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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.



Pillar of Prayer

The second pillar of Discipleship and Stewardship is Prayer. The Synod describes this pillar with the following words:

Prayer – to provide well-prepared celebrations of the sacraments and other occasions for prayer as signs of hope and paths of grace to Heaven;

Since prayer and the sacraments are at the very heart of what we are about as Catholics, one might think that this should be the first pillar of discipleship. While that is indeed true about the primacy of prayer, placing it as the second pillar is intentional. If one were to come to our parish and encounter an environment that is not welcoming and not hospitable, chances are they may not stick around to experience prayer or the sacraments because they do not feel that they belong. But once they have crossed through our doors and feel comfortable staying, they are ready to experience the gift of prayer and the sacraments in our church.

One tangible way in which I think we join these two pillars together is in the fact that our church is open throughout the day every day. We unlock the doors one hour before the first Mass, which is 6 AM every day except Saturday, which is 7 AM. We then lock the church after the final Mass of the day, which is usually around 6 PM, depending on the day. Throughout the day, the church is available for anybody to stop in and spend some time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament is a practice that has largely fallen out of practice, but it is something that I hope more people will consider working into their spiritual lives.

This pillar speaks about our parish providing “well-prepared celebrations of the sacraments.” I believe we do that well here at the Cathedral. Many of the people of our diocese associate the Cathedral with some of the bigger diocesan celebrations, such as the Chrism Mass, Ordinations, and Confirmations. These are indeed powerful liturgies that highlight not just the beauty of this church, but also the richness of our liturgical celebrations. We strive to celebrate our liturgies well and many people comment on their appreciation for these liturgies, whether it be a simple daily Mass or that glorious celebration of the Easter Vigil, and everything in between.

As I consider our Mass schedule here, I am especially mindful of our desire to be a place that offers opportunities that other parishes may not. In particular, we offer a daily 5:15 PM Mass, which I know is appreciated by those who are not able to get to a morning Mass, or who may prefer to sleep in a little later! We also have a Sunday evening Mass at 5 PM, which I know is a popular time for many throughout the area who may be travelling and are looking for a later alternative to get to Mass on Sunday. Along those lines, I am perhaps most proud of the fact that we offer fairly convenient times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation every day, something I know many take advantage of.

While all of these aspects of the pillar of prayer are indeed for the benefit of our own parishioners, we are happy that this is a place where anybody can and should feel welcome to join for prayer and the sacraments. This is something that makes the Cathedral so unique, and it is something we are happy to offer for anybody who comes through our doors.

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 14

7am - Deceased Members of the CCCW (Betty & Joe Kessler)
5:15pm - Eulalia & Raymond Ohl (Angela Ohl-Marsters)

Tuesday, October 15

7am - Fred & Rita Greenwald (Becky & Franky Farley)
5:15pm - Anna Geraldine Gasaway (Robert Gasaway)

Wednesday, October 16

7am - Schenkel Grandparents (Ann Johnson)
5:15pm - John & Edith Bakalar (John Busciacco)

Thursday, October 17

7am - Fred Greenwald (Martha Goodwin)
5:15pm - Lambert P. Fleck Sr. (Greg & Marie Fleck)

Friday, October 18

7am - Stephanie Sandidge (Sue Sandidge)
5:15pm - Brother Francis Skube (Friends)

Saturday, October 19

8am - Jim Meyer (Sharon Sexson)
4pm - Judith Hubbell (Family)

Sunday, October 20

7am - Deceased Members of the CCCW (CCCW)
10am - For the People
5pm - Drew Dhabalt (Vicki Compton)

WEEK OF OCTOBER 14

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Rosary 4:45 PM Church	Adoration 4:00 PM Church	Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library Rosary 4:45 PM Church Cathedral Bible Study 6:15 PM Parish Library Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Classroom	Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, & 6:00 PM School Library Adoration 4:00 PM Church Pregnancy & Infant Loss Holy Hour 7:00 PM Church	Rosary 4:45 PM Church		The Chosen 2:00 PM School Library Family of Faith 6:15 PM Atrium

What's Going on Around the Cathedral?



**EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY**

**BUSINESS
MANAGER**

The Cathedral is Hiring a Business Manager

The Cathedral is looking to hire a Business Manager who will be assisting with the stewardship of the physical, financial, and personnel resources of the parish. The Business Manager values the responsible organization of parish resources, helping the parish to fulfill its mission. This is a full-time position that would work closely with the Rector in helping to coordinate the various efforts of the parish, including overseeing our financial operations, working to coordinate various maintenance activities to ensure a clean and functional campus, and supporting the various HR functions of the staff. Please visit www.spicathedral.org/employment for more information. Interested candidates should provide a cover letter and resume to Fr. Brian Alford, balford@dio.org.



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL & HOLY HOUR
IN MEMORY OF

*Pregnancy & Infant Loss
Awareness Month*

7:00 PM
OCTOBER 17, 2024

AT

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
524 E LAWRENCE AVE.
SPRINGFIELD

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Candlelight Vigil and Holy Hour

The month of October has been designated Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month in the United States. The Church calls children "the supreme gift of marriage" (Gaudium et spes, n. 50). Losing a baby, whether through miscarriage or as an infant, is one of the deepest forms of grief and pain that a couple may endure. Unfortunately, many couples often suffer without any support, as in the case when a couple loses a child before sharing that they were pregnant with others, or insufficient support because family and friends are unsure of what to say or do because of the difficulty and often suddenness of losing one so young. Please join us at the Cathedral on Thursday, October 17 at 7pm for a Candlelight Vigil and Holy Hour to offer prayerful support to anybody who has been affected by one of these tragic losses.



Knights of Columbus Council #16126 Fr. Tolton Scholarship Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council #16126 will be holding the Father Tolton Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, October 26 in the Atrium at the Cathedral. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, vegetable, salad, four whiskey tastings, and dessert. Craft beer, wine and whiskey will be available for purchase. **EVENT IS BY RESERVATION ONLY. RESERVATIONS DUE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23.** Participants must be 21 or older. Make your reservations online by visiting <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/8d37f63f-0c20-44d6-9954-ebd97a23f980>

Stewardship of Treasure

October 5th & 6th

Envelopes:	\$6,498.00
Loose:	\$3,389.52
Maintenance:	\$921.00
Total:	\$10,808.52

September Online Contributions

\$53,944.79

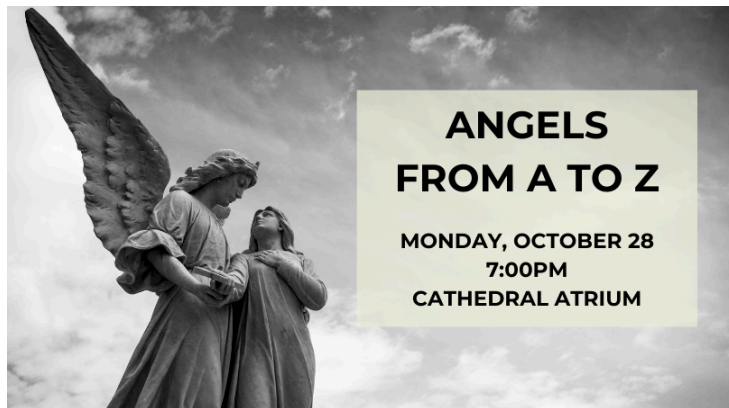
September Debt Reduction

\$497.00

September Second Collections

Church in Africa
\$1,466.99

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!



Angels From A to Z

From Archangels to Guardian Angels, come listen to Father Brian Alford share what the Catholic Church teaches about who these mysterious beings are, what they do, and how they help us in our journey in becoming saints. Monday, October 28 @ 7:00pm in the Cathedral Atrium



November First Friday Concert Series

Join us on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 7pm in the Cathedral for a First Friday Concert! November's concert will feature Damien Kaplan and Mark Gifford. 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



Grief Share at Cathedral

Cathedral parish will be hosting 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, Oct 22, 1:00-2:30 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 go to <https://www.griefshare.org/> or contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com To register call 217/522-3342 or email Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome!

Cathedral Women's Bible Study: Lost and Found in the Desert – A Spiritual Survival Guide

In this course, the participant will approach essential spiritual truths in the guise of a desert survival course and learn the skills necessary to survive and thrive in the harsh reality of current culture. They will discover attitude as owning their faith, shelter as taking refuge in the Lord, water as true satisfaction, fire as passion and the Holy Spirit, and food as the Word and Eucharist. This course will deepen the student's relationship with Jesus as their true Survival Guide, and sweet oasis of rest and refreshment. Contact Vicki @ vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or 217/522-3342 to reserve your spot.
7 week course from Magiswomen, 10:00am Thursday mornings @ Cathedral school library, beginning Oct 17, \$30

Holy Family Food Pantry Donations Needed

Each year, the Springfield Catholic Charities Holy Family Food Pantry serves hundreds of families in need through their Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. In preparation for the holidays, we are in need of donated food items and volunteers to create these much appreciated Thanksgiving and Christmas blessings. Wish list items for our food pantry include: cereal, boxed macaroni and cheese, baked beans, muffin mix, dessert mix, pasta, pudding mix, pancake mix, sugar, peanut butter, soup, breakfast bars, canned yams, potatoes, canned fruit, egg noodles, Jell-O mix, hot cocoa mix, syrup, brown sugar, jelly, crackers. Other useful/practical items include personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, or paper supplies. More information is available at 217.523.4551. Donations can be dropped off in the Atrium or at 120 S 11th St. in Springfield Illinois. Thank you for making a difference in our community!

An Introduction to Spiritual Warfare

Do you know that a fierce war rages for your soul? It's a spiritual battle with crucial consequences in your everyday life — and its outcome will determine your eternal destiny. You live on a hotly contested battlefield, and you can't escape the fight. You have no choice but to engage the Enemy — that is, Satan and his demons. Are you ready for battle? An Introduction to Spiritual Warfare, hosted by Dr. Paul Thigpen, is a new 8-part video series designed to help you recognize, resist, and overcome Satan's attacks. Thursdays, 1:00pm @ Cathedral, Oct 31 – Dec 19. Contact Vicki Compton vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or 217/522-3342 to reserve your spot.

Second Collection - World Mission Sunday

On October 20, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the Missions of the Church, to proclaim the salvation of Christ to all nations. The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father to meet his Petrine obligation to build up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages, and enables missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas, and to meet essential works to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.

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 @ 2:00pm in the Cathedral School Library

Soctober Collection

It's that time of year ago again - SOCTOBER! The Ladies of the CCCW will once again collect new and gently used (include only those you would accept for your own 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. A special need exists for stocking hats & gloves this year. White baskets will be in the Atrium throughout the month of October for your donations. Thank you for your willingness to serve our most vulnerable brothers & sisters!

Fr. Tolton Council 16126 Membership Drive

Knights of Columbus membership offers countless opportunities for Catholic men – and their families – to live and grow in faith. Through our support of critical societal needs, we Knights have the opportunity to leave a positive and lasting impact in the community and around the world. Worldwide, the nearly 2 million members donated over 75 million hours of their time to charitable service and nearly \$200 million to important causes around the globe just last year. Within those numbers, our local council has donated over \$7,000 to worthy causes and contributed nearly 1,000 hours of service to the parish and community. These acts of charity include financially supporting our seminarians and our own parish Catholic school scholarship fund, participating in Respect for Life activities around Springfield, raising money for organizations that work with people who have intellectual disabilities, and helping students express their faith with our annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. As a fraternal organization, members of Fr. Tolton Council 16126 also celebrate a fellowship breakfast together once a month, enjoy recreational activities with our families such as going to ballgames, and praying as a council through our 5th Sunday Rosary gatherings and by remembering deceased members of the council at an annual Mass. Please join us in the Cathedral atrium for an Open House on Sunday, October 20th after the 10 AM Mass to learn more about what it means to be a Knight. Men who are interested in joining the council will be invited to participate in a member exemplification ceremony after the Open House. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/join and use council #16126 on the registration form. Questions? Contact Jeff Thompson, membership director for the council at jeff.thompson.2711@gmail.com, or call (321) 446-2711.

CRS Global Emergency Update - South Sudan

South Sudan is now ranked as the world's third most fragile state as compounded crises put millions of lives at risk. Since the country's independence in 2011, its people have endured continuous conflict, climate-driven crises and large-scale displacement. Consecutive years of extreme flooding have led to major displacement and loss of land and assets.

Hunger has reached an alarming level. An estimated 7.1 million people—59% of the population—are experiencing a degree of food deprivation that puts their lives or livelihoods in immediate danger. Of this number, 2.3 million people face emergency food insecurity conditions.

Families are selling their assets to cope, while facing destitution, critical acute malnutrition, starvation and even death. Across Jonglei State, there is catastrophic food insecurity, with the possibility of similar levels in the northeastern Upper Nile region.

CRS is focusing efforts on the Greater Jonglei region. We are distributing emergency food, prioritizing cash and voucher assistance, training school nutrition providers, and supporting agricultural and other income-generating activities. We are also providing tools for agricultural production and training community animal health workers.

CRS is coordinating at the county, state and national levels. Our response is an extension of programming taking place across the country, including food assistance, livelihoods recovery, comprehensive water, sanitation and hygiene, health and nutrition services, and support for market-based activities.

To support the CRS' efforts, please visit www.support.crs.org/

Around the Diocese

- **Calvary Cemetery in Springfield** is looking for a Director to oversee the 150-year-old and 85-acre cemetery. If interested or to apply, please look at the job listing on dio.org/careers or on Indeed.
- **Springfield Right To Life Autumn BBQ Fundraiser**, October 17, 5pm-7pm at Christ the King Parish Center. First meal is \$20, additional meals \$15 each. Meal includes pulled pork sandwich, potato chips, coleslaw, and dessert. Dine-in or carry-out; cash, check, and credit cards accepted. Proceeds allow STRL to offer vital pregnancy resource services to new Mothers-to-Be.
- **St. Joseph the Worker Art and Craft Fair**, Saturday, October 19, 8:30am-3pm
- **Family Fest!** - Join other families across the diocese for an experience of exciting activities, bonding games, as well as Mass, adoration, and delicious food! Date: Sunday, Oct. 20; Location: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Mass at 10 a.m. and then the Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 E Lakeshore Dr., Springfield, IL 62712; Who: Families in the diocese; Meals: Dinner provided (bring a lunch); Cost: \$20 per family; Time: 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.; For questions about the event, please contact Daniel Heffernan at dheffernan@dio.org. Register at dio.org/events/.
- **Men's Evening of Recollection**, Thursday, October 24th at St John's Hospital Chapel (800 E. Carpenter St., Springfield), from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The recollection will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a meditation given by a priest, time for silent prayer and reflection, an opportunity for confession, a doctrinal talk and Benediction.
- **SHG Mega Raffle**, Win \$100,000! Get your ticket today - 217-787-9732 or visit shg.org. Early bird drawing is October 25, final drawing is November 1
- **Learn More about Medicare 2025**. Health & Life Solutions, and Cathedral parishioners Mike & Lily Layden, will host a free seminar, "All you need to know about Medicare 2025". Come and learn about the changes to Medicare this upcoming year. Date: Thursday, November 7, 1:30pm - 2:45pm Location: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, School Hall, Seating is limited. Please call us by October 31 to reserve your seat. 217-290-1768
- **The Pregnancy Care of Springfield, Inc. 20th Annual Comedy in the City Dinner**, Friday, November 8th at the Elks Club. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. for a cash bar and silent auction. A buffet dinner from Hamilton's Catering will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by entertainment from FUN PIANOS at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$50 per person. Reservations are required for this event by November 1st and can be made by calling (217) 525-5630, or through the website at springfieldpregnancycares.org.
- **Springfield Deanery Holy Hour for Vocations**, 6:30pm on Sunday, November 10 at Christ the King Catholic Church, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield, IL. Please join us for an evening of prayer as we pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, and Holy Matrimony in conjunction with National Vocation Awareness Week.
- **Volunteer English Tutors Needed**; the new Springfield Dominican Literacy Center Springfield is looking for volunteers to teach English language learners. Mandatory tutor training is scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 14 and 18. To register or for more information contact Sister Katherine O'Connor at 217-415-8377 (voice or text).
- **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) or call the parish office at 217-522-8555 with your contact information, number of sets, and your preferred drop off date.