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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!



## On Receiving Holy Communion - Part II

Having addressed the postures associated with preparing to receive Holy Communion, let us continue to consider the actual act of receiving Holy Communion. As we know, it is legitimate for one to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand. Some have strong feelings on either side about this, and I am not going to really weigh in on that debate. Since the Church permits either form, we should refrain from uncharitable or presumptuous thoughts on the matter. With regard to receiving Holy Communion in the hand, the USCCB offers the following helpful instruction:

*Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.*

There may be some limited exceptions in how one receives in the hand, such as arthritis, but note that last point that we are never to take the host, grabbing with our fingers. Rather, in a spirit of humility, we receive in the way described above. I would also encourage you to ensure that your hands are flat, not tiled, lest the host slide off to the ground. And avoid making a V shape, which is sort of like a funnel as there is risk again of dropping the host.

When receiving on the tongue, it is important to ensure there is an ample "landing pad" for the Eucharist. Some people barely open their mouth and it can become a trial of hand-eye coordination to insert the Eucharist into a small slot, sometimes resulting in "missing the mark" and getting poked in the lip (sorry for those I have unintentionally done that to). Please also avoid biting down as soon as the Eucharist is on your tongue. Let the host enter into your mouth. I have had many close calls when I have almost been bit while distributing Holy Communion.

I share these anecdotes and encouragements from the perspective of one who has distributed the Eucharist to many people. 98 percent of the time, there is no issue, but every so often, there is something that makes the exchange a little awkward, so I just invite all of us to examine how we receive the Lord at this important moment.

The next line in the above-referenced resource is also helpful:

*The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, "The Body of Christ." This formula should not be altered, as it is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond, "Amen," indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, the wine in this chalice are in reality the body and blood of Christ the Lord.*

Perhaps you have encountered the practice of a priest or deacon saying your name, then saying "the Body of Christ." While I can appreciate the pastoral gesture behind that action, it is not what the Church is asking of us. Similarly, there is only really one response that the Church gives to us for receiving Holy Communion, and that is "Amen." It is not, "Thank you", or "I believe", or anything else. Again, I can appreciate the intention behind such adaptations, but once again, in all humility, we are called to obedience to what the Church has given to us. The liturgy is a gift given to us by the Church, a gift which we receive in gratitude as her servants, not her masters, free to adapt as we see fit.

Let me leave this reflection on one point, which, admittedly, is a bit of an annoyance to me. When we receive Holy Communion, we are consuming Jesus Christ, and as such, we should do so with intentional reverence. I can sometimes audibly heard people crunching away as they walk away, and it is a bit like fingernails on a chalkboard. The Eucharist is a gift to savor, not one to hastily devour.

For your reading pleasure, if you would like to read an article about the proper reception of Holy Communion, I find this one both helpful and somewhat humorous:

<https://crisismagazine.com/opinion/pastoral-guide-to-receiving-communion>

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, May 13

7am - Sydney Compton & Richard Beemer (Vicki Compton)  
5:15pm - Phyllis Hobach & Houston Family (John & Debra Beltramea)

#### Tuesday, May 14

7am - Bill Vogt  
(Wednesday Night Bible Study)  
5:15pm - Raymond & Eulalia Ohl (Angela Ohl-Marsters)

#### Wednesday, May 15

7am - Betty Rogers (Family)  
5:15pm - Brother Frances Skube (Friends)

#### Thursday, May 16

7am - Mary Eleanor Maloy (Madonna Fluckiger)  
5:15pm - Dcn Michael "Kim" Scott (Bev & Larry Smith)

#### Friday, May 17

7am - John & Edith Bakalar (John Busciacco)  
5:15pm - Special Intention for Bianca (D.A. Drago)

#### Saturday, May 18

8am - Doris Drago (D.A. Drago)  
4pm - Deceased Members of the CCCW (CCCW)

#### Sunday, May 19

7am - For the People  
10am - Thomas R. McGee (Tom & Diane English)  
5pm - Delia Sinn (Pamela Hargan)

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## St. Dominic de la Calzada

Feast Day: May 12th

If someday you get the chance to walk the Camino de Santiago and take the most popular “French route” to Compostela when you are about halfway across that northern section of Spain you’ll stop in the picturesque town of Santo Domingo de la Calzada and visit the cathedral in the center of town to get the all-important stamp on your pilgrim passport. But as you try to pray in the cool and dark church, like millions of pilgrims before you, you might get distracted by two hens scratching around the choir loft.

But to explain the hens we must first explain the name of the town. “Santo Domingo de la Calzada” literally means “Saint Dominic of the Causeway”, recalling the bridges and other infrastructure that St. Dominic built for the pilgrims traversing that part of the Camino. Now, the St. Dominic we’re talking about lived about hundred years before the more famous St. Dominic Guzman (of the rosary), though neither of them were the first St. Dominic, because St. Dominic of Silos, a Spanish abbot, lived some decades before either of them. (And all three of them lived several hundred years after the latest St. Dominic, Savio). Ok, enough St. Dominic’s for now, to explain how this specific Domingo got to that forested stretch of the Camino, and how he found his vocation there, we need to talk bugs.

Probably within a week of this article appearing before you, there will be billions of cicadas emerging around central Illinois. We (happily?) live in one of the few places on the planet where the geographical regions of the two groups of periodical cicadas overlap, AND you and I get to experience both broods, for the first time in over two hundred years, emerge the same summer. The eminent website, CicadaMania.com, has a highlighted line on their information page about these two major groups: “Special note: Brood XIX (19) will also emerge in 2024 [along with Brood XIII]. While the two broods do not overlap, they come closest in the Springfield, Illinois area.” Hurrah! Now, what has this to do with St. Dominic of the Causeway? Well, the reason he began his life’s work of caring for pilgrims on the camino was because of a similar swarm of bugs.

The people of Spain in the 1000s were starving because of a disastrous swarm of locusts. Now, locusts and cicadas are not the same insect, actually a swarm of locusts is far worse than a brood (or two) of cicadas because locusts eat crops (cicadas eat tree sap) and locusts swarm (in large enough numbers they eat every plant in the area and then move to another location to similarly decimate the vegetation there. Cicadas just die off.) Young Domingo, a hundred kilometers from these terrible bugs, was trying to be a hermit. He had turned away from the Benedictines, but still felt a call to a life consecrated to God, so had not returned to his family’s work as shepherds).

Bishop Gregory IV of Ostia (a Benedictine as Providence would have it) was sent by Pope Leo IX to help the afflicted people there in Spain, and the bishop asked Domingo to join his charitable efforts amid the disaster. His invitation opened Dominic’s heart to the plight of the people around him, and with the bishop he learned how to build roads and bridges, to rebuild farms and infrastructure, and construct shelter for the distraught population. The bishop also ordained Dominic a priest, and send him back towards his hometown, not far from his old hermitage, having discovered how God wanted him to reflect His love into the world: caring for the pilgrims walking the Camino there.

And 300 years later a German family walked across that bridge that St. Dominic had built and stayed at one of the hostels in town. Their teenage son (wisely) rejected the advances of a teenage girl at the hostel they were staying at. She, distraught, angry, vengeful, hid a silver cup in the boy’s bag and then accused him of stealing it. According to the justice of the time, the seeming scoundrel was sentenced to be hung, a ghastly turn of events while on pilgrimage with his family to Compostela. His parents, praying to St. Domingo, buried there in the cathedral, tearfully approached their son’s body dead on the gallows ... only to discover him alive again. They ran to the magistrate stammering about a miracle. He, in the middle of eating his chicken dinner, scoffed “Your son is as alive as this rooster and chicken that I was feasting on before you interrupted me.” And the rooster leapt up from his plate and began to sing! And so there are now chickens in the choir loft of Santo Domingo’s cathedral.

*Fr. Dominic Rankin takes one more lesson from St. Dominic’s life. Just as he had discovered his vocation because of the invitation of Bp. Gregory, he did the same for another young man, Juan de Ortega, who also was trying his hand at being a hermit, and who Dominic invited to risk a life of charity built on that foundation of contemplation. And so they worked together to care for the little Christ’s on their pilgrimage there, eventually creating the town we now know as Santo Domingo de la Calzada. Who can you invite to the adventure of Christian Love this week?*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### May 4th & 5th

Envelopes:	\$2,201.00
Loose:	\$7,132.36
Maintenance:	\$1,240.00
Total:	\$10,573.36

### April EFT

\$17,928.80

### April Debt Reduction

\$650.00

### April Second Collections

Catholic Home Missions  
\$3,235.00

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

Stella Renee Gerdes  
Child of Jacob Gerdes & Olivia Danielson  
Baptized on May 5, 2024

Maria Emiliana Elena Tejeda (Emi)  
Child of Carlos & Elena Tejeda  
Baptized on May 5, 2024

## WEEK OF MAY 13

<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	Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library  Rosary 4:45 PM Church  Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM School Classroom	Adoration 4:00 PM Church	Rosary 4:45 PM Church  Choral Society Concert 6:00 PM Church	SHG Baccalaureate Mass 7:00 PM Church	Family of Faith Potluck 6:15 PM School Hall

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



#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Eli who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion on May 1. Please pray for Eli as he continues his faith journey.



#### June First Friday Concert Series

Join us on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 7pm in the Cathedral for a First Friday Concert! June's concert will feature Broadway in the Atrium. The First Friday Concert Series is sponsored by the Staab Family, directed by Mark Gifford, and is free and open to the public. All are welcome!

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Second Collection - Catholic Communications Campaign

This weekend, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Fifty percent of collected funds stay in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, and the other fifty percent support communications projects in the United States and around the world. Through Catholic Times, social media, podcasting, and other digital methods, our diocese is taking advantage of several communication outlets to spread the news of our diocese, teach the faith, and provide hope and encouragement to people no matter where they are in their faith life. With your generosity, we can continue creating engaging content and bring in people closer to our faith or even back to our faith. Parishioners can donate online at [parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections](http://parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections) or by using their second collection envelope. For more information about this collection and the projects it supports, please visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).

## Bulletin Reflections - Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist

Calling all Catholics! Have you experienced Jesus in the Eucharist and it touched your heart? Maybe a homily was particularly moving and renewed your belief in our Eucharistic Lord so that when you received Him that Mass, you felt His presence. Maybe you frequent Eucharistic Adoration and Jesus is moving in you, encouraging you to share Him with others. Maybe a Eucharistic miracle story or a procession of the Blessed Sacrament left you in wonder and awe at the profound goodness of God. Maybe it was something totally different. Why not share it? We're inviting you to write a brief reflection on "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist" to be featured in our bulletin! Leading up to the National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis, Indiana in July, we want to share our own stories of Jesus in the Eucharist. Please submit your reflection with a title and short bio about yourself to [hutton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:hutton@cathedral.dio.org).

## Memorial Day Field Mass

You are invited to the Memorial Day Field Mass at Calvary Cemetery in Springfield on May 27 at 9 a.m. The Mass will be at the Father Howard Altar. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki is the celebrant. Accompanying Bishop Paprocki in procession will be priests and members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. Limited seating will be available under the tent. Lawn chairs are welcome. Transportation will be available to assist visitors from the main gate to the Mass site. Call the Calvary Cemetery office at 523-3726 Monday – Friday from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. with any questions.

## Livestreamers Wanted

It is a tremendous service to our housebound parishioners to be able to offer a livestreamed Mass on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. We are in great need of more volunteers who can offer this service. It's fun and easy! We'll train you and you can serve at your convenience. Please contact the parish office at 217-522-3342 if you can serve your parish in this way.

## What You Never Knew About the Process of Becoming a Priest

What does a diocese look for in a man who wants to become a priest? What are red flags? What evaluations occur? What about the cost of education and what exactly do seminarians learn? Becoming a priest is a lot more than an application and going to school. Dive Deep sits down with Fr. Brian Alford, Director of the Office for Vocations for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](http://youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

## Cathedral Summer Bible Study for Women

The Cathedral will be sponsoring two summer Bible Studies for Women, Thursday afternoons, 1:00-2:30.

**Fearless and Free** - a Bible study based on the book of Ephesians, is ideal for those who long for wholeness of heart and are in need of freedom from past wounds. So many of us are wrestling through the reality that life isn't easy, even when we are doing the right thing. Suffering can slam into us from left field, leaving us reeling.

6 weeks, May 30- July 11. \$20 workbook

**Living In The Father's Love** - In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? Living in the Father's Love will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all. This brief but powerful Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.

6 weeks, July 25- Aug 29, \$20 workbook.

Call the Cathedral @ 217/522-3342 or email [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) to reserve your spot and order a workbook.

## The Truth We Cannot See

I only pray out loud when I want my kids to hear what I'm saying.

I know what you're thinking — hypocrites in the synagogue and the street corner; go to your room and shut the door — but I think if Jesus had to raise children he would understand where I'm coming from. I pray out loud not because I want my kids to think I'm holy and not because I want them to admire me but because I want them to know how broken I am, how desperately I rely on the mercy and love of God.

It's also a really effective way to send a message. "God, I'm sorry I've been losing my patience today. Please help me. And send your Holy Spirit to make these kids stop fighting."

Vocal prayer, in front of other people, is an incredibly vulnerable action, so it strikes me whenever Jesus chooses to pray out loud in front of his disciples. Surely, mental prayer was something of a perpetual state for him. I imagine Jesus was ceaselessly in conversation with his Father in heaven throughout even the most ordinary of days. So, when he chooses to make those communications public, my ears perk up.

He wants his kids to hear what he's saying.

In John, chapter 17, we see that he wants us to remember who we are. His disciples are about to see things that will shake the very foundations of their faith. The only way they will make it to the other side is if they remember that truth does not consist only of what we can see with our eyes.

This is the same truth in which we have been consecrated. We belong to this truth in a way the world will never understand or accept. It is the truth we cannot see.

*"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." John 17:14*

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## Around the Diocese

- **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**, July 8-12: You are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime experience being called "our national Emmaus moment," after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to [dio.org/procession](http://dio.org/procession) to learn more and register!
- **National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21 in Indianapolis, IN**. Participate in beautiful liturgies, lift your voice in prayer alongside world-class musicians, hear from the most influential Catholic speakers of our day, and make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. This is the beginning of a new chapter of faith in America. Register at [eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org).
- **Save the Date for the SDCCW 95th Annual Convention**, August 28, 2024 at the Lake Williamson Retreat Center in Carlinville, IL. More details will follow!
- **The Curia is hiring!** – We are looking for passionate individuals for the roles of Director, Office for Safe Environment, Safe Environment Assistant and Internal Auditor. Please visit [dio.org/jobs](http://dio.org/jobs) for more information.