enough to let Him gaze upon us with His unconditional love for us.

As you read this, you might be thinking of how many other things you could be doing during those hours, precious hours which on the weekend are opportunities to get caught up on chores, to enjoy hobbies, to spend time with the family, or to sleep! All of those are good things, but how much better is taking time to be with the Lord?

Perhaps you might be reading this thinking that spending time in adoration is just a waste of time. If you are thinking that, or worried about losing out on valuable time to do those other things, then you are the person who most needs to come and spend an hour with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, for He desires to reveal to you how real His love is for you, and in revealing that love, to help you to intentionally choose to make Him the priority in your life – not one among many, but the one above all things.

So you can check to see if there are any slots that still need to be filled for our 40 Hours Devotion next weekend, and if you see an empty spot, hear the Lord saying to you – "This is where you need to be, because I want to spend this time with you."

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, June 5

7am - NO MASS
5:15pm - NO MASS

Tuesday, June 6

7am - NO MASS
5:15pm - NO MASS

Wednesday, June 7

7am - NO MASS
5:15pm - NO MASS

Thursday, June 8

7am - NO MASS
5:15pm - NO MASS

Friday, June 9

7am - NO MASS
5:15pm - Mary Jane Kerns
(Estate)

Saturday, June 10

8am - Katherine Jobin
(Steve & Vicki Stalcup)
4pm - Nilsson 50th Anniversary
(Nilsson Family)

Sunday, June 11

7am - Mary Ann Midden
(William Midden)
10am - Carmine Iorio
(The Crabtree Family)
5pm - Mae Nicoud
(Tim Nicoud)

40 Hours Devotion

Friday, June 9 through Sunday, June 11

To sign up for a time slot, please visit
<https://spicathedral.flocknote.com/signup/123014>

For more information, see the [What's Going On Around the Cathedral](#) section of the Weekly



St. Barnabas

Feast Day: June 11th | Apostle, Son of Encouragement, Levite, Missionary | Imagery: Vested in the Stole of Priest, Carrying Book or Scroll symbolizing the Message of the Gospel, Palm Branch of Martyrdom, Bearded like an Apostle

I recently opened the famous AI website, Chat GPT for the first time. I was bemused as it churned out a recommended running plan to better my 1-mile speed, but didn't want to be too easy on the number-crunching-web-bot. So, I asked it "Tell me about St. Barnabas. How can I connect him with the Eucharist?" And ... in about 10 seconds it had given me a summary of the life and efforts of St. Barnabas, a catechesis on what Christians believe about the Eucharist, and how St. Barnabas did not himself say, or do, anything directly related to the Blessed Sacrament, but certainly was a primary character in the early Church, whose life was already was centered on the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Writing the same essay would take me 90 minutes if I was

undistracted (and good luck sitting at any modern computer and not getting tugged off task by the thousand other things you could be doing!) [Computer: 1. Human: 0]

I was flabbergasted, elated, eclipsed, and shocked all at once. I have spent multiple years of my life researching and writing, and continue to do so for some hours every week, ... and today a nondescript website with an intricate network of silicone circuits and a massive database of information can supersede my efforts without even trying. We have to ask ourselves: Does this change the value of a human being? Is my time a waste? The answer is no. But what do we base that on?

I want to base it on St. Barnabas.

St. Barnabas (thank you Chat GBT), is referenced in the New Testament 9 times. [Correction from the human: Barnabas appears 9 times in the Acts of the Apostles; he also appears in 1st Corinthians 9:6, where St. Paul asks "Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living?"

AND in Galatians 2 and 4, where St. Paul recalls his and Barnabas' efforts at the Council of Jerusalem. Computer 1. Human: 1.] Throughout those passages, the characteristic that best describes Barnabas is generosity.

Acts 4:36-37 gives us both Barnabas's nickname, "Son of Encouragement" [Bar/Bap/בָּרְסָבָא + Nabas/Ναβδς/נָבִי], as well as another of his names, Joseph, described as a Levite from Cyprus. This man, who early tradition says traveled to Jerusalem to study at the feet of Gamaliel, is introduced to us first in Acts 4 as selling his farm and bringing the proceeds to the Apostles. It should be noted that Gamaliel is the same famous Pharisee and rabbi who taught St. Paul, and who counseled the Sanhedrin regarding the apostles "keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" [Acts 5:39-40].

On top of this, numerous times we see Barnabas offering not just his possessions, but his life, for the good of the Church. Acts 9 tells us how he brought the recently-murderous Saul to the Apostles, a courageous befriending that would change the world. In Acts 11, this saint, called "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" [Acts 11:23], is sent to Antioch to encourage and evangelize, and then onto Tarsus to bring Saul back, together working to relieve those suffering from a famine. By Acts 12, they convene in Jerusalem before being ordained by the Church with fasting and prayer, and setting off on their first missionary journey. These two would continue to travel together for years, on multiple journeys, returning to Jerusalem famously for the Council of Jerusalem where their report of the conversion of the Gentiles would change the course of the Church, committing the followers of Christ to the completion of Christ's mandate (and promise) that "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." [Acts 1:8] [Scripture passages provided by Chat GPT; Computer: 2. Human: 1.]

Charitable. Encouraging. Good. Faith-ful. Obedient. Persevering. These are how St. Barnabas chose to live out the graces and charisms that he was given. He did not hoard God's gifts for himself. He did not return to his farm on Cyprus and soak in the sun, enjoying solitarily his encounter with the Lord. He gave himself away; he put his life at the service of that Lord every day for the rest of his life. He risked a friendship with someone as volatile and intense as Saul, and made him into a saint and apostle. Chat GPT may know these facts, but it cannot know the person of St. Barnabas, and it cannot emulate him. You and I can!

Fr. Dominic offered Mass this morning, conversed with God while admiring the beauty of the sunrise, persevered through a hard 50-minute run, and sacrificed 90 minutes of my life towards this essay...

Nothing extraordinary about any of those things, but Chat GPT, even if it could analyze those experiences, cannot devote itself to them, nor choose them out of love. You and I can.

[Computer: 2. Human: ∞.]

Stewardship of Treasure

May 27th & 28th

Envelopes:	\$3,694.00
Loose:	\$2,358.00
Maintenance:	\$305.00
Total:	\$6,357.00

April EFT

\$21,553.80

April Second Collections

Holy Land

\$3,554.58

Seminarians

\$4,592.00

Catholic Home Missions

\$2,221.00

St. Martin de Porres

\$3,683.70

April Debt Reduction

\$2,853.00

Online Giving: If you would like to extend a special gift to the Cathedral, please visit our website. Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

Sacraments

Baptisms

Gimarri Nathaniel Jackson

Child of Tyrone Jackson & Nicole Cornell

Baptized on May 21, 2023

WEEK OF JUNE 5

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
NO 7 AM OR 5:15 PM MASS	NO 7 AM OR 5:15 PM MASS	NO 7 AM OR 5:15 PM MASS	NO 7 AM OR 5:15 PM MASS	NO 7 AM MASS	40 Hours Devotion 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM	40 Hours Devotion 12:00 AM - 10:00 AM
	Grief Share 1:00 PM School Library	Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library	Adoration 4:00 PM Church	40 Hours Devotion 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM		
	Adoration 4:00 PM Church	Bible Study 6:15 PM School Library				
		Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Cathedral School				

What's Going on Around the Cathedral?

40 HOURS DEVOTION

Begins Friday, June 9
Opening Mass at 5:15 PM
Adoration begins at 6:00 PM

Through Sunday, June 11
Solemn Benediction at 10:00 AM
Eucharistic Procession to follow

40 Hours Devotion

The Cathedral will be hosting a 40 Hours Devotion from June 9-11, leading up to the celebration of the Feast of *Corpus Christi*. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration for 40 continuous hours for the faithful to spend time before our Eucharistic Lord, beginning on Friday, June 9 with an Opening Mass at 5:15 PM and concluding with the celebration of the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, June 11, which will include a Eucharistic Procession in the nearby streets. Please consider signing up for an hour during this time to pray in thanksgiving for the Lord's blessings and for greater openness to the working of the Holy Spirit in your lives. We are requesting a minimum of two people at a time for each hour. To sign up for a time slot, please visit <https://spicathedral.flocknote.com/signup/123014>

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>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FR. AUGUSTINE TOLTON COUNCIL #16126 ST. LOUIS BUS TRIP

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Turning Point Women's Bible Study

The Turning Point is a nine-session Bible study experience that's perfect for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures but don't know where to start. This study will introduce you to people and stories in the Gospel of John that you won't find anywhere else in the Bible: the woman at the well; a man named Nicodemus; the woman caught in adultery; and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead. You'll read stories about Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and Peter's marvelous redemption after he denies Jesus three times. The people in these stories were transformed by their encounters with Jesus. By entering into their miraculous stories, you will encounter Jesus in a personal way and develop a deeper relationship with him that will transform your everyday life. Register by email vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or phone 217/522-3342. Order your packet for \$15.95 <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/turning-point-participant-program-pack/TPNT-008-PP-ENG.html> Thursday evenings, 6:00-7:15 starting August 24, in the Cathedral School Library

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.

Butler Funeral Home Peace of Mind Seminar

The Butler Family of Organizations extends an invitation to all who are interested in learning more about planning for their final wishes to help their families celebrate their lives to join us for a lunch and learn program. The details are as follows:

Peace of Mind Seminar
Thursday, June 15th
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Bella Milano
4525 Wabash Ave.
Springfield, IL 62711

Complimentary lunch will be provided. This event is free: no cost or obligation. Please call 217-544-4646 to reserve your space no later than Monday, June 12th.

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

To kick off the Year of Parish Revival, the Cathedral will be showing Dr. Brant Pitre's presentation, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist on June 20 at 6:30pm. We will have a limited number of Dr. Pitre's book, Jesus and the Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the last Supper, on sale for \$2 a copy.

Pregnancy Care Center Board Member

The Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. is looking for individuals interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors. The Center has been serving low-income pregnant women and their families from Springfield and surrounding communities since 1978. Board Members assist in promoting the Center along with fundraising events necessary to keep their services free to all clients. For more information please email the Center's Executive Director, Kara Gray at kara.gray@hshs.org.

Totus Tuus - July 9-14

Mark your Calendars and Register! Totus Tuus, a week-long summer catechetical program, is coming back to Springfield! July 9-14, 2023 at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. The Totus Tuus program aims to inspire young people to long for holiness, develop a deep desire for conversation, and personally renew their faith with a stronger prayer life. To register, please use the QR code or the following link: <https://dio.org/totus-tuus-camper-registration/?parish=SkdS>. For more information, text Janice Rothering at 217-438-6019 or email at Janice.rothering@gmail.com.

"The generous will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

Holy Family Food Pantry is especially in need of spaghetti noodles, mac n cheese, cereal, canned tuna and canned fruit. Place donations in the blue bin in the atrium. Thank you for your generosity!

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

We Bear the Name of the Lord

The name of the Lord is a curiously powerful thing. Say it deliberately, even in a group of people who are not particularly religious, and you'll know what I mean. There is a shift in the mood, a change in the atmosphere. When we utter the name of the Lord, He turns His head.

Once, in confession, I admitted to the sin of using the Lord's name in vain. "When you do that, tell God that you love him," advised the priest, who was wise enough to know that I would repeat this sin at some point. "You've said His name, after all. You have His attention."

We hear the name of the Lord, and we think of what it represents — John 3:16, salvation history summed up in a neat little sentence, the why and the how and the who of it all laid out before us. The Lord, so slow to anger that He offers us a million chances. The Lord, so rich in kindness and fidelity that He literally gave Himself to us that we might be saved.

But the name of the Lord is more than that. It is not just a symbol, it is an invitation. I think of Moses clutching the commandments, beseeching the Lord: "Come with us. Forgive us. Receive us as your own." The Lord accompanies us down the mountain. We bear the name of the Lord into the world with us wherever we go.

I have to ask myself: do I do that name justice?

"Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages." — Daniel 3:52

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Around the Diocese

- **God is Alive Documentary | Incredible stories of faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois**, an original documentary, created and produced by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, answers that question in an adventurous, impactful, and local way. Premieres on Saturday, July 8 at Sacred Heart Griffin High School in Springfield at 7pm. To RSVP to the free showing and watch the trailer, go to dio.org/documentary.
- **The Little Way, A Journey Along St. Therese's Path of Confidence and Love Retreat**, July 13-16, 2023 at Villa Maria Catholic Life Center. All women are welcomed and invited to participate. For registration information visit <https://www.theresians.org/events.html>. Look for Midwest Regional. Online registration deadline is June 15. If you have questions, please contact Vicki Schmidt at 217.652.8632 or Email: v.schmidt55@outlook.com.
- **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.