

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

### **CCCW Clothing Sale - POSTPONED**

We are saddened to announce that we have decided to postpone the CCCW Clothing Sale in addition to the annual CCCW Garage Sale. A new date for either sale has not yet been determined. However, the CCCW is still accepting donations for both sales. If you would like to arrange pick-up or drop-off of items, please contact Lisa Duffey at the Parish Office at 217-522-3342.

### **Called & Gifted - Charism Discernment**

In February and March, before COVID slowed things down, the Weekly carried a series of articles about charisms. you can find these articles in the past Weeklys by visiting <https://spicathedral.org/about/cathedral-weekly/>.

As a reminder, at Baptism and Confirmation the Holy Spirit pours spiritual gifts into us. Some of these gifts are sanctifying gifts, meant for our own holiness; and some of these gifts are meant to manifest God's love and mercy to others. The catechism states Within the communion of the Church, the Holy Spirit "distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank" for the building up of the Church. (951) These special graces or gifts are called charisms.

Our charisms give us a special empowerment to bring God's redeeming love into the world. We don't use our charisms for our own gain or betterment, only for God's purposes or to serve others. Charisms bear three marks that allow us to recognize them with confidence.

1. An unmistakable inner experience of peace, energy and joy when you are using this gift.
2. Unusually effective and successful results in what you are trying to accomplish.
3. Other people's direct or indirect recognition of the gift's presence.

Charisms are profoundly and directly connected to our relationship with God and grow in power and purity as our relationship with God grows. In other words, you cannot begin to discern your charisms until you have "dropped your nets" to follow Christ.

If you are curious to discover what your charisms might be, we are forming small groups to participate in Called & Gifted charism discernment through the Siena Institute. The discernment process consists of three parts:

- The Called and Gifted workshop, which lays the foundation for the beginning of discernment. During the 5-week workshop series the participants will take the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory.
- A one hour gifts interview, an invaluable part of the process.
- Discernment in the real world in which you will develop a charism experiment and evaluate your results

Access to the workshop materials, digital or print, needs to be purchased from the Catherine of Siena Institute at <https://learning.siena.org/webstore/>. You do not need to pay for a Gifts Interview since Vicki Compton has been trained to do this and will provide it to parishioners at no cost.

If you are interested in discerning your charisms with a small group (social distancing respected) please contact Vicki at 217-522-3342 or [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org).

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### **Racial Understanding: A Path Forward - August 3 & 10 at 6:30 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Last September at the first of the "Learning Conversations" series, about 55 black and white people discussed racial issues through the Contemplative Dialogue process that we will once more utilize to continue this good work. The purpose of these four sessions is to bring people into relationship in order to seek new understanding of those who may be considered "other." We'll begin each night with a short key-note address by local leaders of racial understanding followed by small group discussions. These four dialogues will flow from what we know as the paschal mystery: the Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ. As such, the flow of these evenings will follow this line of progression in terms of our own racial journey in today's culture. To participate and receive a Zoom invitation, send an email to [dfrachey@chiaracenter.org](mailto:dfrachey@chiaracenter.org) by 4 p.m. on July 20. Please mention "Racial Understanding."

### **Rachel's Vineyard: A Journey of Healing After Abortion**

You are not alone. If you feel trapped by a past abortion, come journey with us and feel free again on August 7th-9th at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. For more information, please call Donna Moore at 217-698-8500 ext 161. To register, please visit [www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html](http://www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html)

### **Calling for Stories**

Add your voice: share a story related to this year's Respect Life theme - *Live the Gospel of Life: To Imitate Christ and Follow in His Footsteps*. Stories may be about the impact of the respect life movement, adoption, helping another, choosing life, or about a vocation. Articles should be approximately 150-200 words. Photos, if available, should be high resolution (300 dpi) digital format.

Please email your submission to [dmoore@dio.org](mailto:dmoore@dio.org) or mail your submission by August 15 to:  
Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries  
1615 W. Washington St.  
Springfield, Illinois 62702

### **Fr. Franzen Memorial Golf Outing**

The public is invited to join St. Joseph the Worker for our 12th Annual Fr. Franzen Memorial Golf Tournament at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn, IL. This event has been rescheduled for September 27. Details and an updated brochure can be found on our website: <https://www.stjoschatham.org/fr--franzen-memorial-golf-outing>.

### **Live the Gospel of Life**

Join Bishop Paprocki in the Diocesan Respect Life Mass and Rosary Walk on October 10, 2020, at Holy Family Church, 2606 Washington Avenue, Granite City, Illinois. Mass begins at 9:00am, celebrated by Bishop Paprocki, with the Rosary Walk, Prayer Vigil, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following at 10:15am. After the Vigil and Benediction, lunch will be provided at Holy Family Church with Guest Speaker Cara Paschal, Executive Director of Thrive Metro-East. This event is supported by the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. To ensure the health of all attendees, guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control and the Thomistic Institute at the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. will be followed.

### **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**

Please join the Springfield Right to Life for a prayer service on Saturday, September 12, 2020, from 11 am to 12 pm to honor the children whose lives have been taken too soon by abortion. This will be a solemn memorial service in memory of God's precious children. It will take place in front of Planned Parenthood, the very location that ends these innocent children's lives for the sake of selfishness, convenience, and greed. White crosses will be placed on the city property between the sidewalk and the street. Pastors and prayer warriors will be invited to speak. Those who wish to bring flowers to place by the crosses are encouraged to do so. Lawn chairs are welcome. Cold bottled water will be provided.