

Sunday Announcements

Lessons and Carols Cancelled

Lessons and Carols, scheduled for Sunday, January 5th, has been cancelled. Please watch the Sunday Announcements, Cathedral Website, and/or Cathedral Facebook Pages for other upcoming music events.

Thank you from the CCCW

The CCCW would like to thank everyone who helped make our cookie walk a great success by baking delicious sweets and purchasing our cookies and candies. We appreciate your continued support.

Thank you from First Step Women's Center

This fall through the Baby Bottle Boomerang over \$30,000 was raised to help First Step move into a larger, more professional facility. The new facility will allow 3 times as many at-risk mothers to receive counseling and support. Cathedral parishioners donated \$619 towards this campaign. Precious lives will be saved because of your generosity. If you still have your baby bottle, throw in a little more cash and return it to the parish! Thank you for supporting women and babies!

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

Millikin University Choir

Sacred Sounds, Sacred Spaces at the Cathedral will host the Millikin University Choir January 8th at 7PM. This concert is FREE and open to the public.

Helping Hands Volunteers Planning Meeting

A team of faithful Cathedral volunteers has provided a home cooked meal each month to the men at the Helping Hands Homeless Shelter for 13 years. Anyone who would like to be a part of this volunteer group is invited to join us as we prepare for our 14th year of service. Those who do not cook can help in other ways. If you are interested in participating in this ministry to "feed the hungry", please join us for a 9:00 am breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2019 in the Cathedral School Hall. It is very important to attend this planning breakfast to meet with your group and plan meals for the entire year. Please RSVP by calling 487-7824 no later than January 8th.

Alpha Course at Cathedral – A chance to explore a relationship with Jesus

Are you someone who might enjoy learning a little more about Christianity? Have you or a friend drifted away from the faith? Why not try Alpha? Alpha is a no pressure opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an atmosphere of warm hospitality. Each Alpha session includes a meal, a talk, and conversation. No cost, no obligation. If you or someone you know is interested, the next course begins on Monday, January 13 at 6:30pm in the Cathedral school basement. Please make sure to RSVP at 522-3342 or vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or online at <https://spicathedral.org/alpha/> You are welcome!

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Trivia Night- The Pregnancy Care Center

The Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. and Trivia Workshop invites you to attend Trivia Night on January 11, 2020 at the Prairie Heart Dove Conference Center from 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, or \$160 for a table of 8. Bring your own snacks. There will be soda, water, beer and wine available for purchase. Registration for the event can be done by calling the Center at 525-5630.

Catholic Times Annual Subscription Renewal

It's time to renew your annual subscription to The Catholic Times! Renewals will be collected in a special collection on the weekend of January 11 and 12.

St. Raymond K. of C. Annual Fried Chicken Dinner

The St. Raymond K. of C. Council #4696 will hold their Annual Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, January 12, 2020, in the Raymond K. of C. Hall. Serving will be from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, dessert, and a drink. Adults are \$10.00, children 12 & under are \$5.00, and pre-school age children are free. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will also be Drive-Thru service and carry-outs available.

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 15. 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 a.m. The student workbook will cost \$25. Contact Mary Kay Hinkle at mbhinkle75@comcast.net or 217-787-9750 to reserve your spot.

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.

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.

2nd St. Thomas School Trivia Night (Newton)

All are welcome to join us Saturday, Feb 8th at 7:30pm, doors open at 6pm 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 12, 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.saintaloyisus.org. Find Your True North at St. Aloysius!