

Community News January 07, 2018

Diocesan Opportunities

Epiphany Day of Reflection

to be offered Sister Elisabeth Meadows, OSB, will lead a Reflection Day on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, entitled *The Invitation of Epiphany*. It will be held at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at 916 Convent Rd NE in Cullman, Alabama. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Epiphany is a perfect time to pause and reflect on Christ in our midst. The Feast of the Epiphany is also the beginning of the annual National Migration Week sponsored by the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops. During this one-day retreat we will consider the invitation of Epiphany through reflections on the Biblical tradition of welcoming the stranger, the Benedictine tradition of hospitality, the migrant experience of the Holy Family who sought refuge in Egypt, the example of Jesus, and our own experiences of being in need of refuge and safety. The cost for the day is \$30 and includes lunch. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or retreats@shmon.org.

Catholic Medical Association of Memphis Presents: "ScreenAgers"

A Video Presentation & Discussion

- How do boys and girls differ in their application uses?
- Are violent video games desensitizing?
- How does time on cell phones affect social development?
- What about brain research findings?
- What device guidelines should schools consider?
- What device guidelines should you consider at home?

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 7 PM Clunan Center,
St. Louis Church

RSVP 901.609.4262 (text or call)
Limited Seating for Adults, Young Adults,
Teenagers

NFP Classes (Memphis, TN)

For all married and engaged couples the schedule for the NFP classes is as follows: Billings Ovulation Method (www.billingslife.org)

First Session: January 9th, 2018, Location: The Catholic Center (5825 Shelby Oaks Dr. Memphis, TN 38134), Time: 6:30 pm.

For more information and registration please go to www.cdom.org/NFP

Couple to Couple League (www.ccli.org)

First Session: January 17th, 2018

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Time: 6:30pm

For more information and registration please go to www.cdom.org/NFP

Couples are encouraged to pray and discern which NFP method is best for their marriage before signing up for a class.

You are invited to the 16th Annual Respect Life Breakfast, January 13, 2018, 9 a.m. (immediately following 8:15 a.m. Mass), Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Family Room, 4851 Park Avenue, Memphis. Guest Speaker: Rev. Stephen Imbarrato, Priest Associate, Priests for Life, co-host of EWTN's "Defending Life." Contact 901-490-6435 for more information or email jcourtney777@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Mission on Monroe Street is asking for help through their "Advent Giving Campaign." The Mission serves 150-250 of God's people 365 days a year. Give through their GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/StVincentdePaulMemphis. The goal for this year is \$100,000 and the fund is half-way there. For more information contact Amy Marcella, 2017 Fundraising Chairperson, Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Memphis, Inc., at 901-265-0317 or go to www.svdpmemphis.org

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Share the Journey—Offered by the Parish Social Ministry Office of Catholic Charities of West Tennessee, this formation event is part of the 2-year International campaign launched by Pope Francis to promote the strengthening of relationships between migrants, refugees and communities. Join us for a morning of prayer, conversation, hands-on activities, and presentations on migrants and refugees from 4 perspectives. Speakers: Rev. Msgr. Albert Kirk, Pastor Emeritus, Church of the Holy Spirit; Michael Trujillo, Catholic Relief Services, Relationship Manager, U.S. Southeast Region; Chris Butson, Catholic Charities of West Tennessee, Director of Immigration Services; Maria Herrera, Christian Brothers University student, DACA recipient. Saturday, January 27, 8:45 am until 3:00 pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church Room #113 (8151 Chimney Rock Blvd. Cordova, TN 38016). Event is free and open to the public; but reservations are requested. Registration/ General Info: Therese Gustaitis therese.gustaitis@acc.cdom.org 901-722-794. ccwtn.org/sharethejourney

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land.

Fr. Francis Chiawa is hosting a pilgrimage to The Holy Land for July 29 through August 7, 2018. We will be traveling to Tel Aviv, Tiberias: Sea of Galilee, Jordan River – Mt. Tabor-Jericho, Bethlehem and to the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the crippled man. Mass will be daily including spiritual activities. Breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as roundtrip airfare from Memphis, air conditioned motorcoaches with free Wi-Fi, 1st class hotels, guided sightseeing, entrance fees, hotel gratuities and taxes are all included in one price of \$4,394, per person, double occupancy. To book or for more information, send email to Jen@206tours.com or Karen.owens@staugustine.cdom.org. This is a trip you definitely do not want to miss.