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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.



Praying for the Dead

Last week, we covered the final of the four pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship, and in that article, I mentioned that there are various ways in which to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. There is one that I would like to focus on in particular this week, which is the spiritual work of praying for the living and the dead. Now that we are in the month of November, we are invited to pray in a more concerted way for the dead.

Prayers for the faithful departed is one of the greatest works of charity we can offer, for by doing so, we are contributing to the purification that the Lord does for those souls in Purgatory as they continue their journey to their

final destination of Heaven. They rely greatly on the prayers we, as their brothers and sisters, offer for them from our place here on earth. The Church has such a great love for these souls and a desire that their need for prayers never be forgotten that she has an entire day dedicated to praying for them, which is All Souls Day (November 2). Only in Heaven will we truly appreciate how much of a gift this day is to so many souls, and we ourselves will likely be beneficiaries of those prayers when we die. Not content with keeping our attention on these souls for just one day, the Church has designated the entire month of November as a time for praying for these souls. Finally, during the first week of November, from November 1-8, the Church offers a plenary indulgence to be applied exclusively to the souls in Purgatory.

I would therefore like to strongly encourage us all to undertake this great work of charity over the next few days. Sometimes we lament that we do not do enough to help the poor, well here is an amazing opportunity in which I hope we can all join. Here is how to gain the indulgence – and just so you know, an indulgence can be gained each day during this time, so be generous!

1. **Pray at a cemetery** – just stop by any cemetery and offer a prayer for the souls who are there. This prayer can take a variety of forms, perhaps the most simple being the traditional prayer we offer for the faithful departed: “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.” You can also go online and look up Order for Visiting a Cemetery. There is a nice order that one can use alone or with a group. Finally, a perk of our Cathedral is that our sanctuary inside the church is actually a cemetery, as there are four bodies buried there! The State of Illinois recognizes it as a cemetery, so I think it counts!
2. **Pray for the Intentions of the Pope** – this can be as simple as praying an Our Father and a Hail Mary with the intention that they be for the Holy Father’s intentions. This needs to be done each time we visit a cemetery, preferably the same day as the visit, and it can be done at the cemetery itself.
3. **Go to Holy Communion** – you will need to receive Holy Communion for each indulgence you seek to gain, and that should preferably be done the day you visit a cemetery, if at all possible.
4. **Go to confession** – you only need to go to Confession once for it to apply for any indulgences you are seeking to gain during a period of time. The timing for confession can be any time before or after this week, preferably a week or two on either side. So if you just went to confession, you’re probably good.

For a plenary indulgence, we should be detached from all sin, which is often a little more difficult to quantify and explain, but we need not be overly scrupulous as we consider that point. If any of these requirements are not completed, the Church can still grant a partial indulgence, which is not insignificant by any means, and it might be just enough for one soul to be finally ready for Heaven!

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, November 4

7am - John & Catherine Teter
(D.A. Drago)
5:15pm - John R. Brunk
(Dcn. Larry & Bev Smith)
7pm - Recently Departed
(All Souls)

Tuesday, November 5

7am - Theresa Husted Family
(Berte Family)
5:15pm - Brother Francis Skube
(Friends)

Wednesday, November 6

7am - Mary Conway
(Tom Conway)
5:15pm - John Montgomery
(John Busiaccio)

Thursday, November 7

7am - Fred & Rita Greenwald
(Michael Fleischli)
5:15pm - Bill Vogt
(Lou Ann Mack)

Friday, November 8

7am - Mary E. Steil
(Steil Family)
5:15pm - Intention for Bianca
(D.A. Drago)

Saturday, November 9

8am - Jim Meyer
(Sharon Sexson)
4pm - Eulalia & Raymond Ohl
(Angela Ohl-Marsters)

Sunday, November 10

7am - Mary Ann Midden
(Bill Midden)
10am - Joseph & Mary Schweska
(McGee Family)
5pm - For the People



St. Malachy

Feast Day: November 3rd

Around 1590 a Benedictine Monk, Arnold de Wion, published a grand text on the history of the Order of St. Benedict, his "Lignum Vitae". You probably have never heard of him, or his book, but you may have heard of a few pages found within it. Page 311 is included here, and the text inside that red box can be translated:

The Glory of the Olive

In the final persecution of the Holy Roman Church, there will sit [i.e., as bishop].

Peter the Roman, who will pasture his sheep in many tribulations, and when these things are finished, the city of seven hills will be destroyed, and the dreadful judge will judge his people.

The End.

This, my friends, is St. Malachy's famous "Prophecy of the Popes", a list of 112 cryptic Latin phrases penned, it is claimed, by the 11th century Irish Bishop, referring to 112 Holy Fathers, beginning with Celestine II ... and if you count forward 112 popes to this final "Peter the Roman", you find that this final line would refer to our very own Holy Father Pope Francis.

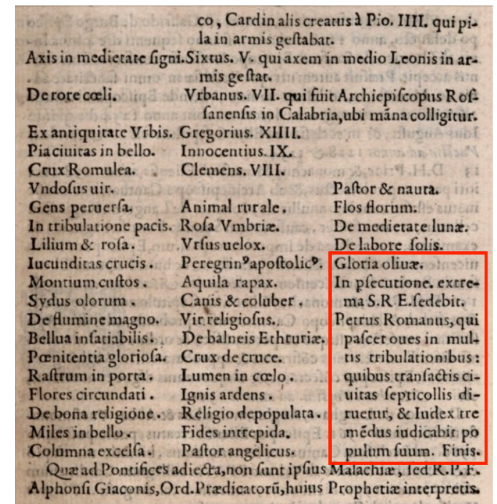
The story goes that St. Malachy traveled from Ireland to Rome in 1139 to retrieve the pallium (actually two) for the Archbishoprics of Armagh and Cashel. He had grown up near Armagh, in Northern Ireland, having spent the latter years of his young life living with a hermit, Imhar O'Hagan after his parents had both died, though not before they had raised him in the faith. The labors and conversions of St. Patrick had been forgotten in the intervening several centuries, with some in Ireland returning to paganism, and many now only nominally Christian, not knowing the faith or trying to live a life like Jesus. Malachy dedicated his life to changing that, beginning with his own holiness as a disciple of O'Hagan, and later working industriously as a bishop especially for the holiness and training of his priests.

It was a crazy age. Vikings periodically invaded and different clans battled each other to put their sons on the episcopal throne. In 1129, Archbishop Celsus, knowing his saintliness, named Malachy his successor as Archbishop of Armagh. The custom being at that time that the title should have been given to a member of his family, the Celsus clan instead installed Murtagh on the throne, and then Niall when Murtagh died a few years later. The scene may be humorous to us now: Niall stealing the golden crozier and Book of the Gospels stretching back to St. Patrick from the Cathedral and roiling the crowds into defending his right to the office. Malachy refused to engage his clan in battle staying far away from the church outside of town. Then the Celsus clan invites Malachy to a "meeting", intending to do him harm, but instead they are moved by his humility and kindness and boot out Murtagh to give the see to its rightful bishop (though they did charge Malachy the cost to get back those relics... so much for Christian charity...)

In any case, it meant that in 1139 St. Malachy was bringing his report to Pope Innocent II in Rome, and there, the tale is told (this from Abbé Cucherat in the 1700s), that the holy bishop had a vision of the future of the Church and gave it to the Holy Father, that long list of enigmatic characteristics of future popes. And then it was placed in a Roman archive and forgotten for 400 years.

Only one problem: even St. Bernard of Clairvaux, who St. Malachy stopped to visit on his way back from Rome, (and in whose arms St. Malachy would die on a later trip back to Rome in 1148), and who wrote a biography of St. Malachy a few years after his death, does not mention this prophecy at all. Nobody knew about this famous list until it conveniently appears right before a Papal Conclave in 1592. There having been a couple of back-to-back conclaves, tensions were high, and with this prophecy showing up right then, St. Malachy handily offered a 'prophecy' (Pope #75) that endorsed Arnold de Wion's favorite candidate, Cd. Simoncelli. Also interesting to note: it is easy to apply the characteristics to each pope up to 1590, and strained for most in the years since.

Fr. Dominic Rankin finds this a fascinating old document. But if we're looking for drama and intrigue and actions that impact the future, St. Malachy's hardiness in toil, humility in leadership, self-sacrifice for the good of the Gospel, and friendship with St. Bernard all matter more to the Church today than a cryptic document ascribed to him. And if Pope Francis is our final Holy Father, then we'd be better off preparing our souls, and our world, to meet Christ, then any time spent scouring old archives, or diving down any other interesting rabbit holes.



Stewardship of Treasure

October 26th & 27th

Envelopes:	\$4,714.00
Loose:	\$4,284.00
Maintenance:	\$71.00
Total:	\$9,069.00

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

Weddings

Devin Sherwood & Audriana Rotherham
Married on October 26, 2024



WEEK OF OCTOBER 28

<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	K of C Patriotic Rosary 12:15 PM Church	Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library	Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM School Library	Rosary 4:45 PM Church		The Chosen 2:00 PM School Library
All Souls Mass 7:00 PM Church	Grief Share 1:00 PM School Library	Rosary 4:45 PM Church	Adoration 4:00 PM Church			
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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.



ALL SOULS DAY MASS

**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 4
7:00PM**

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.

JOIN US AT THE CATHEDRAL FOR



*Brunch and
Brushes*

DECEMBER 8
12:00 PM
CATHEDRAL ATRIUM

Save the Date! Brunch and Brushes at the Cathedral

All 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.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Radiating Joy, The Michelle Duppong Story

For one night only Radiating Joy will be in Springfield. This film is a witness to the inspiring life of Michelle Duppong who loved Jesus and wanted to bring others to Him through the work of FOCUS and her heroic suffering and death. This film is perfect for families, OCIA groups, and everyone!

Tuesday, Nov 12, 5:00pm or 7:00pm @ Springfield AMC 12 Theater

K of C Patriotic Rosary

The Bishop Griffin Knights of Columbus Assembly invites everyone in the parish to join them on Tuesday, November 5 (Election Day) at 12:15pm here at the Cathedral to pray a Patriotic Rosary.

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!

Mostaccioli & Sausage Dinner and Bake Sale - Chatham

St. Joseph the Worker Church in Chatham will be hosting a Mostaccioli and Sausage Dinner and Bake Sale on Sunday, November 3 from 11:30am to 5pm. Dine in or carry out – menu includes mostaccioli, sausage, salad, bread, and drink. Adults are \$8, children 4-11 are \$4, and children under 4 are free.

Praying for Family Away From the Church

As the holidays approach, we want to surround our family interactions with prayer, especially our interactions with those loved ones who have stopped practicing the faith. St. Monica Ministry will be hosting a time of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament at our next gathering. Please join us.

Monday, November 18, 7:00pm @ Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

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

Fried Chicken Dinner - Virden

Sacred Heart Church in Virden and the Virden Knights of Columbus will be holding a Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 3 from 11am to 2pm at the K of C Hall (1320 N Dye St) in Virden. Dine in or carry out – on the menu is fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, slaw, rolls, and a beverage. Desserts available for purchase. Adults and carry outs are \$13, children 5-12 are \$6, and children 4 and under are free. There will be a 50/50 drawing at 2pm. Thank you for your support!

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!

All Our Strength

I didn't realize how much my arms would hurt when I became a mom.

It occurred to me first during Mass when my daughter was just a few weeks old. She was the kind of kid who could only sleep in someone's arms. I desperately wanted her to stay quiet during the service, so I held the swaddled bundle in front of me like it was a bomb, not daring to move. By the homily, my arms were on fire.

I quickly realized this was a common scenario of my new life as a parent. Holding, rocking, bouncing, restraining, dragging — honestly, my weak little chicken-arms had never been worked out like this before. It took all my strength.

But isn't that the way it is with everything that's worthwhile? It takes all your strength. Not some of it. Not most of it. All of it.

I am a fairly active Catholic. My faith impacts a lot of areas of my life. But there are still boundaries that I've drawn around God. There are places I haven't let Him in. Things I keep "for myself." Experiences that are just so full of me, so full of my own plans and my own desires.

But God desires everything. Not because He is selfish, but because He is good, and wise. Because He knows that the places we keep from Him will become filled with something else. He wants to get there first. He wants to lay His claim.

He wants all our strength. All our heart. All our soul. All our mind. Not most of it. All of it.

Can we give it to Him?

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Around the Diocese

- **The Curia is hiring!** Open positions are an Administrative Assistant (either full or part time) and an Office Coordinator. The right candidates will have strong computer skills, administrative experience, and the desire to work at part of a team. More information about the positions may be found at dio.org/jobs.
- **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 springfieldpregnancycare.org.
- **Little Flower 43rd Annual Craft Bazaar**, November 9, 9am-4pm, November 10, 10am-2pm. Entrance Fee is a donation of a canned good item. For more information, visit www.little-flower.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.