

Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

Servers Schedule

We will no longer be posting Readers and EMHC volunteers in the announcements because of the new software and better accuracy online. Questions? Contact Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.

4:00 PM Vigil

Servers: Pontifical Servers

10:00AM

Servers: T. Copelin, M. Anselment & G. Anselment

5:00PM

Servers: A. Southern & T. Southern

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, Tuesdays December 11th & 18th, 7:00pm

Lessons and Carols

Celebrate the Advent season with Scripture and carols led by our Cathedral priests and the Cathedral choir.

Cathedral, Sunday, December 16, 7:00pm

St. Breadline Sunday

Thank you to everyone who helped in the St. Breadline Sunday. The total we collected was \$3,672.10.

Novena to the Immaculate Conception

The Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated each evening at Cathedral from **Friday, November 30 through Saturday, November 8**. The Novena will begin at 7 p.m. each evening, except on December 8, when it will conclude with the 8 a.m. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Healthy Spaces for Helping

All are welcome to join us **Monday, December 10, at 6:00pm to the Atrium** for a 45 minute presentation about the effects of trauma (abuse, neglect, living in poverty) on children and adults. You will also learn why being trauma-aware is essential to responding to the needs of our community. Contact Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or 522-3342 for more information or to RSVP.

Cathedral Christmas Market & Cookie Walk

Cathedral Council of Catholic Women are hosting a Cookie Walk, Christmas Market, Gift Card Raffle and Silent Auction on **Saturday, December 15 10:00am to 3:30pm in the School Hall**. Fill a box with delicious homemade treats, shop for one of a kind gifts from local crafters, bid on themed baskets and take a chance on winning \$500 in gift cards! CCCW proceeds will help support the Diocesan Seminary Program.

Attention all BAKERS!

CCCW is in need of lots of yummy homemade cookies, candies and breads for our December 15th Cookie Walk. You can drop off your baked goods on Friday, December 14th from 2pm to 7pm in the school hall or Saturday, December 15 by 9am. Also, CCCW is in need of donations of gift cards for the raffle. If you have a gift card to donate please contact Sandy Bloom at 217/638-7703. Thank you!

The Studies in Catholic Faith and Culture Program

In the spirit of the synod and in partnership with the Diocesan Department of Evangelical Services, we are exploring an opportunity to participate in a pilot program offered through the University of Dallas called "Studies in Catholic Faith and Culture."

The program is led by 20 different professors from the University of Dallas and meets over 10 weeks via high-quality video sessions. This compelling and high caliber educational course will be hosted by Cathedral and provided to the community at a discounted rate of \$150/person (a bargain for university-level content). There's no obligation to continue (individually or for the group) beyond the initial semester.

Sr. Jane Dominic Laurel, OP, Director of the Faith and Culture Program will be at the Cathedral to answer questions and provide more information about the program. **Sr. Jane will be available in the Cathedral atrium after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, December 8, and after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, December 9.**

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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. See the flyer in the bulletin for suggested items; flyers are also attached to the donation boxes. 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.

Springfield Area Youth Group-Cookie Baking and Caroling – December 9

All Springfield area teens are invited to bake Christmas cookies to deliver to the residents at St. Joseph Home. Cookie baking begins at 11:00 in the Cathedral school basement. Then we'll meet at St. Joseph Home at 2:00 to sing carols and serve treats to the residents and their guests. Come and bring a friend! For more information and to RSVP, join the Remind group by texting @spiyo to 81010.

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.

New Alpha Course in January

Cathedral will be launching its second Alpha Course in January, 2019. 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 or at 522-3342.

19th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk

The St. John Vianney Women's Society will hold their 19th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 8 from 8:30 a.m. until noon in the activity center at 902 St. John Drive in Sherman. Cookies are sold for \$6.50 per lb. and we also offer pre-packaged trays for the hurried shopper. The event also includes a dozen direct sale vendors at our CHRISTMAS GIFT GALA ! New this year is a visit from Santa with photos.

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.

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast

Join the Knights of Columbus Council 364, located at 2200 Meadowbrook Road, on Sunday December 9, 2018 from 8:00am until Noon. Cost is \$10 for adults and teens; \$5 for children ages 6-12; children under 6 are FREE. All proceeds benefit Springfield Catholic Schools focusing on tuition scholarships. There will be entertainment by our school choirs and Santa Claus will be present for our little guests starting around 9:00am.