

# St. Cecilia Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

“The challenge of responding to these many needs and opportunities creates a vast pastoral agenda for the Catholic Church. Disciples young and old are called to go into the vineyard. *In responding to this call adults have the greatest responsibilities and the capacity to deliver the Christian Message in its fully developed form.* Their formation in faith is essential for the Church to carry on its mandate to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the World. *Effective adult faith formation is necessary to “equip the holy ones for the work of ministry.” (Eph 4:12)* From the Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States, by the U.S. Catholic Bishop’s “Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us.” Nov. 1999 page 12

- **Bulletin Inserts and articles** regarding various topics
- **Monday Afternoon Bible Study:** This Bible Study will use “The Great Adventure Timeline,” by Jeff Cavins Scripture Study program. You can attend as your schedule fits. Please contact the Religious formation for more information
  - **Mondays from 2:00 – 3:15 pm (ongoing)**
- **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** This Bible Study also uses “The Great Adventure Timeline,” by Jeff Cavins Scripture Study program. You can attend as your schedule fits. Please contact the Religious formation for more information
- **Tuesdays: from 5:45-6:45pm**

**Catholic Book review.** Twice a year beginning in November, a “recommended reading” book will be listed in the Parish Bulletin designed for people who want to read and reflect at home. Copies will be available the Religious Education office beginning in November.

- **Diocesan Men's Retreat-** will be held during Lent at The Bishop O’Connor Center
- **Videos, audio tapes and CD’s** supplied by the Diocese of Madison covering a wide variety of topics for adults. Contact the Religious Formation Office at 253-5621. A list of videos can be seen on the Diocesan Web Site, [www.madisondiocese.org](http://www.madisondiocese.org), click on “Religious Education,” Click on “AV Catalog on-line.” The Religious Formation Office also has a small supply of various Tapes and DVD’s.
- **Seasonal Advent and Lenten mini-retreats** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Liturgical Season at 7:00pm . (Check Sunday Bulletin for Details)
- **Advent Reflections:** One hour of scripture reflection and prayer for 3 weeks.  
**Tuesdays: Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Dec.15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm**
- **Lenten Reflections:** One hour of scripture study and prayer for 5 weeks.  
**Mondays: Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, and, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:15 – 7:15pm. See Bulletin for more details in late January.**
- **Diocesan Women's Retreat-** will be held next summer at The Bishop O’Connor Center

**If you would like to establish a small group and participate at your own home, assistance will gladly be provided. Also if you can only participate during the daytime, we will be happy to work with you. Please contact the Religious Formation Office at 253-5621.**