

Sunday Announcements

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.

Bereavement Ministry

Cathedral hosts a weekly bereavement group, Grief Share, on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 (except 11/28 and 12/26) in the Cathedral School Library. Grief Share offers a faith filled opportunity to grieve and heal in company with others. You are most welcome to join us at any time. For more information contact Berni Ely at 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com

Baby Bottle Boomerang

On behalf of First Step Women's Center thank you for returning your baby bottles filled with cash and checks! **If you forgot to return the bottle please do so soon.** Each bottle costs \$1.14 so please return the bottle even if it's empty. May God bless you for your concern for vulnerable women and babies!

Thanksgiving – A Perfect Opportunity to Invite Someone to Alpha!

*Turkey - Stuffing - Mashed potatoes - Cranberry - Pumpkin pie
-Alpha Invites!*

Don't forget to take a few Alpha invite cards home with you to share with family and friends who might need a prompt to return to or discover Christ. If you are open to extending an invitation, the Lord will show you who to invite.

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

Rorate Coeli Mass

Join us on Saturday, December 14th at 7am for Cathedral's first Rorate Coeli candlelit Mass in honor of Our Lady during Advent. The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the light of the world who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illuminated by the sun as our Faith is illuminated by Christ. All are welcome to join us for this special Mass!

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

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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.

Light a Candle

The Staab Family invites you to "Light A Candle of Love, a Service of Remembrance at Holiday Time" on Sunday, December 1, at 2pm at the Cathedral Atrium. This annual service provides a message of hope, as well as encouragement on how to cope with grief during the holidays. You are encouraged to bring a small framed photo of your loved one for display on our Memory Table. For more information call 528-6461.

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. 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).

Deck the Halls

Join Little Flower Parish Choir for "Deck the Halls" a concert of choral music featuring new settings of favorite holiday songs. December 6th at 7PM

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.

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>

SHG PREVIEW NIGHT

On Thursday, December 5, from 6:00- 7:30 p.m., you're invited to come and see what life is like at SHG, meet teachers and students, and check out our beautiful school in a self- guided or personal tour! This event is free and open to 5th-8th grade students, transfer students, and their parents or guardians who are interested in learning more about what makes Sacred Heart-Griffin a great school for students to learn and grow. For more information or to set up a Shadow Day, contact Amanda Mandeville, Director of Enrollment Management and Communications, at mandeville@shg.org or 217-787-9732.

Springfield Evangelists of the Mother of Eucharist and Grace

Have you even felt a desire to console the Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, or to give much deserved tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother? If so, please join us, the Springfield evangelists of the Mother of Eucharist and Grace (S-MEG), in praying the the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary, and other prayers to console Our Lord and His Mother for the wounds inflicted by the lack of belief and disrespect for Jesus' real presence in the Holy Eucharist. We meet on the first Sunday of each month at St. Joseph's Home chapel (on December 1st this month). The Home is located behind Little Flower Church, at 3306 South Sixth Road in Springfield. We meet at 3:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m. (Please try to be there by 2:45 p.m., so that we can start promptly at 3:00 p.m. and be finished at 4:10 p.m.) For further information, please call Rose at (217) 787-8826.