

The Gospel of John

Facilitated by Stephanie Logan, Karen Kaping, and Molly Smith

Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in room 215

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John is known as "the apostle whom Jesus loved" (John 20:2), and one of the three considered to be in the "Inner Circle" of Jesus' friends, along with Peter and James. His tenacity showed as John was the only apostle who was there at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified. Through the exegesis of Scott Hahn and Mark Shea you will be led through the multi-layered writings of St. John and discover much more than you probably ever realized about this Gospel. This is a continuation of the study that we began in September of 2009. New members are welcome to join at any time.

Everything You Wanted to Know About the Catholic Faith But Were Afraid to Ask

Presented by Deacon Dennis Hayes and Molly Smith

Tuesday, January 19th, at 7:30 p.m. in room 215

In everyday life, we are often challenged by our non-Catholic friends and acquaintances to provide answers and explanations to the truths that we believe as Catholics. In this presentation, frequently asked questions will be discussed such as: Are you saved? Can you lose your salvation? Why do Catholics pray to the dead? Why do Catholics believe things that are not in the Bible? In addition, attendees will be provided information and sources for finding answers to their questions.

30 Ways in 30 Days to Save Your Family

Presented by Deacon Dennis Hayes

Sunday Afternoons on February 21st, March 7th & 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the Worship Space

Parenting is filled with the challenges of raising healthy, happy teenagers. Pop culture, with its negative images, violent videogames, and offensive music, tends to derail your efforts and hard work. How can busy moms and dads protect their children from today's toxic culture? One step at a time. Author Rebecca Hagelin, in her book, 30 Ways in 30 Days to Save Your Family, lays out 30 simple and concrete actions that you can implement, one day at a time, to reconnect with your children and to maintain peace in your home. We will walk through these ways in three sessions and together discuss common sense advice to tackle everyday dilemmas, including: 1) How to fight back against manipulative marketing campaigns that target your child, including what to say to your teen when you pass such places as Victoria's Secret in the mall. 2) The three most important (and easy) things you can do to keep your child safe on online social networks. 3) How (and why) to write a love letter to your child as this may be the key to starting true communication. 4) How to fight the culture and not fight your child.

St. Paul on the Power of the Cross

By Fr. Mitch Pacwa S.J.

2010 Lenten Study

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he tells us, "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God" (1:18). Join a small group and explore the meaning of the cross, the power of God, and how to live united to Christ's sacrifice and victory. Small faith-sharing groups will be formed to participate in this six-week study during the Lenten season. Sign-ups will be held during the last weekend in January and the first weekend in February and group assignments and participant booklets will be passed out on the weekend of February 13-14, 2010.

Marriage Convalidation Inquiry

Presented by Deacon Dennis Hayes

Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in room 215

Couples who were married outside the Catholic Church and wish to have their marriage recognized as a valid sacramental union within the Catholic Church must have the marriage "convalidated". This meeting will discuss what is a convalidation and how do we prepare for it? We will also try to answer any other questions that you might have regarding marriage. Adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation need to have their marriage convalidated before they can be confirmed.

Re-Membering Church and Adult Confirmation

Monday evenings, March 8th – May 10th at 7:30 p.m. - Living Room # 110

Re-Membering Church consists of nine informative presentations on many of the topics that form the basis of our Catholic faith. Topics of discussion include the Creed, the Sacraments, Eucharist, the Mass, Reconciliation and other related topics. These casual meetings provide an excellent opportunity for you to renew your personal relationship with Jesus and His Church, increase your knowledge of the faith, and search for answers to your questions. Also, if you have been away from the Church for any reason, this is a good opportunity for you to begin your journey back. **This program is also for adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and it will prepare them for the reception of this Sacrament at Pentecost.**

Living as a Catholic Man

Facilitated by Steve Klak

Second and Fourth Saturday mornings of each month at 8:00 a.m. in room 110

This program fosters the concept of living as a Catholic man in today's world. Currently the group is doing the "Crossing the Goal" series, starting with the Virtues. "Crossing the Goal" uses a sports show format to encourage men to get into spiritual shape. Each session begins with a video which presents the topic of the day followed by group discussion. Contact Steve Klak at 281-897-8409 for more information.

The Mass
Presented by Stan Petty

Tuesdays, April 13th, 20th, and 27th, in room 215 at 7:30 p.m.

Of all things Catholic, there is nothing so familiar as the Mass. Yet some of us will go a life time without seeing beyond the surface of memorized prayers. Join us for a guided tour through the history and rituals of the Mass. You will be intrigued to learn the names and purposes of things you have seen all your life, where they come from in scripture and the significance of certain actions and or prayers. You will see how the pieces fit together; how the Mass makes a single, coherent whole.

Catholic Jeopardy

Saturday, April 17th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gajowniczek Building
(Evening begins with a Pot-luck supper after the 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Family Night: Everyone is invited to join us for a pot-luck supper and an evening of fun when we will be playing Catholic Jeopardy. Questions are based on the 1st to 5th grade Faith Formation curriculum. Your family can be your team or you can invite another family to join your team. Please bring a dish to share at the pot-luck.

Fireproof Your Marriage Study

Facilitated by Deacon Dennis and Patty Hayes

Monday evenings, July 12th - August 16th at 7:30 p.m. in room 215

After viewing **FIREPROOF**, couples will contemplate the state of their relationship. The six-part study challenges couples to look at love as a lifetime commitment. Study topics include: Forgiveness, Marriage as a Covenant, God-designed Differences, and Unconditional Love. This six-week study has an easy format that integrates key Scriptures, movie clips, devotionals and thought-provoking discussion questions to challenge couples to grow spiritually and relationally.

Friday Family Movie Night

The popular Friday Family Movie Nights will continue this summer. As movies are selected, they will be announced in the Adult Faith Formation articles and flyers in the bulletin

All studies and presentations last approximately 1 ½ hours

For more information, contact Bill Carew at 713 466-8265

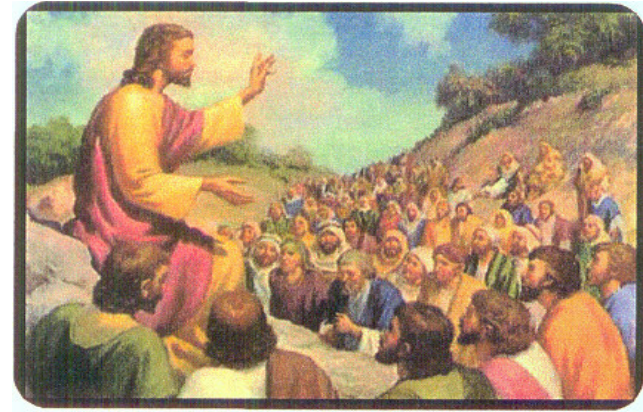
Also, view Adult Faith on line at: www.stmaximilian.org

Direct adult faith questions to adultfaithformation@stmaximilian.org

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

Adult Faith Formation Calendar

Spring 2010



Come join us on our journey !

Religious Education
is a lifelong journey of faith through
which we grow in
our relationship with God and others.

St. Maximilian Parish Adult Faith Formation Committee is pleased to offer the adults of our parish a variety of educational opportunities for our growth in faith and understanding.



Mark your calendar and make a commitment to attend
one or more of the following offerings.