

## Adult Education Notes

- ✠ Why did Jesus, the all-holy Son of God, seek John's baptism of repentance? It was not to receive (for he is himself the source of all grace) but to give. "Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters He touched"—St. Maximus of Turin
- ✠ Christ's baptism reveals to us what our own baptism now accomplishes: the forgiveness of sin and a share in His divine sonship. The words heard from the heavens could be said about every person baptized since. "Baptism places upon our souls a mark that forever will identify it as one privileged of God"—Sister Mary Jean Darcy, O.P.
- ✠ Do you know the date of your baptism? This day is as important as your birthday. You should celebrate it because you were born into the family of God. Baptism frees us from sin and makes us (as mentioned above) a "Child of God". The indelible mark on your soul is forever your proof of it. Celebrate that day when it comes around, especially your children's baptism. They will never forget that day and how special it is for them.
- ✠ At one NCYC in Indy, we were on an elevator in our hotel and some men who had a lot of tattoos got on with us. We had our youth group stuff on and the conversation went something like this: One of the men asked, "Church convention?" We said, "Yes." He said something like "Stick with your faith kids." Then he said, "You know what my favorite tattoo is?" (He raised his hand to his chest.) "No one can see it but it's the one God put on my soul when I was baptized."
- ✠ What a life lesson that was! I don't remember who was with me but I've never forgotten that elevator ride. And I don't ride many elevators but sometimes that comes to mind when I'm on one. You never know when God is going to show Himself through others.
- ✠ Jesus not only received Baptism today, but also Confirmation by the Holy Spirit descending upon Him and the Father's words of Love and Praise. He received fully the gifts of the Holy Spirit in an enhanced way to give Him the encouragement He needed to do the Will of the Father and strengthen His human nature.
- ✠ I'm going to try to find a day and time to have a set bimonthly get together for faith building, Bible study, book sessions, and other kinds of topics and things to enrich our faith. Stay tuned. It will be a challenge but it will work out in the end.



**Euchre Tournament at  
St. Ambrose Parish  
Center, Chaffee  
on Sunday, January 23.  
Doors open at 11:30am  
and play begins at 1pm.**

**Cost is \$10.00 per person. Food available.  
For more information call Donna Hess  
573-450-0065**



### **ALL-YOU-CAN EAT FISH/CHICKEN DINNER**

with sides, including Mac & Cheese,  
Baked Beans, Hush Puppies, Fries,  
and Slaw.

**Friday, January 14, 2022  
at Advance KC Hall**

Dine-In or Carry-Out. Serving from 5-7 p.m.  
Adults \$10.00, all children 15 and under eat FREE  
with a paid adult plate.

## Encounter With God's Call

Saturday, February 26 to Monday, February 28. EWGC is a seminary discernment experience for high school juniors through recent college graduates (ages 16-25). During *Encounter*, the participants further discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life. Throughout the weekend, participants pray, meet, and relax with seminarians. Conception Seminary College is located in NW Missouri near Maryville. Both Father Alex and Father Rick will be leading this trip to the seminary. For more info on how you can attend, email Father Rick at [stvcapadre@gmail.com](mailto:stvcapadre@gmail.com) or call the parish office 537-335-7667. The trip will leave St. Vincent de Paul in Cape early on Saturday morning at 7:00am and will return Monday evening around 8:00pm. There is no cost for the weekend.



**OPTIONS FOR WOMEN, HELP FOR FAMILIES**  
**354 S. Silver Springs Rd Suite E Cape Girardeau, MO 63702**

**SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY JANUARY 23, 2022**  
**OPEN HOUSE 2-4PM**

Options for Women, *Help for Families* is a Pregnancy Help Center located in Cape Girardeau. We are a faith based, 501c3 non-profit organization. All of our services are free and confidential. Our vision is to see life valued and families strengthened. In order to see life valued, we reach out to abortion minded women who are making a decision about an unplanned pregnancy and offer counseling and ultrasound in order to encourage and support life affirming choices. In our effort to strengthen families, we provide parenting classes through an "Earn While You Learn", incentive based curriculum... Each class session includes prayer and bible study. We rely on local support through prayers, volunteers and funding in order to achieve our vision.

Options for Women, *Help for Families* will be having an open house from 2-4pm celebrating the Sanctity of Life on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 354 S. Silver Springs Road, Suite E. We invite you to come take a tour and meet several of our valued clients and their family members, as well as our Client Services staff and our new Executive Director, Leah Shrum.

For additional information about Options for Women, please contact Leah Shrum at 573-339-2032 or visit our partner website at [www.affirmlifecape.org](http://www.affirmlifecape.org)

**Young Adult Tuesday Night Thrive**  
**NEW!!**

Feeling alone, restless, or unfulfilled in the Faith or in life in general? Longing for more? Come! Join other Catholic Young Adults (ages 18-40) from a variety of parishes as together we seek to thrive instead. We will be reading the upcoming Sunday Scriptures and discovering their meaning for our own daily lives. Find community and a better way forward.

**7pm. Weekly. The Old Convent at St. Vincent's. Address: 815 Caruthers Ave, Cape Girardeau.**  
Enter through the door facing the parking lot. Bring a snack to share if you'd like.  
For questions contact Carlee at [idCapeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:idCapeinfo@gmail.com). Don't just live. Thrive!

The Jackson Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a

**"BUNCO BASH"**

**Sunday - March 15, 2020**

Entry Fee: \$10/player

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Dice start rolling at 1:30 p.m.

Upper KC Hall - 3305 N. High St. - Jackson, MO

No pre-registration required.

Gather your friends Prizes will be awarded!

Snacks will be provided - Cash Bar will be available



Money raised will be used to fund our scholarship program and various other organizations such as: Options for Women, Birthright, Special Olympics, and many others.

Questions: Call 573-243-5464 or Email Donna at [jacksonkcaux@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonkcaux@gmail.com)

**Attention: Adult Catholic Men**

You are invited to the Southeast Missouri



**Wednesday, January 26, 6:30-9:00pm**

**St. Ambrose, Chaffee, MO**

An evening of Adoration, Confession,  
& a Manly Meal with discussion to follow.

*To help plan for food*

*please RSVP to*

*[SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com](mailto:SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com)*

*'SEMO Catholic Man Night'*

*on Facebook*

*or 573-275-5214*