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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.



Praying before Mass

When I was growing up, I remember getting to Mass early then kneeling down to pray. To be honest, I do not recall what I prayed about, but I do recall thinking on more than one occasion as I looked around: “What are those around me praying about?” I was wondering if there was a certain script that I was supposed to follow or what I should be praying for. More often than not, I probably just knelt there in silence for the amount of time that seemed right, then I’d sit down, especially if I saw my mom or my siblings sit after doing their prayers before Mass.

When I entered seminary, I became aware of a series of prayers that the Roman Missal provided for the priest as he was preparing for Mass. I figured that if I was going to become a priest someday, perhaps those prayers would be helpful to start using as I prepared for Mass. And in fact, I still use many of those prayers as I get ready to celebrate Mass.

But preparing for Mass should be more than just reciting certain prayers, holy as those prayers may be. As I encouraged in my last article, as we prepare for Mass, it is an opportunity for us to disengage our spiritual autopilot so that we can fully and consciously enter into this greatest of all prayers.

In a document written by Pope Benedict XVI on the Eucharist, he offers the following reflection about what our prayers before Mass might look like:

In their consideration of the actuosa participatio of the faithful in the liturgy, the Synod Fathers also discussed the personal conditions required for fruitful participation on the part of individuals. One of these is certainly the spirit of constant conversion which must mark the lives of all the faithful. Active participation in the eucharistic liturgy can hardly be expected if one approaches it superficially, without an examination of his or her life.

This inner disposition can be fostered, for example, by recollection and silence for at least a few moments before the beginning of the liturgy, by fasting and, when necessary, by sacramental confession. A heart reconciled to God makes genuine participation possible. (Sacramentum caritatis, 55).

Part of our preparation should therefore include an acknowledgement of our need for conversion, calling to mind where we have strayed, asking that our participation in the Mass will heal the wounds of our sins and strengthen us for a more faithful and fruitful living our lives as disciples. Although there is more that we can and should pray about before Mass, I think this aspect should never be overlooked.

This time in silence, opening ourselves to conversion, is necessary for one of the very first parts of the Mass that we encounter, the Penitential Rite. The priest invites us with the following words: “Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, as so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.” The brief pause of silence is hardly enough time for us to do an examination of conscience at that point, but if we have spent some time before Mass acknowledging our sins and our need for conversion, this part becomes more than just a formality that we automatically breeze through.

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, July 24

7am - Kyle Buckman
(Mom)
5:15pm - Doris Drago's 97th Birthday
(Richard & Kay King)

Tuesday, July 25

7am - John Brunk & Deceased Family
(Estate)
5:15pm - James Quinn
(Celeste Crowley)

Wednesday, July 26

7am - Chris Ford
(Jeannette Giannone)
5:15pm - Brother Frances Skube
(Community)

Thursday, July 27

7am - John Vogt Sr.
(Bill Vogt)
5:15pm - Frank Albanese
(Michael & Lily Layden)

Friday, July 28

7am - Steve Roach
(Chris Sommer)
5:15pm - Brother Francis Skube
(Community)

Saturday, July 29

8am - William Spivey
(Cathedral)
4pm - Eulalia & Raymond Ohl
(Angela Ohl Marsters)

Sunday, July 30

7am - Mary Ann Midden
(William Midden)
10am - Brother Anthony McCoy
(Chris Sommer)
5pm - For The People



St. James the Greater

Feast Day: July 25th | Patronage: Spain, Compostela, Veterinarians, Equestrians, Furriers, Tanners, Pharmacists, Oyster Fishermen, Woodcarvers | Iconography: Carrying Book as author of Letter of St. James, Wearing Red as a martyr, Adorned with pilgrim-hat, staff, or shell as a pilgrim, Riding white horse into battle against the Moors, Clubbed to death in Jerusalem

Throughout Christian history, there has always been an emphasis on the importance of Christians going on pilgrimage to the places associated with Our Lord. We are a fundamentally historical religion, claiming that God set foot on this planet for a definitive period of years, consecrating those roads of the Holy Land, and with them our entire world. From the beginning of the Church, even as it spread out to the edges of human civilization,

there was always a draw for Christians to try and make their way to Bethlehem and Jerusalem, seeing for themselves the places where their Lord and God had set foot.

Of course, it has not always been easy to get to Jerusalem, whether that be simply the arduous nature of travel throughout most of human history, or the wars and persecutions that cut Christian nations off from Israel. For this reason another place of pilgrimage, Rome, sort of symbolically because a stand-in for Jerusalem. In Rome the greatest apostles, Peter and Paul had died and were buried in their respective basilicas, but even more importantly it was in that Eternal City there you would find the magnificent basilicas dedicated to Christ's birth (St. Mary Major), passion (the Basilica of the Holy Cross), and glorious reign (St. John Lateran).

But what if you couldn't make it to Rome? Was there a third option? Yes, as it turns out, there was one other great place of pilgrimage for the Christian world: Santiago de Compostela. This is the spot in North-West Spain where the tomb of St. James the Greater was miraculously discovered in 813 AD. Legend tells of his appearing to rally Christian troops beleaguered by invading Moorish armies around this time and the discovery of his tomb near to that event after a holy hermit had a vision of stars and angels surrounding an otherwise nondescript field. Over the ensuing centuries, ever-grander basilicas would be built (and lost) and rebuilt over the site of this tomb, and then early written accounts of pilgrims who made the trip there would slowly spread out across Europe, attracting more and more Christians to make the trek.

In 2013 about 200,000 people walked at least 100 kilometers along one of the many routes that now culminate at St. James' basilica, in 2017, 300,000, and in 2022, the number crested 400,000 for the first time. Here's the deal, Jerusalem, Rome, Compostela are all just stand-ins for the real pilgrimage that we are all on: towards the heavenly Jerusalem and the New Heavens and New Earth where Christ will remain with us forever. We're all on pilgrimage whether we go to Compostela or not! The problem happens when we forget that and start putting too much stock in our lives here. Here's a few mental-exercises to ask ourselves if we have the right disposition: On pilgrimage, you carry everything you need on your back. What size pile of things do you, or I, consider essential? Do I treasure the simple and silent moments of my life, or just the exciting highlight-reel? On pilgrimage, you befriend and protect otherwise random strangers because you're together on the journey towards the same destination. Do you or I really care for those that are alongside of us in our journey towards heaven? Do I pray for those that I'm "on mission" with by name? On pilgrimage, the point is not leisure but

conversion; not self-actualization but self-transcendence. Do you or I seek more opportunities for holiness, or pleasure? Do I ask God to show me each day where He is giving me the chance to serve, sacrifice, and surrender?

Fr. Dominic Rankin did the Way of St. James during the summer of 2015 with his mom, dad, and brother. You can see us dwarfed by the basilica in the picture to the left. And yes, we got to see the world's largest thurible swung by a team of acolytes and suspended from the ceiling of the basilica. There also was the memorable occasion when, for the only time in my life, I went to Confession in Spanish.



Stewardship of Treasure

July 15th & 16th

Envelopes:	\$4,030.00
Loose:	\$4,509.00
Maintenance:	\$80.00
Total:	\$8,619.00

June EFT

\$20,773.80

June Debt Reduction

\$501.00

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

Everly Anne Davenport
Jarrod & Meghan Davenport
Baptized on 07/15/2023

Deaths

Eartha Mary Hubbard
Date of Death: 06/24/2023

WEEK OF JULY 24

<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	Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library	Bible Study Potluck 11:00 AM School Hall			
	Adoration 4:00 PM Church		Adoration 4:00 PM Church			
	Jesus and the Jewish Roots 6:30 PM Cathedral Atrium		Knights of Columbus #16126 Meeting 6:00 PM School Classroom			
			CCCW Meeting 6:00 PM School Hall			

What's Going on Around the Cathedral?



Welcome Everly!

This is Miss Everly Davenport, Daughter of Jarrod & Meghan Davenport. She was baptized last Saturday, July 15 here at the Cathedral. Welcome Everly!

Eucharistic Miracles Display

Each week during the month of July, as part of our parish focus on the Eucharistic Revival, we will be displaying Eucharistic Miracles posters in the Cathedral atrium. Each week we will highlight a different part of the world. The display will be changed every Thursday.

Eucharistic Congress Tickets

The Cathedral will have about 100 tickets to share with parishioners who would like to attend the Eucharistic Congress at the Bank of Springfield Center on Saturday, October 28. If you'd like to enter the lottery for a ticket, please contact the parish office by calling 217/522-3342 or emailing info@cathedral.dio.org. Drawing for tickets will be August 1.

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

Springfield Dominican Sisters' 150th anniversary Mass

Celebrate the Springfield Dominican Sisters' 150th anniversary with Mass Saturday, August 19 at the Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, 1237 W. Monroe Street, Springfield, IL. Mass begins at 10:30 with a beautiful musical prelude at 10:15 a.m. Mass is followed by a light meal. RSVP by August 4 at springfieldop.org/150years/ or call 217-787-0481. Free event with off-street parking. Fully accessible. Livestreamed at springfieldop.org/livestream/.

St. Louise Bunco

St. Louise is having a bunco game on 8/20/2023 at Christ the King hall from 2-4pm. The cost is \$10 and snacks, desserts and drinks will be served. We will also have 50/50 and raffle basket tickets available for purchase. All proceeds goes to Catholic Charities. Please call me, Linda Patterson, at 217-971-1642 for a reservation or e-mail me at threeinone62@comcast.net. All e-mail requests will receive a reply back. It is limited to the first 100 ladies. So please come and have a good time and help out Catholic Charities.

Retreat For Married Couples

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. The next retreat will be held 8/4/2023 – 8/6/2023 in St. Peters, MO.

St. Louise Women's Group

St. Louise is open to all Catholic women in and around the Springfield area. Our dinners are on the third Monday of the month and are \$15. If you wish to join the dues are \$15 a year. You can call Linda Patterson at 217-971-1642 for more information. We give two programs under Catholic Charities a check twice a year. We do not meet in January, February or July.

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre

We still have copies of the book available for sale to parishioners for just \$2. In addition, Formed has an excellent 10-part study, Lectio: Eucharist with Dr. Pitre, that helps you discover the Mass in the Bible. Dr. Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. A limited number of study guides are available for \$10 if you'd like to participate in this FREE course on your own, with a spouse, or as a family during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Contact the parish office to get a copy of the book or study guide.

Sacred Heart Major Seminary Online Course

Embark on a new journey this fall as [Dr. Patricia Cooney Hathaway, Professor of Spirituality and Systematic Theology](#), at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, leads a new course, "[An Introduction to Spirituality](#)." This online, college-level course will empower you to become a missionary disciple equipped to bring spirituality into your everyday life and fulfill the universal call to holiness. For more information or to enroll, visit <https://explore.shms.edu/online-programs>

Priest Runs Boston Marathon in 6:35/Mile (Under 3 Hours)!

It is one the most prestigious marathons in the U.S., the Boston Marathon. Runners must qualify for it. Our very own Father Dominic Rankin not only competed, but completed it in under three hours (6 minutes and 35 seconds per mile)! How did he do it? We discuss with him the physical and spiritual components of running the Boston Marathon. Go to dio.org/podcast or search Dive Deep on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

Gospel Meditation

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great). Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

Father John Muir
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Around the Diocese

- **Springfield Dominican Sisters 150th Anniversary Mass**, Saturday, August 19, 2023, 10:30am at the Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, 1237 W. Monroe Street, Springfield, IL, 62704. RSVP by August 1 is appreciated. This may be made either with a phone call to 217-787-0481 or at springfieldop.org/150years/. For those unable to be present a livestream is offered at springfieldop.org/livestream/.
- **Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 94th Annual Convention**, Wednesday, September 27, at Sacred Heart Griffin West Campus with Mass at St. Agnes Church, Springfield. More information to come.
- **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.