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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.

Diocesan Victim Assistance is available. For the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, please call 217-321-1155.
Please remember that if you or a loved one is in the hospital, a nursing home or homebound, to contact the Parish Office at 217-522-3342



Missionary Discipleship

Over the past decade or so, one of the most popular phrases in the Catholic Church has been “missionary discipleship.” Because of this, there should be no surprise that this term was included in the mission statement adopted by our diocese and, by extension, our parish.

Jesus has invited all Christians to be His disciples, and that word is worth a brief consideration. A disciple is one who learns from a master, following their example, and letting the master’s teachings guide their thinking and

acting. The first disciples of Jesus spent time with Him to do just this. Since His Ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit, this discipleship is accomplished through reflecting on His words in the Scriptures, learning His truths more deeply through the teaching of the Church, and letting His life be lived in us and through us through the grace of the sacraments.

Being a disciple, however, is more than just learning and following the Master. After their initial formation, Jesus sent His closest disciples, the Apostles, to go and spread this message far and wide: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” (Mt 28:19–20)

Nearly two-thousand years later, this same expectation of spreading the Good News of the Gospel pertains to those who are disciples of Christ. Before the Second Vatican Council, there was a sense (though not really officially the Church’s teaching) that the missionary work of spreading the Gospel belonged to priests and consecrated religious. But the Council presented a robust view of discipleship as it applies to all Christians, that we are all called to have a missionary aspect to our discipleship. How this looks will vary based on our state in life, but nevertheless, we cannot truly claim to be living discipleship if we are not also missionary in some way. Pope Francis articulates this in a compelling way, in words that have become the heart of this resurgence in the notion of missionary discipleship in the Church:

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are “disciples” and “missionaries”, but rather that we are always “missionary disciples.” (Evangelii Gaudium, 120)

Perhaps this sounds a little intimidating, but it does not have to be so. In next weekend’s bulletin, we will explore this topic a little more, especially as it applies in our daily lives, the special missionary field to which we are called.

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, August 12

7am - Louis Nicoud
(Family)
5:15pm - Robert Hogan
(Lou Ann Mack)

Tuesday, August 13

7am - Joseph Lauduskie
(Sandy & Jim Bloom)
5:15pm - Deacon Frank Maynerich
(Bev & Larry Smith)

Wednesday, August 14

7am - Bob & Dorothy Berberet
(James & Julie Berberet)
5:15pm - Anna Geraldine Gasaway
(Robert Gasaway)

Thursday, August 15

7am - Jim Steil
(Steil Family)
12:05pm - For the People
5:15pm - Margaret Jane Langenfeld
(Family)

Friday, August 16

7am - James Conkrite
(Litina Carnes)
5:15pm - John & Edith Bakalar
(John Busciacco)

Saturday, August 17

8am - Sue Warner
(Norma Dougherty)
4pm - Eulalia & Raymond Ohl
(Angela Ohl-Marsters)

Sunday, August 18

7am - Mary Ann Midden
(Bill Midden)
10am - For the People
5pm - Deceased Members of the
Chiaradonna Family
(Geny Chiaradonna)



St? Philomena

Feast Day: August 11th

Let us begin by heading to Rome on May 25th, 1802. In the wider world, we are shortly after Napoleon's concordat with Pius VII (in 1801, allowing Catholicism to be practiced again in France) and shortly before the same Napoleon sold the Louisiana territory to Thomas Jefferson (in 1803, doubling the landmass of our country). We step down into one of the most ancient, and most revered, of the catacombs, that named after St. Pricilla, North and West of the ancient city where the bones of several early popes and our friends St. Praxedes and St. Pudentiana were all buried before being reinterred elsewhere in the 900s. A group of workers are working in the old and empty tunnels and erupt in excited shouts: there is a small shelf-grave that

appeared unopened. Sure enough, behind a set of three tiles inscribed with the ancient letters "LUMENA PAX TE CUM FI" and symbols of arrows, a lance, anchor, and lily (or flame), were found the bones of a teenage girl, her skull fractured, and a glass vial with the residue of what appeared to be blood.



Archeologists are fairly certain that the bones are those of a young maiden, though the vial and head injury are not certain indicators of martyrdom (though that assumption is a sensible one). The letters and symbols do indicate that this is a tomb from the second century, BUT (crucially), the tiles are actually in the wrong order. They should read "Pax te cum Filumena" ("Peace be with you Philomena"), and with the way they are written, we can tell that the reason they are out of order is because at some point they were taken off (a different?) grave and placed over this one.

In any case, the relics were translated a few years later (June 8th, 1805) to the church of Mungano (near Naples), and later (in 1827) that church was given the earthen tiles with the inscription as well. People began to visit the shrine of the little saint and reports of miracles quickly grew. Popular accounts record that a 10 year old boy, crippled and unable to walk, stood up during the consecration of one of the Masses celebrated in the octave after Philomena's relics were brought to Mungano. On the same day, during vespers, a two year old little girl, blind from smallpox, received her eyesight after her mother put some of the oil from the lamp above Philomena's tomb on her eyes. And then a man who did not believe, seeing the miracle, spontaneously received the gift of faith and offered to fund the construction of a chapel to the martyr! More certified accounts record a lawyer from Naples, D. Alessandro Serio, who suffering from an internal illness came to Philomena's tomb in 1814 hoping for a cure. The illness actually grew markedly worse and he seemed to be on the brink of death, and worse, was incapacitated to such an extent that he could not make a good confession. His wife, still asking for Philomena's intercession, brought a picture of the saint to him, begging that at least he would recover enough to receive the last sacraments. His pain disappeared and the disease with it.

The account of these and other miracles led the Congregation of Rites in 1834, to approve Philomena's veneration during Mass in the region around Mungano. Pope Gregory XVI confirmed (on January 30, 1837) that preliminary permission after having met the paralyzed, and desperately ill, Pauline Jaricot, who returned to Rome after her visit to Philomena's tomb in 1834 entirely cured. She it was who carried a relic of Philomena back to her home country of France and gave it to a certain Curé de Ars, who was said to have converses with the martyred saint in his prayer, and who routinely credited St. Philomena with marvelous cures of his own health and others (this also handily kept that attention from being given to himself!)

But here's the hard truth that this whole story gives to us as well. August 11th was only ever a local feast-day for Philomena. And the possibility of her martyrdom, and all these miracles, and the saints and mystics who loved and spoke so highly of their little "Lover of Light" (as Philomena's name means), are not the same as canonization. Canonization is an infallible proclamation by the Pope that someone is in heaven, a saint before God whom we can all ask their intercession. No Pope has ever infallibly declared such about the young woman who was buried in the catacombs of Pricilla. In fact, on January 30th, 1961, Pope St. John XXIII decided to remove St. Philomena from even the local calendars where she had been venerated. That doesn't mean she's not a saint, it just means that the Church has not done the careful work to verify the miracles attributed to her (and, considering that saints are canonized also to hold their lives up for our veneration; with no solid historical details of Philomena's life, it is unlikely that she could be formally canonized.)

Fr. Dominic Rankin is just as disappointed as any of you by this (and other places where the Church's slowness and caution challenges my own devotions). But here's a key lesson for all of us: Healings are real whether proven or not. Saints are in heaven whether canonized or not.

BUT ALSO, no devotion or personal affection should trump our fidelity to Christ's Body, the Church, and Christ's vicar, our Holy Father. Docility to the Church's way of praying are higher goods than my own pious preferences!

Stewardship of Treasure

August 3rd & 4th

Envelopes:	\$5,329.00
Loose:	\$3,024.60
Maintenance:	\$945.00
Total:	\$9,298.60

July EFT

\$19,237.67

July Second Collections

\$429.64

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

Weddings

Michael Casey & Ember Beddingfield
Married on August 3, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



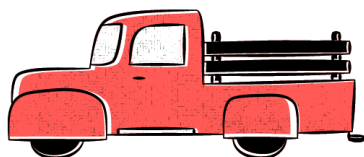
WEEK OF AUGUST 12

<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	Summer Bible Study - Living in The Father's Love 1:00 PM School Library Adoration 4:00 PM Church	Rosary 4:45 PM Church		

What's Going on Around the Cathedral?

STUFF A TRUCK FOOD DRIVE

FOR THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY



BEFORE & AFTER
ALL MASSES
AUGUST 24 & 25

Stuff a Truck Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus and CCCW are partnering in a "Stuff a Truck" Food Drive for the Holy Family Food Pantry. Look for the Red Trucks before & after all Masses August 24 & 25! Suggested items for donations include (no glass please): Dry pasta, Spaghetti sauce w meat, Canned complete meals, Peanut butter & jelly, Mac-n-cheese box mixes, Fruit & veggies, Box mixes of any kind, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Fruit & Pudding cups, Potatoes, Paper products, Oral Hygiene items, Feminine Hygiene items, Laundry items, Diapers. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

JOIN US AT THE CATHEDRAL FOR A

Ladies Paint Night

AUGUST 30

6:30 PM

CATHEDRAL ATRIUM



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! \$30 per person; spots are limited (40 total). To register, visit <https://dio.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/91/responses/new>. Payment will be due at time of registration; if you prefer to not make an online payment, please contact the Parish Office at 217-522-3342 to make arrangements (payment will be due within 3 days of registration, if by phone). Registration closes August 18th so sign up today! Any questions can be directed to Kim Gunter (kgunter@cathedral.dio.org) or Haley Dutton (hdutton@cathedral.dio.org). We hope to see you there!

Cathedral First Friday Concert

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

7 PM - 8 PM

Featuring

Vocal Students of Justin Johnson

September First Friday Concert Series

Join us on Friday, September 6, 2024 at 7pm in the Cathedral for a First Friday Concert! September's concert will feature Vocal Students of Justin Johnson. 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



Thank You, Adrienne Andrews!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Adrienne Andrews for her 20+ years of service as the Faith Community Nurse for the Cathedral! Adrienne has decided to step back from leading this apostolate, though she plans to continue to help out as other opportunities present themselves in the future. May God bless Adrienne for sharing generously with our parish the gifts she has developed as a nurse.

Peoria Chiefs Game

Join Fr. Augustine Tolton Council #16126 and Cathedral parishioners at the final Peoria Chiefs game of the season on Sunday, September 8th at 2:05pm at Dozer Park in Peoria, IL. For \$40 you get a seat in the Batter's Box VIP Concourse Area with a lunch buffet featuring hot dogs, cheeseburgers, baked beans, chips, popcorn, canned soda, and bottled water. Individuals will need to provide their own transportation to and from the game. For questions, please contact Nick Gray at graynicholasjohn@gmail.com. A limited number of seats are available in this VIP area so reserve your tickets today! Spots can be reserved at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/toltonchiefs>

CCCW/Knights of Columbus Scholarship News

The CCCW and the Fr. Tolton Council 16126 Knights of Columbus have updated requirements for the 2025-26 scholarship opportunity. Active Cathedral parishioners who are students at SHG will be required to have at least 20 hours of service for Cathedral Parish. Such activities may include, but are not limited to the following in order to meet the service requirements:

1. Confirmation/1st Communion masses held at Cathedral (Tuesdays and Saturdays) and the night before to help set up.
2. Donut Sunday
3. Bake Sale (Will be announced in the bulletin)
4. Garage Sale
5. Hand out bulletins after Sunday Masses
6. Choir
7. Altar Servers *
8. Lector (Must be 16 years old) *
9. Eucharistic Minister (must be at least 16 years old) *
10. Greeters *
11. Ushers *
12. Live Streamers *

All of those marked with an * must be trained. Please contact the Parish office 217-522-3342 or Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org if you require training. All service hours will need to be sent to Kim Gunter in the Parish office for approval: kgunter@cathedral.dio.org

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

Butler Funeral Homes Lunch and Learn

Butler Funeral Homes 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:

Your Life, Your Legacy
Wednesday, August 14th
11am – 1pm
Knights Of Columbus - Council 364
2200 Meadowbrook Rd.
Springfield, IL 62711

Complimentary lunch will be provided. This event is free: no cost or obligation. Please call 1-800-955-1579 to reserve your space no later than Monday, August 12th.

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.

Murmurings

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered.

"Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in today's Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also wasn't very accurate: Did you hear what he said? That he's the bread of life?

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

We know this guy. Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...

And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing.

Today, we see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. And that is the end of their murmuring.

The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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Around the Diocese

- **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.
- **Taizé Prayer Service**, September 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church, 4867 LaVerna Road, Springfield. The Service is free and open to the public. Taizé Prayer, a form of Christian prayer, is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling participants to be mindful of Christ's presence with chant-like songs, silence, readings, and prayer.