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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!



## The Entrance Hymn

Now that we have reflected on our preparations for Mass, both before arriving at the church and after, we are ready to actually enter the Mass itself. The Mass is divided into five sections, the first of which is called the Introductory Rites. The first element of the Introductory Rites listed by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) is The Entrance. Here is what the document says:

*When the people are gathered, and as the Priest enters with the Deacon and ministers, the Entrance Chant begins. Its purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers. (GIRM, §47)*

Most parishes choose to use an Entrance Hymn that the congregation can join in singing, though some places will sing a chant. For our weekday masses, we simply recite the Entrance Antiphon that is designated for that day.

Notice how this beginning of the Mass is described as an opportunity to foster unity and prepare our thoughts for the mystery we are about to celebrate. Unity is fostered when we all join in the singing of the Entrance Hymn together. Some, because they don't like to sing, or claim that they can't sing, choose to exempt themselves from this part of the Mass, preferring to just stand in silence. Might I suggest that you at least open the hymnal and follow along with the words, at a very minimum listening to them and uniting your heart with them in prayer? Doing so helps to foster unity as we all do the same thing. Plus, paying attention to those words can actually benefit us as the words help to prepare our hearts for what we are about to celebrate.

In this regard, I still have vivid memories of masses that I would celebrate for the Catholic high school where I was a Chaplain several years ago. I would process in, usually singing, then I would look up during the hymn, only to see the vast majority of the students not singing, not even having their hymnals open. Furthermore, their facial expressions said: "I do not want to be here." On one occasion, I had some of those students saying something about not getting anything out of Mass, and I brought up my observation from the Entrance Hymn. I said to them, somewhat out of frustration, but with utter sincerity: "If you don't put anything into Mass, how can you expect to get anything out of Mass?" To be honest, I do not know how many people actually sing during the Entrance Hymn here at the Cathedral. I try not to look lest I get frustrated and start Mass in a bad mood! I say that with a little sarcasm, but not totally. I do, however, urge us all to consider how it is we participate during the Entrance Procession of the Mass, seeing it for what it is – a time to foster unity among ourselves and prepare to enter into the greatest prayer of the Mass.

Up to this point, I have been providing some reflections and suggestions of how I think about approaching the preparation for and praying of Mass, but I realize I do not possess the definitive answer on these. Many of you have been preparing for and praying at Mass longer than I've been alive! So, I offer an open invite for you to share with me anything that you have found useful in your experience with preparing for and praying at Mass. I will be happy to share those as I work through this series. Just send me an e-mail so that I can remember them. If you just tell me after Mass, I'm afraid I might forget!

*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 31

7am - Laura Weakley  
(Chris Sommer)  
5:15pm - Monique Gaston  
(The Fleck Family)

#### Tuesday, August 1

7am - Douglas Crocher  
(Chris Sommer)  
5:15pm - Dr. John Denby  
(Lou Ann Mack & Carl Corrigan)

#### Wednesday, August 2

7am - Rita Greenwald  
(Priester Family)  
5:15pm - Dan Sexson  
(Rick & Janice Wray)

#### Thursday, August 3

7am - Lauduskie Family  
(The Bloom Family)  
5:15pm - John Ansell  
(Jerry Newquist & Sandy Venturini)

#### Friday, August 4

7am - Mary Jane Kerns  
(Estate)  
5:15pm - Special Intention  
(Richard & Kay King)

#### Saturday, August 5

8am - Bishop Thomas John Paprocki  
(Chris Sommer)  
4pm - Eulalia & Raymond Ohl  
(Angela Ohl Marster)

#### Sunday, August 6

7am - Julie Kemp  
(Family)  
10am - For The People  
5pm - Kathy Dhabalt  
(Vicki Compton)



## Pope St. Sixtus II

**Feast Day: August 7th | Patronage: Popes, Martyrs | Iconography: Arrayed in Gold Vestments, Wearing Papal Tiara, Holding a Book, Staff, or Processional Crucifix**

From a letter of St. Cyprian about the martyrdom of St. Sixtus [Epist. 80: CSEL 3, 839-840]. St. Cyrian would be martyred several months later in the same persecution.

*Dear brother, the reason why I could not write to you immediately was that all the clergy were embroiled in the heat of the conflict. They could not possibly leave, all of them having prepared*

*themselves for divine and heavenly glory. But now the messengers have come back, those whom I sent to the City to find out and report the truth of whatever decrees had been made about us – for people have been imagining all sorts of different possibilities. Here, then, is the truth:*

*Valerian [the Emperor of Rome at this time] sent a rescript to the Senate, saying that bishops, presbyters, and deacons should all receive immediate punishment; that senators, knights, and other men of importance should lose their rank and their property, and if they still persisted in being Christians, they should lose their heads; and that matrons should be deprived of their property and be sent into exile. Members of Caesar’s own household, whether they had confessed their faith before or were only confessing it now, should be deprived of their property, bound in chains, and sent as slaves to his estates.*

*To this command, Valerian attached a copy of the letters which he had sent to the governors of the various provinces about us; and we daily await the arrival of these letters, bracing ourselves, each according to the strength of his faith, for the suffering that is to be endured, and looking forward to the help and mercy of the Lord and the crown of eternal life.*

*You should know, however, that Sixtus was martyred in the cemetery on the sixth of August, and four deacons with him [St. Lawrence the famous jokester and deacon would outlive his fellow deacons for four more days, and whom we will get to know next week...] Moreover, the prefects in the City are daily pushing forward this persecution, and anyone who is presented to them is martyred and all his property confiscated by the state.*

*I beg you to make these things known to the rest of our colleagues, so that through their encouragement the whole brotherhood may be strengthened and made ready for the spiritual conflict – so that each one of us may think less of death and more of immortality – so that everyone, dedicated to the Lord with full faith and total courage, may rejoice in this confession and not fear it, for they know that the soldiers of God and Christ are not destroyed, but crowned.*

*Dearest brother, always fare well in the Lord.*

*Fr. Dominic Rankin recently had the chance to visit his sister in the convent and at one funny moment she asked if he were available to do Exposition the following morning at “ten of six”. Unfamiliar with monastery jargon, I puzzled over the turn of phrase for a moment to the humor of my sister, “willing to get up that early??” Of course, 5:50 AM is a bit of an ask when one is trying to rest and relax with family ... but I had to surrender my desire for a full night’s sleep and agree to the early start. If a Christian’s life is meant to look like Christ, I should expect crucifixion, and getting up before 6 is nothing like what has been asked of many Christians down through the ages.*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### July 22nd & 23rd

Envelopes:	\$7,425.00
Loose:	\$4,781.00
Maintenance:	\$160.00
Total:	\$12,366.00

### 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!

## WEEK OF JULY 31

<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 - Prayer 1:00 PM School Library	First Friday Concert 7:00 PM Church		
	Adoration 4:00 PM Church	Cathedral Bible Study 6:15 PM School Library	Adoration 4:00 PM Church			
	Jesus and the Jewish Roots 6:30 PM Cathedral Atrium					

### What's Going on Around the Cathedral?



#### Fishing with Father

We had a great time fishing and climbing and praying last Saturday! Thanks to Fr. Alford for celebrating an early morning Mass and for his expert fishing advice, and to Carlos and Elena Tejeda and Mercy Tree Adventures for adventurous encounters with God's word!

#### 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](mailto:info@cathedral.dio.org). Drawing for tickets will be August 1.

### *Cathedral First Friday Concert*

**AUGUST 4, 2023  
7 PM - 8 PM**

*Featuring  
Trevor Good, Organ*

#### First Friday Concert - August 4, 2023

Join us for our First Friday Concert Series! August's concert will feature Trevor Good, Organ. The First Friday Concert Series is sponsored by the Staab Family, and is free and open to the public. All are welcome!

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 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>

## 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 [springfielddop.org/150years/](http://springfielddop.org/150years/) or call 217-787-0481. Free event with off-street parking. Fully accessible. Livestreamed at [springfielddop.org/livestream/](http://springfielddop.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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## Free Online Course - The Cardinal Virtues: Keys to the Good Life

Enrollment is now open for our next free, online course: The Cardinal Virtues: Keys to the Good Life. This course will examine the four cardinal virtues—prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance—according to the thought of Aristotle, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Josef Pieper.

Mondays, September 11 - November 13

Live Course: 8:00 - 9:15 PM ET / Pre-class discussion 30 minutes prior

For more information or to register, please visit <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/the-cardinal-virtues/>

## 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](http://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.

## 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

## The Falling Action and the Field

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

*"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." — Psalm 119*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  
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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/](https://springfieldop.org/150years/). For those unable to be present a livestream is offered at [springfieldop.org/livestream/](https://springfieldop.org/livestream/).
- **Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 95th 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.
- **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).