

The MESSAGE

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Community Newspaper

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Editor's note: This supplement to the digital edition of *The Message* will appear monthly, and will feature news and information about ministries across the Diocese of Evansville and the events they are sponsoring. This supplement also is posted to *The Message* website (evdiomessage.org) and the Diocese of Evansville website (evdio.org). Links also appear on diocesan social-media pages.

SAINT JOSEPH JASPER PRESENTS

“HE LOVED THEM TO THE END” JOHN 13:1

A FIVE SESSION SERIES ON EUTHANASIA

Euthanasia is coming for the imperfect - the sick, the elderly, the unwanted of society.

- Feb 16: Euthanasia / Physician Assisted Suicide vs Catholic Dignity of Life Father Shenan J. Boquet (Human Life International) author of "Scapegoating of the Elderly". Fr. Boquet will set the stage for the other talks, explaining euthanasia and how it is affecting humanity.
- Feb 23: Legal/political advocacy - ICAN (IndianaCatholic.org) Alexander Mingus will share what is happening from a legislative standpoint in the country and in Indiana. What actions can we take here in our own community or state?
- March 1: How do we approach human suffering in light of our faith? What meaning does it have? Dr. Kevin Schemenauer (Professor from St. Meinrad)
- March 8: Accompaniment/Pastoral Care/Hospice - Little Sisters of the Poor from Indianapolis will be sharing what it means to respect and care for those at the end of life.
- March 17: Advanced Directives (medical end of life decisions)/Navigating from a Catholic perspective - Ask Dr. Joseph Munning, MD

To Register call 812-482-1805 or use QR Code



THE FIRST FIVE FRIDAYS OF LENT
6 PM WAY OF THE CROSS (CHURCH)
6:30 SOUP SUPPER
7:00 TALK
SOUP & TALK IN SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CENTER

Red Bird MINISTRIES

LENTEN JOURNAL


I AM BELOVED NOT BROKEN

Join us as we journey through brokenness to the place of belovedness, commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent praying and fasting in the desert.

WEEKLY SMALL GROUP for parents who have lost a child

Starts on February 18
10:20 am at
Holy Redeemer Parish
908 W Mill Rd in Evansville

1. Register using [this link](#) or the QR Code.
2. Follow the links on the registration page to purchase the print or digital booklet.



Catholic Diocese of Evansville
The Catholic Church in Southwestern Indiana

Questions?
Leslie Schaefer
(812) 589-3452

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COURAGE INTERNATIONAL

Encounter Christ. Discover yourself. Grow in holiness.

A Roman Catholic apostolate for men and women who experience same-sex attractions and those who love them.

SACRAMENTAL AND EMOTIONAL
HEALING IS AVAILABLE

Have you had an
abortion or do you know
someone who has?

812-483-7812

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DIocese of Evansville

EVANSVILLE WISDOM DAY


BACKGROUND

Wisdom Day is one day per year when Catholics 55+ come together to hear speakers, eat, and enjoy some entertainment. These events are held annually in Jasper, Vincennes, and Evansville and are free for attendees, thanks to generous donations.

The last Wisdom Day in Evansville was in 2019! The event was paused in 2020 and 2021 for health precautions. The event has not taken place in 2022 and 2023 because the previous planning committee did not reconvene.

This event would often attract over 300 attendees and the consensus among many is that it is time to bring the event back in 2024.

ERIC GIRTEN
Office of Family & Life
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Christian attitude toward others
- Ability to work with others as a team to accomplish a goal
- Attend up to 4, one-hour meetings per year
- Help at the Wisdom Day event

This Planning Committee is starting from scratch. Please do not assume that someone else will volunteer in your place. If interested but not sure, please contact us.

NEXT STEPS

We are looking for volunteers to sit on the planning committee for this event. Send in your interest to attend the 'regroup' meeting

Have you lost a sibling through abortion?

Entering Canaan

SIBLING WEEKEND RETREAT

April 5-7, 2024

Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

Doylestown, PA

Spiritual Director: Rev Mariusz Koch, CFR

Music: Michael Corsini

Witness, Conferences, Sharing,

Reconciliation,

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



"I think it is good for people to know we all suffer from abortion. It is not just something that affects the mothers & fathers over time. I have not forgotten my siblings and I never will." - KT

Sponsored by Lumina/Hope & Healing After Abortion

www.postabortionhelp.org

lumina@postabortionhelp.org 877 586 4621

No Cost Assistance available for transportation



Holy Family Center for Life

2024 Natural Family Planning

Educational Offerings

Step 1:

Truth about NFP

for Engaged Couples

- 1/28 @ 3pm CST
 - St. Phillip Church, Posey Co
- 3/10 @ 3pm EST
 - St. Mary, Ireland
- 5/5 @ 3pm CST
 - St. John the Evangelist, Daylight
- 7/14 @3pm EST
 - St. Francis Xavier, Vincennes
- 8/25 @ 3pm CST
 - St. Benedict Cathedral, Evansville
- 11/17 @ 3pm EST
 - St. Mary, Ireland
- 12/29 @ 3pm CST
 - Holy Redeemer, Evansville

Step 2:

NFP Introductory Sessions

Evansville Area (all times CST)

In-person or virtual options

1/28

2pm Creighton Model

3pm Marquette Model

7/28

2/20

6:30pm Creighton Model

7:30pm Marquette Model

8/20

3/24

2pm Creighton Model

3pm Marquette Model

9/22

2/23

6:30pm Creighton Model

7:30pm Marquette Model

10/22

5/19

2pm Creighton Model

3pm Marquette Model

11/24

6/25

6:30pm Creighton Model

7:30pm Marquette Model

12/17

Creighton Model Intro Sessions

(outside of Evansville)

Dubois County

2/11 @ 2:30pm EST

4/14 @ 2:30pm EST

6/9 @2:30pm EST

Ft. Branch (St. Bernard rectory)

1/25 @ 7pm CST

3/21 @ 7pm CST

Scan here for more information or to register for your session!



Questions? Let's chat!

www.hfcl.org ~ hfclSignUp@gmail.com ~ 812/421.2030

ENTERING CANAAN MINISTRY

HEALING PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

MAY 1-10, 2024

FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ABORTION





Spiritual Director: Rev Francis Mary Roaldi, CFR

- Sokolka Eucharistic Miracle
- Niepokalanow, Franciscan Monastery founded by martyr St. Maximilian Kolbe
- Shrine of Our Lady of Czestocowa/Jasna Gora
- Zakopane
- Krakow:Shrine of Divine Mercy
- Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko Martyred Priest Tomb

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

206 TOURS

[HTTPS://WWW.PILGRIMAGES.COM/ENTERINGCANAAN/](https://www.pilgrimages.com/enteringcanaan/)

CALL THERESA 914-844-4995

PARENTAL RIGHTS

There is a presumption that by relinquishing a newborn infant at a Safe Haven site, the infant's parent consents to the termination of his or her parental rights with respect to the infant.

CONSIDER ADOPTION

Every child deserves a safe and loving home. You can provide this by making an adoption plan, even before giving birth. Several public and private adoption agencies around the United States provide services to those who choose to allow their child to be adopted. Agency staff members carefully interview and check the back-grounds of prospective adoptive parents to make sure that they:

- Have no criminal or child abuse history.
- Have room in their home for a child.
- Can support the child financially.
- Can provide a loving, safe home

If you would like more information on adoption options call 1-866-99BABY1

NATIONAL CRISIS HOTLINE

1-866-99BABY1

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU 24/7

EACH YEAR IN EVERY STATE THERE ARE DISTURBING REPORTS OF NEWBORN BABIES FOUND IN DUMPSTERS AND OTHER UNSAFE PLACES. UNDER THE SAFE HAVEN LAW UNHARMED NEWBORNS CAN BE SURRENDERED AT SAFE HAVEN LOCATIONS WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME. THE POLICE WILL NOT BE CALLED. YOUR BABY WILL GET MEDICAL CARE AND BE ADOPTED INTO A LOVING FAMILY.

IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE HELP CONTACT OUR 24-HOUR SAFE HAVEN CRISIS LINE



PO Box 185,
Woodburn IN 46797
Business Line:
(888)742-2133
shbb.org



SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES

SAVING BABIES ONE BOX AT A TIME

NO SHAME. NO BLAME. NO NAMES.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Hurting from abortion?

Know someone who is?

Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women and men suffering from the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion.

Upcoming Retreats in 2024:

May 3-5 – Owensboro, Kentucky area

July 19-21 Cullman, Alabama

October 11-13 – Owensboro, Kentucky area

Contact Rita: (270) 474-4707

Email: retreats@hopeafterabortionky.com

Healing the trauma of abortion – one weekend at a time.



ABOUT THE SAFE HAVEN LAW

The law is intended to provide an alternative to abandonment and reduce the risk of harm to a newborn by a parent who may be under undue stress. The parent(s) of a newborn infant can relinquish their unharmed infant to the staff at a Safe Haven location while remaining anonymous and avoiding civil or criminal liability.

It is recognized that establishing a traditional adoption plan through a private or public adoption agency, or choosing to parent the child is a preferable parenting plan to abandonment or relinquishment of an infant.

"WE NEVER KNOW WHEN A SURRENDER WILL BE NECESSARY. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE ARE PREPARED SHOULD ONE NEED TO OCCUR."

MONICA KELSEY

SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES


FOUNDER

WHAT OCCURS AT A SAFE HAVEN LOCATION?

Newborns will be handed to personnel or placed inside a Safe Haven Baby Box at approved locations. Staff members receiving the infant will make arrangements for transportation of the infant to the nearest hospital.

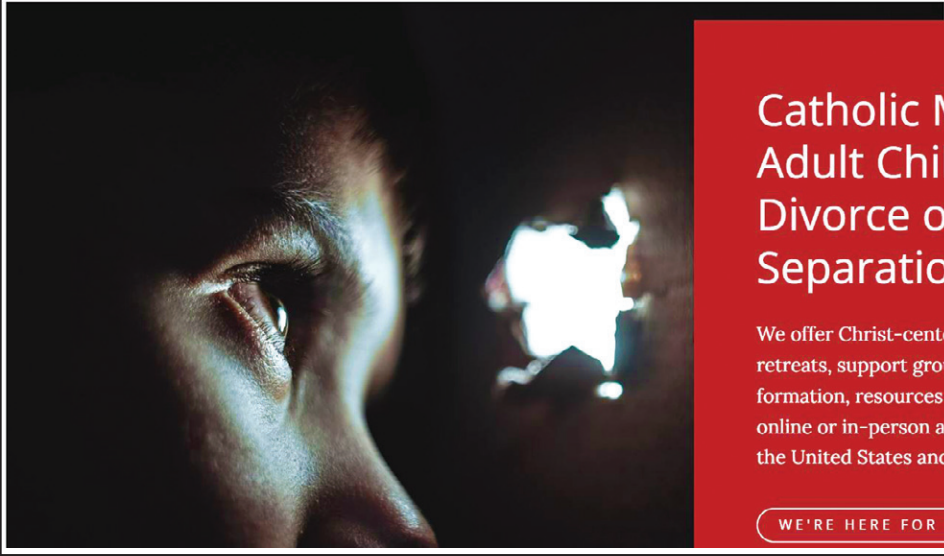
Hospital personnel conduct a physical examination of the newborn infant and provide any needed medical care. After completing the assessment and any aftercare the hospital transfers the newborn to the Department of Child Services. They will place the infant with an adoptive family quickly.

If you wish, you can complete forms to provide medical information about your newborn. This helps healthcare workers taking care of your baby. The forms can be filled out at the Safe Haven location, or you can take them with you and return them by mail. All of the information you provide remains confidential. You do not need to give your name.



ABOUT *NEW BOOK* RETREATS SUPPORT GROUPS BLOG SPEAKING ART RESOURCES

GIVE



Catholic Ministry to Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

We offer Christ-centered healing through retreats, support groups, community, spiritual formation, resources and more. Join our events online or in-person at our many chapters across the United States and now Canada.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

The Office of Family & Life is giving away 12 marriage builder packages! Whether you feel like your marriage needs some assistance or if you just want to make good a lot better! If interested, email Eric Girten at egirten@evdio.org





\$59.00

Building a Eucharistic Marriage

The 7 Part video-based program to help your marriage thrive in Christ!

13 Chapters