

## Adult Faith Formation Opportunities - Holy Redeemer, Marshall, MN - 2010-2011

### September: Bible Study Begins/Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

#### STEP 1: THE BIBLE TIMELINE *The Story of Salvation* A 24-part Bible study



A 24-part session The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Bible Study dives deep into the Biblical story. This Bible Timeline study is basic enough to suit those who haven't studied the Bible before, while at the same time, offering ways to go deeper that will challenge the Bible study veteran. The study will be held Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Faith Formation Center beginning September 14, and going through November 23, resuming January 5, and going through March 29 (dates are subject to change). Cost is \$50.00. Building directly on the foundation laid in The Bible Timeline,

#### STEP 2: MATTHEW *The King and His Kingdom* A 24-part study on the Gospel of Matthew



The Great Adventure Bible Study Series, Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, a 24-part session showing how Jesus builds on the foundation laid in the Old Testament, to inaugurate the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, will be held Tuesdays from 6:45 to 7:45 pm at the Faith Formation Center beginning September 14, and going through November 23, resuming January 4, and going through March 29 (dates are subject to change). Cost is \$35.00.

#### STEP 3: ACTS *The Spread of the Kingdom* A 20-part study on the Acts of the Apostles



The Book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. The Acts of the Apostles provides a historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative. This 20-part session will be held Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Faith Formation Center beginning September 14, and going through November 23, resuming January 4, and going through March 1 (dates are subject to change). Cost is \$35.00. Facilitated by Fr. Paul Wolf. Registration is being taken at the Parish Center or the Faith Formation Center. Are you interested in becoming Catholic or is someone you know interested in joining the Church?

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the Church's ritual process for adults to a conversion of mind and heart and preparing them for a full and active life in the Church. Candidates and Catechumens are given opportunities to encounter Christ and experience community as their journey takes them through the Sacraments of Initiation. During the process, the participants participate in liturgical rites that mark the stages of their journey and their reception into full communion. The participants are also exposed to the teachings of Jesus and His Church through an informal classroom setting we call catechesis. The sessions provide the participant with an opportunity to experience their faith through prayer, scripture and shared life experiences.

If you are interested in learning more about the process, please call Ruth Larson at the Faith Formation Center 532-3602, to set up a meeting time. The meeting times are designed to learn more about the process and are not a commitment to join. Inquiry sessions will begin September 14. Please call and become a part of the group.

### October: Marriage Preparation (Theology of the Body)/Researching for future use:

*God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* is a marriage preparation supplement that offers engaged couples a more complete understanding of God's glorious plan for marriage and human sexuality than perhaps any program available in the Church today. Based on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, this supplement is not a replacement to current diocesan or parish programs. It is intended to enhance a key component of marriage preparation: catechesis in the theology of marriage and the gift of human sexuality. *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* can be implemented as a one-day seminar, or over multiple evenings.



### November 12-14: Women's Emmaus Retreat

The Women's Emmaus Retreat is scheduled November 12-14 at Lake Shetek. The Emmaus weekend will provide you with a chance to listen, talk, and pray to build a closer relationship with God. Time is set aside for public conversation and storytelling, but there are also opportunities for solitude and quiet reflection. The meals are well prepared and delicious, so there will be plenty of sustenance for both body and soul. The cost is to be determined. Watch the bulletin for registration.



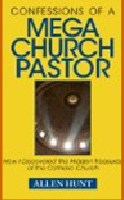
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### December/Advent/Christmas: Book Give Away

Confessions of a Mega Church Pastor

How I Discovered the Hidden Treasures of the Catholic Church

Tens of thousands of American adults join the Catholic Church every year. Why? What is it that attracts them to Catholicism? In *Confessions of a Mega-Church Pastor*, Allen Hunt unveils the treasures of Catholicism that many life-long Catholics are simply unaware of. At the same time he demonstrates the genius of Catholicism and encourages us to move beyond taking our faith for granted. With a personal touch that is profound and disarming, Hunt takes his readers on a journey that is sure to change the way we experience our faith. At a time when so many are disillusioned about where the Catholic Church is and where it is going, Allen Hunt brilliantly reminds us that personal holiness is the key to the bigger future God wants to lead us to, both as individuals and together as a Church. (750 copies will be given away at the Christmas Mass along with discussion questions for each chapter). You will be invited during the Lent Season to come together as small groups to discuss and pray about what you have read. May we gain a deeper understanding of our faith so that we might be of greater witness!



### January Men's Emmaus Retreat January 25-27 (see Women's Emmaus Description)

"Sweetheart Dinner": ON FEBRUARY 12, THERE WILL BE A SWEETHEART DINNER IN CARLIN HALL. The evening will include a social hour and dinner. Musical entertainment and a speaker will give insight into the covenant and sacrament of Marriage. Cost to be determined. Watch the bulletin for registration.

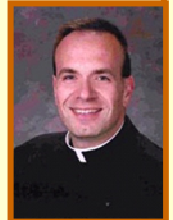
### March/Lent:

"Soup & Sermon": Beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 9, the annual ecumenical "Soup & Sermon" will take place in Carlin Hall with area clergy presenting a Lenten Message. Proceeds from the luncheon soup will go to the Food Shelf.

"Lenten Book Club" (See Book Give Away from Christmas)

Lenten Mission: April 9-14.

Fr. James Sichko, ordained in 1998, now serves as Pastor of St. Mark Parish in Richmond, KY. He is the assistant to the Bishop for Special Projects and serves as the Diocesan Spiritual Director for the Cursillo Movement. Fr. Jim is known for his "story-telling" and gives missions, retreats, days of recollection and priests' retreats throughout the U.S.



Additional Materials: CDs & DVDs for individual and group use (please sign out at the Parish Center).



Have you ever wanted to help family members, friends, or coworkers who may be struggling with the issues of life or faith, but just didn't know how to reach them? Do you want to enrich your own faith life?

Well, now you can. Lighthouse Catholic Media, NFP., has launched the first-ever evangelization and apologetics Catholic CD Club. CDs are available in the main entrance of the church for \$3.00.

- Saints for Sinners: The Lives of St. Augustine and St. Margaret- Archbishop Alban Goodier
- Searching the Scriptures: The Gospel of John - Stephen Ray
- Surviving with God in a Communist POW Camp - Captain Guy Gruters
- The Forgotten Virtue: Pathway to Holiness - Fr. William Casey
- The 4 Marks of the Church Part 1 - Dr. Scott Hahn
- Three To Get Married - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
- Voting Guidelines for Catholics - Dave Durand
- La Eucarestia - Sacrificio - Fr. Juan Rivas



DVDs - Fr. Barron's DVDs are used as powerful faith formation tools in universities, schools, churches and homes around the country. The series includes Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues; Faith Clips; Conversion: Following the Call of Christ; and Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness.



DVDs - The Footprints of God:

- David/Soloman - Expanding the Kingdom
- Jesus- The Word Became Flesh
- Mary-The Mother of God
- Peter - Keeper of the Keys
- Paul - Contending For the Faith
- Apostolic Fathers - Handing on the Faith
- Over Holy Ground - A Heaven's View of the Land Where God Walked

Additional DVDs are also available.

The Council of Catholic Women is pleased to announce their new Lending Library, which is located in the Roncalli Room.

Many books, CD's and DVD's are available for self check out. Titles include: The Rythm of Life by Matthew Kelly, Four Witnesses by Rod Bennett, The New Rosary in Scripture by Edward Sri, Images of Hope by Pope Benedict XVI, Surprised by Truth by Patrick Madrid and A Soldier Surrenders -The Conversion of St. Camillus de Lellis by Susan Peek. All are welcome to stop down, check out a title, learn and be inspired by our Catholic faith!