

Sunday Announcements

Celebrate Sister Francella's 60th Anniversary as a Dominican Sister

Sat. Nov. 23rd after the 4 pm Mass.

Join us for a celebration! Sister Mary Francella Vyverman, OP is celebrating 60 years as a Dominican Sister this year and it is cause for celebration of her ministry and life's work! For nearly 40 years she taught primary grades throughout Illinois. Her pastoral ministry began with an assignment to St. Rita Parish, Kincaid (1996-1997) and from 2002 to the present she has been a pastoral minister here with us at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We hope you can join us!

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Did you know that First Step Women's Center shares the Good News of Jesus with their patients? You can help First Step continue to share hope and life to those in need when you return your baby bottle full of cash and checks next weekend!

The Theological and Canonical Aspects of the Sacrament of Marriage

In these two sessions, Father House will explore marriage in canon law and the Church's process for declaring a marriage null. Mondays, November 18th, and 25th - 7:00PM, Cathedral Atrium

Thanksgiving – A Perfect Opportunity to Invite Someone to Alpha!

Will you have a loved one at your Thanksgiving table who has stopped attending Mass? Or maybe you will be with a friend who always asks you questions about faith? Why not invite them to Alpha? Alpha is a no pressure opportunity to explore the Christian faith and connect, or reconnect, with Jesus in an atmosphere of warm hospitality. Each Alpha session includes a meal, a talk, and conversation. No cost, no obligation. The next course begins on Monday, January 13 at 6:30pm in the Cathedral school basement. Invitation post cards are at the church doors. Please take a few to share this holiday season.

Holy Family Food Pantry Drive

Our Cathedral family has been very generous in past years in providing food and other items to the Holy Family Food Pantry to include in the Thanksgiving Baskets they provide to needy families. Please bring items that you want to donate for the food baskets and place them in the donation area in the Atrium. DO NOT bring any perishable items to the Atrium as there is no provision to store those items properly. If you choose to donate money to the Holy Family Food Pantry toward the cost of the Thanksgiving Baskets, place the donation in an enveloped labeled FOOD PANTRY and place it in the collection basket at Mass. Do not place monetary donations in the Atrium collection boxes.

Novena in Honor of the Immaculate Conception

Beginning December 1st thru December 9th, the Cathedral will host the annual diocesan novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, our diocese, and the Cathedral Parish. Each night a different preacher will offer a homily on a different aspect of Marian theology and devotion. The novena is moved one day this year because December 8th falls on the Second Sunday of Advent resulting in the transfer of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception to December 9th. December 1st thru 8th - 7:00PM; Last Night and Closing Mass, December 9th – 5:15PM

Springfield Choral Society Presents "Messiah"*

The Cathedral is thrilled to once again host the Springfield Choral Society's presentation of Handel's "Messiah." This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available through the Springfield Choral Society or at the door the evening of the performance. Saturday, December 14th - 7:30PM @ Cathedral

Advent Lessons and Carols

On the evening of Gaudete Sunday, in the holy season of Advent, join Mark Gifford and the Cathedral Choir for an evening of Scripture, music, and prayer as we reflect on the two promised comings of Christ. Sunday, December 15th - 7:00PM @ Cathedral

Late Advent Holy Hour

Enjoy the peace and quiet during this prayerful hour spent before the Lord. Tuesday, December 17 - 7:00pm @ Cathedral

Annual DCJH Appeal - November 23-24, 2019

Next weekend is the annual collection for the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH). Donations make it possible to provide hope and assistance of food, clothing, housing, education and medication to local people living in poverty. 100% of your contribution stays within our Diocese. Please promote this collection and encourage parishioners to give generously.

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March for Life – Chicago

The Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries is coordinating a bus to the March for Life – Chicago, January 10-11, 2020. Information about the event can be found at: <https://www.dio.org/plasm/events.html>. If you are interested in attending, contact Donna at 217-698-5800, ext 161 by December 2nd.

Advent Lunch and Learn

St Joseph Worker parish in Chatham hosts an Advent Lunch & Learn that consists of a simple soup/bread/etc. lunch followed by a series of Advent reflections on the Tuesdays prior to Christmas. This year, Fr. Dominic Rankin will speak about the three gifts of the magi; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. December 3, 10, 17 – 12:05, O'Hara Hall

St. Aloysius Parish Mission

Discipleship One Step at a Time, December 1-4, 2019. Fr John Petrikovc will be our Spiritual Director. He is a wonderful, dynamic priest in the full-time Ministry of Preaching & Evangelization. Fr. John is a member of the St. Augustine Province of the Capuchin Franciscans (serving the Middle Atlantic States) and resides at his Province's St. Ambrose Friary in Baltimore, MD. The presentations will be at 7:00 PM on the evenings of December 2, 3 and 4 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).

Running for Life Runners Prolife Team

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki is seeking sponsors for his November 24, 2019 Tulsa Route 66 Marathon run. Proceeds are to benefit the Life Runners team. More information on the team is available at: www.liferunners.org. To pledge go to www.dio.org/marathon or call 217-698-8500 to have a pledge form mailed to you.

Planning Study Update – Last Chance to Respond

This week will be your last chance to participate in the diocese planning study survey. You can read about the proposed diocesan plans to support the education of our seminarians by following the website link below. You may complete the survey online by going to www.dio.org/seminariancampaign and entering the password study, or you may attend one of the final focus group meetings scheduled for this week:

- Monday, November 18, 7:00 pm, Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield 62704
- Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 pm, Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield 62704

African Ensemble of Central Illinois

Join us Sunday, Nov. 24th at St. Agnes Church in Springfield, IL (245 N. Amos Ave.) for the African Ensemble of Central IL performance and celebration. Prelude African Music begins at 11AM and Mass will begin at 11:30AM and a reception of a "Taste of Africa" will be available after Mass. All are welcome to join. This event is coordinated by St. Agnes Church Social Concerns Committee.

December 3rd - International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, is December 3rd and has been annually observed around the world since 1992. The day aims to promote awareness, understanding, and support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. The theme for 2019 is 'Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda'. On this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, pray those living with disabilities will not experience barriers but be treated with dignity and given equal opportunities. For more information go to the following website:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december.html>