

# Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

### Servers Schedule

*Dec. 22nd 4:00 PM Vigil*

Servers: D. McDonald & E. Humke

*Dec. 23rd 10:00AM*

Servers: A. Southern, T. Southern & T. Copelin

*Dec. 23rd 5:00PM*

Servers: I. Overturf & Z. Jamieson

### The Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke

While many people are getting caught up in the secular frenzy of Christmas, take a break from the holiday hustle and join Father Friedel in focusing with the Church on preparing to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

**Cathedral Atrium, Tuesday December 18th, 7:00pm**

### Helping Hands Volunteer Planning Meeting

A team of faithful Cathedral volunteers has provided a home cooked meal each month to the men at the Helping Hands Homeless Shelter for 13 years. Anyone who would like to be a part of this volunteer group is invited to join us as we prepare for our 14th year of service. Those who do not cook can help in other ways.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry to “feed the hungry”, please join us for a **9:00 am breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 5, 2019 in the Cathedral School Hall. It is very important to attend this planning breakfast to meet with your group and plan meals for the entire year. Please RSVP by calling 487-7824 no later than January 2nd.**

### December 24th, Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Mass times: 4pm and 7pm

No 7am or 5:15pm Mass, no confessions

Parish Office closes at noon

### December 25th, Christmas Day

Christmas Day Mass times: 12:00AM and 9am Mass

No 7am or 5:15pm Mass, no confessions

Parish Office closed

### December 26th

7AM Mass, Carols at Noon

No Confessions and No 5:15pm Mass; Parish Office closed.

### Carols at Noon

Mark Gifford, Cathedral Organist plays an hour of Christmas Carols on the Cathedral Pipe Organ. Free and family friendly. Do you have out of town guests? Now you have something to do the day after Christmas! Join us at the Cathedral, **Wednesday, December 26 at noon!**

### Cathedral Council of Catholic Women Meeting

The next CCCW meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 18th** in the school hall. We will have a short meeting and then adjourn for party time. Please bring a gift that costs no more than \$10.00 and if you wish, a treat to share. All women of the Cathedral are welcome to join us!

### Ministry of Altar Servers

The Cathedral is looking for more youth (5th grade and older) and adults to assist at the altar in the ministry of altar server. Altar serving provides a beautiful opportunity to serve the Lord and help to keep the liturgies at the Cathedral running smoothly. Training for all youth servers (current and newly beginning) will occur on **Monday, January 21 at 11 am**, with a pizza party to follow. Parents are invited as well! Training for all adult servers (weekday and weekend, new and experienced) will occur on **Wednesday, January 23rd at 6 pm**, with a dinner hosted in the Cathedral rectory to follow. For interest and to RSVP to the training, please contact Fr. Friedel at 522-3342 or email Vicki Compton at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org).

### December 31 – Evening Vigil for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holyday of Obligation)

Mass Times: 7am and 5:15pm Mass (Holy Day Vigil)

Confessions 4:15 to 5pm

Parish Office closes at noon

### January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holyday of Obligation)

Mass Time: 9am only

No 7am or 5:15pm Mass, no confessions

Parish Office closed

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### **New Alpha Course in January**

Cathedral will be launching its second Alpha Course starting on **Monday, January 21st**. Alpha is a 12 week course that welcomes people to explore the basics of Christianity. It is an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions in the context of a warm and welcoming community. It takes a small village to provide this opportunity so we are looking for volunteers. If you love Jesus, love people, love to cook, love to tell jokes or love to be of service, then you are perfectly qualified to be on the Alpha team. No prior experience is necessary and you will not be asked to teach or preach, only to love and encourage. Training is provided. If you think you might be interested, please contact Vicki Compton at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or at 522-3342.

### **Thank you from First Step**

Thank you for the generous donation of \$2149.53 to First Step Women's Center through the Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign. These funds will provide support to the Mobile Medical Unit and help with the purchase of a new ultrasound machine. If you have not returned your bottle, please return it to the Cathedral at any time.

### **Christ Child Shower November 18 - December 17**

Just in time for holiday shopping, the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women is pleased to announce the dates for the 2018 Christ Child Shower! This annual event provides an opportunity to donate needed items for at-risk children and pregnant women to the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery or the Pregnancy Care Center. Place **UNWRAPPED** items in the marked boxes in the Atrium or Vestibule. If preferred, you may place cash donations in a marked envelope in the Sunday collection basket at Mass. Donations are accepted through December 16th. Please join us in this wonderful way to share Christ's blessings during the Christmas season.

### **SHG PLACEMENT TEST**

The SHG Placement Test will be offered on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Becky Jones, Tuition Manager, and Sr. Katherine O'Connor, President, will be available to answer parents' questions at 8:30 a.m. in the Choral Room. Please contact our Registrar at 217-787-1595 ext. 126 if you are unable to take the test. Students will need to bring #2 Pencils and \$10 testing fee. No calculators will be allowed. Pre-registration online is required by Friday January 11. Use the following link to register: <http://bit.ly/SHGPlacementTest2019>.

### **Are you experiencing shame, sleepless nights, guilt, or other negative emotions after abortion?**

You are not alone. Call our toll-free Project Rachel helpline for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

### **Serving our Veterans**

It is with gratitude to the many men and women who have served or are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces that we offer website resources and information. There are numerous agencies and non-profit organizations to help veterans and family members. More information at <https://www.dio.org/plasm/veteran-services.html>

### **2019 March for Life**

The trip will be from Wednesday, January 16 through Sunday, January 20, departing from various locations throughout the diocese. For more information, please contact the pilgrimage coordinator, Kyle Holtgrave at Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154.