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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.



## Jesus's Real Presence

One of the occupational hazards of being a priest is the tendency to accumulate books. It is a practice many men develop during their time in seminary, especially when somebody is giving away free books. We think: "That might come in handy someday." And while it is true that many of the books on my shelves have been useful, many of them are passed by each day without my even giving them a thought.

As I was trying to gather some thoughts of this feast day, I pulled a book off my shelf that I had not looked at in several years. The title of the book is *Adoration – Eucharistic Texts and Prayers throughout Church History*. As I thumbed through the book, one of the prayers caught my attention. It was clear that I had

spent time on this page many times as there was a slight bend in the book. The title of the prayer is "An Act of Adoration and Reparation", and part of the prayer goes like this:

*I adore Thee profoundly, O my Jesus, in Thy sacramental form; I acknowledge Thee to be true God and true Man, and by this act of adoration I intend to atone for the coldness of so many Christians who pass before Thy churches and sometimes before the very Tabernacle in which Thou art pleased to remain at all hours with loving impatience to give Thyself to Thy faithful people, and do not so much as bend the knee before Thee, and who, by their indifference proclaim that they grow weary of this heavenly manna, like the people of Israel in the wilderness. I offer Thee in reparation for this grievous negligence, the Most Precious Blood which Thou didst shed from Thy five wounds, and especially from Thy sacred side.*

As I write these words, I do so from my desk in the Cathedral Rectory, looking out on the traffic that passes along 6th Street, and I wonder how many thousands of people pass by the front of the Church each day and have no clue that the Lord of all is present here? How about those who are Catholic and pass by and think nothing of who they are passing as they go down the road? I say that as one who is likewise guilty of not always being attentive to the presence of Jesus in any Catholic Church I pass.

Even if we do not pause to acknowledge Him, we can be sure that He sees us, that He knows us, and that He longs to let us know how much He loves us. Every person that passes by, no matter if they are Catholic or not, is an object of His love, for there is not one person He has not willed into existence, and each soul He desires to be with Him for Eternity in Heaven.

To stop and think of how incredibly close Jesus is to us in the Eucharist is almost too much for our minds to comprehend. But it is the truth! To humble Himself to come in the form of bread and wine, and to subject Himself to being locked in the Tabernacle, day and night, with the vast majority of His time unheeded by those who pass by. If that is not love, I don't know what is.

On this day on which we celebrate Christ's Real Presence with us in the Eucharist, let us resolve to not just pass Him by. When we pass any Catholic Church, let us at least make the Sign of the Cross, acknowledging that He is truly present there, looking upon us with love. And may we even be willing to stop in and spend some time with Him, thanking Him for His presence and love for us. May it never be said of us that we have become indifferent to His presence among us, especially in the Holy Eucharist.

*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 12

7am - John W. Montgomery  
(John Busciacco)  
5:15pm - Intention for Bianca  
(D.A. Drago)

### Tuesday, June 13

7am - William F. Logan  
(John Busciacco)  
5:15pm - Karen Bucari  
(Alan Bucari)

### Wednesday, June 14

7am - Mary Jane Kerns  
(Estate)  
5:15pm - Brother Frances Skube  
(Marge Sebille)

### Thursday, June 15

7am - George Jacoby  
(James & Julie Berberet)  
5:15pm - Lambert Fleck Jr  
(The Fleck Family)

### Friday, June 16

7am - Msgr. David Hoefler  
(Chris Sommer)  
5:15pm - Anna Geraldine Gasaway  
(Robert Gasaway)

### Saturday, June 17

8am - Richard Stalcup  
(Steve & Vicki Stalcup)  
4pm - For the People

### Sunday, June 18

7am - John Brunk & Deceased Family  
(Estate)  
10am - Mercedes & Charles Nesbitt  
(Kathy Frank)  
5pm - Dick Dhabalt  
(Leza Ulrich)





## Ss. Peter and Paul

**Feast Day: June 29th | Peter: Rock, Prince of Apostles, First Pope, Bishop of Rome, Martyr; Paul: Saul, Convert, Apostle to the Gentiles, Teacher, Writer, Martyr | Imagery: Peter: Keys, Rock, Fisherman, Upside-Down Cross, Papal Tiara/Mitre, Rooster, Attired in Gold [symbolizing the divine] and Blue [symbolizing the human]; Paul: Sword [of the Spirit], Scroll or Book [of the missionary], Fire [of Spirit], Quill [of Writer], Broken Chains [of Imprisoned]**

*"He [Solomon] set up the pillars at the vestibule of the temple. He set up the pillar on the south and called its name Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the north and called its name Boaz. And on the tops of the pillars was lily-work. Thus the work of the pillars was finished." [1 Kings 7:21-22]*

The Temple of Solomon faced towards the East, thus of these most prominent pillars of the Lord's Temple, the one entitled "Jachin" was to the right-hand of the altar, and "Boaz" was to the left-hand. Get ready to have your mind blown: "Jachin" literally means "the Lord will establish" [yāqīn/יָכִין] whereas "Boaz", though probably also etymologically recalling strength and stability, is the name of the grandfather of David who married Ruth, one of several pivotal gentiles included in the lineage of Our Lord. To the right is the one grounded, affirmed, set-up, founded by the Lord; to the left, the one from the gentiles, outside of the ordinary, surprising, yet also chosen by God and essential to His plan.

When Christ constructed His Church, he also chose two pillars, and the same characteristics apply to them: to the right, St. Peter, *"you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* St. Peter, the one established, chosen, dedicated, grounded on Christ. He is the one at the Lord's right hand, prince of the Apostles, chief of the shepherds, first to enter the empty tomb, first to evangelize, holder of the keys, key-stone of the Church ... yet he is also the egotistical Simon who rejects the cross; sinful, arrogant, weak, sleeping, denying, forgetful. The temptation of the one who is chosen and established is to pridefully think they earned it themselves.

On the left is St. Paul, *"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads." And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'"* [Acts 26:13-16] This is Saul, persecutor of the Church, the Roman citizen, the outsider, the pharisee, the tent-maker, the inarticulate, afflicted by a thorn in the flesh, the one who got himself on trial, stoned, shipwrecked, beaten, imprisoned, chief of sinners, least of the apostles ... yet this is also St. Paul, he the hand-picked convert, the greatest missionary, first theologian, founder of countless churches, author of much of the New Testament, preacher to the Gentiles, the one who carries the sword of the Word and Spirit of God.

I would like to invite you to meditate on two scenes today, the first is one that St. Paul describes in Galatians 2: *"But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, 'If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?'"* [Galatians 2:11-14] Here the two pillars, right and left, established and outsider, fall to their respective weaknesses, their vices, their particular faults. Consider where within yourself you can fall into self-reliance and pride, and where you fall into shaming and accusation. Neither are from the Lord, but they are the temptations, respectively, of the "insider" and the "outsider", and we all have our own places/situations where we can fall to those faults ourselves.

But there is another scene with these two Apostles beloved by the Church that I invite you to contemplate: Peter, in the impoverished Jewish quarter of Rome, and Paul, brought to the Eternal City in chains, are both sentenced to death because they are proclaiming Christ. On the way to Peter accepting the cross, and Paul kneeling before the sword, they embraced! The insider and the outsider, the right pillar and the left pillar, the rock and the radical, he who carries the keys and he who carries the sword; apostle to apostle, brother to brother; both chosen by Christ, both dedicated to Christ, both united in Christ. Here, at the end, the best of these two apostles' calls, characters, and charisms, have been completely united in Christ, and the Church will rest upon them down through all its ages.

*Fr. Dominic often gets frustrated with different parts of his personality, perceived weaknesses, faults, etc. What he often forgets to do is to bring those things to Christ, letting the Lord purify and unite those different parts of myself into something holy, good, and necessary for His particular call for me. The Lord is working on that in all of us, and in all of His Church.*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### June 3rd & 4th

Envelopes:	\$5,465.00
Loose:	\$3,394.00
Maintenance:	\$945.00
Total:	\$9,804.00

### May EFT

\$21,943.80

### May Second Collections

Catholic Communication Campaign  
\$2,158.25

Retired Diocesan Priests  
\$4,688.00

Calvary Cemetery  
\$937.00

### May Debt Reduction

\$621.00

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

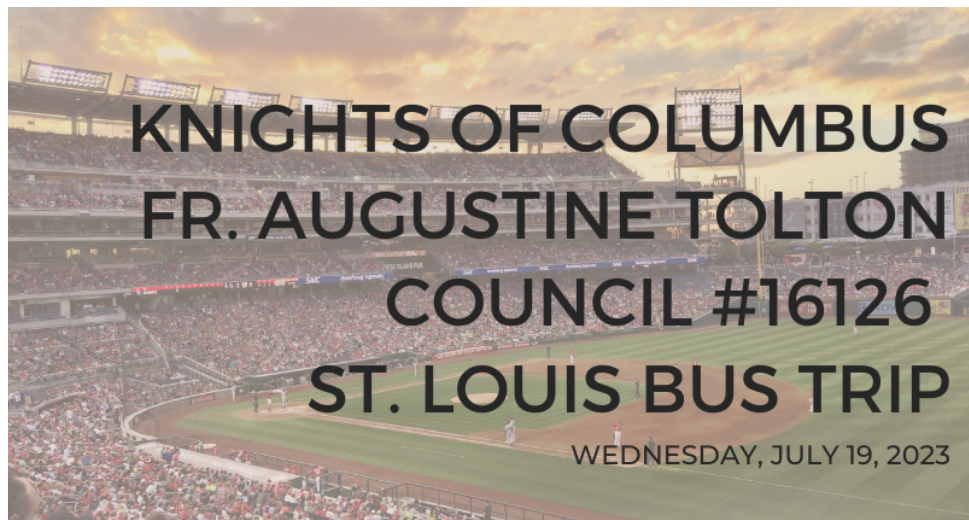
### Deaths

Rita A. Greenwald  
Date of Death: May 23, 2023

## WEEK OF JUNE 12

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
	Grief Share 1:00 PM School Library  Adoration 4:00 PM Church	Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library	Lectio: Eucharist Bible Study 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM  Adoration 4:00 PM Church			

## What's Going on Around the Cathedral?



### **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](mailto:info.kofc16126@gmail.com).  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p823x3x>

# 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](mailto: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

## 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.

## Do we have Jesus' DNA? Scientific Findings of Eucharistic Miracles Will Shock You

Think Jesus isn't present in the Eucharist? We got proof. Father Luke Spannagel of the Diocese of Peoria joins Dive Deep to discuss eucharistic miracles where the scientific findings will shock you. The findings also beg the question, "Does this mean we have Jesus' DNA? Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) or search Dive Deep on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

## 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.

## 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

## "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!

## 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 conversion, 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](mailto:Janice.rothering@gmail.com).

## The Priesthood and the Eucharist

"These two Sacraments were born together," wrote St. John Paul II of the priesthood and the Eucharist, "and their destiny is indissolubly linked until the end of the world."

The Eucharist is such a beautiful example of how God, conscious of our limitations, bends to meet us. He once came to us cloaked in the flesh, that we might recognize Him. Now He comes as the very means by which we nourish ourselves: food and drink, the most familiar and comforting thing in the world to us. How easy He makes it to fulfill his command that we become one with Him. How generous He is to make such a sacred thing also accessible.

We can say the same of the priesthood, and of the men He calls to its number. How generous of Him to make such an accessible thing — our sons, our brothers, our uncles, our cousins — sacred. How generous of Him to allow these human creations — who share in our own faults — to be the means through which He comes to us in the Eucharist.

Without the Eucharist, we would have no eternal life. Without priests, we would have no Eucharist. On this, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let's give thanks for our priests, and redouble our prayers that God will send us good and holy ones — manna from Heaven in our wandering exile.

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."* — John 6:54

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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## Around the Diocese

- **Covenant Summer Radiothon, Thursday, June 22 at 9am;** tune in and support Bob Bunn. Please also consider supporting FM 88.9 WTTT Catholic Radio by calling (314) 752-7000 or (877) 305-1234 [www.OurCatholicRadio.org](http://www.OurCatholicRadio.org).
- **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.holylandtoursllc.com) or email [edanaher@dio.org](mailto:edanaher@dio.org).