

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!

The Theological and Canonical Aspects of the Sacrament of Marriage

In this four-part series, Father Rankin will explore the theological and scriptural foundations of marriage in the Church in sessions one and two. In sessions three and four, Father House will explore marriage in canon law and the Church's process for declaring a marriage null.

Mondays, November 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th - 7:00PM,
Cathedral Atrium

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Did you know that you can conveniently use your favorite social media or email to raise funds? It's easy! Learn more at www.CVultureOfLifeSpringfield.org You can help First Step Women's Center continue to offer safe, caring medical services when you return your baby bottle on Nov. 23-24.

Alpha – Again?

Do you wonder why you keep reading about Alpha in the Cathedral Weekly? It's because we are changing the culture of Cathedral parish and Alpha is one of our essential tools. We are striving to be more mission minded, which means we take seriously Christ's command to Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. That means we need to help people encounter Jesus and experience conversion. Alpha is helping us to do this. Thanks be to God, many of our guests have recommitted their lives to following Christ. One of our guests discovered that God has been calling her for a long time and has joined RCIA. This kind of conversion cannot happen without you! You must not be afraid to invite family, friends and coworkers to learn more about the difference Christ can make in their lives. Alpha invites are available at all the church entrances. Please pray about who you can invite. And if you would like to serve on the team, we'll be happy to have you. For more information contact Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or 522-3342.

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. We encourage your donations again this year as you are able. 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 perishable items, please take them directly to the Holy Family Food Pantry at 120 S 11th Street between 11am - 1 pm from November 4-25. 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.

Bereavement Ministry

Cathedral parish will begin hosting Grief Share, a weekly grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us beginning Thurs., Nov. 7, 1:00-3:00pm in the Cathedral School Library. For more information contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com

Washington Street Mission

The Washington Street Mission has made it known to Sister Francella, OP the great need for sleeping bags and suitcases on wheels. We are asking for clean, gently used sleeping bags and suitcases. There will be boxes in the atrium and foyer where these things can be placed.

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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

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.

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.

FREE LUNCHEON - Luncheon4Life

Join us Friday, November 15, 11:30am-1:30, Old Bakery Beer Company, 400 Landmarks Blvd., Alton. Chuck Raymond, facilitator of the Project Joseph healing ministry for men after abortion, will be the guest speaker. Send RSVP to or call Joan Kane 618-781-5107, by November 10th. Luncheons4Life is a grass roots luncheon designed to bring together like-minded, life affirming people to network.

Planning Study Update – Please Participate!

Many continue to respond to the planning study survey. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki wants to hear your feedback too. You can read about the proposed diocesan plans to support the education of our seminarians at www.dio.org/seminariancampaign. Enter the password "study" to complete the online survey by clicking on the appropriate link. If online surveys do not appeal to you, please attend one of these Focus Group meetings to learn more and share your thoughts:

- Monday, November 11, 7:00 pm, St. Boniface Church, 110 N. Buchanan St., Edwardsville, 62025
- 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