

# Sunday Announcements

## **CCCW Cookie Walk Donations!!**

Are you interested in helping bake cookies or candies for our guests at the upcoming Cathedral Cookie Walk? The ladies of the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women would love to offer a variety of festive goodies and your help would be greatly appreciated. We will be accepting cookies and candies December 12th and December 13th from 10 AM to 7 PM. Please enclose the name of your cookies or candies and any special ingredients of note (for example, nuts, peanut butter, etc.). Thank you!

## **Christ Child Shower**

The Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery and the Pregnancy Care Center depend on donations of clothing, personal care items, certain food items and cash donations to provide needed care and services to the at-risk children and pregnant women they serve. Please help us to make Christmas brighter for these young families by placing your donated items in the blue Christ Child Shower collections boxes located in the vestibule and Atrium (place cash/gift card donations in the Offertory collection basket). The list of needed items is attached to each collection box. The Christ Child Shower extends through December 20th.

## **Alpha Starting January 13**

Prayerfully consider who you might invite to learn more about the Christian faith. Alpha invitations are available at all church entrances. Take as many as you need. For more information contact Vicki Compton at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or 522-3342.

## **Habitat Open House & Dedication**

2240 East Enterprise, Grandview  
The Fall Catholic Build – Habitat Build # 111 is almost finished! Due to the volume of supporters and donors, we are offering a 'soft' Open House, Sunday, December 15, 2-4pm, at the house, 2240 East Enterprise, Grandview. Come tour the home and meet Kimeka Robinson, our future Homeowner. Parking is not allowed on Enterprise Street, so please park on Wolf Street and walk to the house. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Habitat, by December 11, at [development@habitatsangamon.com](mailto:development@habitatsangamon.com) or 217-523-2710. Dedication for this build is Wednesday, December 18, 4pm, with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. Parking is not allowed on Enterprise Street, so please park on Wolf Street, and walk to the house. A 'welcome home' shower will take place immediately after the Dedication. Kimeka is registered at Target.

## **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 Fr. Rankin, the Cathedral Choir and others for an evening of Scripture, music, and prayer as we reflect on the 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

## **Carols at Noon**

All are welcome to join us at 12 PM on December 26th for our annual Carols at Noon. Mark Gifford will provide us holiday carols on the Cathedral organ.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:jackandberni96@yahoo.com)

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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

## **SHG JUNIOR POMS CAMP 2020**

The SHG Golden Angel Poms will be hosting a Junior Poms Camp on Saturday, January 4th from 10am-1pm at the SHG East Campus. Campers will also be performing with the Golden Angels during halftime of the SHG Boys Basketball game that night. All Pre-K-8th Graders are invited to register! Email [jugan@shg.org](mailto:jugan@shg.org) to receive a registration form or visit the SHG Facebook page. GO CYCS! \*\*Walk-ins are welcome the day of camp, but pre-registration by Friday, December 20th is required to guarantee a t-shirt\*\*

## **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.