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Sunday Masses

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 7:00am, 10:00am, & 5:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday - 7:00am & 5:15pm

Saturday - 8:00am

Reconciliation

Monday through Friday - 4:15pm-5:00pm

Saturday - 9:00am-10:00am & 2:30pm-3:30pm

Sunday - 4:00pm-4:45pm

Adoration

Tuesday & Thursday - 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Welcome to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception!

The mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is to build a fervent community of intentional and dedicated missionary disciples of the Risen Lord and steadfast stewards of God's creation who seek to become saints. Accordingly, the community of Catholic faithful in this Diocese is committed to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Christ Our Savior and as revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition. (Synod Declaration 1a)

On behalf of our bishop, the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, our parishioners, deacons, and priests, we welcome you to the mother church of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

The seat of the diocese was moved to Springfield from Alton in 1923. In the same year, "Old St. Mary's" church of Immaculate Conception Parish was named as the pro-cathedral of the new diocese until this cathedral church was built and dedicated in 1928. Currently, our diocese comprises twenty-eight counties in central Illinois, serving over 140,000 members of the Catholic faithful.

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



Come, Holy Spirit

Today marks the conclusion of the Easter Season as we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, commemorating that glorious day on which the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and Mary, ushering in the age of the Church. From that moment, the Holy Spirit has been present in the Church, serving as her "principle of life, unity, and movement" (CCC 797) throughout the ages. The Holy Spirit is the gift Jesus promises to the Church when He says that He "will not leave us orphans." (John 14:18) He is anticipating His sending of the Holy Spirit at the Ascension when He tells His Apostles: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:20)

As we reflect on the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, I think there is a fittingness to our celebrating this feast day as we continue our considerations of the modern voices of figures such as Francis Bacon, Immanuel Kant, and Karl Marx and their impact on our Catholic faith. In this regard, I want to call our attention to an important passage from the New Testament that helps us to have a lens through which to look at these ideas. It comes from the First Letter of St. John, and it begins:

Beloved, do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1 Jn 4:1)

St. John distinguishes between the Spirit of God which "acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh" (1 Jn 4:2) from "every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus [and therefore] does not belong to God." (1 Jn 4:3) He then says the following about that spirit which does not belong to God: "They belong to the world; accordingly, their teaching belongs to the world, and the world listens to them." (1 Jn 4:5)

In the paragraphs we have been looking at over the past few weeks, Pope Benedict has helped us in identifying how the principles proposed by these modern thinkers are more and more focused on "the world" and increasingly, the world pays more attention to those voices. But the Church, guided by the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, continues to propose the truth, and as Jesus says of this truth: that it "will set you free." (John 8:32)

In paragraph 21 of *Spe salvi*, as he continues to consider the thought of Karl Marx, Pope Benedict notes how a fundamental error Marx makes is his failure to account for human freedom. Marx thinks that if the proper economic environment is created, everything will fall into place. Pope Benedict offers the following critique:

He forgot that man always remains man. He forgot man and he forgot man's freedom. He forgot that freedom always remains also freedom for evil. He thought that once the economy had been put right, everything would automatically be put right. His real error is materialism: man, in fact, is not merely the product of economic conditions, and it is not possible to redeem him purely from the outside by creating a favourable economic environment. (Spe salvi, 21)

One of the great opponents against Marxism and Communism was Pope St. John Paul II, having himself lived in a country infected by this error. From the early days of his pontificate, he fought against this error by faithfully proclaiming the truths of the faith which extol man's freedom, a freedom given by the Holy Spirit. The pope considered Marxism as one of the most radical examples of modern man's "resistance to the Holy Spirit" (*Dominum et vivificantem*, 56) which, paradoxically, results in his falling deeper into slavery, not the freedom such ideas promise. (cf. *Redemptor hominis*, 16)

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us pray that the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Truth, will be proclaimed with clarity and courage in our society by the Church, and so bring about the true freedom of the children of God that He desires for us to live.

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, June 9

7am - Joseph "Jerry" Stasukinas (Sherry Smith)
5:15pm - Karen Bucari (Alan Bucari)

Tuesday, June 10

7am - Fred & Rita Greenwald (Family)
5:15pm - Brother Francis Skube (Friend)

Wednesday, June 11

7am - Margaret Lemanski (Ansell Family)
5:15pm - Tom McGee (McGee Family)

Thursday, June 12

7am - Woody Woodhull (Karen Johnson)
5:15pm - Evelyn Patrick (Gregory & Marie Fleck)

Friday, June 13

7am - Intention for Bianca (DA Drago)
5:15pm - William F. Logan (Lisa Logan & Lori Logan Motyka)

Saturday, June 14

8am - Intention for JR Weakly (DA Drago)
4pm - Eulalia & Ramond Ohl (Angela Ohl-Marsters)

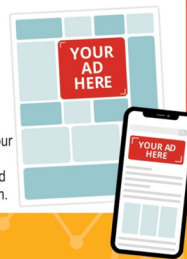
Sunday, June 15

7am - For the People
10am - John Rawe (John Lucchesi)
5pm - Deceased Members of the Chiaradonna Family (Geny Chiaradonna)

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Pray for Us, Part. 2

This week, Fr. Dominic continues with his recap of the many saints that we have gotten to know over the last several years, situated within the beatitude they particularly exemplify. You might consider going down the list, simply saying "pray for us", or "help me to be humble" (or whatever virtue they exemplify), as a prayer to each one.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God

- St. Cecilia (+230, Rome, Roman Empire) - Virgin martyr known for her purity and devotion to sacred music
- St. Agatha (+251, Catania, Sicily) - Virgin martyr who maintained purity under torture
- St. Agnes (+304, Rome, Roman Empire) - Young virgin martyr who chose death rather than compromise her purity

- St. Lucy (+304, Syracuse, Sicily) - Virgin martyr who chose martyrdom over marriage
- St. Angela Merici (+1540, Brescia, Italy) - Founded the Ursulines, dedicated to educating young women in purity
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga (+1591, Rome, Italy) - Maintained extraordinary purity of heart from childhood until death at 23
- St. John of the Cross (+1591, Úbeda, Spain) - Mystic whose pure heart experienced intimate union with God
- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (+1852, St. Charles, USA) - Missionary nun known for her pure devotion to prayer
- St. Francisco Marto (+1919, Aljustrel, Portugal) - Child visionary of Fatima known for his innocent purity
- St. Jacinta Marto (+1920, Lisbon, Portugal) - Child visionary of Fatima known for her innocent purity
- St. Josephine Bakhita (+1947, Schio, Italy) - Former slave whose pure heart allowed her to forgive her captors

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

- St. Boniface (+754, Dokkum, Frisia) - Missionary who brought peace between Germanic tribes through evangelization
- St. Cyril (+869, Rome, Italy) and St. Methodius (+885, Moravia) - Brother missionaries who brought peace between cultures through evangelization
- St. Francis of Assisi (+1226, Assisi, Italy) - Traveled to speak with the Sultan during the Crusades, seeking peace
- St. Turibius of Mogrovejo (+1606, Lima, Peru) - Archbishop who brought peace to colonial Peru through reform
- St. Peter Claver (+1654, Cartagena, Colombia) - Brought peace and dignity to enslaved Africans in Cartagena
- St. Kuriakose Chavara (+1871, Mannanam, India) - Indian priest who worked for peace between religious communities
- St. John XXIII (+1963, Vatican City) - Pope who opened Vatican II and worked for peace during the Cold War and by opening Vatican II.
- St. John Paul II (+2005, Vatican City) - Pope and man of prayer, helped end the Cold War, proclaimed the hope and love of Christ around the world

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

- St. Stephen (+34, Jerusalem, Roman Judea) - First Christian martyr, stoned for preaching the Gospel
- St. James the Greater (+44, Jerusalem, Roman Judea) - First apostle martyred, killed by Herod Agrippa
- Ss. Simon (+65, Persia) and St. Jude (+65, Persia) - Apostles martyred together for their missionary work
- Ss. Peter (+64, Rome, Roman Empire) and St. Paul (+67, Rome, Roman Empire) - Apostles martyred in Rome under Nero
- St. Apollinaris (+75, Ravenna, Roman Empire) - First bishop of Ravenna, martyred for preaching the Gospel
- St. Linus (+76, Rome, Roman Empire) - Second pope who faced persecution under Domitian
- St. Ignatius of Antioch (+107, Rome, Roman Empire) - Bishop martyred for refusing to renounce his faith
- St. Polycarp (+155, Smyrna, Roman Asia) - Disciple of St. John, martyred at age 86 for his Christian faith
- St. Justin Martyr (+165, Rome, Roman Empire) - Philosopher martyred for defending Christianity
- St. Praxedes (+165, Rome, Roman Empire) - Roman virgin who suffered persecution for burying martyrs
- Ss. Perpetua and Felicity (+203, Carthage, Roman Africa) - Young mothers martyred in the arena for their Christian faith
- St. Cornelius (+253, Centumcellae, Roman Empire) and St. Cyprian (+258, Carthage, Roman Africa) - Pope and bishop martyred during Valerian persecution
- St. Lawrence (+258, Rome, Roman Empire) - Deacon martyred by being roasted alive for distributing Church wealth to the poor
- St. Maurice and the Theban Legion (+287, Agaunum, Switzerland) - Christian Roman soldiers martyred for refusing to persecute Christians
- Ss. Cosmas and Damien (+287, Cyrrhus, Syria) - Physician brothers martyred for their faith and refusal to recant
- St. Anastasia (+304, Sirmio, Roman Empire) - Martyr who died for ministering to persecuted Christians
- Ss. John and Paul (+362, Rome, Roman Empire) - Roman brothers martyred under Julian the Apostate
- St. Polydore Plasden (+1591, Tyburn, England) - English priest martyred during the Reformation
- Bl. Michaōl Nakashima Saburoemon (+1628, Nagasaki, Japan) - Japanese Christian martyred during persecution
- St. Lorenzo Ruiz (+1637, Nagasaki, Japan) - Filipino martyr killed in Japan during Christian persecution
- St. Isaac Jogues (+1646, Ossernenon, New Netherland) - Jesuit missionary martyred by the Mohawks in North America
- St. Peter Chanel (+1841, Futuna, Oceania) - Marist missionary martyred in the South Pacific
- St. Paul Chong Hasang (+1839, Seoul, Korea) - Korean lay martyr during the persecution of Christians
- St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions (+1927, Colotlán, Mexico) - Mexican priests and others martyred during the Cristero War
- Bl. Miguel Pro (+1927, Mexico City, Mexico) - Mexican Jesuit priest martyred during religious persecution
- St. Maximilian Kolbe (+1941, Auschwitz, Poland) - Priest martyred in Auschwitz for his faith and charity

Fr. Dominic Rankin signing off. May all these saints help us all to become great saints! And let us pray for each other as well for that same end! (I'll be around Cathedral until mid-August, so I will see you around now and then. We'll just be enjoying Fr. Daniel's reflections from here and out in the Cathedral Weekly).

Stewardship of Treasure

June 1st & 2nd

Collection numbers were unavailable at the time of publication. Please check back next weekend for these collection numbers.

April Online Contributions

\$21,988.16

April Debt Reduction

\$5.00

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 JUNE 9

<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	Grief Share 1:00 PM School Library Adoration 4:00 PM Church	Men's Bible Study 6:00 AM School Library Rosary 4:45 PM Church Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Room	Adoration 4:00 PM Church Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM School Library	Rosary 4:45 PM Church		

What's Going on Around the Cathedral?

VATICAN II FAITH FORMATION SERIES & JUBILEE INDULGENCE

JANUARY 30, FEBRUARY 20, MARCH 20,
APRIL 10, MAY 15, AND JUNE 19
7:00 PM
CATHEDRAL ATRIUM

Vatican II Faith Formation Series & Jubilee Indulgence

In the Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence During the Ordinary Year Jubilee Year 2025, one of the ways for the faithful to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence is to "participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father." With that in mind, the Cathedral will be hosting monthly faith formation sessions during which we will delve into the four major Constitutions from the Second Vatican Council. Please join us as we reflect on these important documents, that they might serve to renew our hope during this Jubilee Year, all while being able to also gain an indulgence!

June 19, 7:00 pm in the Cathedral Atrium

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



K of C Council 16126 Peoria Chiefs Game

The Knights of Columbus Father Augustine Tolton Council 16126 is hosting its 2025 Annual Outing to see the Peoria Chiefs play baseball at Dozer Park. The Hot Corner Club party concourse area has been reserved for Sunday, August 10th. It provides seating for attendees to watch the Chiefs play ball. It also has a large party area with standing eating tables for fellowship with other attendees. The menu includes lemonade, water, chips, popcorn, nachos and cheese and hot dogs. The concourse party area with food and drink will open at 1:30 PM with the game starting around 2 PM. It is a great way to enjoy America's pastime on a Sunday afternoon at a Major League Baseball (St. Louis Cardinals) Affiliate game!

Tickets can be ordered online at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-knights-of-columbus-council-16126-peoria-chiefs-baseball-game>.

The all-inclusive ticket cost is \$35. Please reach out to Andy Klein, Klein6006@gmail.com, Council Family Director, with any questions.



Summer Alpha at the Cathedral

Alpha is a 10-week course that creates a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about Jesus. It is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment, over a meal. Alpha is no-cost, no-pressure and no-commitment. Remember the person you've been praying for? Alpha is a low-threshold opportunity for them to consider or reconsider a life of faith. Cathedral is running two tracks for Alpha. One for adults and one for 12-13 yr olds entering 7th and 8th grade (8 week course).

Mondays starting on June 23, 6:00-7:30pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

You can RSVP to Vicki, vcompton@cathedral.dio.org, or just show up. You and/or your guest will be welcome! Invitations are on the table in the atrium.

Cathedral Women's Evening Bible Study - Grounded in Hope

In a world where levels of despair, addiction, and suicide are rising, we need more than clichés or positive thinking. Grounded in Hope, a 17-week study based on the book of Hebrews, will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He will become your lifeline. The Book of Hebrews will comfort you and challenge you. Every word of it has a treasure to mine, and those who are willing to make the effort will be richly rewarded.

Thursdays starting on June 12 @ 6:00pm at the Cathedral, \$45 for the book. Register by calling the Cathedral 217/522-3342 or by emailing vcompton@cathedral.dio.org

2025 Woman of Distinction

Please congratulate Jennifer Lokaitis as she was chosen as Cathedral's 2025 Woman of Distinction. Jennifer's service to the Cathedral spans many years. She was a very active "School Mom" when her two daughters attended Cathedral School and worked diligently on the school auctions. Jennifer is a past-president and is currently serving her 4th term as Secretary of the CCCW, is co-chairman of Trivia Night, and volunteers wherever there is a need. In addition, she serves on the Parish Finance Council, is a Eucharistic Minister and lives her Catholic faith wherever she is. We are proud to have Jennifer represent our parish!

Second Collection: Retired Diocesan Priests

Each year on the feast of Pentecost we rejoice that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church in every age. As we celebrate this feast, please consider a generous response in the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests. Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our diocese. Please thank God for all that we have received from our priests who are now retired, many of whom continue to offer generous service in every way that they are able throughout our diocese. If you are unable to make an in-church contribution, please make your donation online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections. You can also mail your donation to the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support this year. May the Holy Spirit give us every gift we need to build up the Body of Christ in our time and place.

Cathedral Daytime Women's Bible Study - The Wild Goose

"Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. It is a 14-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, President of Franciscan University.

Thursdays starting on July 3 @ 10:00am or 1:00pm at the Cathedral, Free study guide provided. Register by calling the Cathedral 217/522-3342 or by emailing vcompton@cathedral.dio.org

The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts Bible Study

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, dwells among us and showers us with spiritual gifts. In this study Stephen Binz has chosen key biblical texts to help readers discover how to rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit and allow God's Spirit to manifest these divine graces and spiritual gifts more richly within them. He shows how the same Spirit who inspired the prophets and evangelists and who filled the life of Jesus now blows within and among all God's people. Purchase your own book through Twenty-third Publications or elsewhere.

First and Third Wednesdays beginning June 18, 6:15-7:45pm, Cathedral School Library, RSVP to vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or 217/522-3342

Leaving the Room

I was a full-grown adult before I realized that Pentecost is known as “the birthday of the Church,” and it only resonated with me because someone showed up to a church function with cake and candles. Leave it to buttercream frosting to drive home a theological reality I had been missing for 25 years.

I knew what Pentecost was, of course. It simply went over my head that, despite all the incredible, world-changing things that had come before the moment of Pentecost, prior to this day, the Apostles were just a group of guys in a room. It wasn't until Pentecost that they became the Church.

So what makes the Church...well, the Church, capital C? What makes it more than just a group of guys in a room?

It's true, they were a very special group of guys. They had the Truth — capital T. They had borne witness to Christ's miracles, to his life and to his passion and death.

But they were still in that room.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. The Truth wasn't enough, even with a capital T. They needed the Spirit — capital S — and more than that, they needed to receive it with the courage and faith necessary to do what needed to be done.

To get up and leave the room.

Because what good is any of it unless they leave the room? What does it matter, the tongues of fire and the miraculous bilingualism and, frankly, the coming of the Spirit, if no one ever hears about it?

The mission is what made them the Church. It's what makes us the Church. Without it, we're just a bunch of guys in a room.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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Around the Diocese

- **Summer Immersion Experience with Dominican Sisters in Chicago**, Single Catholic women ages 18 - 45 are invited to participate in the Dominican Sisters' Service Immersion Experience in Chicago. This unique opportunity allows participants to engage deeply with the mission and ministry of the Dominican Sisters while serving the local community and discerning their own path in faith and service. The event is scheduled for June 21-25, 2025. Participants will have opportunities for prayer, reflection, hands-on service, and conversation about vocation and Gospel justice. Participants will walk alongside the Dominican Sisters, gaining firsthand insight into their charism of prayer, preaching, community life, and service. Complete the interest form at springfieldop.org/summer. Facilitated by several congregations of U.S.-based Dominican Sisters. For more information call Sister Denise Glazik, OP, at 217-787-0481.
- **Majestic Germany Pilgrimage with Fr. R. Dean Probst**, August 18-28-2025. Visiting Frankfurt, Cologne, Hanover, Potsdam, Berlin, Nuremberg, Rothenberg, Munich, Oberammergau, Lindau, Lake Titisee, The Black Forest, Heidelberg and Mainz. Cost \$4599 per person from St. Louis, Mo. Call/text Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 or email rdprobst@gmail.com.