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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

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!

A Special Birthday Note

Mary Priester, long-time Cathedral parishioner and volunteer extraordinaire, will be celebrating her 95th birthday on March 31, 2019. Mary is confined to home on hospice care so her family is not able to have a birthday celebration at the Cathedral Atrium as they had hoped. Cards wishing her a happy birthday would be so appreciated. Please send to: Mrs. Mary J. Priester, 2305 South 4th St., Springfield, IL 62703. Mary will love knowing her friends are thinking of her.

Fatima Statue Visit

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima will be at Cathedral between the 12:05pm and 5:15pm Masses on Monday, March 25th. Learn more about the statue at www.fatimatourforpeace.com or www.bluearmy.com. This is sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA.

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 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 27th and 27th at 6:15pm** in the Atrium for the beginning of the Lenten Soup Suppers. Join us for soup, fellowship and great presentations!

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!

Pro-Life Letter Writing

If you were not able to join us at Advocacy Day, please contact your legislators to vote NO to extreme abortion legislation being proposed in the Illinois House and Senate. 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!

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.

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Give A Little...On April 6, 2019

Springfield Catholic Charities invites you to join them for the opportunity to change lives. Give a little and get a lot of fun with an evening of dinner and delightful entertainment including a live auction and local celebrity karaoke competition. Evening begins at 6:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by going online at events.cc.dio.org

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

Attention Young Adults!

The Forge is a Springfield based young adult Catholic ministry. All young adults are welcome! More information: @Theforge on Facebook, <https://the-forge-online.com>/Email contact: Andrew Hansen: andrewhansen1@yahoo.com

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/>.