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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!

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.

We hope that your visit to our Cathedral is one of grace and beauty and that you feel at home in the mother church. We also hope that you will find this edition of the Cathedral Weekly to be both informative and spiritually enriching. May God bless you and yours!



Woman of the Eucharist

At the beginning of last week's bulletin article, I wrote about the transition in leadership in the Church that took place in 2005, following the death of Pope St. John Paul II who had served the Church as the Successor to St. Peter for more than two-and-a-half decades. During his pontificate, this great pope made a significant impact on the Church and the world. I recently watched the video footage of his first words as pope from the loggia of St. Peter's as he addressed the crowd gathered in the square below. In his off-the-cuff remarks, he said: "I was afraid to receive this appointment, but I did it in the spirit of obedience to Our Lord and with total trust in His Mother, our Most

Holy Lady." This total trust in Mary would be a thread that would run through his entire pontificate. In fact, his papal motto was: *Totus tuus, Mater Ecclesiae* (Totally yours, Mother of the Church).

In virtually every major document that he wrote, he connected the topic with the Blessed Virgin Mary, seeing in her the model for our lives as followers of her Son. In his final encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church), he devotes the final chapter to Mary, calling her the "Woman of the Eucharist." In some ways, we can see this section as a summation of his two great loves as a priest, bishop, and pope – the Eucharist and Mary. It is therefore fitting for us to hear from his writings on these two loves as we continue to reflect on the Eucharist, especially on this Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven.

The Holy Father writes the following about Mary's inseparable union with the Eucharist:

Experiencing the memorial of Christ's death in the Eucharist also means continually receiving this gift. It means accepting – like John – the one who is given to us anew as our Mother. It also means taking on a commitment to be conformed to Christ, putting ourselves at the school of his Mother and allowing her to accompany us. Mary is present, with the Church and as the Mother of the Church, at each of our celebrations of the Eucharist. If the Church and the Eucharist are inseparably united, the same ought to be said of Mary and the Eucharist. This is one reason why, since ancient times, the commemoration of Mary has always been part of the Eucharistic celebrations of the Churches of East and West. (EE, 57)

It can be a very fruitful practice for us, when we are at Mass, to call to mind Mary's presence among us. That is not too difficult for us at the Cathedral, for as we look to the altar where the Eucharist is celebrated, Mary looms large in the background in the beautiful mosaic at the high altar. The next time you are at Mass, keep this connection in mind, especially as the Word becomes flesh among us once again at the Consecration. As Our Lord is lifted up, notice Mary looking with love upon her Son, the Bread of Life, and upon all of us, her children, as we prepare to receive Him into our hearts in Holy Communion. Then, when we receive Him, let us ask Mary to help us receive His graces with the same openness that she had to the Lord in her life. Perhaps we can use a portion of the prayer the Church gives to us to be prayed after receiving Holy Communion:

I ask you, most dear Mother, to obtain for me forgiveness of all my sins, the grace of serving Jesus most faithfully from now on, and the gift of final perseverance, so that with you I may praise Him forever. Amen.

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, August 16

7am - Anna A. Eleyidath
(Augustine Eleyidath)
5:15pm - J.R. Weakley
(D.A. Drago)

Tuesday, August 17

7am - Mary Hemp
(Tom Steil & Sharon Oldfield)
5:15pm - Jean Anne Staab
(St. Joseph the Worker Rosary Group)

Wednesday, August 18

7am - Richard Willaredt
(Margaret Barth)
5:15pm - Susan Rentle
(Friend)

Thursday, August 19

7am - Richard J. Scharf
(Martha Pasquier)
5:15pm - Adrian Mercier
(Marlene Mulford)

Friday, August 20

7am - Warren Bequette
(Jim & Connie Wheeler)
5:15pm - Joseph Kohlrus, Sr.
(Augustine Eleyidath)

Saturday, August 21

8am - Gregory Krisch
(Dan & Cheryl Folkerts)
4pm - Genevieve Bitschenaur
(Barbara Bitschenaur)

Sunday, August 22

7am - Mary Ann Midden
(William Midden)
10am - For the People
5pm - Ramon S. Simbajon
(Lolita Klicker)



Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery

Continuing with the ten commandments, I want us to reflect on the most misunderstood commandment this week. The sixth commandment – You Shall Not Commit Adultery. Before we get into it, let us keep in mind that we live in one of the most interesting times where most of us are experts on almost everything at the same time. In other words, we seem to have absolute knowledge about everything. For this reason, every subject, issue, or topic, whether political, moral, economic, medical, religious, most of us have a boundless understanding of them all. As funny and impractical it may be, this is the reality in our times.

Because of this, too many Christians today believe that they have an endless understanding of the scriptures and theology. They understand the sixth commandment to exclusively prohibit a sexual relationship between men and women outside marriage. Unfortunately, these people fail to realize that the sixth commandment also forbids every sexual act involving any form of bodily, psychological, or emotional abuse of oneself or others. The attempt to manufacture a limited or truncated understanding of the sixth commandment seems to be one of those efforts we make in justifying our sexual sins.

The sixth commandment, You Shall Not Commit Adultery, obviously includes all sexual relationships between persons not bound by the sacrament of marriage. It also consists of any form of same-sex sexual relationship, masturbation, rape, pornography, sodomy, lust, bestiality, incest, and child sexual abuse of all kinds. There are many others, but these are among the more common sexual sins. The sixth commandment encompasses them and many more.

Teaching his disciples about the sixth commandment, Jesus Christ explained that every kind of lustful looks and thoughts constitute sexual sins (cf. Matthew 5:28). There can be no better explanation of this commandment than this given by Jesus Christ. This is because most of these sexual sins begin with lustful thoughts and looks.

More so, there is something about indecent dressing that we must be aware of while reflecting on the sixth commandment. Living in a very individualistic age, many of us have forgotten that it is a moral obligation to be one's brother's keeper. And what does it mean to be one's brother's keeper? While trying to stay away from sin, we must do well to help others do the same. But how can an indecent dressing help one to be their brother's keeper?

While we should train ourselves to keep custody of our eyes and minds, it is important to help others do the same. Sadly, it helps throw some of us, who are less disciplined, into sinful sexual thoughts and fantasies when we dress indecently. Because of this, when we dress decently, we glorify God by helping to reduce temptation in the world.

Father Peter Chineke serves as parochial vicar at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and as co-chaplain of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School.

Stewardship of Treasure August 7th & 8th

Envelopes:	\$5,669.00
Loose:	\$3,384.86
Maintenance:	\$187.00
Total:	\$9,240.86

June EFT: \$23,486.25

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!



Farewell from Seminaryman Padrick Mulligan

Although my time at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception this summer was very short (only one month), many faces and moments here will be happy memories for me and even food for prayer as I head back to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. I was privileged to meet some of you at bible studies, support groups, hospital visits, volunteer work, catechesis meetings, and various other gatherings here at the Cathedral. Most of all, I am grateful to have been able to pray with you during our masses every day and during afternoon Eucharistic adoration. I was blessed to have witnessed and assisted in some way with all three Sacraments of Initiation while I was here – Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist – which are special to me because they are such important sources of grace in each of our lives as Catholics. Although I can think of many moments and characters in my life which have influenced my decision to enter formation for the priesthood and helped my growth throughout my time in seminary, I believe that these Sacramental graces have been the most essential way in which God has accomplished his work in me so far. I sincerely ask each of you to pray for me so that the Lord will continue his good work in me as I walk with Him on my way to becoming an ordained priest.

Farewell from Seminaryman Jayke White

I didn't know what to expect when I began my summer here at the Cathedral. My previous summer assignments were in a very rural part of the diocese; as such, being stationed in downtown Springfield was totally foreign to me. Little did I know that this summer would provide ample opportunities for me to encounter Christ in ways I never could have guessed.



One of the most impactful experiences of the summer was the opportunity to work with the parish's GriefShare group. I had never heard of a group like this before and I want to emphasize how blessed you are to have one here. In the suffering of Christ, God both knows us and reveals Himself through woundedness. There are few wounds that cut deeper than the death of a loved one. As such, I had the honor of meeting my Lord every week that I was able to go to GriefShare and listen to what He had to say through the men and women gathered there.

Another blessing this summer has been witnessing the generosity of the people of this parish. At least once a week, someone was offering to take me out to lunch or dinner or coffee and tell me about themselves and their experiences. It was a real treat to meet so many kind men and women of the Body of Christ in a more casual setting like that.

Finally, I was privileged to meet Christ in the poor. In rural areas, there are fewer resources and so the houseless population is significantly smaller. Here, though, I met multiple individuals in need and had the honor of serving at St. John's breadline on a number of occasions. This opportunity to serve isn't found everywhere, and I can't emphasize what a gift it was to me this summer.

So, thank you. Thank you for opening your parish doors wide to me and making me feel so welcome. Thank you for taking on the responsibility of caring for some of the most vulnerable members of our society in the work that you do. Thank you for the laughs, the tears, and everything in between. Thank you for modelling the Immaculate Conception herself in your generous spirit of warmth and hospitality.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

Coordinator of Restored Order Catechesis and Diocesan Liturgies

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A Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, Wisconsin

Join Fr. Peter on an overnight Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, on Friday and Saturday, October 15-16, 2021! While seeking a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ through devotions to our Blessed Mother, Catholics from around the world make this pilgrimage. Achieving this spiritual goal, many of these pilgrims end up attracting countless miracles and blessings for themselves and their loved ones.

To register, please call the Parish Office at 217-522-3342. The payment will be \$270.00 for a private room with a standard king-size bed and \$230.00 to share a room with someone else. The payment will cover the transportation, hotel, bus tip, and shrine donation expenses. Payments will be accepted by checks, cash, or EFT and must be addressed to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, IL. The last day for registration with a full or half payment (\$150.00) will be Monday, August 30, 2021. For half-payments, complete payment will be due on Monday, September 27, 2021.

For any questions, clarifications, or inquiries about the pilgrimage, contact Fr. Peter Chineke at 217-522-3342 ext. 134 or by email at pchineke@dio.org.

Discovering Our Dignity - Study of Women of the Bible

Through their stories recorded in Scripture, women of the Bible reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest and loving way—woman to woman—with ancient wisdom, sage advice, and insights from sorrowful failures and emotional wounds.

Learn how God worked in the lives of Biblical women:

- Sisters Leah and Rachel overcame jealousy when they learned that God offered all that they really needed
- Abigail's faith was so strong she didn't despair, no matter how unpleasant life was with her husband
- Deborah had been given grace by God to act as His prophet, for the good of her people
- Mary the Blessed Mother's "yes" to God—her fiat—changed everything. How else did her words and deeds influence Jesus, and vice versa?

Thursdays at 10:00am and 1:00pm beginning October 7. Workbook is \$40. Register by contacting Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or 217-522-3342.

Not only do I continue to learn new concepts about the basics of our faith, but I also get to know God on a deeper level. And, a wonderful bonus is getting to know my Sisters in Christ! I would never stop participating in these lessons!
- Sharon Sexson, Parishioner of the Cathedral

Beyond Canned Goods

The Holy Family Food Pantry is in need of common household items, other than food, such as paper products, cleaning supplies, toiletries, etc. Donations are accepted on weekends at the Holy Family Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

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Deliver a Difference

Volunteers are urgently needed to help with the delivery of hot, nutritious meals to our seniors of Central Illinois, Monday through Thursday, 10:00 – noon. Volunteers are provided with lunch and mileage reimbursement. If you can help the seniors in our community, please contact Autumn Osborne at Senior Services of Central Illinois 217/528-4035, ext. 123. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve God by serving His people!

Butler Funeral Homes Peace of Mind Seminar

The Butler Family of Organizations extends an invitation to all who are interested in learning more about planning for their final wishes to help their families celebrate their lives to join us for a lunch and learn program. We will host a Peace of Mind Seminar on Thursday, August 19th from 11:30 am-1:30 pm at the Bella Milano, located at 4525 Wabash Ave. in Springfield. Complimentary lunch will be provided. This event is free: no cost or obligation. Please call 217-544-4646 to reserve your space no later than Monday, August 16th .

Part-time Cook/Server

The Villa Maria Catholic Life Center is looking for a few new people to join their staff! The Cook/Server assists with the preparation, cooking and serving of meals for small and large groups at the center. The cook/server is responsible for cleaning kitchen equipment and utensils, the dining room, and the buffet equipment after a service. The position also assists in keeping the kitchen clean, organized and prepped for the next service. Morning and evening shifts available. More about the position can be found at www.dio.org/jobs. To Apply: Please email resume and/or completed application to hr@dio.org or send to: Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Office for Human Resources, Attn: Erin Danaher, 1615 West Washington, Springfield, IL 62702

Riverton/Spaulding Fall Festival

It's time to re-open the Riverton/Spaulding communities with friends, families, festivities, and fun! Come out and join the Riverton Knights of Columbus Marian Council #3914 on Saturday, August 28 from 4:30pm-10:00pm at the Field of Dreams, 6237-6239 Riverton Road in Riverton, IL! Musical entertainment will be provided by DJ Brad Schroeder with karaoke, limbo, kids games, chicken dance, and much more! Food and refreshments will be available for purchase, and fireworks begin at dusk.

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Check out F.L.O.W.cast

The Dominican Sisters of Springfield cordially invite you to listen to a new podcast dedicated to telling stories of people changing lives in hopeful ways For the Life of the World—thus F.L.O.W.cast. Visit flowcastlisten.org to learn more and sign up to receive new episodes in your inbox. This exciting new ministry launches on Thursday August 19—the 148 anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Sisters. New episodes drop every Thursday.

A Scout's Duty to God

Duty to God is an important part of Scouting and all Scouts in 7th grade and up are invited to earn the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem from the Catholic Committee on Scouting. There will be an orientation session on Sunday, August 29 at 6:30 PM at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Springfield with group meetings following every 4th Sunday through May 2022. Scouts in a Scouts BSA or Venturing Crew who are in 7th grade and older are eligible. For more information, go to <https://scouts.dio.org> or contact the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154 or email scouting@dio.org.

Springfield Right to Life Breakfast/Fundraiser

SRTL is having a Breakfast/Fundraiser, on Saturday August 21st from 8a til 11a. The breakfast is free, but donations are welcome to help support SRTL and their Legacy of Life.

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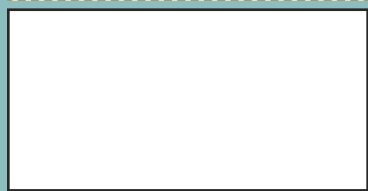
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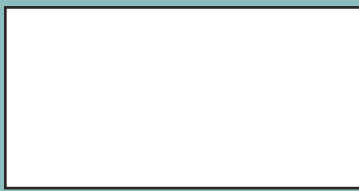
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