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A monthly newsletter from the Diocese of Charleston

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[Catechism in a Year Discussion Group \(Zoom\)](#)

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 12-1 p.m.

Are you following “The Catechism in a Year” (with Father Mike Schmitz) offered by Ascension Press? If so, join us as we journey through it together on Fridays from 12-1 p.m. To receive the Zoom invite, contact Cathy Roche in the Office of Catechesis & Christian Initiation: cathy@charlestdiocese.org.

[Eucharistic Miracles Traveling Exhibit](#)

Sept. 2-10

Experience the diocesan Eucharistic Miracle exhibit, a curated selection from the Eucharistic Miracle exhibit originally created by Blessed Carlo Acutis. It consists of 28 bilingual (English/Spanish) bifold panels that recount several Eucharistic miracles documented throughout the history of the Church. The exhibit is divided into four categories, each with an audio-visual guide accessible on mobile devices using a QR code. Parishes should visit charlestdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharisticmiraclestravelexhibit/ to schedule a time to host the exhibit. Contact cathy@charlestdiocese.org for information.

Alpha at Nativity

Sept. 5 | 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith and meaning. Each session includes time to connect with others (over a free meal), hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group. We'd love to hear your perspective! Alpha is open to anyone, and Alpha at Nativity is not just for parishioners. If you are in the Charleston area and have a neighbor, friend, co-worker or family member who has questions about the Christian faith, bring them to Alpha at Nativity. Just check out the first night. For more information, contact alpha@nativitycharleston.org.

Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training

Sept. 5 | 6-9 p.m.

Sept. 9 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Come learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy from Sidewalk Advocates for Life and help women entering the abortion facility to choose life! We offer a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding method that is very compassionate and woman-oriented and credited with saving thousands of lives at abortion facilities across the United States and beyond. The next trainings in Charleston will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 5, and Saturday, Sept. 9, at Grace Hall of Christ Our King Church, 1149 Russel Drive in Mount Pleasant. If you would like to learn this method or about our program, contact Stasi: 843-580-6516 or SAFLCharleston@gmail.com. More information at sidewalkadvocates.org.

Theology on Tap

Sept. 7, 12, 13 | 7-10 p.m.

Young adults 18-35 (21+ to drink alcohol) are invited to our Fall '23 Theology on Tap series. Join us as we discuss faith, share some fellowship and order a drink — or food if you'd like! This fall we'll have a four-part series on communion about the four parts of consecration and the Eucharistic feast: Taken, Blessed, Broken and Given. It's heavily inspired by the Eucharistic Revival and devotion, specifically from the Catechism. Its purpose is to reorient our everyday worship and conform to his heart. We'll meet:

Sept. 7 – Greenville at Fireforge Craft Beer

Sept. 12 – Columbia at Savage Craft Ale Works

Sept. 13 – Charleston at The Whiskey Room at Henry's on the Market

For questions, contact Mike: msylvester@charlestdioocese.org.

September NFP Introductory Sessions

Sept. 7, 12, 14, 20, 21

We have virtual and in-person introductory sessions for Natural Family Planning this month:

Online

- Sept. 7 | 7 p.m. — lexiesawonik@gmail.com
- Sept. 12 | 8 p.m. — bit.ly/introwithemma
- Sept. 21 | 6:30 p.m. — janelleapro@gmail.com

In Person

- Sept. 14 | 7 p.m. — St. Francis Eastside in Greenville – napronurse@aol.com
- Sept. 20 | 6 p.m. — St. Joseph in Columbia — naprogal@gmail.com

We have instructors for Natural Family Planning International, Couple to Couple League, Marquette Method, and Billings (Spanish) upon request. Contact jflorendo@charlestdioocese.org.

[Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children](#)

Sept. 9 | 8-9 a.m.

Please join St. Michael the Archangel Church, 542 Cypress Ave. in Murrells Inlet, for the National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children. Mass will be followed by a procession to the Memorial of the Unborn. For information, please call Barbara Umpleby, MFT, OFS: 843-283-9346 or hannahbumplesby@yahoo.com.

[HOPE Infertility Ministry Training](#)

Sept. 15 | 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Do you have the passion to be a member of the HOPE team? Join us for a one-day event and be empowered to be a HOPE spiritual companion. This will start with holy Mass followed by talks and community building. Our speakers will be Father Francis Scott Binet, MD, Kathy Schmutz and Janelle Florendo from the Office of Family Life. It will be held at the Family Life Center of Our Lady of the Hills Church, 120 Marydale Lane in Columbia. A virtual option is also available. Please register: <https://tinyurl.com/HOPEmintraining>.

[Mid-Autumn Festival](#)

Sept. 17 | 2-9:30 p.m.

Join Our Lady of La Vang Church, 2020 Gibbs Shoals Road in Greer, for a Mid-Autumn Festival celebration on Sept. 17. Expect games, music, and lots of food! For more information, contact the parish: 864-395-0202. Visit www.lavangsc.org.

[Retiro de Parejas “Gracia de Dios”](#)

Sept. 22-24

Comparte un fin de semana con tu pareja retirados del hogar, fortaleciendo los lazos que los unen como pareja, mejorando la comunicación y buscando herramientas que les permitan reencontrarse y renovar su relación. Sep. 24-26 en Heart Ridge Retreat Center en Sunset. Para información, contacte a Maria Romero al 305.979.1573 o busque información en la página web: charlestdiocese.org/family-life/marriage-enrichment/events.

[Evangelizing Our Youth Together](#)

Sept. 25 | 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Join Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, parish catechetical leaders and youth ministers from across the diocese in dialogue and support for working together to evangelize our youth. The event is free and lunch is included. Please register: <https://forms.gle/9ypK7SWr8xqybY2x8>.

[Young Adult Kickball Tournament](#)

Sept. 30 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Young adults 18-35 are invited to gather a team for our first annual Young Adult Kickball Tournament. Join us Saturday, Sept. 30, in the Upstate as we host the best, most athletic, strongest ... or just those looking for a *fun event* to build community and meet other young adults! Registration includes lunch and is \$100 per team of 10. If teams/players want to add more lunches for family members or friends who want to attend but not play, please indicate that on the registration form (coming soon). All players must be over 18 *and* out of high school. The tournament will be held at East Riverside Park in Greer. For information, contact Mike: msylvester@charlestdiocese.org.

Special Announcements / Upcoming Events

Saturday Night Life – Dignity of the Human Person

Oct. 7 | 7 p.m.

Teens in 7th-12th grade are invited to join Prince of Peace Church and School for a fun and memorable evening. The event includes dinner, local speakers and so much more! Early registration is \$10 or \$15 at the door. Register: <https://upstateteenlifesc.wixsite.com/upstatesnl>. There is also a competition to design the 2023 T-shirt. The winner receives a \$25 prize, free shirt and entry to the event! *Design info:* Submit a hand-drawing or graphic design For the front of the t-shirt only. Must have *Saturday Night Life: Dignity of the Human Person 2023* somewhere in design. Must be pro-life! Please send submissions to Theresa: upstatesteenlifefest@gmail.com.

2023 Marian Eucharistic Conference

Oct. 13-14

The 11th annual Marian Eucharistic Conference will be held at the Greenville Convention Center Oct. 13-14. Featured speakers include Father Donald Calloway, MIC; Father Thomas Petri, OP; Jim Wahlberg; John Martignoni; and Father John Bartunek, LC. General admission is \$125, youth are \$75. Cost includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. **Register by Oct. 2 by mail.** Registration increases after to \$135, and will not be accepted after Oct. 6. Visit www.meconferencesc.net for information and registration forms.