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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!



I Believe

Many might think that with the homily finished, the Liturgy of the Word has come to its conclusion. But the Creed and the Universal Prayer (or General Intercessions) are to be included as the final liturgical actions for the Liturgy of the Word. We will focus on the Creed this week, and the Universal Prayer next week.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal gives a good description of why it is we include the Creed in the Liturgy of the Word:

The purpose of the Creed or Profession of Faith is that the whole gathered people may respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings taken from Sacred Scripture and explained in the Homily and that they may also honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith by pronouncing the rule of faith in a formula approved for liturgical use and before the celebration of these mysteries in the Eucharist begins. (GIRM, 67)

What strikes me sometimes when I am professing the Creed is all that has gone into the formulation of this great summary of our faith. The Creed which we profess every Sunday is the fruit of the first two Ecumenical Councils of the Church, held in Nicaea and Constantinople. A lot of discussions, disagreements, and debates took place in order to come to an accurate articulation of what we believe. For example, when we profess that Jesus Christ is "consubstantial" with the Father, I am reminded of the very in-depth description in seminary of how the Council Fathers labored intensely in order to come to agree on that single word to express that great mystery. When the Church introduced a new English translation of the Roman Missal in 2011, I remember some people sort of dismissing the need to use this complicated, technical term in the Creed. But I think using it is a nod of appreciation for the very hard work done by those Council Fathers to help us come to be able to better explain what we believe, an effort that we can easily overlook.

Another helpful way of praying the Creed comes from a suggestion offered by Venerable Bruno Lanteri, whom we have encountered a few times in these reflections. Recall that he invites us to "choose a biblical figure whose sentiments express those he desires in that part of the Mass." For the Creed, Venerable Bruno writes:

At the Profession of Faith, I will seek the sentiments of the heart of the martyrs. At Mass, when you say "I believe in one God...I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ...I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" profess this, proclaim this, affirm this, Venerable Bruno urges, with the sentiments and heart of a martyr. Say it as a martyr would, from your heart, with all your being, ready to lay your life on the line for the faith you express.

(Callaghan, A Biblical Way of Praying the Mass, p. 48 – Kindle version)

To those who died for the faith as martyrs, the Creed was more than a simple mechanical reciting of words. Those words were the firm foundation upon which their lives were built, and they were unwilling to compromise on that faith, even if it cost them their lives.

Remember that when we profess the Creed, we are not limiting our profession strictly to the words of the Creed, but by extension, we believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God. So that means assenting to all that the Church teaches, and if we struggle with some of those teachings, perhaps we can remember the martyrs as we profess the Creed, asking for their intercession to accept and live these teachings, seeing them for what they truly are, the path to freedom, life and peace, not always in this life, but certainly in the life to come.

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, October 23

7am - Feiyan Tian

(Family)

5:15pm - Kathleen & Jeff Porter & Family (Richard & Kay King)

Tuesday, October 24

7am - Bartoski Family

(The Bloom Family)

5:15pm - Genevieve Bitschnauer (Barbara Bitschnauer)

Wednesday, October 25

7am - Roy F. Rhodes Sr.

(The Rhodes Family)

5:15pm - Linda O'Brien (John O'Brien)

Thursday, October 26

7am - Albert Crispi Jr.

(John Busciacco)

5:15pm - Emily Vincent (Dr. Stephen & Teena Vincent)

Friday, October 27

7am - Rita Greenwald

(Carol West)

5:15pm - Puring Garde (Family)

Saturday, October 28

8am - NO MASS

(Eucharistic Congress)

4pm - NO MASS

(Eucharistic Congress)

Sunday, October 29

7am - Jon Quinn

(Bill Midden)

10am - For the People

5pm - Mercedes & Charles Nesbitt (Kathy Frank)



Ss. Simon & Jude, Champions of Humility

Feast Day: October 28th | Patronage: Simon: Curriers, Woodcutters, Tanners; Jude: Desperate Causes | Iconography: Simon: Saw of Martyrdom; Fish, Boat, or Oar (because he was a fisherman); Jude: Club of Martyrdom, Holding Image of Jesus (of Edessa), Carpenter's Rule, or Scroll/Book from his writing the Epistle of St. Jude.

St. John Henry Newman helpfully sketches what we know of these two great Apostles:

"And hence we draw an important lesson for ourselves, which, however obvious, is continually forgotten by us in the actual business of life; viz. to do our duty without aiming at the world's praise. Mankind knows nothing of St. Simon's and St. Jude's deeds and sufferings, though these were great; yet there is One who 'knows their works, and labour, and patience, ... and how they bore ... and for His Name's sake laboured, and fainted not.' [Revelation 2:3] Their deeds are blotted out from history, but not from the Lamb's book of life; for 'blessed are they who die in Him, ... that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.' [Revelation 14:13] – St. John Henry Newman, Parochial and Plain Sermons, Volume 8, 'Sermon 12, Vanity of Human Glory.'

Newman goes on to describe how these men, in fervently proclaiming the Gospel getting little or no earthly praise, remind all of us Christians to eradicate vanity from our hearts. The great (at this time still Anglican) preacher notes that it is sensible and proper to seek respect from those who know and love us. Friends and family, who know what we're about, who have seen our virtue and received our generosity, can rightly honor us for those qualities. There is nothing wrong with receiving a true compliment. Someone who loves you should rightly acknowledge where God's grace has made you good. True humility acknowledges one's qualities and talents, and Who gave those gifts to us.

However, to crave the admiration of the wider world – a intermittent acquaintance, a superficial friend, one of a thousand Facebook contacts, or just the public eye in general – is to rest our hearts on shaky foundations, to build our houses on sand. We find ourselves flustered and busy, scrambling every which way to get a bit of praise to keep us going, and, worse than that, we have subtly abandoned our Christian confidence that God sees us, knows everything of who we are, and will never cease to love us. Pulling out our phone during an empty moment, popping between apps to see if anybody has engaged with us, isn't just a distraction, it's corroding our relationship with God. Newman calls us out:

This love of indiscriminate praise, then, is an odious, superfluous, wanton sin, and we should put it away with a manly hatred, as something irrational and degrading. Shall man, born for high ends, the servant and son of God, the redeemed of Christ, the heir of immortality, go out of his way to have his mere name praised by a vast populace, or by various people, of whom he knows nothing, and most of whom (if he saw them) he would himself be the first to condemn? It is odious; yet young persons of high minds and vigorous powers, are especially liable to be led captive by this snare of the devil.

What has this to do with Ss. Simon and Jude? Well, we know these men had to give up those places where they sought worldly recognition – Simon would no longer find honor amongst the Zealots, Jude accepts being a "servant of Jesus Christ" [Jude 1:1] rather than leaning on his relatedness to Our Lord – but this is also vividly portrayed for us in their final resting place. Both are buried together under the central altar in the left (South) transept of St. Peter's Basilica, and, until 1814 there was a lovely painting (by Agostino Ciampelli) depicting these two saints above their altar. However, in that year as mosaics replaced paintings throughout the basilica, Guido Reni's "Crucifixion of Saint Peter" was moved from the sacristy out to their altar. Then, since 1961, because of Pope John XXIII's tender love for St. Joseph, a mosaic instead of St. Joseph holding Jesus sits above their bones.

I suspect each of these saints is not particularly bothered by any of this. Each of them have truly found all the praise and glory they need from their Heavenly Father.

Fr. Dominic Rankin has recently discovered an simple way to wage war against vanity: keep holy the sabbath. When I instead use Sunday to catch up on little tasks or pack quiet moments with empty entertainment, I haven't done anything wrong, I just looked for delight in things that won't last. It's like trying to make a meal out of cotton candy. It will satisfy me! My rule: Only do things that give God glory, and/or are truly restful on Sunday. Nothing else. And ... the battle is real!



(Read the rest of Newman's Sermon here!)

Stewardship of Treasure

October 14th & 15th

Envelopes:	\$4,326.00
Loose:	\$4,835.00
<u>Maintenance:</u>	<u>\$55.00</u>
Total:	\$9,216.00

September EFT

\$19,431.80

September Debt Reduction

\$1,334.00

September Second Collections

Church in Africa
\$2,922.00

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

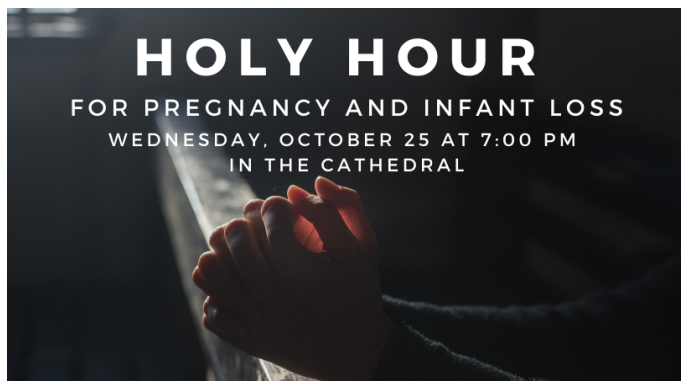
James P. Maher
Date of Death: September 15, 2023

Brian J. Moseley
Date of Death: October 6, 2023

WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
Rosary 4:45 PM Church	Adoration 4:00 PM Church The Lamb's Supper Book Discussion 6:30 PM Atrium	Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library Rosary 4:45 PM Church Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM School Classroom Pregnancy and Infant Loss Holy Hour 7:00 PM Church	Adoration 4:00 PM Church Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM School Library Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 PM School Classroom CCCW Meeting 6:00 PM School Hall	Rosary 4:45 PM Church	NO LITURGIES Eucharistic Congress at BOS Center in Springfield	The Chosen - Season 3 2:00 PM School Library

What's Going on Around the Cathedral?



Holy Hour for Pregnancy and Infant Loss

The month of October has been designated Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month in the United States. The Church calls children "the supreme gift of marriage" (Gaudium et spes, n. 50). Losing a baby, whether through miscarriage or as an infant, is one of the deepest forms of grief and pain that a couple may endure. Unfortunately, many couples often suffer without any support, as in the case when a couple loses a child before sharing that they were pregnant with others, or insufficient support because family and friends are unsure of what to say or do because of the difficulty and often suddenness of losing one so young. The Cathedral will be hosting a Holy Hour on Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm to offer prayerful support to anybody who has been affected by one of these tragic losses.



ALL SOULS DAY MASS

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 2
7:00PM

All Soul's Day Remembrance

November 2nd is the feast of All Souls. The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. A special liturgy Mass of Remembrance will be offered at 7:00 pm, Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the Cathedral, devoted to remembering and praying for those who have died during the past year as well as praying for the consolation of the family members who survive and grieve. Please call the parish office at 217-522-3342 if you would like attend and remember a loved one who has died during the past year. We will have a candle prepared and provide you with instructions for lighting the candle during the Mass of Remembrance.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pregnancy Care of Springfield Annual Comedy in the City Dinner

The Pregnancy Care of Springfield, Inc. is holding its 19th Annual Comedy in the City Dinner: on Friday, November 3rd at the Prairie View Reception Center in Chatham. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for the cash bar and silent auction. A buffet dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. followed by entertainment from Guys in Ties Improv. There will also be a restaurant gift card raffle with the winner receiving \$500 worth of gift cards (need not be present to win). Tickets to the event are \$50 per person. Reservations are required for this event by October 24th and can be made by calling (217) 525-5630 or through the website at springfieldpregnancy.org. Come help us celebrate 45 years of serving pregnant women in our community at this fun event!

SOCTOBER Collection

It's that time of year again - SOCTOBER! The Ladies of the CCCW will once again collect new and gently used (include only those you would accept for your family) socks, hats, and gloves. These items are shared with agencies serving homeless or at risk families and individuals of all ages who are in need. White baskets will be in the Atrium as well as the 6th Street entrance throughout the month of October for your donations. Thank you for your willingness to serve our most vulnerable brothers & sisters!

Happy National Vocation Awareness Week!

Please join the Dominican Sisters of Springfield for a virtual event, 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 6. Enjoy a premier video, then join the conversation with Sister Beth Murphy, OP, and Father Joe Molloy, pastor of St. Joseph the Worker in Chatham, as they share stories about their call to religious life and diocesan priesthood. Register here today: <https://springfieldop.org/meetoursisterstour/>. This event is one of many happening across the state for the 5th annual Meet Our Sisters Tour, brought to you by CWR, the professional communicators for religious congregations of women. Visit c4wr.org/most2023 to find more inspiring in-person and virtual events, discernment resources, and moving stories and videos about the impact of Catholic Sisters on education, healthcare, and the social and spiritual lives of individuals and communities in Illinois and around the world. Questions? Call Sister Denise Glazik, OP, 217-787-0481 x.6021.

A Place at the Table – Seeds of the Word Film Series

There are no African-American Saints formally recognized within the Catholic Church, but that could soon change. There are six incredible black men and women who are on the path to Canonization. The Catholic Church is starting to recognize their impact and may soon name any or all of them Saints. It's time to hear their stories. Family friendly – all are welcome! We'll provide the popcorn! Sunday, November 19 @ 6:15pm, Cathedral Atrium

St. Monica Ministry

Are you heartbroken because your loved ones have left the Church? You are invited to the inaugural gathering of Springfield-area St. Monica Ministry. This ministry is a dedicated prayer network offering hope and support to families and friends of Catholics who have walked away from the practice of the Faith. Please join us for prayer, conversation and solidarity. Animated by hope and grounded in faith, we rest secure in the knowledge that, in the words of St. Monica, "Nothing is far from God." Monday, November 6 @ 7:00pm, Christ the King Parish Center

Blood Pressure Checks – October 28th & 29th

Our parish nurse will be available for blood pressure checks before and after masses next weekend. Please stop by!

Second Collection - World Mission Sunday

On October 22, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the Missions of the Church in this annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration. Pope Francis reflected on this year's theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." The Holy Father invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share this warmth with the world around us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and bring the Good News to all corners of the world. The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father to meet his Petrine obligation to build up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages, and enables missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas, and to meet essential works to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.

Grief Share – Bereavement Ministry

The Cathedral will be hosting another cycle of 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, November 7, 1:00-2:30pm in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot) 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 contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com or Vicki at 217/522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.

Men's Evening of Recollection

A Men's Evening of Recollection will be held Thursday, October 26th at St John's Hospital Chapel (800 E. Carpenter St., Springfield), 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. All men throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei. Check out: www.opusdei.org

The Chosen-Season Three

Come watch the third season of The Chosen on the big screen in the Cathedral cafeteria at 2:00pm on Sundays. As always, we'll provide the popcorn! Free and open to all.

Women's Day of Recollection

A Women's Day of Recollection will be held this coming Thursday, October 26 from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Due to on-going construction at Sacred Heart Church, this month's Recollection will be held at St. Patrick's Church (1720 S Grand Ave E, Springfield 62703). There will be a meditation given by a priest and time for silent Adoration. The ladies may take advantage of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spiritual direction during this time, as well as following the Recollection. All women throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature Opus Dei. For more information, call 626-864-6052.

The Tax of Caesar

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte aren't solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. This world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. For when I have time, I tell myself. For when I am ready.

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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Around the Diocese

- **St. Cabrini Church Nativity Festival 2023.** Display your Nativity set...Tell your story...Begin a tradition! To register call 217-522-8555 St. Cabrini Church, 1020 N. Milton Ave. Springfield, IL. All are welcome!
- **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. Visit www.dio.org for ticket information and more details.
- **St. Maurice Baked Turkey Dinner Drive Thru,** Sunday, November 5, 2023 from 2pm-4pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Morrisonville, IL. Meal is \$18 and includes baked turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry salad, and coleslaw. If you have any questions, please contact Marietta Dunkirk at 217-526-4426.
- **Encounter the Psalms,** 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays: Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. In person at Cor Unum House, 925 N. Fifth Street, Springfield, Ill., or online. Women are invited to join Cor Unum community for this 4-session series on the Book of Psalms. Taught by Old Testament scholar Sister Mila Díaz Solano, OP, the series will initiate participants into the psalmist's world and encourage the exploration of their own lives and world through the psalmist's lens. Free of charge. Advance registration recommended at springfieldop.org/corunum or by calling or texting Sister Beth Murphy, OP, at 312-780-9553.