

Sunday Announcements

Special Announcement

On January 1st, 2020, we will only have the 9:00am Mass. There will be no 7:00am or 5:15pm Mass. The Parish Office will be closed and there will be no confessions.

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.

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.

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!

Season Two of Dive Deep Podcast

Season two Dive Deep, the official podcast of Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, has launched. Join Andrew Hansen, Amber Cerveny, and Father Christopher House as they explore interesting and controversial topics surrounding our faith. Diving deep into Season two, they explore what the Catholic Church says about ghosts and aliens, what are the last four things, annulments, why Archbishop Fulton Sheen’s beatification Mass in Peoria was postponed, the 10 things you didn’t know about Christmas, and much more. Go to dio.org/podcast and click “listen and subscribe.” Each Friday, a new episode will be available. You can also find the podcast on your favorite podcast platform, such as Apple Podcast, Google Podcast, Spotify and Overcast, among others. Just search “Dive Deep Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.”

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Facing Homelessness – An Art Exhibit

Helping Hands clients and local artists have partnered to create portraits of people experiencing homelessness in our community. The Springfield Art Association will host an opening reception on Friday, January 3, from 5:30-7:30 at the SAA gallery, 700 N Fourth St. Free and open to the public, the exhibit runs through January 23rd.

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 to receive a registration form or visit the SHG Facebook page. GO CYCS! **Walk-ins are welcome the day of camp.**

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.

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.

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Did you know that obtaining a Certificate in Catechesis from the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) satisfies all the requirements for advanced level certification in the diocesan Catechist Formation Process? Classes for the next cycle are open now and include several of the required courses for the certificate. Visit <https://www.dio.org/catechesis/vlcff.html> for more information about VLCFF and how courses align with the Diocesan Catechist Formation Process.

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.

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.