



The Diocese of Springfield

E-NEWSLETTER

April 2025 - The Week of IV Lent

The Return of the Prodigal Son, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo c. 1667-1670

Interim Executive Assistant

Bishop Burgess is pleased to announce the hire of Ms. Genese M. Dadzie as full-time Office Assistant while Erin Anglin is out attending to Family Leave priorities. Ms. Dadzie grew up in Springfield, graduated from Springfield Senior High School and spent most of her early adult life in the Chicago area. She has taught in the Chicago and Springfield Public School districts and she has experience as a Lead Case Investigator for the Cook County Department of Public Health. Having earned her MBA from Franklin University in Columbus, OH and her BA from North Park University in Chicago; Ms. Dadzie is currently a medical student at the St. James School of Medicine on the Island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines working toward her Medical Degree (MD). Genese



grew up in the Evangelical Church tradition with a grandfather who was a Methodist pastor. She is extremely motivated, organized, bright, professionally poised, and looking forward to assisting

UPCOMING:

- 4/03 - The Feast of Saint Mary of Egypt
- 4/08 - The Feast of Saint Tikhon
- 4/17 - Maundy Thursday
- 4/18 - Good Friday
- 4/19 - Holy Saturday
- 4/20 - Easter
- 4/25 - The Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist
- 4/29 - The Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena

us in our mission within the Diocesan Office. The Diocesan Office continues to be staffed from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Please take a moment to welcome Genese to the Diocese of Springfield and to thank her for her life and ministry among us.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



The United States Association for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is sponsoring a concentrated Level I Catechist Formation over two summers for adults preparing to serve three to six-year-old children. A commitment to the entire formation is expected. Registration is now open for Part 1, June 16-25, 2025. Level I Part 2 will be June 15-24, 2026. The course will be hosted on the campus of Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin. Formation Leaders are Lynda Catalano and Sue Jett, joined by Karen Maxwell and Shelly Buchan. For questions, contact Shelly at sbuchan@gmail.com. To register, [click here](#).

Annual Chrism Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Springfield will host the Annual Mass of Chrism on April 15th, the Tuesday of Holy Week at 11:00 AM. All the faithful from the Diocese are invited to join and witness the blessing of holy oil and the renewal of ordination vows.



Photo by Zachary Buscher

Tending the Vineyard

Clergy and lay leaders are invited to join Tending the Vineyard, a conference hosted by The Living Church and St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church. Speakers will include top thinkers and pastoral voices in leadership, mentoring, evangelism, and spiritual nurture. Topics will include growth and decline, leadership development, global perspectives, and agrarian and

monastic wisdom on work, place, and community. The conference includes an optional lunch to discuss recent Episcopal Church restructuring plans with the Rev. Steve Pankey (VP, House of Deputies). Whether you are seeking parish renewal or personal refreshment, you'll enjoy stimulating keynotes, conversations, great food, quality time with colleagues, and Q&A with experts and mentors. For more information on the conference or to get tickets, [click here](#).



3rd Annual Saint Benedict Conference

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul and the Order of Christ the Savior are co-hosting the Third Annual Saint Benedict Conference on May 28th and 29th. This special event is the only continuing education event on Anglican Deliverance Ministry in The Episcopal Church and will feature presentations such as *Perspectives on Deliverance and Spiritual Warfare from the East and West* to *The Anglican Rite of Exorcism: Ancient Liturgy for Today's World*. After the conference, three postulants will be received as Novice Dominican Friars in a special Novitiate Mass. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to spend in spiritual direction and confession, the daily office and Holy Eucharist, and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact education@anglicanocs.org or visit www.anglicanocs.org.

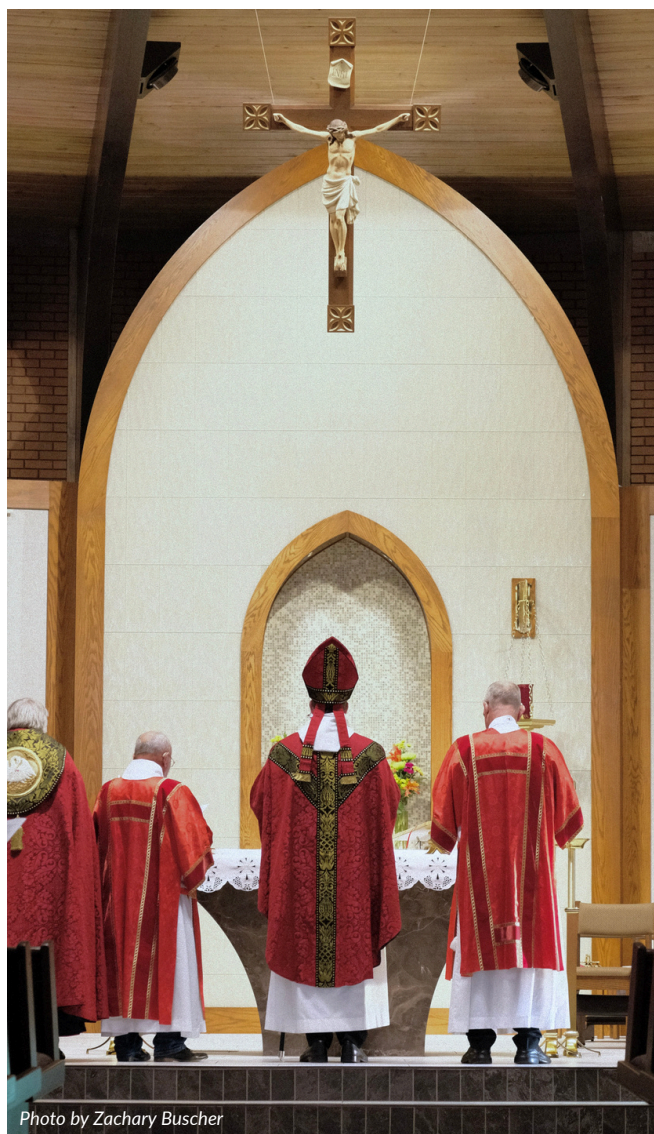


The 148th Annual Synod

The 148th Annual Synod for the Diocese of Springfield will be held from October 24th-25th at the Holiday Inn & Suites location in Bloomington, IL, and will be hosted by the saints of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. More information will be posted on the Diocesan website as available. To read the Bishop's Address from the 147th Synod or to view the Diocesan slideshow, [click here](#).

Cursillo XL

The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield will be sponsoring Cursillo XL (40) at Toddhall, Sep 25 - 28, 2025. Cursillo is a 3 day retreat that provides an opportunity for spiritual awakening and growth. It's a chance to unplug, disconnect and consider your love relationship with God, and your roles in life. Cursillo utilizes a time-proven process to deepen participants' relationship with God, and acts as a call to a deliberate way of living a Christian life. For more information, talk to a member of your congregation that has made the Cursillo journey. If you can't find one, contact Cursillo@episcopalspringfield.org and we'll help.



Thanks to The Rev. Hannah Armidon



Our appreciation is extended toward The Reverend Hannah Armidon for picking up the responsibility of editing our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer on a quarterly basis. Mrs. Jan Goosens of St. Thomas' Church in Glen Carbon continues to do a herculean job of ensuring that our prayer list is completed in such a way that it serves its intended purpose; to focus our prayer of intercession and to draw us closer to the priorities of God for His Church. Mother Armidon provides that final review in interest of making sure dates, observances, and intentions are not only correct, but current. You may access the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer by [clicking here](#).

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 394)

Register for Episcopal Church Camp 2025

The dedicated Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois team is well on the way to planning another wonderful week of camp for the summer of 2025 and now is a great time to take advantage of the early-bird discount. Those interested in sending their children or sponsoring a child for next year can view prices and [register here](#). Church Camp will be at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IL June 22 through 28, 2025. Sponsors should complete one form per child. Scholarships are available by request to be considered to your parish rector, priest-in-charge, deacon, or directly to Canon Wells at canon@episcopalspringfield.org. Those seeking scholarships are encouraged to bring a friend.

Please include those in our Diocese who are pursuing Holy Orders in your prayers:

Danny Shuler, Postulant, St. Thomas, Salem
Andrew Mead, Postulant, Trinity, Lincoln
Zach Buscher, Postulant, Trinity, Lincoln
Jeff Wenzel, Postulant, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Springfield
Len Harris, Postulant, Church of the Redeemer, Cairo

You can visit our website to check out the most up-to-date prayer calendar ([click here](#)) 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

