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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.



## A Way of Life

Having reflected on the various elements of the first sentence of our diocesan and parish mission statement, the following sentence is added to sum up the mission:

*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.*

What catches my attention in this sentence is the use of the phrase “way of life.” Discipleship and stewardship is not meant to be a program or an initiative with a beginning and an ending. Rather, it is intended to be a way of life that guides us in all of our thoughts, words, and actions. Being a disciple and a steward is not something just for Mass on Sunday, but our entire lives are meant to be ordered to following Jesus and living according to His teachings, those revealed in both Sacred Scripture and Tradition.

It is important to come back to a fundamental point as it relates to our Catholic faith, namely that being a disciple is not first and foremost about observing rules. Rather, Christianity is about being in relationship with a person, Jesus Christ. We can see this in the account of the call of the Twelve as recounted in the Gospel of Mark:

*He went up the mountain and summoned those whom He wanted and they came to Him. He appointed twelve [whom He also named apostles] that they might be with Him and He might send them forth to preach and to have authority to drive out demons. (Mk 3:13-15)*

Before sending them out, Jesus called the Apostles to “be with Him.” This indicates the desire that Jesus has to first be a friend with us by our spending time with Him, especially in prayer, worship, and learning about Him. From that closeness with Him, we come to know Him and love Him, as we discover just how much He loves us. Then, from that place of friendship and awareness of that depth of His love, we willingly and joyfully go out, letting our lives be lived in union with Him and according to His will in everything.

There is a quote that I often think about when considering the call to make following Jesus more than just an occasional activity, but truly a way of life. It is often attributed to the former Superior General of the Jesuits, Father Pedro Arrupe, SJ. Perhaps I have used this quote before, but it is worth sharing again, as it speaks so beautifully about the call to make discipleship and stewardship a way of life:

*Nothing is more practical than finding God,  
than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.  
What you are in love with,  
what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.  
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,  
what you do with your evenings,  
how you spend your weekends,  
what you read, whom you know,  
what breaks your heart,  
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.  
Fall in Love, stay in love,  
and it will decide everything.*

*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, September 16

7am - Eugenia Halerewicz

(Family)

5:15pm - NO MASS – CONVOCATION

#### Tuesday, September 17

7am - NO MASS – CONVOCATION

5:15pm - NO MASS – CONVOCATION

#### Wednesday, September 18

7am - NO MASS – CONVOCATION

5:15pm - NO MASS – CONVOCATION

#### Thursday, September 19

7am - NO MASS – CONVOCATION

5:15pm - John & Edith Bakalar

(John Busciacco)

#### Friday, September 20

7am - Richard Dhabalt

(Vicki Compton)

5:15pm - Betty Rogers

(Family)

#### Saturday, September 21

8am - Peter Michael Fouche

(Suzanne Johnson)

4pm - Shirley Logan

(Lisa Logan & Lori Logan Motyka)

#### Sunday, September 22

7am - Pamela Harmon

(Archie Harmon)

10am - For the People

5pm - Frederick Shea Family

(Matthew Clark)



## Bl. Paulo Manna Feast Day: September 15th

3 times he had already gone back to Italy. This time it was for good. The year was 1907, and Fr. Paulo Manna, a 35-year-old would-be missionary, was returning to his home country ill, a “failed missionary” as he called himself, to Burma (now called Myanmar). It had looked so hopeful. He had entered the Institute for the Foreign Missions at the age of 19, was ordained a priest at 22, and by 25 arrived as a missionary in the Eastern Burma territory of Toungoo, meeting his beloved Ghekkú tribe for the first time.

A perusal of pictures from the Institute sketches the scene: a smiling, grizzled, priest clad in white is surrounded by the local children, grinning from ear to ear, everyone standing in front of a new school, or an ambulance, or collected in a makeshift choir. Now Fr. Paulo was leaving that all behind because of tuberculosis. He didn’t make the cut as a missionary. One year later, in 1908, he went on pilgrimage to Lourdes. He did not go asking for a physical healing, nor even for clarity on what to do next, he just asked for greater personal holiness and purity, and eternal salvation for himself and everyone he loved. Kneeling at Our Lady’s shrine, he surrendered the failure into God’s hands.

What was God intending for him? Where was this zeal for carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth supposed to carry him if not to the ends of the earth? He looked at what was already happening in the Church for the work of the missions. Three different major organizations were already founded: the Propaganda Fidei, which begun by the lay woman, Pauline Jaricot, in 1815, its first big initiative being a worldwide collection to support the Church in Louisiana (this being just a few years after the Louisiana Purchase, that second diocese of the United States was an overwhelming territory for Bp. Louis Dubourg to care for). There was also already the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, founded in 1889 by another lawwoman, Stephanie to support the training of local clergy in mission territory. And, lastly, there was the Association of the Holy Childhood, which collected alms from children in Christian lands to support their peers growing up in poverty throughout the world.

So you had organizations fundraising for missionary lands, training foreign priests, and caring for impoverished children. What remained? Years later this is how Paulo Manna described the breakthrough:

*We missionaries often wonder why the work of the conversion of the non-Christian world goes so slowly. We usually give various reasons to explain this painful fact, and in truth the problem may be considered from many angles, some of which do not concern our responsibility. But for the part that does concern us, and it is the main part, the problem has a very clear solution. To save the world, God in his infinite wisdom wanted to have co-workers. God does his part well: do the people called to help him do their part equally well? ... The missionary problem has been, and still is almost ignored by the Christian people. Those who were interested in the past were always a minority, and it is extremely painful to see today too, although some progress has been made, how the enormous question is far from being understood and faced fully by clergy and people.*

The world will not be converted by one great missionary, nor an organization that trains priests or funds schools, or builds hospitals. All that is splendid, and necessary, but the breakthrough that was needed was to make every Catholic in the world a missionary. To remind the Church, every single member of the Church, that they were also called to be missionaries in their own backyard.

And so he began the fourth and final of the great Pontifical Mission Societies of the Church. Its work would be to cultivate in all priests, and laypeople, a sense of the missionary work of the Church, and the call to mission that was given to them. Three years later, in 1919, Pope Benedict XV penned an apostolic letter to the world dismembered by World War I, choosing as his theme Christ’s mandate to “proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” Vatican II would also take up Manna’s insight, that every Christian is called to be a missionary in their own part of the world. What was the only pre-requisite to be a missionary? Vatican II would call it the “universal call to holiness”, but Manna described it decades before:

*... neither brilliance nor prudence, nor courage have made [the great missionaries] great in our eyes and the eyes of God. They have been great, they have saved many souls, they have founded Churches, mainly because they were holy men, that is, spiritual men. This is the secret, the soul of their zeal, their perseverance and their success; this is the solemn teaching they have handed down to us and which I love to remind you of, so that our missionaries of today and those of tomorrow may always build upon it the first and essential reason for their own sanctification and the sanctification of the souls that are, and will be entrusted to them.*

*Fr. Dominic Rankin often likes to engage those big questions: How to share the Gospel? How to save our country? How to make an impact? How to bring peace to our world? Bl. Manna tells us that all of those are answered by a simpler question: “What today is getting in the way of my holiness?”*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### September 7th & 8th

Envelopes:	\$4,520.00
Loose:	\$4,267.00
Maintenance:	\$126.00
Total:	\$8,913.00

### August Online Contributions

\$51,166.56

### August Debt Reduction

\$393.00

### August Second Collections

Assumption  
\$3,214.54


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 SEPTEMBER 16

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
NO 5:15 PM MASS - CONVOCATION	NO MASSES - CONVOCATION	NO MASSES - CONVOCATION	NO 7 AM MASS - CONVOCATION	Rosary 4:45 PM Church	CANTUS 7:30 PM Church	
St. Monica Ministry 7:00 PM School Library		Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library	Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM School Library			
		Cathedral Bible Study 6:15 PM Parish Library	CCCW Meeting 6:00 PM School Hall			
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			Night Bible Study 6:15 PM School Library			

## What's Going on Around the Cathedral?



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL & HOLY HOUR  
IN MEMORY OF

*Pregnancy & Infant Loss  
Awareness Month*

7:00 PM  
OCTOBER 17, 2024

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Music at the Cathedral  
Presents

# CANTUS

SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024  
7:30 PM

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Mark Gifford, Director of Music

### Cantus at the Cathedral

Why is it that we can recall the lyrics and melody of a song from our childhood, but we struggle to find our keys in the morning, or find ourselves unable to remember peoples' names? Time and age can cause organized memories to gradually become a maze of fragments, but music often remains the one thing that helps us to remember who we are. As memory fades, is music the final conduit for our memories and connection to our past? Join us on Saturday, September 21 at 7:30pm in the Cathedral as Cantus explores the unique and enduring relationship between music and memory in all of our lives. Through selections that include timeless tunes like "Over the Rainbow" and "What a Wonderful World" and anchored by Ysaye M. Barnwell's "Wanting Memories," this performance traverses the realms of nostalgia and family, loss and love, grief, laughter, fear and hope.

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# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## The Feasts of Judaism, Threshold Bible Study

An appreciation of the feasts of Judaism will help Christians understand modern Judaism and the faith of Jesus. The biblical festivals are celebrations of God's saving actions for all generations. Here you will study the pilgrim feasts of Passover, Pentecost, and Booths, the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, the minor feasts of the Ninth of Ov, Purim, and Hanukkah, and the Sabbath and Jubilee Year. You will understand the roots of the Christian faith in the faith of our elder brothers and sisters in Judaism. Thursdays, 1:00pm @ Cathedral, Sept 19 – Oct 17. Contact Vicki Compton [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or 217/522-3342 to reserve your spot and order a book. \$10

## Cathedral Merchandise Sale

Cathedral has partnered with Primo Designs again to help you show off your Cathedral pride! Merchandise offered is long and short sleeve T-shirts, polos, sweatshirts and quarter zips. Order and pay online at [https://shop.primodesigns.net/Cathedral\\_of\\_immaculate/shop/home](https://shop.primodesigns.net/Cathedral_of_immaculate/shop/home) Merchandise can be picked up at Primo or the Cathedral or shipped to your home. The online store closes in two weeks, so don't delay!

## Celebrate the Feast Days of These Great Saints with Formed September 19: St. John Henry Newman

One Step is Enough: Cardinal John Henry Newman: One Step is Enough is a biography of St. John Henry Newman, a 19th century British theologian and historian. Newman was raised in the Anglican Church and became an Anglican priest and a professor at Oxford. Over time he became critical of both the evangelical emphasis on dramatic personal conversion as well as the merely academic or intellectual Christianity that was common at Oxford. He believed in the need for critical thinking as well as intense prayerful devotion. This led Newman to promote the idea of "via media" or a middle way between Protestantism and Catholicism. But when he offered a new interpretation of the 39 articles of the Anglican Church, he faced intense opposition from within his denomination. Finally in 1845, Newman became a Roman Catholic. His legacy is that of a prophetic thinker whose ideas profoundly influenced the Second Vatican Council of the 1960's. Newman died in 1890 and was beatified in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

*Our parish subscription to Formed was funded in part through a grant from the Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope Capital Campaign.*

## The Chosen, Season 4

The Cathedral will once again be showing and discussing the latest season of The Chosen. Everyone is welcome. We'll provide the popcorn!  
Sundays, starting Sept 29 @ 2:00pm in the Cathedral School Library

## 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](http://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.

## CCCW Meeting - September 19th

Calling all women in the Cathedral Parish - the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women starts meetings again September 19th at 6pm in the School Hall. Come join us for food, fellowship, and learn about ways you can volunteer around the parish and meet the new officers. Come find your place in the CCCW and help support your parish! Meetings are every third Thursday unless there is a schedule conflict. The Springfield Deanery Council of Catholic Women's November meeting will also be held at the Cathedral on November 21st. Come find out what's going on around the Deanery. More details to come!

## St. Monica Ministry

Are you heartbroken because your loved ones have left the Church? You are invited to the Springfield-area St. Monica Ministry monthly gathering. 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." We will be discussing Ch 1 in Return: How to bring your Child Back to the Church by Brandon Vogt.  
Third Monday of each month @ 7:00pm at the Cathedral. Monday, Sept. 16, 7:00pm @ Cathedral School Library.

## I'm Back, Thanks be to God!

In early March I was diagnosed with and treated for Guillain Barre Syndrome, an autoimmune disorder where the body's immune system mistakenly attacks the peripheral nerves. I am grateful that only my hands and my legs from the knees down were affected. For several months I was unable to walk, drive or climb steps and spent much of my time sleeping. For eight weeks I was unable to attend Mass. I was so joyful on Good Friday when I was finally able to return to Church. I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, meals, visits, and words of encouragement. I am convinced that I am healing so well and so rapidly because of so many people praying for me. I am so grateful! I want to thank everyone who picked up the slack while I was gone, especially Fr. Alford who anointed me, visited me, never pressured me to come back to work, and who had to pick up many of my tasks while I was gone. I apologize for all the things that did fall thru the cracks while I was away. But now I am back, almost to 100% and ready to serve you. I am especially ready to train new ushers and greeters which we need desperately, and new lectors, which we also need. Please call me if you are ready to serve your parish in this way, or if there is anything else I can do for you. Thank you again for your prayers! - Vicki





## Take Up Your Cross

When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say?

I've gotten a lot of interesting answers.

"I called and you listened."

"What tee time would you like tomorrow?"

"What were you thinking?"

"Your service made things better."

It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: "You can put it down now."

When Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" he is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus, good job! You have to follow in every bloody footprint he leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet him at the top, you better not be empty-handed. He has a cross, he will expect you to have one, too.

I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something — Someone — who supports my drooping arm. The Lord God is my help.

If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, "You can put it down now," then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed: I took up the cross.

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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## Around the Diocese

- **Faithful Citizenship-Civilize It Course**, Mondays, September 16, 23, 30 6:30pm @ St. Agnes; This 4 week course will NOT discuss political partisanship, parties, conservatism or liberalism or party positions on any issue. But, IT WILL discuss how Catholic Social teaching intersects with our informed consciences, how to be a media literate Catholic (to view media with a critical eye) and how to have civilized conversations with others who may not agree with us. For more information contact Cathy Becker at [cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org](mailto:cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org) or 217-793-1330
- **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.
- **SHG 2024 Homecoming Festivities** - parade kicks off at 4pm on Sept. 22, with the homecoming festival immediately following. The boys' volleyball game will begin at 5pm and the girls' Powder Puff game will follow at 6pm. All activities will take place at our West Campus at 1601 West Washington Street. We hope to see you there!
- **Calling all men juniors in high school and above!** Join Bishop Paprocki and Priests of the Diocese for an Andrew Dinner at 5:00pm on Sunday, September 22 at St. Agnes in Springfield. The Andrew Dinner is a simple/low key gathering where we will pray, share a meal, and have conversations about Priesthood and how best to discern what vocation God is calling you to. If you would like to attend, sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/Dk6WX4Mvd8sqVAvWA> or email Fr. Zach Samples at [zsamples@dio.org](mailto:zsamples@dio.org). We hope to see you there!
- **St. Aloysius and St. Cabrini Parish Mission**, Sunday, September 29 - Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at St. Aloysius Church. The theme of the mission is Faithfully Renewed Forever and Ever. Amen. The mission will feature Father Pete Schavitz, a Redemptorist priest as the presenter. Each day will have a different theme and will center on one's personal faith journey. We will gather in church to pray, sing, listen and receive an invitation to grow. The mission is for everyone, young and old, for those with many questions, those with a few questions and those just starting their faith journey. There will be Liturgy of the Word for children occurring at the same time the evening sessions. Childcare and transportation will be available. Each day will conclude with a creative social filled with good food, drinks, and conversation. The mission will begin with rosary at 6:00pm each evening. For questions, please contact either Parish Office, St. Aloysius @ 217-544-4554, or St. Cabrini @ (217) 522-8555.
- **BUNCO Party**, October 13th, CTK Parish Hall. Reservations, call or text Pat Bolt at 217-652-4340 or [peterjb42@comcast.net](mailto:peterjb42@comcast.net); sponsored by the St. Louis De Marillac, all funds go to Catholic Charities
- **St. Frances Cabrini Parish Nativity Festival**, Saturday, December 7, 2024 Noon - 4 p.m. & Sunday December 8, 2024 11 am - 4 p.m. Please email ([parishoffice@stcabrini.dio.org](mailto:parishoffice@stcabrini.dio.org)) or call the parish office at 217-522-8555 with your contact information, number of sets, and your preferred drop off date.