



The Diocese of Springfield

E-NEWSLETTER

September 2023 - The Feast of the Nativity
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From St. Andrew's, Edwardsville

On Sunday, September 24, at 2:00 p.m., Henry Evans, organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Edwardsville will present an organ recital in celebration of his 20th year as organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew's. The recital will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of Fr. David Boase's ordination to the Holy Order of Deacons. A reception in the parish hall follows the recital.

Evans holds the Bachelor of Music Degree and a Post-Baccalaureate Certification in Piano Pedagogy from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and a Master of Music Degree in Organ Performance from the University of North Texas. In 1992, he was awarded the Organ Scholar Fellowship at Church of the Incarnation (Episcopal), Dallas, TX.

UPCOMING:

- 09/14 - Holy Cross Day
- 09/15 - Content Deadline for the Springfield Current
- 09/21 - Feast of Matthew the Evangelist
- 09/29 - Feast of Archangel Michael & All Angels



From St. Andrew's Continued

During his extensive training, he studied with several well-known organists. His teachers include Kathleen Thomerson and Jesse Eschbach, and he was one of the last students of the French organist Marie-Madeleine Duruflé-Chevalier. In recent years he has served as dean of the Saint Louis and Southern Illinois Chapters of the American Guild of Organists.



The program will include the works of Alain, J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Jackson, Vaughan Williams and others. A reception follows in the parish hall. The recital is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Seating of Honorary Canon at the Cathedral

The Diocese is invited to gather within the Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle on Friday, September 29th at 6:00 PM, The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, for a service of solemn Evensong and the seating of an Honorary Canon. Nominated by Bishop Burgess and approved by the Cathedral Dean and Chapter, Fr. Shawn Denny will be seated as an honorary canon of the Cathedral. Serving currently as President of our Standing Committee and vicar of St. Luke's in Springfield, Fr. Denney has and continues to serve this Diocese in many varied and important ways. Please make an effort to be with us for this service of praise and thanksgiving. There will be a light reception within the Chapter House following the Grace and retiring Hymn.



Upcoming Event at Nashotah House

The Rev. Dale Coleman (St. Andrew's, Carbondale) will be giving a talk at Nashotah House Theological Seminary on November 1 at 8:00 PM. The topic is "Learning to Read Sacred Scripture From Archbishop Michael Ramsey, at Nashotah House, 1977-1980". We hope you'll be able to join our own Fr. Coleman for this talk at Nashotah House.



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

[Click here to register!](#)

When: September 13, 2023 – September 14, 2023

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

Shared Evensong for St. Michael & All Angels Feast

On Friday, September 29th at 5:30pm, St. Barnabas', Havana will host Evensong for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. The liturgy is jointly celebrated by St. Barnabas', Havana, All Saints', Morton, and St. Paul's, Pekin., Fr. Dante Anglin will officiate, Fr. Jonathan Butcher will cantor, and Kim Wiese will serve as organist. All are welcome to join. There will be an informal social time afterward.

From Province V



The Province V 2024 Big Provincial Gathering will be held April 26-27 in South Bend, Indiana. For more information check out provincev.org/bpg24. Saturday, April 27 will be full of workshops offered "ministry fair" style. Do you have something to share with others? Are you particularly proud of a project you did or a ministry you support? Start thinking about if you'd like to host a workshop. All information about workshops will be needed by December 1. [Click here](#) to see more details and fill out the form!

Is your parish near an institution of higher learning? (this might be: community college, trade school, specialty training schools - anything that provides post-high school education)

We want to hear from you!

Province V is currently discerning if they should hire a person to be a "Campus Ministry Consultant." This person would work with parish leaders to help them build relationships with the faculty, staff, and/or students of nearby post-high school educational institutions.

If you would like to share your thoughts, questions, or ideas, please contact Heather at 989-413-3229 or provinceVcoordinator@gmail.com.

More details about this discernment will be coming soon!

Death Notice

The Diocesan Center has been informed of the death of The Reverend Timothy Allen Goodman. Father Goodman faithfully served the Diocese of Springfield within the Hale Deanery serving the congregations of St. James Chapel (Marion), Church of the Redeemer (Cairo), St. James (McLeansboro), St. Marks (West Frankfort), and most recently at St. Stephens in Harrisburg.



A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Harrisburg, IL on September 16th at 11:00 AM. Clergy are invited to vest and be seated together within a designated section of the Nave. Please vest in cassock, surplice, and white stole.

For more information, [please click here](#).

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Timothy and those who mourn especially his wife, Carol.

Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend thy servant Timothy, our dear brother, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Savior, beseeching thee that he may be precious in thy sight. Wash him, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that, whatsoever defilements he may have contracted in the midst of this earthly life being purged and done away, he may be presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The gospels tell us little about the family and home of our Lord's mother. She is thought to have been of Davidic descent and to have been brought up in a devout Jewish family that cherished the hope of Israel for the coming kingdom of God, in remembrance of the promise to Abraham and the forefathers.

In the second century, a devout Christian sought to supply a fuller account of Mary's birth and family, to satisfy the interest and curiosity of believers. An apocryphal gospel, known as the Protevangelium of James or The Nativity of Mary, appeared. It included legendary stories of Mary's parents Joachim and Anne. These stories were built out of Old Testament narratives of the births of Isaac and of Samuel (whose mother's name, Hannah, is the original form of Anne), and from traditions of the birth of John the Baptist. In these stories, Joachim and Anne—the childless, elderly couple who grieved that they would have no posterity—were rewarded with the birth of a girl, whom they dedicated in infancy to the service of God under the tutelage of the temple priests. Many provinces of the Anglican Communion celebrate September 8th rather than August 15th as their primary Marian feast. (Lesser Feasts & Fasts, 2018, 463)

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we remember in thanksgiving this day the parents and birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and we pray that we all may be made one in the heavenly family of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

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.

The upcoming content deadline for the Michaelmas 2023 Springfield Current will be September 15th. If you have stories or news submissions please [click here](#) or email our Communications Coordinator at communicator@episcopalspringfield.org. To access the Current online please visit our website by [clicking here](#).



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1611, Guido Reni



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