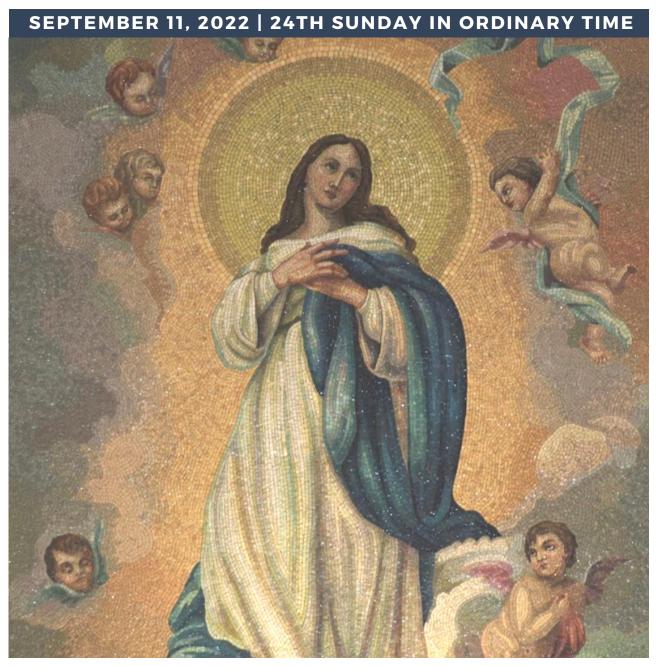
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Sunday Masses

Saturday - 4:00pm Sunday - 7:00am, 10:00am, & 5:00pm **Weekday Masses**

Monday through Friday - 7:00am & 5:15pm Saturday - 8:00am

Reconciliation

Monday through Friday - 4:15pm-5:00pm Saturday - 9:00am-10:00am & 2:30pm-3:30pm Sunday - 4:00pm-4:45pm

Adoration

Tuesday & Thursday - 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Welcome to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception!

On behalf of our bishop, the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, our parishioners, deacons, and priests, we welcome you to the mother church of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

The seat of the diocese was moved to Springfield from Alton in 1923. In the same year, "Old St. Mary's" church of Immaculate Conception Parish was named as the pro-cathedral of the new diocese until this cathedral church was built and dedicated in 1928. Currently, our diocese comprises twenty-eight counties in central Illinois, serving over 140,000 members of the Catholic faithful.

We hope that your visit to our Cathedral is one of grace and beauty and that you feel at home in the mother church. We also hope that you will find this edition of the Cathedral Weekly to be both informative and spiritually enriching. May God bless you and yours!

RECTOR'S COLUMN





Precepts of the Church - Part III Revisited

Having paused our reflections on the Precepts of the Church for one week (I hope the clarification on the status of some of our priests was helpful), let us return to the topic at hand – the second Precept of the Church: Confession of serious sins at least once a year.

Although I did not plan it this way, our continued reflection on the sometimes difficult topic of confession falls on a Sunday in which the Church provides us probably the most powerful of Jesus's teaching on His mercy, the Parable of the Prodigal Son. I do not want to focus too much on that parable in this article, as that is what the homily is for, just to make note of it and to keep the story in our minds as we consider the Father and the great mercy He offers to us as His beloved children in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

One point that I will highlight from this story is the line where the younger son prepares what he is going to say when he returns to his father's house. We can see in this rehearsal a model for us as we prepare to return to the Father's house in the sacrament. Preparation is key! Trust me, we hear a lot of confessions at the Cathedral and it is evident that the best confessions are those when it is clear that somebody has made a good preparation beforehand. Without preparation, we risk not confessing some of the sins that we should confess. There is a difference between not being able to recall a sin after a good preparation and simple negligence by not doing any significant preparation. A good preparation is all the more necessary if it has been some time since our last confession. A lack of preparation could result in a very vague confession which only speaks in general terms, which is not very beneficial, or we could find ourselves rambling on without much direction – also not very beneficial.

So how should we prepare? I highly recommend finding a good Examination of Conscience to review. A quick Internet search will certainly return many options. Then, ask the Holy Spirit to help you as you examine your conscience. If you need to, make a list that you can bring into the confessional. Do not underestimate how unreliable our memory can be, especially when we have our nerves running high once we step into the confessional! I have heard some people say that making a list is unnecessary, or not advisable out of a fear that somebody might find the list. But if making a list helps you to make a good confession, by all means, go for it. Full transparency – I make a list every time I go to confession. When you are done, destroy the list - shred it or burn it. When it comes time for making your confession, please stick to your sins. Please do not confess the sins of another person. You can only take ownership for your own sins. Confessing our sins does not need a story, either. As a priest I know said one time: "if you feel the need to explain it, you might just be making excuses instead of just taking ownership and confessing your sins." Plus, we want to be respectful of the time of those who are in line behind us. Doing a good preparation will enable the flow of the line go much more efficiently. Not that efficiency is an end in itself, but it is a sign of good courtesy toward your fellow penitents.

So as you think and pray about your relationship with confession, let me gently encourage you to examine how well you prepare for your confession. If you truly take the time to do a good preparation, I can guarantee you will benefit greatly from this sacrament the next time you go. And that experience may well help you to embrace this gift of the Father's mercy in a new way, such that you are eager to make use of it more frequently as one of the most effective means of truly growing in holiness.

Father Alford is the Rector of the Cathedral and serves in the diocesan curia as the Vicar for Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 12

7am - Aileen Ford (Sandra Dangelo) 5:15pm - Erma Bartoletti (Estate)

Tuesday, September 13

7am - Diana Runge (Jim & Sandy Bloom) 5:15pm - Mary Acuna (Family)

Wednesday, September 14

7am - Mary Jane Kerns (Estate) 5:15pm - William F. Logan (Lisa Logan & Lori Logan Motyka)

Thursday, September 15

7am - Cathy Furkin (Family) 5:15pm - Josephine Beagles (Berni Ely)

Friday, September 16

7am - Betty Rogers (Glen Rogers) 5:15pm - Living & Deceased Members of the Patterson Family (Family)

Saturday, September 17

8am - Louis Nicoud (Tim Nicoud) 4pm - Alice Bates (The Bates Family)

Sunday, September 18

7am - For The People 10am - Sophia Bartoletti (Estate) 5pm - Michael Acuna (Family)

CONTEMPLATION CORNER





The Theological Virtue of Hope

Last week we reflected on the theological virtue of faith. Today, I would like to reflect on the theological virtue of hope, a virtue by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, it is by putting our trust in Christ. Hope is conceivably the most challenging of the three theological virtues to understand. It can be depicted as an unwavering trust and assurance that the promises of God will be fulfilled. This trust is centered on Christ, who through his Death and Resurrection, has brought us the hope of salvation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the true nature and meaning of the theological virtue of hope. It states that, "Hope is the

theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. 'Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.' 'The Holy Spirit … he poured upon us richly through Jesus Christ Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life." (CCC, # 1817).

Living in the hope of resurrection is quite instrumental in the healing process during the bereavement. Without the hope of resurrection there is no belief in life after death. There is no immortality. It is the hope of resurrection that gives meaning to the afterlife. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, death is defeated, and eternal life is made sure. By raising Jesus from the dead, God promises all the faithful the same resurrection. In death, life is distorted, but in resurrection victory is triumphed. The question St. Paul asks," O' death where is your victory? O' death where is your sting? (I Cor 15: 55). As Christians, sometimes we might ask ourselves same questions especially, when someone close to us, when someone whom we loved so much, when someone who meant so much to us dies, we are deeply hurt, and our heart is troubled, and we begin to question everything. What is life? Why is death? Where is God?

More than all the avenues, the Church provides wonderful opportunities for healing. This does not mean that all the

bereaved families run to Church for comfort and encouragement. On the contrary, most grievers shy away from the Church, feeling at the time that God has betrayed or forsaken them. Where there is hope, there is no despair; where there is despair or hopelessness, there is no hope, but hope that human life cannot be invaded by despair. Despair can be understood as a momentarily psychological feeling that even affects the spiritual dimension of Christian life. Hope has the last word over despair. With hope, Christians participate to the vision of God, who is eternal life. Stories, such as the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, for example, make them feel like God has abandoned them, because if He was able to raise Lazarus why can't He also raise their own? Some of us can think like this. Christ is the only hope of the human person, and he endured the cross, suffered, died, and was raised. This is our Christian hope. Without hope, our Christian life would become meaningless. What we hope for is everlasting life. Our deceased brothers and sisters have joined whom they have served in their whole life. Now what we cannot see with our corporeal eye, our brothers and sisters are seeing it. This is what Saint John teaches us, "Beloved we are God's children now, what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do not know that when it is revealed to us, we shall see him as he is. everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure as he is pure." (1 Jn 3:2-3). Finally, I invite you to pray through the intercession of Saint John Paul II never to give up on Hope as he encourages us: "I plead with you, never ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not Afraid"

St. John Paul II pray for us.

Father Paul Lesupati serves as parochial vicar at the Cathedral.

Stewardship of Treasure September 3rd & 4th

Envelopes: \$6,333.00 Loose: \$2,955.00 <u>Maintenance: \$1,957.00</u> Total: \$11,245.00

August EFT: \$20,741.00

Online Giving: If you would like to extend a special gift to the Cathedral, please visit our website.
Our parish is grateful for your continued support.
Thank you!

Sacraments

Baptisms

Claire Danielle Penamante Tena Baptized on 08/28/2022 Child of Nelson Tena & Arshie Mae Penamante

Deaths

Dr. John P. "Jack" Navins MD Date of Death: 07/11/2022

CONTEMPLATION CORNER





Exultation of the Holy CrossFeast Day: September 14th

This week I draw our reflection directly from St. John Chrysostom (whom I wrote on last year, and who we celebrate on September 13th, AND being nicknamed golden-tongues, can do a far better job than I on preaching on the Cross of Christ!). Here is one of his homilies, from the 300s, simply entitled "On the Holy Cross".

The Cross of the Lord is unpleasant and sorrowful to the ear, but it consists of joy and gladness. It is the originator not so much of suffering as much as of passionlessness. For Jews the Cross is temptation, for pagans it is madness, but for us believers it reminds us of our salvation. When in church one reads about the Cross and one is reminded of the sufferings on the Cross, the faithful are indignant at the Cross and let out a plaintive wail and murmur not at the Cross but at the crucifiers and unbelievers. For the Cross is the salvation of the Church, the Cross is the praise of those who hope on it. The Cross has released us from the evil that possessed us and is the beginning of the blessings received by us. The Cross is the reconcilement of His enemies with God, the promise of sinners to Christ. For by the Cross we were freed from enmity and through the Cross we have become amiable to God. The Cross delivered us from the authority of the devil, the Cross saved us from death and destruction. The Cross changed human nature to the angelic, having released it from all that is corruptible, and have found lives worthy of immortality.

How great is the power of the Cross! How great is the change made by it in the human race! How from the deep darkness it has led us to the boundless light, from death it has restored us to eternal life, from corruption it has transferred us to incorruption. What good is not accomplished for us by means of the Cross? Through the Cross we learned piety and learned the properties of the Divine essence. Through the Cross we learn the truth about God, through the Cross we who were far from Him are united to Christ, and we become worthy of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Through the Cross we learn the power of love and we are taught to die for others. Through the Cross we are scorned and all what we do is not temporal, we search the blessings of the future and we accept the invisible as if seen. The Cross is preached, and the faith in God is confessed, His truth is spread throughout the universe. The Cross is preached, and the faith in the resurrection, the life and the kingdom of heaven is made without a doubt. What is more precious than the Cross and what is more saving for the soul? The Cross is the triumph over demons, the armor against sin and the sword with which the Lord has struck the snake. The Cross is the will of the Father, the glory of the Only-begotten, the joy of the Holy Spirit, the ornament of angels, the protection of the Church, the praise of St. Paul, the protection of the Saints, the lamp of all the world.

See, however desired and deservedly amiable the Cross is made today, it was the most terrible and shameful sign of the cruelest execution in antiquity! And the Cross makes the best ornament on the imperial crown, the most precious in all the world. The image of the Cross is now found on you, both masters and servants, both wives and husbands, both maidens and married, both slaves and free. All place the sign of the Cross on the noblest part of their body, daily carrying this sign on their forehead, as on a depicted pillar. It shines on a sacred meal, on the clothes of the priest and together with the Lord's body at the mystical supper. You see it lifted everywhere: on houses, in market-places, in the deserts, on the paths, on mountains and hills, on the sea, on ships, on islands, on boxes, on clothes, on armor, in the halls, on golden and silver vessels, in pictures, on the bodies of sick animals, on the bodies of the demon-possessed, in war, in the world, in the afternoon, at night, in festal assemblies and in the cells of the ascetics. Already no one is ashamed and does not blush at the thought that the Cross is a sign of a shameful death. To the contrary, all of us honor this as an adornment for ourselves, which has surpassed crowns and diadems and precious stones. Let us not run, let us not be frightened, but let us kiss and honor it as an invaluable treasure.

Fr. Dominic Rankin has been reminded, by this feast and homily, and many other recent moments, that he really needs to get the chain fixed for the cross he wore around his neck. It seems a little thing, but we are either marked with Christ's cross, or something else, and if it's anything else, it's not going to carry us to God.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Cathedral

Silver Rose

A Silver Rose on a nine-month pilgrimage will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on September 11th after the 10 am mass. The Silver Rose is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe for both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life.

The journey of the Silver Rose begins each year in March and ends on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During that time, Silver Roses travel from town to town along eight routes throughout North America. Several of those routes begin in Canada and end in Mexico. The Silver Rose Program began in 1960, when the first rose – a real, live one – was blessed by a bishop in Ontario. The rose then traveled to New York and then to Texas where it was taken across the border into Mexico. The rose ended its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. To better ensure future annual trips, a silver rose was ultimately made. Today, due to the popularity of the program throughout the North American continent, eight silver roses travel unique routes. In 2001, when Carl Anderson, Past Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, expanded the Silver Rose Program, he commented: "Through [the Silver Rose Program] we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the [Knights of Columbus], but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses." Faith in Action Life 10722 10/21

All members of the community are encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus on September 11th after the 10 am Mass to pray for a civilization of love and culture of life in our own country and throughout the world.

RCIA Introduction: Meet Joe King

Hello everyone! My name is Joe King. I came into the Catholic Church through RCIA and am eagerly awaiting my confirmation in the coming weeks. I am originally from Benton, IL a town in Southern Illinois about three hours from Springfield. I work for the Illinois Department of Public Health and have a Master's degree in Human Resources. Outside of work I like watching cheesy old movies with my friends and playing with my cats. I chose St. Ivo of Kermartin as my Confirmation Saint.



Come Watch The Chosen on the Cathedral's Big Screen

"IrThe Chosen is an 8-part drama depicting the life of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Join us in the atrium for Season 2, each Sunday afternoon, beginning October 23rd from 2:00pm-3:15pm to watch and discuss and reflect. The Chosen is suitable for all ages and everyone is welcome.

Second Collection - Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

As a diocese, we will soon take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. In his 2020 encyclical On FrrzternihJ and Social Friendship (Fratelli Tutti), Pope Francis wrote, "It is ... urgent to continue to bear witness to the journey of encounter between the different Christian confessions" (no. 280). Your support of the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa has been crucial to fostering tolerance and respect between neighbors, including those belonging to different faiths, which has contributed to interreligious cooperation and more peaceful communities in a number of places across Africa. The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. Please be generous to the Solidarity Fund through the collection offertory envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

CCCW Meeting - September 20

The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women welcomes all women of the parish to join us for our first meeting after the summer break! We promote spiritual growth and a willingness to share our faith with others through prayer and actions of servant leadership. We do this through programs, meetings, social gatherings and fundraisers. The CCCW encourages support of our parish and community.... and we have fun doing it! Join us on Tuesday, September 20 in the School Hall. Blessing and meal will begin at 6pm, with the meeting following at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there!

Men's Bible Study

"Iron is sharpened by iron; one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27) Exploring God's Word together allows men to learn from one another, be challenged, and encourage each other as we live out our faith in everyday life. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. No experience or pre-reading is required. Coffee is available. All men are welcome. Join us in the Cathedral Parish Library (behind the south side of the sanctuary). Contact: Deacon Rob, (217) 836-7900 or rsgambelluri@dio.org.

Bereavement Ministry

Cathedral parish will be hosting another cycle of Grief Share, a weekly, faith-based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us beginning Tuesday, November 1, 1:00-2:30 in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot) Grief Share runs for 13 weeks, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information go to https://www.griefshare.org/ or contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com Register online or call 217/522-3342 or email Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Around the Diocese

Resurrection Parish Carryout/Outside Dining Fried Chicken Dinner
Please join the Resurrection Parish in Illipolis for a Fried Chicken Dinner
on Sunday, September 11 from 11am to 2pm. Dinner includes fried
Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw or applesauce,
iced tea/coffee and choice of homemade pie or cake.

PSR for Extraordinary People 2022-2023 Academic Year

PSR for Extraordinary People will begin the 2022-2023 academic season on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Regular classes run from 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday evening during the academic year. Our class is designed to meet the needs of developmentally disabled youth & adults who want to grown in their Catholic faith and share fellowship with other like-minded people. Please call Jane Mosey-Nicoletta (217-971-4179) or Blessed Sacrament Parish (217-528-7521) for details and opening picnic information.

"Saints & Animals" Video Series

This series provides a sampling of saint-and-animal stories up to the lifetime of St. Francis (1182-1226). Br. Short has provided English translations of the Latin originals to help make these often-charming legends more accessible to a wider audience. This will also help to familiarize you with some little-known figures who are well worth knowing including saints Godric and Guthlac, Gudila, Menna and Afra. They are hardly household names today, but once were well-known as examples of Christian sanctity. These stories of saints and animals in this course are designed to offer people today an idea of how earlier Christian generations understood their fellow creatures as significant, communicating important messages of their Creator. Tuesdays, September 20, 27, October 4 & 11 10 am – Noon Shrine Visitors Center Cost: \$5 each session or \$20 for the series Online registration begins Monday, August 15, 2022. For more information visit snows.org or call: 618.394.6281. Learn more: https://snows.org/saints-animals-video-series/

CRS: Global Food Crisis

The urgency of the global food crisis has only escalated. Right now, 49 million people in 46 countries face extreme, life-threatening conditions of hunger and malnutrition. Catholic Relief Services' work to end hunger is especially critical now as so many of our sisters and brothers struggle to access food to survive. Take action today to meet the immediate needs of this global emergency and to ensure this type of crisis doesn't happen again. Learn more about the global food crisis and the work of CRS at www.crs.org.

Employment Opportunity - Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is hiring for the position of Controller. The Controller manages the accounting functions and staff, which has responsibility for all financial reporting, accounting systems and internal controls, the annual budgeting process, financial statement audits, tax compliance, payroll, and banking treasury operations. The Controller also assists with defining diocesan policies as well as supports short and long-term operational strategies. More information may be found at www.dio.org/jobs

St. Cecilia Annual Community Chicken Dinner and Fall Festival

Join St. Cecilia Parish in Glen Carbon, IL for their annual community chicken dinner and fall festival on September 18 from 11:30am-5:00pm. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans and desserts will be available for purchase, and entertainment includes raffles, games, a polka band, bounce house, and more!

Troop 31 Open House

The adventures of Scouting are in high gear at Troop 31 as the new school year begins! Whether it's hiking the local trails or camping in the great outdoors, Troop 31 is always on an adventure. The Boy Scouts of America has a reputation for helping youth develop self-reliance, strong character, respect for others, good citizenship skills, and physical and mental fitness, all guided by trained leaders who share these adventures with the Troop. And as a Catholic unit, we are always mindful of a Scout's Duty to God. We are having an open house on Monday, September 12 at Blessed Sacrament in Springfield. Current members of the Troop will be presented with various awards that they have earned in recent months and new members are always welcome to join in the fun. The open house starts at 7 PM in the rectory basement. For more information about Troop 31, email bspstroop31@gmail.com, or call Kyle Holtgrave at (217) 622-4994.

A History of Sin: From Adam to Augustine

At first glance it may seem odd to think that sin has a history – but it does. The saga of sin is a long journey with many twists and turns. In this series we'll see that there are several different meanings of sin in the Old Testament. We'll show that even Jesus and Paul did not share the same understanding of sin. And we'll trace the evolution of sin through some of the important theologians of the early Church. Join us for the history of sin from Adam to Augustine on Saturdays, September 10 & 17 10 am – 12 Noon at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor's Center, Belleville, IL. Cost: \$40 for series, or \$10 each session. Register online or call 618.394.6281

Butler Funeral Home Open Door Session

The Butler Family of Organizations extends an invitation to all who are interested in learning more about planning for their final wishes to help their families celebrate their lives to join us for a lunch and learn program. This Open Door Session will be held Thursday, September 22nd from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Prairie View Reception Center, 8865 State Rte. 4, Chatham, Illinois 62629. This event is complimentary: no cost or obligation. Please call 217-544-4646 to reserve your space no later than Monday, September 19th.

Cachet Club Card Party - 09/20

Please join the Cachet Club for a card party benefiting St. John's Breadline and Washington Street Mission, on Tuesday, September 20, from 6:30-9:00 PM, at Little Flower Parish Center, 800 Stevenson Dr. Prizes will be given throughout evening, and pulled pork sandwiches will be available for purchase.

Pregnancy Care 18th Annual Comedy in the City Dinner

The Pregnancy Care of Springfield, Inc. is holding its 18th Annual Comedy in the City Dinner: "Midnight at the Masquerade" Murder Mystery on Friday, October 28th at the Northfield Center. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for the cash bar and silent auction. A formal dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. followed by a live auction and entertainment. There will also be an EAT LOCAL RAFFLE with the winner receiving \$500 worth of gift cards (need not be present to win). Tickets to the event are \$70 per person or \$560 for a table of 8. Reservations are required for this event by October 21st and can be made by calling (217) 525-5630 or through the website at springfieldpregnancycare.org. Come help us celebrate 44 years of serving pregnant women in our community at this fun event!

Employment Opportunities - The Hospital Sisters of St. Francis

The Hospital Sisters of St. Francis are seeking a Sacristan and Cantor. The Sacristan will work under the direction of the Coordinator of Music and Liturgy preparing for liturgical rites and celebrations. The Cantor will enhance the worship and prayer life of the Sisters by leading the congregation in song. Interested candidates may contact or send their resume to Joyce Sprague, Director, HR at 217-522-3386 ex. 684 or jsprague@hsosf-usa.org