

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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# Adult Faith Formation 2011-2012



## Change Our Hearts, Oh Lord!

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## **“Change Our Hearts” - Adult Faith Formation Opportunities for 2011-2012**

### **Prayer Workshop**

- September 22, 2011, 6:30-9:15pm
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - Rooms 2/3 (in the Fr. John Porter Complex)
- Presenter: Sr. Elaine Becker

Open to all adults, this workshop will discuss the distinctions among personal, communal and liturgical prayer. It will offer approaches for teaching various forms of prayer and skills for leading group prayer and keeping the Church's liturgical year. To register: Mary Montour, 777-4322, ext. 106, or [mmontour@saint-max.org](mailto:mmontour@saint-max.org).

### **“Urban Plunge”: Would You Like to Learn More about Helping the less Fortunate in Butler County?**

- Saturday, October 1, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
- Meet at St. John Pavilion

This fall, our parish Justice and Peace Commission will again offer an “Urban Plunge” experience. We will tour some of the agencies of Middletown that help the needy in Butler County. Our goal is to learn more about the issues and concerns facing low income, and homeless people, and to find meaningful ways we might be of assistance. You do not need to be a member of the Justice and Peace Commission to participate; anyone interested in learning is welcome to join us. The “plunge” will be on Saturday, October 1. We will leave St. John (near the Pavilion) at 9:00 am and return by 4:00 p.m. The tour is free; please “Brown bag” your lunch. If you would like to participate, register by calling Jerry Barney @ 777-6433, x121 no later than September 26.

### **“An Introduction to the New Roman Missal: Why the change? What is it?”**

- Monday, October 3, 7:00 – 9:00 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. Note: This program is a repeat for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the last time it was offered this past May.

### **Seek the Face of the Lord**

- Thursday, October 6, 7:00 pm
- St. Susanna Church Undercroft
- Guest presenters - Fr. Jim Schutte and Mary Wlodarski

How do we become more aware of Christ's presence as we gather? How does our understanding of the liturgy shape our prayer? What opportunities for spiritual renewal can we find in the upcoming liturgical changes?

### **Marriage .... Who Knew?**

- Saturday, October 8, 7:00 pm
- St. Susanna Meyer Center

Whether you've been married for a short or long time, all couples are invited to a light-hearted evening celebrating the joys and challenges of married life. A delicious pot-luck dinner will be provided. After this evening, the opportunity will be provided for those interested to participate in ongoing marriage small groups. Registration is required by calling 398-3821.

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### **Generations of Faith – Part I**

- Tuesday, October 18, OR Wednesday, October 19 (pick one of the two nights that best fits your schedule)
- 6:00 – 8:30 p.m beginning in the 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 Nick Cardilino. He will inspire everyone present – young and old with his message on the subject of “The Corporal Works of Mercy”. At the conclusion of the evening, every household will get a “Take Home Kit” of related materials. Pre-register (required) at [www.stjohnwc.org](http://www.stjohnwc.org), or call 777-6433.

### **“Jesus”**

- October 18, 20, 25, 27, 2011, 6:45-9:30 pm
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - Conference Room
- Presenter: Judy Muething

Open to all adults, this course deals with the person of Jesus Christ and our relationship with Him, both personally and through the Church. It recognizes the New Testament as our source for Christological understanding, followed by the Church’s theological reflection on Jesus’ nature and message through Councils, Creeds and theology. Special attention is paid to the mysteries of the Trinity, Incarnation and Redemption. To register: Mary Montour, 777-4322, ext. 106, or [mmontour@saint-max.org](mailto:mmontour@saint-max.org).

### **Marriage Retreat - “Happily Ever After”**

- Part I, October 14, 7-9 pm and Part II – October 15, 9 am - 4:30 pm
- St. John - Favret Hall

Find and use your strengths and those of your partner to renew the most important relationship of your life. Join us as we strive to make our marriages happier! Part I – Friday, October 14, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Parishioners Todd and Pam Holt, married 40 years, will share their marriage faith journey with us. Immediately afterwards, an optional wine and cheese party will be available (bring your own wine). This is not an overnight, so everyone goes home and returns the next day for Part II. Part II is Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Led by Michael and Joan Hoxsey (married 51 + years), and GERALYN and Tom Sparough, (married 24 + years), the day includes 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 help cover part of the expenses. If you wish to attend, please call Jerry Barney at 777-6433, ext. 121 or email him at [jbarney@stjohnwc.org](mailto:jbarney@stjohnwc.org) no later than Monday, October 10.

### **Jewish/Christian/Muslim Dialogue**

- Dates TBA (3 night program)
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Location: TBA at St. John Parish

We will have a presentation and afterwards, a discussion of all three of the monotheistic religions. Part I will explore Judaism. Part II will explore Christianity. Part III will explore Islam.

### **“A Walk Through the Mass”**

- Wednesday, November 9th, OR Tuesday, November 15th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (attend one session)
- St. John Church

This year, on the First Sunday of Advent (November 26/27), the New Translation of the Roman Missal will be introduced and used from that day forward for our Eucharistic celebrations. If you would like to see in advance the way mass will be prayed with the new translation you can join us in a “walk through the Mass”. It will be an opportunity to practice the responses of the congregation, and hear the prayers of the Priest-Presider. This same presentation is being offered twice. Attend the night that best fits your schedule.

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### **Technology and Catechesis #8**

- November 10, 2011, 6:30-9:15pm
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - Conference Room
- Presenter: Amy McEntee

Open to all adults, this workshop will familiarize adults & catechists with the variety of media available for catechesis and the ethical principles involved in its usage. It will introduce resources, techniques and tips for integrating film, internet, music, podcasts and much more into their Religious Education classes. To register: Mary Montour, 777-4322, ext. 106, or [mmontour@saint-max.org](mailto:mmontour@saint-max.org).

### **Catholic Morality Series with presenter Fr. Bob Farrell**

- January 17, 24, 31, February 7 - 7:00-9:00 pm
- St. Susanna Church Undercroft

This course will explore the foundations of Catholic Moral teaching and look at a bit of its history and development. Participants will gain experience in applying Catholic moral principles to ethical problems faced today.

### **Catholicism 101: An Introduction to the Teachings of the Catholic Faith**

- Mondays, January 23, 30 and February 6 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- St. John Chapel

Deacon Jerry Barney will give an overview of the major dogmas/doctrines of the Catholic faith. Listed below is the schedule of topics that will be discussed. There will be time for question and answer at the end of each evening. Note: Ideally participants come to all three nights, but each night can stand alone. Therefore, attend the nights you are able.

January 23: Revelation, Trinity, Church and Mary/Saints

January 30: Scripture, and the Sacraments

February 6: Morality, and the Last Things: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Limbo, etc.

### **Women of the Word - Evening of Faith Sharing**

- Friday (Date TBA, sometime in Winter, 2012) - 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
- St. John - Favret Hall

Taste & See the Goodness of the Lord! We would like to invite all the women of St. John 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](http://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](mailto:mojokoch@cinci.rr.com).

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### **Catholics Returning Home (offered after Christmas and again after Easter)**

- Wednesdays, from 7 – 9 pm, January 4 through February 1, and again April 11 through May 9.
- 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 or 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](mailto:jbarney@stjohnwc.org).

### **Men's Night Out**

- February 3, 2012, 7:00-11:00pm
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - Gym (in the Fr. John Porter Complex)

Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and food. To register: Larry Witsken, 777-4322, ext. 110, or [lwitsken@saint-max.org](mailto:lwitsken@saint-max.org).

### **“St. Valentine Dinner Party”**

- Saturday, February 11, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- St. John - Favret Hall

Come enjoy a delicious, catered dinner. Afterwards, be enriched by a light hearted reflection on “marriage” (speaker(s) TBA). The cost is \$15.00 per couple, the rest of the expenses are covered by our parish. If you wish, bring a bottle of wine for your table. Pre-registration is required. The deadline is Monday, February 6. Call Jerry Barney at 777-6433, x121 to sign-up, or for further information.

### **Living the Eucharist**

- LENT February 23-March 29, 2012, Times TBA
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - Fr. John Porter Complex

Come join this Lenten experience—with the comprehensive goal to be better “ambassadors of Christ's love, sharers of his grace, and agents of his Kingdom, as well as to connect more closely the Eucharist with Jesus' mission for us, the Church. This comprehensive program is suitable for small groups, families, teens, individuals. More information forthcoming—Mary Montour, 777-4322, ext. 106, or [mmontour@saint-max.org](mailto:mmontour@saint-max.org).

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### **Parish Lent Retreat – “Change Our Hearts”**

- March 4, 5 and 6, 7:00-8:30 pm
- St. John Church

Our speakers Judith Dunlap and Noelle Collis-Devito will preach all 4 masses the weekend of March 3 & 4. Also, they will give an evening Retreat from 7:00 – 8:30 Sunday, March 4, Monday, March 5, and concluding on Tuesday, March 6. Ideally you participate in all of the events, but each one is designed to stand alone. Therefore, attend the nights you are able.

### **Fr. David Knight - “Reaching Jesus”**

- March 11, 12, 13 at 7:00 pm
- St. Susanna Church

Mark these three special days for a Lenten Renewal for all ages - renewal for adults, inspiration for children. Register for children’s programming and nursery care at 398-3821 ext. 3106

### **Generations of Faith – Part II**

- Tuesday, March 20, OR Wednesday, March 21, 2012 (pick one of the two nights)
- St. John Parish 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](http://www.stjohnwc.org), or call 777-6433, x121.

### **Kids/Parents Show ‘N’ Tell Mass**

- Monday, March 26, 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!

### **Earth Day Prayer Service**

- Sunday, April 22, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- St. John Chapel

Come join us in prayer and reflection as we consider our Christian calling to be good stewards of God’s gift of creation.

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### **Justice and Peace with presenter Larry Ungerer**

- May 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2012, 6:45 PM to 9:30 PM
- St. Susanna Church Undercroft

This course establishes the link between scriptural teaching and action on behalf of justice. The Seven Basic Themes of Catholic Social Teaching are explored as are the papal encyclicals and magisterial teachings on these themes. Application related to human dignity, global solidarity, missionary activity, etc. are presented along with a process for assisting students in justice-related decision-making. This course may be used toward catechist certification credit. To register call: Jodi Tucker, 398-3821, ext. 3111 or [tuckerj@stusanna.org](mailto:tuckerj@stusanna.org).

### **Stephen Ministry - What Is It?**

- Wednesday, May 9, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Favret Hall

The Stephen Ministry is a confidential one on one, male to male, female to female Christian Caring ministry. Sometimes your problems are just too much and you become overwhelmed in your life. Stephen Ministers are here to talk to you; to listen, to encourage, to pray with, and to guide you through a tough time. Our Pastoral Associate, Scott Steinke, will explain what this special service is about and answer whatever questions you have related to it.

### **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 17th & 18th, 2011. The next men's weekend is January 28 & 29, 2012. 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 May 27, 2012 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.

#### **Catholic Parishes Included in This Booklet:**

St. John the Evangelist, 9080 Cincinnati-Dayton Road, West Chester 45069 (777-6433) [www.stjohnwc.org](http://www.stjohnwc.org)  
St. Maximilian Kolbe, 5720 Hamilton Mason Road, Liberty Township, OH 45011 (777.4322) [www.st-max.org](http://www.st-max.org)  
St. Susanna, 305 Fourth Avenue, Mason 45040 (398-3821) [www.stsusanna.org](http://www.stsusanna.org)

Thank you to the St. John Staff, Evangelization Committee and Justice and Peace Commission who assisted in putting these programs together!

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### **ONGOING PROGRAMS - St. John Parish:**

#### **Reflections on the Sunday Lectionary with Fr. Don**

- Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. starting September 14
- St. John Church – Hospitality Room

Would you like to be better prepared and learn more about the Sunday readings for Mass? Every Wednesday, our Pastor - Fr. Don will be sharing his insights on the upcoming weekend readings. Come join us and bring a bible. Look forward to seeing you there!

**RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a formation process 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 7, 2012. 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 15, meetings will be held in Spirit House 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 Lonetta Kelly at 791-8780.

**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.

### **ONGOING PROGRAMS - St. Max Parish:**

#### **Weekly Scripture Study**

All are invited to Scripture Study on Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm.

- Fall Session: Sept. 13-Nov. 22
- Winter Session: Jan. 10-Feb.14
- Lent Session: Feb. 28-March 27

“The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly so that a richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word.” (Vatican II) Participants will not be required to purchase materials. No previous study or experience is required. Bring a Bible of your choice (notebook and pen is optional). Call St. Max at 777-4322, ext. 106, or [mmontour@saint-max.org](mailto:mmontour@saint-max.org) for more information.

**Faith Lessons for Women\*** - September 14th through May 9th on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30am in the Parish Conference Room. Contacts: Annemarie Gelb at 737-2677or Caroline Tyler at 777-0403.

**Faith Lessons for Moms\*** - September 16th through May 12th on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30am in the gym. Contact Kate Zink at 290-9822. This group includes weekly exercise with the faith formation.

\*Both groups use a combination of book studies, video, prayer and presentations for ongoing faith formation and fellowship. For more information or for childcare, please call Kate Zink at 290-9822.