

Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

New Alpha Course Beginning

Our next Alpha course is scheduled to begin on June 10. Alpha cannot be successful without your prayers and your invitations. Please take a few postcards and give them to any family, friends or coworkers who might enjoy learning a little about Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the great love God has for each of us. Not sure who to invite? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you someone who would be open to your invitation. To be able to prepare well for our guests we must ask for RSVPs. Seats are already filling so reserve your place today. Call the Cathedral office or register online at spicathedral.org/alpha/

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/>

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!

Cathedral Book Study

Please RSVP if you are interested in a book study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00. The chosen book is *Whispers From the Cross: Reclaiming the Church Through Personal Holiness*. Call the parish office or email Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org. All are welcome!

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

ADVOCACY - Legislative Update from Catholic Conference of IL – THANK YOU for writing to your state lawmakers urging them to vote no on the extreme abortion bills. Over 13,500 emails were sent through the CCI website! Both bills have been sent back to their original committees. With lawmakers returning to Springfield for the final month of the spring legislative session, the bills could pop out of committee at any time. If you have delayed in contacting your legislator, please do so now.

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.

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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

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.

Catholic Schools Appeal Kick-off Weekend Celebrating 36 Years - May 4-5, 2019

The 36th Annual Catholic Schools Appeal kicks off in area parishes this weekend, May 4-5. The proceeds from this appeal will be divided among the Springfield-area Parish elementary schools and Sacred Heart – Griffin. Last year, almost \$125,000 was raised! This coming week, parishioners will receive more information in the mail. Thank you for your prayers and financial support year after year that helps keep Catholic education as a viable option for our families no matter what their financial situation. Please continue your support, no gift is too small.

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.