

Sunday Announcements

Reflection on The Baptism of the Lord, Feast – Sunday, January 12th, 2020

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7. Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10. Acts 10:34-38. Matthew 3:13-17.

No Partiality. Saint Peter declares this truth: God shows no partiality. God may be my God, but God does not love me – or only mine – the best. God is not only on my side. God is on every side. God loves everyone and everything. On this day recalling the Baptism of Jesus, we cherish our own Baptism into him. Baptism calls us to discipleship and to mission.

How will I, like Jesus, go about doing good this day?

How will I, like Jesus, bring forth justice – even in some small way?

How will I be at peace?

The Christmas Season ends with the Baptism of the Lord. Winter Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 13th.

The Gospel of Matthew

Beginning with the new church year in Advent, the majority of the year's Sunday Gospel readings will be taken from Matthew. Join Father Friedel as he explores the structure and themes of this gospel.

Tuesdays, January 14th, 21st, and 28th - 7:00PM

ALPHA is NOW

The next Cathedral Alpha course begins on Monday, January 13th, @ 6:30pm in the school basement and it's not too late for you to join us. Register at

<https://spicathedral.org/alpha/> or by calling the parish office at 217-522-3342. Take advantage of this opportunity to encounter Christ anew! And bring a friend. You are WELCOME!

Habitat Unity Build

Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a fall 2020 Unity Build. People from all faiths and walks of life will unite to partner with a Habitat family to build a house this fall. If you'd like to be part of the discussion and planning, please attend a brown bag lunch meeting on Tuesday, January 21st at the Habitat office at 2744 South Sixth, West Entrance.

9 Days for Life

9 Days for Life (January 21-29, 2020) is a novena for the protection of human life. Participants can receive novena prayers each day by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages at: <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020/>.

Each day there is an intention accompanied by a short reflection and suggested action to help build a culture of life.

Recharge Your Spirit with a "Come and SEE" Weekend

Catholic women 18-35 are welcome to recharge with the Dominican Sisters during the next "Come and See" weekend, January 31st - February 2nd, 2020, at Sacred Heart Convent, 1237 W. Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62704. The all-expense-paid weekend (exclusive of travel) begins 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 31st and concludes at Noon Sunday, February 2nd. Those who can stay a bit longer will enjoy "Uncovering the Light of the Gospel," a look at three of the sisters' most exciting ministries. This is scheduled for 1:00-3:30 p.m., February 2nd. More details and registration can be found at springfieldop.org/join-us/come-and-see, or contact Sister Denise Glazik, OP, vocation director, at 217-787-0481 x. 6021.

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Epic: The Early Church, from Ascension Press

The second study in the Epic Church history series, The Early Church is a 10-part program that presents in exciting and dramatic detail the first 500 years of the Church through the lives and events of the saints, philosophers, theologians, martyrs, and ruthless emperors. Please join us for this exciting series, starting on Wednesday, January 15th. As we wrap up the series before Easter, we'll see this history come alive in the readings from the Acts of the Apostles at Mass. We meet in the Christ the King Parish Hall library from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The student workbook will cost \$25. Contact Mary Kay Hinkle at mbhinkle75@comcast.net or 217-787-9750 to reserve your spot.

St. Joseph the Worker Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

St. Joseph the Worker, Chatham invites you to their annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast and Bake Sale on Sunday, January 19th. Serving from 8:00am-1:00pm. Cost for Adults is \$7, Children aged 4-11 \$4 and Children under 4 are FREE. All you can eat! Get \$1 off per ticket if you buy ahead at the Parish Office. Call 217-483-3772 for more information. Address is 700 E. Spruce St.

St. Thomas' 12th Annual Wine Tasting (Newton)

This event featuring a variety of wines will be held on Saturday, January 25th, 2020 at 6:30pm. at the Newton Knights of Columbus Hall, Newton, IL. Your \$10.00 minimum per adult donation will go to the St. Thomas' Angels Group who provides many outreach services for their parish and community. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Sponsored by Donnewald Distributing Co., Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Angels.

St. Joseph the Worker Trivia Night (Chatham)

Please join St. Joseph the Worker on January 25th, 2020 for an evening of "Fun and Triviality"! Proceeds from this annual Trivia Night fundraiser help to defray the cost associated with our youth who will be participating in the 2020 Catholic Heart Work Camp. The cost is \$10 per person or \$100 per table of ten. Pizza and drinks will also be available for purchase. No outside alcohol please. Doors open at 6:30pm with trivia beginning with Russ Friedewald at 7:00pm. To reserve your table call the church office at 217-483-3772 or email sjwchatham1@gmail.com. Address is 700 E. Spruce St., Chatham. Contact Andrea Conlon about sponsorships via email at ajconlon95@gmail.com or by phone at (217)652-6574.

Facing Homelessness – An Art Exhibit

Helping Hands clients and local artists have partnered to create portraits of people experiencing homelessness in our community. Free and open to the public, the exhibit runs through January 23rd.

Christ the King Parish - Financial Peace University

Are you ready to take control of your money? Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-lesson course designed to help you build a budget, dump debt, grow your wealth, and leave money stress behind! Each lesson, taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts, is based on biblical wisdom and common sense. In your FPU group, you'll be motivated and encouraged by others just like you! When you sign up for FPU, you'll get your member workbook and one free year of Financial Peace Membership, with access to exclusive online tools to help you on your journey. FPU will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning February 5th at 7:00pm in the Christ the King Parish Center. Contact Ann Forrlor (217-725-8414 or 217-546-4326) or Maria Troxell (217-415-2572) for more info.

2nd St. Thomas School Trivia Night (Newton)

All are welcome to join us Saturday, Feb 8th at 7:30pm, doors open at 6:00pm at the St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton, IL. Tables are \$160 for a team of 8 and all individuals must be over 21 years old. Fun trivia questions, cash prizes, silent and live auction, games, food and more! Pulled pork and chips available for an at-will donation and beverages available for purchase. For questions or to register contact Jill Bierman or Lori Smith at St. Thomas School at 618-783-3517.

St. Aloysius School Open House

You are invited to attend our 2020-2021 Open House at St. Aloysius School on Wednesday, February 12th, 6:30-8:00pm. Mrs. Denise Reavis, along with our Pre-K through 8th grade teachers will welcome parents to classrooms to see where their children will learn and how they will be taught. Music, Art, Computer, and PE teachers will also be on hand. Tours of the school will be provided. Mark your calendar now and come see all we have to offer at St. Aloysius School! All are welcome! Questions? Call Mrs. Denise Reavis at 217-544-4553 or visit www.saintaloyusius.org. Find Your True North at St. Aloysius!