

Sunday Announcements

From Ashes to Easter

Please take a copy of *From Ashes to Easter, Our Lenten Journey With Pope Francis*, which is available at the church doors. This resource will assist you on your Lenten journey of conversion with a daily Scripture verse and reflection from Pope Francis. There are also a limited number of Lenten calendars for the children of our parish.

Lenten Toiletry Collection

For the past two years, thanks to the generosity of Cathedral parishioners, the CCCW has been able to provide Birthday Blessing bags to more than 80 people each year - and they were greatly appreciated! We ask for your help once again in providing items to allow us to continue providing Birthday Blessing Bags. The following items can be placed in the marked basket in the Atrium during the Lenten season:

- Travel size toiletries and lotions, or those provided when staying at a hotel;
- Combs;
- Tissue packets;
- Emery boards;
- Toothbrushes and small tubes of toothpaste;
- New or gently used gift bags(approx. 8"x10")

Please note, shaving items, mouthwash and hand sanitizer cannot be accepted. The received items, along with a new pair of socks, are assembled into Birthday Blessing Bags for residents of Aperion Care on Martin Luther King Drive and the homebound parishioners that Sister Francella ministers to and visits. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

40 Days for Life: The Beginning of the End of Abortion

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. 40 Days for Life's mission is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. If you are interested in joining 40 Days for Life in their daily peaceful vigil outside Planned Parenthood from February 26th to April 5th, please visit SpringfieldRTL.org/40-days-for-life-sign-up/.

Little Flower Lenten Fish Fry

Join the Little Flower Men's Club for their 23rd Annual Lenten Fish Fry! Fridays throughout Lent (February 28th through April 3rd) from 5:00pm to 7:30pm in the Little Flower Parish Center. Dine in, carry out, and drive thru options are available. Adult meals are \$9, and kids meals are \$5. Beverages and desserts will also be available for purchase.

Riverton Knights of Columbus Marian Council Fish Frys

Join the men of the Riverton K of C on March 6th, March 20th, and April 3rd from 4:30pm to 7:00pm for Lenten fish frys! The events are held at the Knights of Columbus Grounds, 335 S. 4th Street, Riverton, IL. Carry out is available. Visit www.kofc3914.com for more information.

Women's Day of Recollection

The first Women's Day of Recollection of the year will be this coming Thursday, February 27 at Sacred Heart Church (730 S. 12th St., Springfield), from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. There will be two meditations given by a priest and a 30-minute period for silent Adoration between the meditations. The ladies may take advantage of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spiritual direction during this time, as well as following the Recollection. All women throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature Opus Dei.

CCCW Meeting

The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00pm in the Cathedral School Hall. All women of the parish are welcome!

Bishop Robert Barron's Newest Study Program: The Mass

Join Christ the King Parish on Sundays, March 1st through April 5th from 6:00pm-7:30pm in Roesch Hall for Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program. The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. A \$20.00 fee covers the whole session. Contact Susan Brinkoetter for more information at a.brinkoetter@comcast.net.

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Praying with the 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 March 1 this month). St. Joseph's 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.) Please join us as we gather before the Blessed Sacrament to offer love and tribute to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother! For further information, please call Rose at 217-787-8826.

It's Mostaccioli Dinner Time!

SHG's 61st annual Mostaccioli Dinner, presented by HSHS St. John's Hospital, will be held Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 11:00am – 6:00pm at SHG's West Campus. This year's dinner will feature more family-friendly activities than ever before, so bring your kids, bring your grandkids! Dinner features dine in or carry out meals (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under), \$10K Raffle, Video Gaming Trailer, 2 enormous obstacle courses, 2 magic shows, balloon animals, special guests from SHG's musical, Mary Poppins, children's games GALORE, wonderful exhibitors, wine wall, beer and bags, freshly baked pizzelles and baked goods. Are you a baker? We are always in need of donations of baked goods and pizzelles.

Contact shgpizzellecookies@gmail.com to sign up to help make pizzelles or jenniferturley371@gmail.com for more information on providing baked goods. Contributions also welcome for the wine wall. E-mail reavy@shg.org for more information. Thank you for supporting your local Catholic high school, Sacred Heart-Griffin!

Father Michael Gaitley is Coming to Blessed Sacrament

Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, is the director of evangelization for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and the director of formation for the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy. He will be speaking at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday, March 19 from 7-8 pm on the topic of "God the Father". Father Gaitley is the best-selling author of "33 Days to Morning Glory", "Consoling the Heart of Jesus", "The One Thing is Three", "You Did It To Me" and creator of the All Hearts Afire parish-based programs. Father Gaitley will be speaking on his newest book "33 Days to Greater Glory: A Total Consecration to the Father through Jesus based on the Gospel of John" and will offer a book signing after the event. Please mark your calendars for this incredible opportunity our parish has been blessed with. For more information, contact Morgan Ambrose at ambrose@bssbruins.org

Living Stations - St. Joseph the Worker (Chatham)

St. Joseph the Worker invites the public to come witness, remember and reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ as our youth bring to life this contemporary version of the Stations of the Cross. You will not want to miss this moving performance! Friday, March 20 at 7:00pm. Address: 700 E. Spruce St., Chatham, IL. For questions, please call the parish office at 217-483-3772.

Building a Monastery of the Heart Weekend Retreat

How can we experience the peace and prayerfulness that exists in monasteries? A growing number of people are rediscovering a 6th century text known as The Rule of St. Benedict. With its emphasis on listening, community-and-consensus-building, hospitality, humility, simplicity, prayer, and praise, the monastic Rule offers timeless wisdom and practices for living a more balanced life. This is a retreat for both the spiritual seeker and those who already have a faith tradition. The Retreat also includes the experience of Compline (evening chanted prayer) in St. Francis of Assisi Church. \$265 for overnight and \$175 for commuter per person. Reservations are required. 217-523-0901. March 20th-22nd at the Chiara Center