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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!

The mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is to build a fervent community of intentional and dedicated missionary disciples of the Risen Lord and steadfast stewards of God's creation who seek to become saints. Accordingly, the community of Catholic faithful in this Diocese is committed to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Christ Our Savior and as revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition. (Synod Declaration 1a)

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.



Building a Community

After a two week break to say goodbye to Father Paul Lesupati and to welcome Fathers Daniel McGrath and Pius Nwiyi, I would like to return to what I started a few weeks ago, namely unpacking our mission statement, which, as a reminder, is on the inside cover of our bulletin each week. Having reflected on the word "mission", I would like for us to focus on the following words that begin to describe this mission: "to build a fervent community of intentional and dedicated missionary disciples of the Risen Lord."

Perhaps we can start with the word "build". The use of this verb can be a little confusing, as though the goal of having a fervent community of missionary disciples is the sole product of our efforts. As Christians, we can appreciate theologically that this is not the case, for it is the Lord who ultimately does the building. I am reminded of this every time I pray the following words from Psalm 127: "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." (Ps 127:1) This should give us some comfort, knowing ultimately that it will be the Lord who brings about the growth.

At the same time, our efforts matter. We can do (or not do) things that can prevent or slow the Lord from doing His work of building us up, and there are things that we can do that allow His building to come about more quickly. So as we consider this aspect of the mission, we are called to have faith in the Lord and His desire (which is far greater than ours) to build us up into a fervent community, while at the same time to have the commitment to following the divine architect's plan for building this community by obeying His plan and working diligently at the task in which He has asked us to cooperate.

In the series on praying the Mass, I hope this point came across more than once. When we come to Mass, the Lord does something remarkable every time. We hear God speaking to us in the Word of God, and He becomes present – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Eucharist. And yet, we sometimes just drift through Mass, walking away feeling dissatisfied, unaffected by what has taken place. When the liturgy is celebrated properly and reverently, there is nothing lacking in what the Lord gives to us, but the fruitfulness depends on a variety of things, including our attention and willingness to actually pray intentionally during Mass. It also helps when we have good music, a beautiful church, good preaching, etc., as those elements can also assist us to be more open to experiencing the beauty and power of the Mass. But if we just show up, unwilling to engage, we will likely be disappointed because we are not willing to put in the effort to let the Mass transform us.

This is true with regards to living the mission of building a community of fervent disciples. We all must be willing to be invested far more than just showing up to Mass and putting our donation into the collection. Those can and do contribute to the mission, but there is much more to it. So much more! And we will continue exploring that next week!

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 15

7am - Don Tracy
(David Curtin)
5:15pm - Diana Schumacher
(Daniel Schumacher)

Tuesday, July 16

7am - Mary Ann O'Shea
(McGee Family)
5:15pm - Special Intention for Kay King
(Richard & Kay King)

Wednesday, July 17

7am - Bill Vogt
(Susie & Larry Lovekamp)
5:15pm - Latter Day Saints Family
(John & Debra Beltramea)

Thursday, July 18

7am - Bill Vogt
(Kathy Howard)
5:15pm - Thomas R. McGee
(Becky Will)

Friday, July 19

7am - Mary Conway
(Tom Conway)
5:15pm - Special Intention for Bianca
(D.A. Drago)

Saturday, July 20

8am - Betty & Gene Barish
(Family)
4pm - Marguerite Culton
(Lou Ann Mack)

Sunday, July 21

7am - Deceased Members of the CCCW
(CCCW)
10am - For the People
5pm - Andy O'Neill
(James & Julie Berberet)



St. Keteri Tekakwitha

Feast Day: July 14th

"Tekakwitha" means "she who bumps into things." Sadly, this is not a fond and funny name our little mohawk girl got from her mom and dad during a clumsy toddlerhood. She only received that name at the age of four, her mom and dad and baby brother having all perished in an outbreak of smallpox. (Tekakwitha was left scarred and with injured vision, hence the bumping into things and the covering she would wear over her head for the rest of her life).

When she was born, she was instead called Teiorakwate, meaning "Sunshine". Her father, Kenneronkwa, was the chief of the Mohawk village and her mom, Kahenta, was not a Mohawk but an Algonquin, captured earlier in her own life, and then assimilated into the (diversifying, because of such captives) village of Ossernenon. Few in any of the Iriquois tribes (the Mohawk being one of them) had converted to Christianity. Consider that it was just a few decades before this that Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf and others were martyred while trying to bring the Gospel to this same people. But Kahenta had been baptized a Catholic and taught the faith by French missionaries who had come to her people at Trois-Rivières.

Little Teiorakwate was mesmerized by her mother's prayers and stories about Jesus, and little Tekakwitha would often return to those memories, trying to pray on her own as she grew. But perhaps what she recalled more than anything was the transformation that Jesus had brought to the sufferings her mother endured, which He could also bring to hers. She was adopted by her aunt and uncle and moved a short distance away. They would only live there a few more years before the French invaded (competing with the Dutch for furs) and burned their new village. More sufferings. More loss. More relocations.

Still, this brought the young woman "who bumps into things" to bump into Christ once again. She was captivated by the Jesuit missionaries who were now near at hand. They had learned her language, they spoke of Jesus with images and parables that fit her own culture, they told her how the practices of her own people could be dedicated to a God Who had dedicated Himself entirely for her, who was also disfigured, who lost everything as well. In 1669, when she was 13, the Mohican warriors launched their own attack against the French outpost of Caughnawaga. Tekakwitha and some of the other girls worked alongside of Fr. Jean Pierron to tend the wounded and bury the dead.

Something during these years started germinating in Tekakwitha's soul. Perhaps it was the staunch example of Fr. Pierron. Perhaps it was the (few) other Christians in the village. Keteri, named after St. Catherine of Sienna at her own baptism, would feel the same persecution that beforehand perhaps she was edified by. Perhaps it was the mysterious work of grace, for in any case, at the age of 17 she refused an arranged marriage to a young Mohawk man. It was at least unexpected if not unprecedented, but she spoke of being dedicated to Jesus, of He being her only husband. This, and the rest of her story, she told to a visiting priest who formally taught her the catechism before her entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil of 1676, April 18th.

Shortly after embracing the faith, she moved a final time to a community of Christian Native Americans. She took on tremendous mortifications of cold, heat, and sleeping on thorns – traditional practices, now offered to Jesus – things at first questioned by the priests serving there. Fr. Cholonec was especially slow to applaud her sacrifices. The Devil can easily twist those practices that draw attention to ourselves. But Keteri's response was unequivocal: "I will willingly abandon this miserable body to hunger and suffering, provided that my soul may have its ordinary nourishment." Surely she had experienced much suffering in her body. Even more surely had she experienced the deepest and most lasting nourishment in Christ alone.

At the age of 24 she died in the arms of her closest friend during Holy Week. Her final words: "Jesus, Mary, I love you." And then Fr. Cholonec records something amazing: "This face, so marked and swarthy, suddenly changed about a quarter of an hour after her death, and became in a moment so beautiful and so white that I observed it immediately (for I was praying beside her) and cried out. . . I admit openly that the first thought that came to me was that Catherine at that moment might have entered into heaven, reflecting in her chaste body a small ray of the glory of which her soul had taken possession."

Fr. Dominic Rankin recently participated in many of the different processions around our diocese connected with the National Eucharistic Procession. They were splendid, beautiful, packed, special ... but the reality is that Our Lord is always present to us in every Tabernacle! How often do I look for my "ordinary nourishment" in bodily food, in comforts, in health. St. Keteri "Who bumps into things" shows us to instead risk everything on Jesus.

Stewardship of Treasure

June 29th & 30th

Envelopes:	\$7,849.00
Loose:	\$3,646.35
<u>Maintenance:</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total:	\$11,525.35

July 6th & 7th

Envelopes:	\$8,182.00
Loose:	\$2,523.00
<u>Maintenance:</u>	<u>\$972.00</u>
Total:	\$11,677.00

June EFT

\$19,004.61

June Debt Reduction

\$468.00

June Second Collections

Peter's Pence
\$2,791.00

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 15

<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 Cathedral Bible Study 6:15 PM Parish Library	Adoration 4:00 PM Church	Rosary 4:45 PM Church		

What's Going on Around the Cathedral?



August First Friday Concert Series

Join us on Friday, August 2, 2024 at 7pm in the Cathedral for a First Friday Concert! August's concert will feature Ethan Heinzel, Organ/Piano. 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!



Save the Date! Ladies Paint Night at the Cathedral

All ladies are invited to a paint night at the Cathedral on Friday, August 30th at 6:30pm! Grab your favorite snacks and a friend or two and get ready for a night of painting fun! Watch the bulletin and eWeekly for more details and registration information!

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cathedral Summer Bible Study for Women

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

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 to reserve your spot and order a workbook.

How to Stay in Love and Have a Beautiful Marriage

Marriage, raising kids, navigating life, and knowing the intentions of your spouse is difficult and messy! How should you navigate it all so you can stay madly in love with your spouse and have a beautiful marriage? Dive Deep is pleased to talk to Beth Sri, a Catholic speaker and author and mother of 8 children. She serves as the Denver chapter coordinator for Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic ministry for adult children of divorce. She is also the co-author with her husband of the award winning book, "The Good, The Messy and The Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life." Go to 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.

Christ Child Shower - Christmas in July

The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women is pleased to announce the dates for the 2024 Christmas in July Christ Child Shower. This annual event provides an opportunity to donate needed items for at-risk children and pregnant women to the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery or the Pregnancy Care Center. Please place unwrapped items in the marked boxes in the Atrium and Vestibule. If preferred, you may place cash donations in a marked envelope in the Sunday collection basket at Mass. Donations will be collected the month of July. Please join with us to share Christ's blessings with those in need.

Have You Been Married 50+ Years? Time to Celebrate!

On September 22 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events. When you register, please upload (not mandatory) a photo from your wedding day and present day, as we'll be showcasing a slide show during the reception.

Evening Bible Study for Women

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, Thursday evenings, Aug 22 – Sept 26 @ 6:15pm \$20 workbook.

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Shake Off the Dust

Our kitchen floor is at least 35 years old, and it's the ugliest color to come out of the '80s. But it's a good, durable floor, and my husband, bless his heart, guards it like it was a finely finished hardwood imported from Brazil.

Every time the kids track mud and sand across its vinyl surface, he immediately gets down on his hands and knees and lovingly wipes the mess away. I'm too impatient to do this myself — we have kids, so we're going to have a dirty floor, is my attitude. But this is the hill upon which my husband dies. On hands and knees, scraping dirt off an almost 40-year-old floor, he is the silent, long-suffering sentry, and if it kills him, he will keep these floors pristine. He is Gandalf, and the dirt is the Balrog. You shall not pass.

"Shake the dust off your feet." This is what Christ tells his disciples to do when they — and his word — are rejected. Shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them. Why does he say that? It's not an act of dismissal. It's not a thumbed nose or a stuck-out tongue. No, it's an act of caution: Don't bring it with you. Leave it there.

When we walk through the world, we pick up a lot of dirt. Misguided notions, disordered priorities, habits, and desires that we never noticed until we realized they left a trail. We come into a situation intending to do what is right, but somehow it all goes sideways, and we walk away from it with detritus clinging to us in places we don't notice. They wouldn't listen. They'll see, we think. Oh, they'll see. They'll see how right I was. Pride and vengeance hitch a ride on the soles of our feet, and we track them all through the world.

What to do about this? You can be like me with my ugly old floor. You can shrug your shoulders and say, "It happens, I guess. I'm only human. I meant well."

But here's what would be better: be like my husband. Get down on your knees and get rid of the dirt. Stop the trail in its tracks.

"So they went off and preached repentance." — Mark 6:12

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Around the Diocese

- **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.
- **Springfield Right To Life Pro-Life Bridges Event, Saturday, July 27, 9am-12pm** at West Lakeshore Drive overpass in Springfield; call 217-523-2700 or 217-602-9177 for more information.
- **SDCCW 95th Annual Convention**, August 28, 2024 at the Lake Williamson Retreat Center in Carlinville, IL. Kelly Wahlquist, speaker, and Donna Cori, singer, will be sharing their message as women who are "Sent On Mission & Fortified By The Eucharist." There will be the church basket silent auction raffle, the quilt and garden statue raffles, vendors and the 50/50 drawing. Please call the Parish Office at 217-522-3342 for the registration form.
- **Substitute Teachers Needed at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School for the 2024-2025 academic year.** Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree as well as complete a Diocesan background check and Safe Environment Trainings. For more information and/or to submit your resume, please contact Jennifer Madiar, 217-787-1595 x106 or madiar@shg.org.