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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!



Lord, Hear our Prayer

The Liturgy of the Word concludes (generally) with the Universal Prayer, also called the Prayer of the Faithful, or even the General Intercessions. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal offers the following brief explanation on the meaning of this part of the Mass:

In the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful, the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. (GIRM, 69)

We will return to this concept of the baptismal priesthood when we consider the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but I think it is worth noting its mention at this point of the Mass. As Christians, our Baptism unites us with Christ the Head in a special way, but it also unites us with His Body, the Church. As a result of that, prayer as a Christian encompasses both dimensions – vertical with God and horizontal with our brothers and sisters. In the Universal Prayer, we show a special concern for the needs of the entire Body of Christ.

The GIRM lays out the basic schema for how these prayers should be directed: a) for the needs of the Church; b) for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world; c) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty; d) for the local community. (GIRM, 70)

I have sometimes wondered how much attention the faithful pay to this part of the Mass, but I have had several experiences over the years that demonstrate that many are indeed aware. On a few occasions, I have received feedback of disappointment that a certain petition was not included in the Universal Prayer. For example, when there is a tragedy that happens in our world, and it is not mentioned, I have been criticized for not taking that tragedy seriously. Another example is displeasure expressed about certain prayers that touch on controversial topics, such as abortion or upholding the Christian view of marriage, seeing such prayers to be too “political.” Finally, I have heard people complain about having the name of the person remembered at that Mass pronounced incorrectly.

In response to all of those concerns, and others, let me suggest two words to consider before we let ourselves be offended with this part of the Mass: assume grace. As human beings, we can be very quick to assume motives for other people, drawing conclusions based on how we may feel or have been impacted by something. We certainly do not like when others do that to us, so why are we so quick to do so to others? If a prayer you had wanted to be heard is not included, what is preventing you from offering up that prayer at this point? Your baptismal priesthood gives you the authority and responsibility to do so. When united with the prayer of our brothers and sisters, whether spoken or not, the Lord hears those prayers, so they are not in any way ignored by Him. And if a particular petition makes you feel a little uncomfortable, perhaps that is an invitation from the Lord for healing and conversion in your heart.

Remember, one of the devil's primary tactics is to divide, and he will not miss any opportunity to do so, especially as we are united with one another during the most sacred celebration of the Mass.

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 30

7am - Ryan Goodwin Family
(Family)

5:15pm - Brother Francis Skube
(Friends)

Tuesday, October 31

7am - Helen Lewis
(The Kappel Family)

5:15pm - Karen & Justin Howard
(Richard & Kay King)

Wednesday, November 1

7am - Sivak Family
(John & Mary Sivak)

12:05pm - For the People
5:15pm - Anna Geraldine Gasaway
(Robert Gasaway)

Thursday, November 2

7am - Mary Ann Midden
(Estate)

5:15pm - Kessler Family
(Family)
7:00pm - Recently Departed

Friday, November 3

7am - Mary Jane Kerns
(Estate)

5:15pm - Kenneth Stetyick
(Fr. Zach Edgar)

Saturday, November 4

8am - David Smith
(The Berte's)
4pm - Pamela Harmon
(Archie Harmon)

Sunday, November 5

7am - For the People
10am - Robert & Anna Gasaway
(Rob & John Gasaway)
5pm - David & Virginia Eddington
(Jantzen Eddington)



And All Your Saints

Feast Day: November 1st | Patronage: everything under the sun | Iconography: every possible human characteristic

A question that has been bumping around my mind as we approach All Saints Day: What is the common denominator among the Communion of Saints? What does every saint have in common?

On the one hand, every saint is so different! Some lived during times of persecution and had to persevere through martyrdom, or just the pressure of a culture that had no room for Christ. Some were acclaimed and praised for their Christian witness – and had to battle the pride that comes with accomplishments – and others were unappreciated or unknown – and had to carry the daily cross of littleness. Among that Communion you have lecturers and leaders,

scientists and singers, helpers and healers, martyrs and mystics, and some who traveled the world, and some who were limited to the smallest of abodes.

At every Mass, no matter the other saints mentioned or not during the Eucharistic prayer, at some point we always ask the intercession and communion of all the saints, but what exactly joins us all together? I found myself a bit confused by it all. We're called to join, and emulate, and befriend the saints, but they are not only different from each other, but different from us! Not only are we led to ask what St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist have in common? Or what is the same between St. Lucy and St. Linus? But also: what can I emulate about St. Matthew and St. Maximilian Kolbe? How do I live a life like St. Paschal Baylon, St. Philip Neri, and Ss. Peter and Paul?

And the question gets harder when we consider the entire Communion of Saints, which includes not only those in glory with the Lord, and those of us still pilgrims on earth, but also those being purified in purgatory (CCC954)? What is the same between me, St. Barnabas, and one of the holy souls? St. Barnabas was a great apostle to the Gentiles with St. Paul. Me, not so much. And, the holy souls are no longer able to preach or produce at all; they can hardly be said to even pray, for they are primarily receiving and being cleansed by God's Love alone.

Now, hopefully it didn't take you as long as I to see where this was heading. The only thing that is held in common by all those in heaven, purgatory, and us here below – between every saint and saint-in-the-making; that is, everyone who is united to Christ – is participation in the Love of God. It's not great courage, nor eloquence, nor optimism. It isn't found in what they do, say, or accomplish. Not even how much time they spend praying, or fasting, or begging, or giving themselves away. Each of these things are just different manifestations of God's Love at work in different hearts.

But how do I apply that to myself? "Be more loving!" is not only somewhat unclear, or apt for misinterpretation, or vague, but because my understanding of "love" is limited, this sort of goal ends up forgetting about the examples of the mystics, the holy souls, the contemplatives, the shut-ins, the comatose. Are they not able to be saints?? Of course not! I need to go back to the Lord to learn about Love again.

Here's where I'm at for now: the saints weren't just good at giving love, they were also good at receiving love. I think this better incorporates the examples of those simplest, littlest, or contemplative saints. But there's more to it than that: the saints didn't just have any kind of love – they weren't just nice, or charitable, or generous, or patient, or compassionate, or protective, or bold, or secure, or intelligent, or capable – they may have been any of those things, or none of them, yet there was always a fire of Love within them that wasn't of their own making. They had God's Love moving them and engaging in them every different person or situation that came their way. They didn't see the world like an ordinary person, they saw it in terms of Divine Love. They perceived the world; they engaged everything around them; they responded to every person or situation (including themselves) somehow like God Himself does. They understood everything through a lens of Love: In this situation, where is God's Love at work? As I look on this scene, what does God love about it? In this person, how is God's Love alive in their heart? Throughout this day, this task, this occasion, when has God bestowed His Love on me?

So then, how do we emulate all the saints? We need merely, yet entirely; simply, if absolutely, become people of Love. How do we do that? Let's start by taking Jesus' words to heart: "Love one another as I have loved you" and begin by noticing one way today that God has loved me.

Fr. Dominic Rankin will begin with today: Today I spent the morning with Fr. Michael Meinhart: we talked over different things, enjoyed the crisp autumn morning, had some scrambled eggs, and prayed the breviary with each other. And, in that simplest of ways, God was good to me.

Stewardship of Treasure

October 21st & 22nd

Envelopes:	\$4,800.00
Loose:	\$5,657.00
Maintenance:	\$85.00
Total:	\$10,542.00

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

Greta A. Bond
Date of Death: October 10, 2023

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30

<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 7:00 PM School Classroom	The Case for Jesus Bible Study 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM School Library Adoration 4:00 PM Church All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance 7:00 PM Church	Rosary 4:45 PM Church First Friday Concert 7:00 PM Church		The Chosen - Season 3 2:00 PM School Library Family of Faith - Lectio 6:00 PM Atrium

What's Going on Around the Cathedral?



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.

Cathedral First Friday Concert

**NOVEMBER 3, 2023
7 PM - 8 PM**

*Dual Piano
Featuring Damien Kaplan
and Mark Gifford*

First Friday Concert

Join us for our First Friday Concert Series! November's concert is Dual Piano, featuring Damien Kaplan and Mark Gifford! The First Friday Concert Series is sponsored by the Staab Family, and is free and open to the public. All are welcome!

Friday, November 3, 2023 - 7:00 PM

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

Mark Your Calendars!

Join us for the second annual parish Epiphany party, Saturday, January 6, 2024. More information to come!

Holy Family Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets

Please consider donating to the Holy Family Food Pantry Thanksgiving baskets. Below is a list of items still needed in the pantry:

Boxed Stuffing mix; Instant mashed potatoes; Gravy packets; Boxed Macaroni & cheese; Boxed Cake mix & Icing; Cane sugar; Boxes of Cereal; Crackers; Pancake Mix & syrup; Pasta & Pasta Sauce; Peanut Butter & Jelly; Canned Vegetables & Fruits; Canned soup, chili or baked beans; Toilet Paper; Body wash & Misc. Personal care items

Please place donations in the blue bin in the atrium. To volunteer to pack baskets, please call Catholic Charities at 217-523-4551. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Butler Funeral Home Open Door Session

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:

Open Door Session
Wednesday, November 8th
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
American Legion - Post 32, Mess Hall
1120 E. Sangamon Ave.
Springfield, IL 62702

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, November 6th.

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.

Free Online Course: Isaiah in the Light of Christ

Join us this Advent season as Dr. Peter Williamson, Adam Cardinal Maida Chair in Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, explores the writings of the prophet Isaiah in the Light of Christ. The Old Testament is full of prophecies foreshadowing the coming of Christ Jesus, which is arguably most evident in the prophet Isaiah, read by the Church during the high points of the liturgical year. As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of Christ this Advent, we invite you to join us for this FREE online Equip course. Completed at your own pace, you can use this course as an Advent study to grow deeper in your personal relationship with Jesus. Sunday, November 19 - Saturday, December 16. Learn more at shms.edu/advent.

27 Words That Matter

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they think they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt.

When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions.

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." — Matthew 22:40

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!
- **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.
- **Little Flower Holiday Craft Bazaar,** Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Over 40 vendors with handmade crafts. Please bring a canned good in lieu of entry fee. For more information visit www.facebook.com/LFSCraftBazaar
- **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.