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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 Formation

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

Formation – to **study** the Bible and **learn** more about Jesus and our Catholic faith;

Having worked with seminarians for most of my time as a priest, I have come to appreciate the Church's broad view of the term 'formation.' In the short definition given by Synod, one might think that formation is just another word for study, especially since the definition uses those two words of study and learn.

When the Church speaks about formation, however, she does so in a more all-encompassing way. When we look at the word formation, we think about the process of creating something, like an artist forming some raw material into a piece of art. There is a development and a transformation that is taking place. This is the same when we speak about formation in our faith. Though it is important to learn facts about our Catholic belief, that is only a part of what formation aims at. Under the Lord's guidance, we desire to be formed to be more and more like Him, which entails the transformation of our entire lives, not just our minds.

The definition given by the Synod explicitly references the Bible, as the Sacred Scriptures are a special means by which this transformation is effected in us. We learn more about who Jesus is through our study of the Word of God, and that learning is at the service of our entering into a deeper relationship with Him, a relationship of friendship. A true friend would never be content just knowing facts about another person. No, a true friend seeks to spend time with the other, sharing on a deeper level their hopes and desires. As is usually the case, the more time we spend with a friend, the more we begin to direct our lives based on that friendship – how we spend our time, what excites us, what saddens us, what we think about, and how we act.

Any formation, therefore, that takes place here at the parish should have that in mind, namely fostering a deeper relationship with the person of Jesus. As mentioned, studying the Bible is an important means for that, and we have a few different Bible studies that are taking place in our parish, thanks be to God. As you likely know, our parish has a subscription to the online formation platform called FORMED. There are a variety of programs available for every level, in addition to offering audiobooks, talks from Catholic speakers, and Catholic movies. Among the topics included are some series on prayer, which is another form of formation. By spending time with the Lord in prayer, our hearts will be formed to be more and more like His.

As you can see, formation is meant to be understood in a broad way, as anything that serves to help us deepen our relationship with Jesus and His Church, so that, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can be transformed to live in greater likeness to Him, who has called us to friendship. Perhaps the words of St. Paul best express what we hope to accomplish through this pillar of formation: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal 2:20)

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 21

7am - Mary Jane Kerns
(Estate)

5:15pm - Margaret Lemanski
(Family)

Tuesday, October 22

7am - Eugenia Halerewicz
(Family)

5:15pm - Jeff & Kathleen Porter & Family
(Richard & Kay King)

Wednesday, October 23

7am - Mary Conway
(Tom Conway)

5:15pm - Wanda Tracy
(David Curtin)

Thursday, October 24

7am - Gloria O'Neill
(Steve & Vicki Stalcup)

5:15pm - Anna Wanda & Armondo
(Geny Chiaradonna)

Friday, October 25

7am - Michael Poggi
(Family)

5:15pm - Special Intention
(James & Julie Berberet)

Saturday, October 26

8am - Albert Crispi Jr.
(John Busciacco)

4pm - Coleman Hession
(Joanna Thompson)

Sunday, October 27

7am - Claude & Frances Mitchell
(Jeff & Julie Mitchell)

10am - For the People
5pm - James Shaner Sr.
(Schrenk Family)



Bl. Oleksa Zaryckyy

Feast Day: October 20th

The year was 1939. It was July, six weeks before Germany invaded Poland and World War II began. A young college student by the name of Karol Wojtyła was one year into his philosophy studies at the Jagellonian University in Krakow. He was a vibrant young man, having joined a theatre group with other students and his precocious ability with languages and love for athletics and the outdoors were already in full bloom. However, during that summer of 1939, with the world watching Germany gearing up for war, the man who would become pope decades later found himself hundreds of kilometers East of Krakow at a compulsory military training camp at Ozomla (nowadays Ukraine, then still part of Poland). He notably refused to fire a weapon, willing to serve his country, but not by violence.

That same summer, just one hundred kilometers south of Karol, a young diocesan priest was doing the simple work of pastoring a couple of parishes in the Archdiocese of Lwów. This would become Lviv, Ukraine, after the war when that country was resurrected, though as part of the Soviet Union, but for now this also was part of Poland. He was the son of a Byzantine Rite deacon, Vasyl, and mother, Maria, having grown up in the further-south city of Mykolaiv with his five siblings. He had entered seminary in 1931 and had been ordained a priest on June 7th 1936. Fr. Oleksa Zaryckyy was first assigned as an administrator of the small parishes in Stynawa Wyżna (St. Nicholas the Wonderworker) and Nizhna Stynava (St. Michael the Archangel) though by 1939 he had been moved to the Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Zolochiv. I include a picture of this Church since it is simply picturesque! It was built in 1846 and still stands there today!

His early parishes loved him. He was gentle, humble, pious, a good and holy priest and though the War was horrible, he was able to continue the simple work of being a pastor. That all changed when the war ended with the Soviet Union in control of the newly formed country of Ukraine. Fr. Oleksa refused to be joined to the Russian Orthodox Church – the national church allowed by the USSR – maintaining his allegiance to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, and for this was arrested and sent first to prison in Złoczew, the released before being rearrested and imprisoned in Lwiv. The MGB (successor of the NKVD) sentenced him to a decade of forced labor in the Gulag, first in Irkutsk (near Mongolia), then Mordovia (East of Moscow), then Omsk (in Siberia). He was released in 1954 and exiled to Kazakhstan.

The records from his arrest and forced labor simply list years and cities, giving us very little sense of his life during that decade. We just know that he survived the Gulag, and as a priest there in Kazakhstan, was named the Greek Catholic Apostolic Administrator of Kazakhstan and Siberia, nicknamed the apostle of Siberia, a work he continued until 1963. Just to press pause and recognize that his flock was at least 150,000 faithful and 150 exiled priests, trying to cover an area of land not much smaller than all of North America. He traveled with just his passport, risking arrest everywhere he went, celebrating Mass or the Divine Liturgy – depending on the Rite practiced by whoever he was serving that day – and did so in houses, mines, wherever they could gather people together. He often skipped meals to keep giving people the sacraments. In May of 1962 was arrested in Karaganda, the charge was “vagrancy”, and sentenced to two years in the Dolinka settlement. He worked as a tailor, did what he could as a priest, but his health deteriorated and he perished in the camp “hospital” (quotation marks original in the records I used for this article).

But back to Karol Wojtyła, himself surviving the Nazi and Communist occupation of Poland, then elected Pope, and in 2001 for the second time setting foot on Ukrainian soil. He thus became the first Pope to set foot on Ukrainian soil (Martin I had been exiled to Cherson, on the Crimean peninsula, but after abdicating the papacy for Eugene I), and there he preached at the beatification of 25 Ukrainians, including our friend Fr. Oleksa:

Rebuild the temple of the Lord: this is the mission to which you have been called and to which you have devoted yourselves. My thoughts turn at this time to your communities, once scattered and sorely tried. In heart and in spirit I relive the unspeakable trials of all those who suffered not only physical exile and imprisonment, but public ridicule and violence because they chose not to renounce the faith. Here I wish to mention, among others, Blessed Oleksa Zarytsky, priest and martyr, who died in the gulag of Dolynka.

Fr. Dominic Rankin has never been to Ukraine, or Siberia, but the kind of holiness exemplified by Bl. Oleksa Zarytsky is not only found in the communist gulag, but simply in the choice to love wherever we find ourselves. And, whenever he has operated from love, the same Holy Spirit that sanctified Fr. Oleksa is at work in him too.



Stewardship of Treasure

October 12th & 13th

Envelopes:	\$4,089.90
Loose:	\$4,824.99
Maintenance:	\$135.00
Total:	\$9,049.89

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!

Sacraments

Deaths

Walter John “Woody” Woodhull
Date of Death: October 7, 2024

WEEK OF OCTOBER 21

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Rosary 4:45 PM Church	Grief Share 1:00 PM School Library	Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library	Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM School Library	Rosary 4:45 PM Church	K of C Scholarship Dinner 6:00 PM Atrium	The Chosen 2:00 PM School Library
St. Monica Ministry 7:00 PM School Library	Adoration 4:00 PM Church	Rosary 4:45 PM Church	Adoration 4:00 PM Church			
	OCIA 6:00 PM School Library	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Classroom	CCCW Meeting 6:00 PM School Hall			
			K of C Meeting 6:00 PM Classroom			

What's Going on Around the Cathedral?



**EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY**

**BUSINESS
MANAGER**

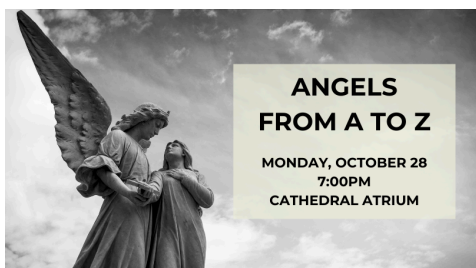


The Cathedral is Hiring a Business Manager

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

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>



**ANGELS
FROM A TO Z**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28
7:00PM
CATHEDRAL ATRIUM**

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



Cathedral First Friday Concert

**NOVEMBER 1, 2024
7 PM - 8 PM**

*Featuring
Damien Kaplan and Mark Gifford*

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!

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

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.

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!

CCCW Dues/Donation Envelopes

All women of the Cathedral parish are encouraged to return their pink CCCW dues/donation envelopes no later than October 31st. This allows the CCCW to have an accurate roster of members, as well as supports the efforts of the CCCW. Thank you!

All Soul's Day Remembrance

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. A special Mass of Remembrance will be offered at 7:00 pm, Monday, November 4, at the Cathedral, devoted to remembering and praying for those who have died during the past year as well as praying for the consolation of the family members who survive and grieve. Please call the parish office at 217-522-3342 if you would like attend and remember a loved one who has died during the past year. We will have a candle prepared and provide you with instructions for lighting the candle during the Mass of Remembrance.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity for men to grow in faith, protect their families, be of service to others, and defend the Catholic Church in an era where being faithful to the Church is becoming increasingly difficult. Our local council is holding a membership drive this weekend after the 10 AM Mass. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council, you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to kofc.org/joinus, complete the information about yourself, and enter 16126 in the box asking you about the local council number. You may also contact Jeff Thompson, jeff.thompson.2711@gmail.com or call (321) 446-2711, for local information.

CCCW Christmas Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

Please join the CCCW for a Christmas Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale on December 14th from 10am-1pm. Craft booths will be set up in the Atrium and the bake sale will be in the School Hall with coffee and hot chocolate for sale from Betty Parquette's Coffee Ship. There will also be a kids' corner where kids can make a keepsake Christmas ornament for a small fee. Vendor contracts for the bazaar are available in the Atrium, and are due back with payment (cash or check) to the Parish Office by November 20th. All bake sale donations can be delivered on December 13th from 8am-4pm and December 14th from 7:30am-9am. We hope to see you there!

Save the Date! Winter Ladies Paint Day at the Cathedral

All ladies are invited to join us for another painting event at the Cathedral on Sunday, December 8th at 12pm! Grab a friend or two and watch the bulletin and eWeekly for more details and registration information! The painting will be winter-themed, and will be announced closer to the day of the event.

A Unity Prayer

Dear God,

I did not know you, but I was yours.

And they do not know me and I do not know them, but they are mine and I am theirs.

Let no chasm, no river, no drought or storm, no war, no exodus, no border, natural or constructed, no device of man nor devil come between us or halt the love that burns within me, the grace that flows from you.

Let me think on no man but in joyful thoughts of brotherhood.

Let me think on no woman but in tender thoughts of sisterhood.

Friends and strangers, allies and enemies, sisters and brothers, they are mine and I am theirs, because we are yours.

Amen.

Around the Diocese

- **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.
- **Women's Day of Recollection**, Thursday, October 24, at Sacred Heart Church (730 S. 12th St., Springfield), from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. There will be a meditation given by a priest, time for silent prayer and reflection, a doctrinal talk, and Benediction. Confession and spiritual direction with the priest will be available.
- **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 springfieldpregnancy.org.
- **Springfield Deanery Holy Hour for Vocations**, 6:30pm on Sunday, November 10 at Christ the King Catholic Church, 1930 Barberr 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.