



The Diocese of Springfield

E-NEWSLETTER

July 2023 - Fifth Week after Pentecost

New Deacon in Charge at Trinity, Mt. Vernon

The Rev. Deacon Parker Asplin was ordained into the Holy Order of Deacons on April 25th, the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. Deacon Asplin along with his wife Laura and daughter Ava will be joining Trinity Episcopal Church in Mt. Vernon, IL as their deacon-in-charge on August 1st. Deacon Asplin graduated this past May from Nashotah House Theological Seminary.



UPCOMING:

- 07/11 - Feast of Benedict of Nursia
- 07/13-16 - Cursillo
- 07/17 - Feast of William White, Bishop
- 07/22 - Feast of Mary Magdalene
- 07/25 - Feast of Saint James the Apostle
- 07/26 - Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary's Parents
- 07/29 - Feast of Mary & Martha of Bethany

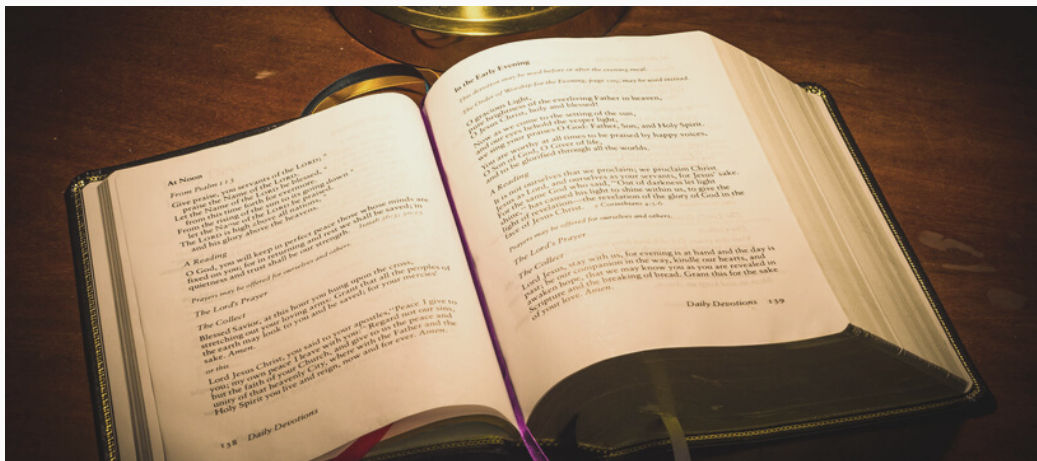


The Daily Office

At the Cathedral

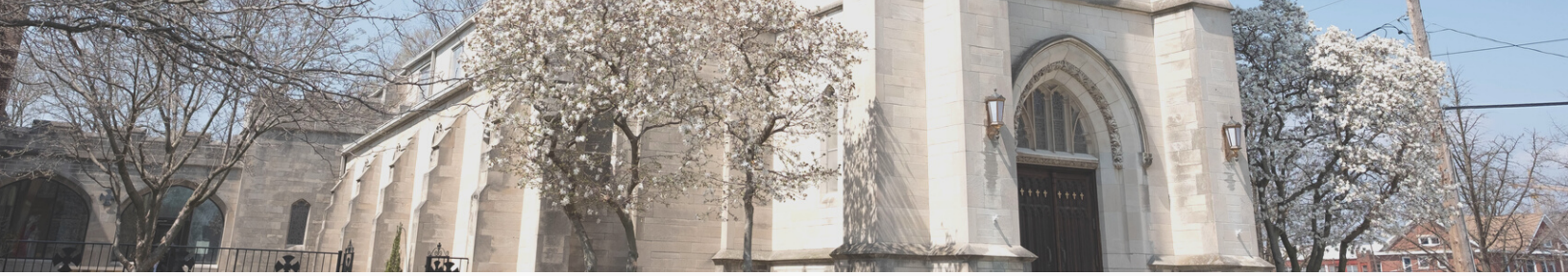
The Daily Office – Morning and Evening Prayer – is at the very center of Anglican worship and is the priority of our Cathedral community in Springfield. This regular cycle of daily prayers constitutes the essential rhythm of life around which other activities can take their proper place.

You are invited to join our Cathedral clergy, Diocesan clergy and staff, and committed lay leaders on weekdays (Monday through Friday) for Morning Prayer (7:30 AM) and Evening Prayer (5:00 PM) within the Cathedral chapel as the means of lending your voice to common prayer and in interest of sanctifying time. In this respect, the Cathedral community follows the rich tradition of monastic communities through the centuries ensuring that: “As o’er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day, the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.” (Evening Hymn 24, stanza 3).



“The idea of some set form of Office...is based on a realistic assessment of human beings and of our prayer potential. We do not always pray with spontaneity and ease, nor should our prayer depend on the way we feel. Prayer which is so based on feelings is unstable and lacks depth. The Office is a form of prayer which is independent of our feelings, though, of course it is often accompanied by, and arouses, deep feelings and emotion.” Kenneth Leech, *True Prayer*, p. 187-188

The Office can be said anywhere, but, for Morning and Evening Prayer, it is recommended that a quiet place, as free from interruptions as possible, is chosen. Our lives are usually too full of noise, so this is the ideal moment of the day to experience real silence. The chapel is accessed through the glass doors that stand as the south entrance facing the Diocesan Center.



Mini VBS at the Cathedral

From the Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Join us on July 22nd from 9 AM -11 AM at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul for a mini-VBS for grandparents and grandchildren! We'll be focusing on the story of a small shepherd boy, David, and a great big giant, Goliath. Come and join us on July 22nd to find out more about what God does through this small shepherd boy!

Some of the activities for this summer's mini-VBS will include singing songs, a coloring contest, and pictures with David and Goliath. There will be a comedy magic show called "The Amazing Gospel" with Richard Landry and his magic rabbit, Snowball.



We hope that you will bring your grandchildren along for this exciting journey through the story of David and Goliath along with the fun activities and magic show to follow. Pre-register by July 19th by contacting the Cathedral at 217-544-5135 or email stpaulpca@comcast.net.

Saturday, July 22, 2023 / 9 AM - 11 AM / The Cathedral Church of St. Paul - 815 South Second Street, Springfield, IL / Register by July 19th

Independence Day Around the Diocese

Trinity Episcopal Church in Mattoon participated in their local 4th of July parade by passing out water bottles in the 90 degree heat! Pictured below is Fr. David with a fellow T-Rex parade goer.



St. Christopher's in Rantoul held their first annual 4th of July picnic with financial support from the Bishop's discretionary fund where the community of Rantoul could enjoy a free meal on the lawn along with joining in the parade. Local boy scouts from Troop 30 along with 60-70 people joined them this past Tuesday!





Joint Celebration for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

On Friday, July 21st at 5:30 pm, All Saints' Morton will host Evensong for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. The service is jointly celebrated by All Saints', Morton, St. Paul's, Pekin, and St. Barnabas', Havana. Fr. Jonathan Butcher will officiate, Fr. Danté Anglin will cantor and Kim Wiese will serve as organist. All are welcome to join. There will be an informal social time afterward in Morton (location to be determined).

Province V Resources

Province V is hosting a prayer service for human trafficking prevention with speaker, Rachel Socorro and Bronsen Landrum from Total Life Wellness ([see their website here](#)) on July 31 from 6-7PM (CDT). Please sign up for this event by [clicking here](#). You can see the Facebook event post by clicking [here](#).

Province V is conducting an assessment of current and potential campus ministries in the province, giving a 360-degree picture of the current state of campus ministry offerings as well as future needs. Campus ministry doesn't just mean chaplains based at colleges and universities. We're looking to hear from a larger population that includes those connected to professional schools (in such fields as law, theology, medicine, business, music, and art), teacher-training schools, community colleges, trade schools, and institutes of technology.

Province V Continued

We especially want to hear from the following:

- clergy at congregations near a campus
- church leaders/members near a campus
- church members or clergy who work at an institution of higher learning
- any person who cares about those connected to educational institutions for post-high-school students

Ministry Architects will be conducting one-hour listening sessions and welcome your participation. Here is the schedule for Zoom listening sessions. You only need to sign up for one (1) session. [Please click here to find the date/times for these sessions.](#)

UTO Spring Ingathering

United Thank Offering Blue Box Prayer: "Almighty God, I give you praise for blessing me in many ways. Create in me a grateful heart and with this gift a blessing starts. Amen."

Thirteen Churches contributed to the Spring 2023 Ingathering. The total Spring Ingathering \$3,087.52

Many thanks to all for your support to the UTO Ministry. Have a wonderful summer!

Joyce C. Wright
UTO Coordinator



Church Pension Group

Register now for our Planning for Wellness Conference—designed especially for active clergy members. You, and your spouse or partner, will spend two interactive days with experts in finance and health, focusing on:

- Strategies to improve long-term financial security
- Health management tips to improve your overall well-being
- The many resources and benefits available to you

When: September 13, 2023 – September 14, 2023

Where: Marriott St. Louis Grand 800 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, 63101, USA



**Click here to
register!**

Other Information

Please include those in our Diocese who are pursuing Holy Orders in your prayers: Pete Sherman, Postulant, St. Luke's, Springfield & Danny Shuler, Postulant, St. Thomas, Salem

You can visit our website to check out the most up-to-date prayer calendar ([click here](#)) information or our diocesan calendar ([click here](#)) with feasts and other events listed for around the Diocese.

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The Episcopal Church in Central and Southern Illinois

