

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



Change
Our Hearts,
Oh Lord!

Adult Faith
Formation
Opportunities
for 2010-2011

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neighboring parishes.*

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The Economics of Immigration

- Tuesday, September 7-8:30 pm
- St. John Chapel

Our U.S. Bishops and Archbishop Schnurr have called for the humane reform of our immigration laws. They have asked Catholics to prayerfully consider advocating for legislative changes in this regard. In order to better understand the practical implications of Catholic Social Teaching about immigration, we will have a presentation on the “Economics of Immigration” given by Dr. Benjamin W. Passty, Research Assistant Professor, and Department of Economics at the University of Cincinnati. He will provide data concerning the impact of immigration on our economy. This information should prove helpful as we form our consciences before voting this fall. Contact Jerry Barney for more information at jbarney@stjohnwc.org.

Sports as Ministry

- Thursday, September 23, 7:30 pm
- St. Susanna - Meyer Center,

Former professional football player, Ken Moyer, now serves as team chaplain to the Cincinnati Bengals. He is Director of Cincinnati Pro Ministries for Athletes in Action and a frequent speaker at churches and schools.

Old Testament – Exodus

- Mondays: October 4, 11, and 18, 7-8:30 pm
- St. Max Church - Conference Room

Fr. Tim Schehr is the speaker. He has a Doctorate in Hebrew Scriptures from Hebrew Union College and is a very popular teacher at the seminary. To register contact Fr. Schehr at tschehr@athenaeum.edu

Foreclosure Crisis: How to Keep from Losing Your Home

- Tuesday, October 5, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- St. John Chapel

You (or someone you know), may be at risk of losing your home during this economic crisis. David Scharfenberger, Director of Training for W.I.N. (Working In Neighborhoods), will provide important information concerning the steps that can be taken to avoid foreclosure.

Church History Course

- Thursdays: October 7,14,21,28, 6:30- 9:15pm
- St. Susanna Conference Room

Fr. Bob Farrell will present this course which will summarize the development of the Church from New Testament times to the present. This course is applicable toward catechist certification. Registration required by calling 398-3821, ext. 3106.

End of Life Issues

- Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 pm
- St. Susanna - Large Meeting Room

Fr. Fernandez, dean and assistant professor of Moral Theology at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary, began his studies in medicine before discerning his call to the priesthood. As part of our Cherish Life Speaker Series, Fr. Fernandez will discuss preserving human dignity at the end of life including an overview of advanced directives and issues related to (artificial) nutrition and hydration; and euthanasia versus allowing someone to die.

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Salt and Light Series: An Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching

- Thursdays: October 21, 28, November 4, 11, and 18, 7-9:30 pm
- St. Max Church - Room 12

A five week series designed to facilitate the integration of the Catholic Church's social mission into the life of the parish. To register contact Tony Stieritz, Director of the Archdiocesan Social Action office at 421-3131.

Dead Men Walking: The Journey Continues with Sr. Helen Prejean

- Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 pm
- St. Susanna Church

Sister Helen Prejean, portrayed by Susan Sarandon in the film “Dead Man Walking”, has been instrumental in sparking a national dialogue on the death penalty and helping to shape the Catholic Church's newly vigorous opposition to state executions. Since 1984, Sister Helen has divided her time between educating citizens about the death penalty and counseling individual death row prisoners. She travels around the world giving talks about her ministry.

The Book of Revelation: Are We In the End Times?

- Wednesday, November 10, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- St. John Chapel

Deacon Jerry Barney will share the insights of modern biblical scholarship about the message of this controversial book, and its relevance for our present age.

Creighton Model: A Natural Life-Giving Approach to Understanding the Female Body

- Three options available on Wednesdays, from 7-9 pm: October 6, January 5 and again April 6.
- St. John - Favret Hall

Wanting to know more about how your body works? Attend a free Creighton Model Introductory Session and learn about a natural, morally acceptable approach that addresses issues of planning for children and surprising choices and effective solutions to issues such as infertility and many other female health problems. The Creighton Model views children as gifts and empowers women to embrace their bodies and the power that is within them, without destroying or suppressing a woman's fertility, all keeping within the teachings of the Catholic Church. If you should decide you want to join the program, a suggested donation of \$350.00 will provide one year of services. For questions or to RSVP for a session, please contact Susan Giuliano at 513-737-2125 or giuliano01@fuse.net.

Adult Faith Formation Video Series

- St. Max Church - Conference Room (all sessions from 8 - 9 pm)
- Tuesday: November 30: “Celebrate What's Right with the World”
- Tuesday, January 18: “Everyday Creativity”
- Tuesday, February 15: “Focus Your Vision”
- Tuesday, March 22: “Wrap-up”

Enjoy a video series at St. Max Church which explores themes important to Christian life.

Generations of Faith – Part I

- Monday, December 13, or Tuesday, December 14 (pick the night that best fits your schedule)
- 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- St. John Parish Center

We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner in the Center. Afterwards, everyone present will move to the church. Our speaker is Frank Runyon. He will inspire everyone present – young and old - with his uplifting message on the subject of “Advent”. At the conclusion of the evening, every household will get a “Take Home Kit” of related materials. Pre-register (required) at www.stjohnwc.org, or call 777-6433.

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Catholics Returning Home (offered after Christmas and again after Easter):

- Wednesdays, from 7 – 9 pm, January 5 through February 2, and again April 27 through May 25.
- St. John - Staff Conference Room (basement of Favret Hall)

Do you know someone who has drifted away from the Church? Most of us don't have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones, but we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home? As baptized, practicing Catholics, we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Next, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most are just waiting for an invitation to return – mistakenly, they think they've been excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons. Are negative feelings toward the Church or its members keeping our brothers and sisters away? Many carry with them a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church and are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a dramatic difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and want them to come home to our Church family. Please note: You do not have to attend each session. For more information contact Deacon Jerry Barney at 777-6433, ext 121 or jbarney@stjohnwc.org.

St. Paul to the Corinthians

- Thursdays: January 6, 13, 20, and 27, 7-8:30 pm
- St. Max Church - Rooms 9 and 11

Presenter – Dr. Terry Callan, professor of New Testament at our seminary is a very knowledgeable and gifted speaker. To register, contact Dr. Callan: tcallan@athenaeum.edu.

St. Valentine Dinner Party

- Saturday, February 12, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- St. John - Favret Hall

Our speakers are Brennan and Marie Hill. Marie and Brennan have been married for 38 years. They have two young adult children and three grand daughters. Marie has her own marriage counseling and mediation practice. Brennan is Professor Emeritus at Xavier University and taught the marriage course there for 22 years. Both have published articles and books on marriage. They have traveled the world leading pilgrimages and studying world religions for Brennan's up-coming book with McGraw-Hill.

Marriage Renewal Retreat for Married Couples

- Part I – Friday, February 25, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Part II – Saturday, February 26, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- St. John - Favret Hall

Speaker(s) TBA. Part I: A spiritual reflection on marriage will be presented in two parts. Part I, will be given Friday night, followed immediately after by a wine and cheese party. Part II will be given the next day, including a continental breakfast and lunch. It is recommended that participants come to both days; however, if your schedule only permits participation at one of the two days, this is acceptable. The cost is only \$10.00 per couple to cover the food expenses. If you wish to attend please call Jerry Barney at 777-6433, ext. 21 no later than Monday, February 21, 2011.

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Jennifer Shaw in Concert

- Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 pm
- St. Susanna Church

Singer, songwriter Jennifer Shaw is coming to St. Susanna for an awe-inspiring evening this Lent. The first radio single off her most recent CD, *Love Broke Through*, has already become a top 5 hit on the national radio charts. Jennifer’s concert experience blends story, song and scripture to inspire and encourage people to live their lives wholly for God. Learn more about Jennifer at www.jennifershaw.com and don’t miss this amazing evening of worship.

Kids/Parents Show ‘N Tell Mass

- Monday, March 28, 2011, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.
- St. John - Chapel

Have you ever wondered why the Priest places a small piece of the Host into the chalice during the communion rite at mass? Are you puzzled by some of the symbols or rituals used in our Eucharistic liturgy? Deacon Jerry Barney will answer your questions during a Show ‘N Tell Mass. Jerry will role-play a mass adding commentary to explain the meaning of symbols and rituals used. No matter how long you’ve been attending mass, there is something you will learn. Enhance your weekly church experience with a deeper understanding of the significance of our liturgy. Note: The presentation will be geared for the children but informational to everyone!

Generations of Faith – Part II

- Monday, February 28 or Tuesday, March 1, 2011 (pick the night that best fits your schedule)
- St. John Center

We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner in the Center. Afterwards, our Pastoral staff will facilitate multi-generational activities to help us reflect on our call to be Christian. At the conclusion of the evening, every household will get a “Take Home Kit” of related materials. Pre-register (required) at www.stjohnwc.org, or call 777-6433, x121.

Lent Retreat – “Change Our Hearts”

- St. John Church

Fr. Norm Langenbrunner and Jeanne Hunt preach all 4 weekend Masses on April 9 & 10. Afterwards, an evening Retreat will be given from 7:00 – 8:30 Sunday, April 10, Monday, April 11, and concluding on Tuesday, April 12.

An Introduction to the New Roman Missal: Why the change? What is it?

- Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- St. John Church

Our speaker is Jeremy Helmes, Pastoral Associate for Music and Liturgy at St. Max church. Jeremy has an M.A. in Theology degree and serves on the Archdiocesan committee charged with implementing the New Roman Missal for our Archdiocese.

Catholic Parishes Included in This Booklet:

St. John the Evangelist, 9080 Cincinnati-Dayton Road, West Chester 45069 (777-6433) www.stjohnwc.org

St. Maximilian Kolbe, 5720 Hamilton-Mason Road, Liberty Township 45011 (777-4322) www.st-max.org

St. Susanna, 305 Fourth Avenue, Mason 45040 (398-3821) www.stsusanna.org

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ANNUAL PROGRAMS:

Christ Renews His Parish - Christ Renews His Parish is an effective spiritual renewal process which calls together the members of the parish in order to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of our own parish. It is a personal rebirth and parish revitalization. There is a renewal weekend for women and for men. The next women's weekend is September 18th & 19th, 2010. The next men's weekend is January 29 & 30, 2011. For more information contact Scott Steinke at 777-6433, ext. 115.

Adult Confirmation Preparation - Are you a baptized Catholic adult still in need of Confirmation? Confirmation of baptized Catholic adults will occur on June 12th, 2011 Pentecost Sunday, at the 9:30 a.m. mass. Formation/preparation meetings for the sacrament will be held on Wednesday evenings during the Lent and Easter seasons from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Room D (basement of Favret Hall). Call Jerry Barney at 777-6433, ext. 121 for further information, or to register.

Women of the Word – Fridays: October 29, 2010, and May 6, 2011, 6:30pm - 10:00pm in Favret Hall (our former church). Taste & See the Goodness of the Lord! We would like to invite all the women of St. John's and our neighboring faith communities, to join us for an evening of FOOD, FAITH and FELLOWSHIP (Let's rephrase – SISTERHOOD). Our evening begins with a light dinner; followed by some amazing ladies sharing their “not to be missed” wit, wisdom and faith journey; add in the Word of God, some prayers, songs and dessert; and you have an evening in which God could possibly change you for a lifetime. We would like to especially encourage those of you, whose busy schedules do not allow you time for an ongoing or long term commitment, to share just one evening with us as we all take one step closer to the Lord. Check upcoming St. John's bulletins or our website at www.stjohnwc.org for more details and RSVP information! If you would like more information, or if you would like to be a part of the Giving Team for this event, please feel free to contact Jo Koch at 759-5093 or mojokoch@cinci.rr.com.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a formation opportunity that affords participants the opportunity to grow in their relationship with God. Primarily it is designed to help non-Catholic adults discern whether or not the Lord is calling them to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. If they choose to become a Catholic, they will be initiated at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 23, 2011. The process is also for adult Catholics wishing to grow in their own Catholic faith, and to serve as spiritual companions for the Candidates. Starting September 16, meetings will be held in the Rectory from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM almost every Thursday evening until shortly after Easter. If interested or if you have questions, please call Jerry Barney at 777-6433, ext. 121.

Small Faith Sharing Groups - Small groups meet periodically in the intimate setting of a parishioner's home. The frequency of meetings is determined by each group. Various resources are used to enable the participants to share their faith journeys with each other. If interested or for further information, please contact Jerry Barney at 777-6433 ext. 121.

Bible Study - St. John uses the “Little Rock Scripture Study” program. It uses a Bible commentary and a faith reflection book to help participants understand and apply the meaning of the Bible to their daily faith lives. The cost is only \$9.00 per study. Groups meet weekly for 9 to 10 weeks per study. Call Jerry Barney at 777-6433, ext. 121 to register.

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