

Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

****Humanae Vitae Presentation planned for March 19th has been cancelled. We are currently planning a Novena for Life that would take place during that time.****

Novena for Life

The Novena for Life at the Cathedral begins **March 17th and ends on March 25th**, the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The novena will be at 7pm each evening. All are welcome.

Cathedral First Friday Concert Series

The next Cathedral First Friday Concert will be April 5th and feature the women's group, Seraphim. Seraphim, a professional women's ensemble, offers high-quality performances to local venues, including a wide variety of vocal and instrumental styles, including sacred, classical, gospel, and popular tunes. Join us April 5th at 7 PM-8 PM for great, FREE, music and fun!

Cathedral Bible Study Group

The Cathedral Bible Study group invites parishioners to an upcoming eight session study entitled "The Acts of the Apostles: Good News for All People". Meetings will occur the first and third Tuesday of the month from 6:15-7:45pm in the parish meeting room. For more information contact Larry Travis at LTravisjr@gmail.com or 381-4653.

Extra Liturgical Ministers for Lent

We are so blessed to have three daily masses during Lent! Extra masses require additional liturgical ministers. If one of your Lenten practices is to attend daily Mass, then we could use your help as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at 7:00, 12:05 or 5:15 daily Mass. Call the Cathedral office at 522-3342 or contact Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org for more information.

Upcoming Blood Pressure Clinics

Parish nurses Adrienne Andrews and Barb Kopec will be in the atrium checking blood pressure on March 23/24 before and after the 4:00 and 10:00 Masses and March 17th and 31st before and after the 7:00am Mass.

Catholicism: The New Evangelization

This video and discussion series, hosted by Bishop Robert Barron, explores the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. Cathedral School basement, **Tuesdays, March 5-April 9, 10:00am**

CCCW Lenten Soup Suppers

You are invited to join the ladies of the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women on **March 20th and 27th at 6:15pm** in the Atrium for the beginning of the Lenten Soup Suppers. Join us for soup, fellowship and great presentations! The meal will end at 6:45 PM on March 20th, so all who would like to attend the Novena will have time to do so.

Birthday Blessings Thank You

A BIG thank you to all of those who supported the Birthday Blessings collection for our shut-ins and nursing home residents. Your generous gifts are so appreciated by the residents and nursing home staff. Enough gifts have been collected to last for the rest of the year. May God bless you for your goodness!

Encounter Annet

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Pro-Life Letter Writing

If you did not have a chance last weekend to write to your State Legislators asking for a NO vote on the extreme abortion legislation, it's not too late. Go to <https://www.ilcatholic.org/> to find your legislators and send them a message in support of life. Thanks to everyone who stopped in the atrium to make their voice heard!

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40 Days for Life

“As a post-abortive woman, I can honestly say that I wish someone had been praying on the sidewalk the day of my abortion. I wanted help so badly.” (Betty Parquette, Outreach Coordinator for 40 Days for Life). The 40 Days for Life campaign in our diocese will be March 6-April 14. We will be peacefully praying in front of Planned Parenthood at 601 Bruns Ln. for an end to abortion, healing for post-abortive women and men, and for the conversion of the PP workers. For 40 days, from 7am-7pm each day we need you to pray with us. Please join us by signing up for a one hour prayer slot (multiple hours welcome) to pray for the end of this holocaust on the most vulnerable. We will have paper sign-up forms on the weekend of 3/9 & 3/10 or you can sign-up online at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/springfield/>. More information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1642487179178895/>.

Mark your calendar for Life Advocacy Day

Join us at the State Capitol on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2019, 10:00-1:00**. Lunch will be provided.

Attention Young Adults!

The Forge is a Springfield based young adult Catholic ministry. All young adults are welcome!

This month:

Co-ed Lenten Bible Study - Saturdays, March 16, 23, 30 at 9:30 a.m. - Cathedral

Women's Bible Study - Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. - Christ the King Parish Center

Holy Hour - Sunday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Church

More information: @Theforge on Facebook, <https://the-forge-online.com/> Email contact: Andrew Hansen: andrewhansen1@yahoo.com

Celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week with the Dominican Sisters!

Moms and their pre-teen daughters can enjoy a Mother-Daughter Tea & Tour, 2:00-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 24 at Sacred Heart Convent, 1237 W Monroe St, Springfield 62704. This includes an interactive, kid-friendly tour of Sacred Heart Convent Chapel followed by some tea (or lemonade)—and the sisters' secret-recipe sweets. Daughters will go home with a goody bag and one of the sisters' secret recipes to try at home. This is offered at no cost, registration required at www.springfieldop.org/nsw. For more information call 217-787-0481.

SHG PRESENTS CATS!

SHG is excited to present their 2019 Spring Musical, CATS. Show times are March 22, 29, and 30 at 7:30 p.m., March 24 and 31 at 5:00 p.m., and March 30 at 2:00 p.m. The Children's Event will be Sunday, March 24th at 3:00 p.m., the cost is \$15 and includes a ticket to the show. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students/senior citizens. To order, email ticketoffice@shg.org or call (217) 787-1595 ext. 153