



The Diocese of Springfield

E-NEWSLETTER

June 2026 - The Week of I Pentecost

The Ascension of Christ, ca. 1745-50, Public Domain

Upcoming Ordination of Deacons

God willing and the people consenting, The Right Reverend. Brian K. Burgess will ordain Jeff Wenzel and Danny Shuler to the Sacred Order of Deacons on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Wednesday, June 24th at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle. The Mass of Ordination will begin at 6:00 PM with a reception in the Diocesan Center Rotunda immediately following the Dismissal and processional Hymn. Clergy are to vest in choir dress with white stoles.



UPCOMING:

- 6/01 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 6/5 - Boniface
- 6/11 - Saint Barnabas the Apostle
- 6/13 - First Book of Common Prayer
- 6/22 - Alban
- 6/24 - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
- 6/29 - Saint Peter & Saint Paul

More Upcoming Events

The Episcopal Parish of Alton's 190th Anniversary Celebration

The Episcopal Parish of Alton, IL would like to extend an invitation to the Diocese to join them in their 190th Anniversary Celebration, lasting from July 3rd through the 5th. The weekend will feature many fun events, including a jazz concert, a 4th of July cookout, and services of Evensong and Holy Eucharist. For more information on the weekend, [click here](#).

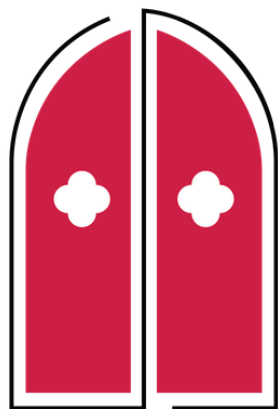


Old Fashioned Garden Tea Party at the Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle (815 South Second Street) is hosting an Old-Fashioned English Garden Tea party in celebration of their 190th Anniversary on Saturday, June 6th at 11:30 AM. The event will include a presentation of the Cathedral's history, a table with historical items from the Cathedral, music performed by the Oak Burr Band, along with tea, other drinks, and food. The entrance to the parking lot will be on Lawrence Ave. Those interested in attending can RSVP at stpaulscathedralevents@gmail.com.



The martyrdom of Saint Paul and the condemnation of Saint Peter, Giovanni Jacopo Caraglio, c. 1524-27, Wikimedia Commons



Launching New Capital Campaign

Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church

On May 17, Emmanuel Memorial in Champaign launched Open Doors, a three-year [strategic plan](#) and [capital campaign](#) (click links to view). The plan rests on four "Pillars": Worship, Parish Life, Outreach, and a facilities- and staff-focused area called Heritage and Future. The parish seeks to boost Sunday attendance and membership significantly, focusing on young adults and families, while investing in new programs and a renewal of parochial buildings. The \$1 million capital campaign will address short-term capital improvements, while the parish prepares a long-term plan for renovations. The campaign has \$650,000 already pledged. Please pray for this important effort, and contact Fr Zachary Guiliano if you would like to contribute to the capital campaign (rector@emmanuelmemorialepisopal.org).

Progress at St. James Chapel in Marion

Matching Grant Opportunity

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Diocesan Appeal for Capital Improvements grant funds and the renovations of St. James Chapel in Marion. To date 64% has been donated. The first phase of renovations have been completed including the tearing down of the old, blighted vicarage and the rotted wooden ramp that connected the chapel and vicarage. The ground has been leveled and seeded so that it can be a green space that will support outdoor activities of St. James Chapel or parking.

The Diocese of Springfield is now ready to make funds available for matching grants for capital improvement projects. [Click here to submit an application.](#) 40% of the collected funds are available for matching grants to our parishes and missions. Please complete the application and submit it no later than **August 3rd.**

Contributions to the Appeal are still being accepted. Donations can be made [here.](#)



Last Chance to Register for ECCI



The final countdown to Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois 2026 has begun! With less than a month remaining, your window of opportunity to register your children and students for camp is closing! Camp will begin on Sunday, June 21st and end on Friday, June 26th (NOT Saturday, as in years past). ECCI is a wonderful place for both youth and adult participants alike to be enriched through experiencing life in Christ together out in nature. This year's week of camp will once again be hosted at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, Illinois. Discounts are available for first time campers (half off!) and students that refer a first time camp attendee. To register, click [here](#).



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

Danny Shuler, Candidate, St. Thomas, Salem
Andrew Meade, Postulant, Trinity, Lincoln
Zach Buscher, Postulant, Trinity, Lincoln
Jeff Wenzel, Candidate, 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.



St. Barnabas, Public Domain



The Episcopal Church in Central and Southern Illinois

