

Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

Why Alpha?

Because we live in a world deeply in need of God's love and mercy and desperate for the truth of the Gospel! If you have encountered Christ, you know that changes everything! How can you not invite others to their own relationship with Jesus? Alpha provides you with an easy way to extend an invitation. Take a few Alpha invite postcards and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and embolden you to extend an invitation.

Cathedral Scholarships

The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women and the Knights of Columbus Council #16126 are offering scholarships to students who are (1) registered members of the Cathedral parish and (2) attending a Catholic high school or entering 7th or 8th grade at a Catholic Grade School in the fall of 2019. Scholarship applications are available in the Cathedral Parish Office and SHG. Copies are also available in the parish office. Deadline to return completed scholarship applications is noon on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted. You can fill out the scholarship form online here:

<https://spicathedral.org/cathedral-of-the-immaculate-conception-scholarship-application-form/>

Attention Young Adults!

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

Men's Bible Study - Mondays, May 13 & 27 at 7:00 p.m. - Engrained (13th)/Obed and Isaac's (27th)
Women's Bible Study - Tuesdays, May 14 & 28 at 7:00 p.m. - Christ the King Parish Center
The Meetup - Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m. - Incredibly Delicious
Cookout - Friday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m. - 1804 Post Oak Ct. (bring a dish or drink, children welcome)
Faith Fermented - Thursday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. - Cathedral patio (bring beer/wine to share)

More information: @Theforge on Facebook,
<https://the-forge-online.com/>

Email contact: Andrew Hansen: andrewhansen1@yahoo.com

Join Together in Surrounding Our State Capitol in Prayer

Our Illinois Legislators are going to have a hectic day on Wednesday, May 15th. So let's lift up in prayer our legislators, their staff and visitors to the Capitol that day. Gather and pray on the sidewalk surrounding the Capitol Wednesday, May 15. Any time between the hours of 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. Leave your signs at home. Just bring a friend and your favorite prayer aid. If you can't join us physically in Springfield during this time, join us spiritually with your prayers. Look to receive a flyer for this event next week. In the meantime, feel free to start spreading the word.

Pro-Life Corner

PRAYER – Proponents of the extreme abortion bills will be holding a rally on May 15. Commit to spending that day in prayer and fasting so that the bills never become law. The Cathedral is open from 6:30am until after 5:15 Mass.

ACTION – Springfield Right to Life is hosting two free screenings of Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer, on Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 and 1:00 in the Carnegie Room of Lincoln Library, 326 s 7th. This film is rated PG-13. Watch the official trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttwkr8MM9Rk&feature=youtu.be> Please RSVP to events.srtl@gmail.com or through the Springfield Right to Life Facebook page if you plan to attend.

Blood Pressure Screening

After all the Masses on May 18th and 19th, you will have the opportunity to get your blood pressure checked. Thank you to our parish nurses for this hospitality and care for our Cathedral community!

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Habitat for Humanity Needs You!

As Catholics, we are called to live out our faith through service to each other, especially to those in need. "Habitat for Humanity is excited to partner with the Sangamon County Catholic churches this fall to build not just a decent, affordable house in Sangamon County, but a home...Please join us in making this happen! Habitat for Humanity is currently recruiting one-two volunteers from each Parish for the Steering Committee. First meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 1pm, at the Habitat Offices, 2744 south Sixth Street, Springfield. For more info. please contact Susan Carrigan at 217.523.2710, ext. 213. Interested, but unable to make that meeting, please give us a call!

Illinois Right to Life's 51st Annual Banquet

Please join us on Friday, May 17, 2019, at the Carlisle in Lombard, IL. Cocktail hour begins at 6pm, followed by dinner and a program at 7pm. Our keynote speaker will be Trey Gowdy, former Congressman and outspoken pro-life advocate. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It will determine just how many hearts and minds we can change and lives we can save, as we work to restore a culture that respects and protects human life in Illinois. We hope you can join us! To purchase tickets, go to www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/Banquet or call 312.422.9300.

St. Joseph's Home Open House

St. Joseph's Home of Springfield will host an OPEN HOUSE May 18, from 11AM-3PM, at 3306 S. 6th St. with tours at the top of every hour. There will be food, entertainment, and refreshments such as mimosas, soda, and bloody mary's. There will also be giveaway prizes.

Hearing Anew Speaking Anew

A retreat about men and for men, led by Fr. Richard Chiola, June 7-9 at the Chiara Center. This retreat begins with hearing Jesus with new clarity and ends with men being able to speak to others so as to be understood, integrating the head and the heart. Treat yourself, or give to a man in your life. For more information call 523-0901 or go to chiaracenter.org and click on Events.

11th Annual Fr. Franzen Memorial Golf Outing

June 9 at Edgewood Golf Course, Auburn. More information and downloadable brochure with registration form can be found on our website www.stjoschatham.org Proceeds are split to benefit 50% Priests Retired Fund and 50% Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission trip.

REFLECT Retreat

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on May 31-June 2, 2019. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

SHG SUMMER ACTIVITIES BOOK

Looking for summer camps for your kiddos? SHG Summer camps are just around the corner! Our 2019 Summer Activities Book is ONLINE now!
<http://bit.ly/SHGSummerActivitiesBook>.