

# Adult Formation Opportunities



## St. Frances Cabrini & St. Mary's Adult Formation Opportunities for Lifelong Learning

Fall Schedule  
2009

For More Information  
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### The Holy Longing Discussion Series

This series of eight discussions is based on Ronald Rolheiser's book: The Holy Longing. Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., is a specialist in the fields of spirituality and systematic theology. His regular column in the *Catholic Herald* is featured in newspapers in five different countries. Ronald Rolheiser's *The Holy Longing* has been described as "one of the best books about Christian spirituality that has been published in many years. It blends the old and the new in ways that few other authors can do." Cost of the book is \$18.00. Sessions are held monthly on Monday mornings, 9-10:30 AM or Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 PM (the second week of each month beginning in September). Call Judy Schroeder 334-9511 if you are interested.

### Evening of Scripture: The Story of Jesus

**Dan Scholz, Ph.D.**, from Cardinal Stritch University, is a well-known, and highly sought-after, scripture scholar. Dr. Dan joined us last March - over 130 people gathered to hear him talk about St. Paul. Journey with us through the Scriptures for a look at the story of Jesus. Add this date to your calendar:

**Thursday, October 22, 2009; 7:-8:30PM at St. Frances Cabrini in the Church Hall.**

### Women's Morning of Reflection

*Meet Me At the Well*

with *Marianne Skrobiak*

Marianne will engage, challenge, inform and inspire you. Mark your calendars now for this morning of stories, prayer and reflection! **Mark your calendar now and watch the bulletin for details**

St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall Saturday, November 21 9:00AM — 12:00Noon

Continental breakfast included.

### Book Discussion Group

This group meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 12:30-2:00PM in the St. Frances Cabrini Parish Office meeting room, 1025 S. 7th Avenue. The September 29th discussion will be on the book, The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski. The October 27 discussion will be on the book Run by Ann Patchett. Other dates for the year are November 24, January 26, February 23, March 23 April 27 and May 25. Watch the bulletin for upcoming book titles. All are welcome! Please join us anytime. No need to call ahead.

### Social Justice Awareness: Just Faith

This is a 30-week look at the causes of injustice and a learning opportunity to seek ways to "make a difference". Study and experience Catholic Social Teaching in a powerful way and see what *you* can do..

The parish also offers more opportunities to touch people's lives and impact society in very real ways with the **Common Ground** initiative. Call the parish office for details.

### Senior Adult Activities

Watch your bulletins for information about upcoming events, trips and days of reflection for older adults. A September trip to St. Lawrence, Old World Wisconsin and lunch at the Machine shed is in the planning stages and details will be out soon.

This fall we are offering a **six-week scripture study** series based on the book

**The Feasts of Judaism** by Stephen Binz

Sessions are offered on Tuesday mornings, October 13, & 20, 27 and November 3, 10 and 17, 9:00-10:30AM at St Mary's and repeated on Thursday evenings, October 8, 15 & 29 and November 5, 12 & 19, at St. Frances Cabrini, 6:30-8:00PM.

**Step back, slow down, notice your life . . . join a Small Christian Community**

We live such hectic, busy lives, there is often so little time to notice what is happening to us. Gathering together regularly with a small group of other folks in a small Christian community offers people a chance to slow down, to be a bit more reflective about life, to sift and sort the things that count. Over time this community becomes a place where members ask: *How might God be acting in my life?* Small Group opportunities are available daytime or evening. Be part of a small community! Call Judy Schroeder at the Christian Formation Office, 334-9511, for more information.

**RCIA—Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you interested in journeying along with someone who is becoming Catholic? The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* is for people who were never baptized, who were baptized in other faith traditions or who were baptized Catholic but never brought up in the Catholic Church. The sessions include prayer, learning, ritual, and community.

**Our Parish Families Celebrate Saints**

We will use prayer, music, crafts and active learning to learn about our history and tradition of Saints

*Sessions held in the School Multi-purpose Room.*

**Saints Family Session**

Sunday, November 8; 9:30-10:45AM

***Repeated on***

Wednesday, November 11; 6:15-7:30PM

**Pentecost Mission Sessions**

The Saint Clare Center for Ministry Formation at Cardinal Stritch university is sponsoring a series intended for adult Catholics who want to grow in the knowledge of their faith and deepen their relationship with God and the Church. **These sessions** (offered in English and Spanish) **will be held at Cardinal Stritch University** twice a month on **Saturday mornings** from **September through May**. Topics include Scripture, Christology, Moral Theology, History, Liturgy and Sacraments and will be presented by top-quality speaker well-known in the archdiocese. Call Mary Foley at 414-410-4405 or [mafoley@stritch.edu](mailto:mafoley@stritch.edu) for more information.

**Separated/Divorced Ministry**

This support group which is led by Cheryl Touchett, MS, LMFT, Marriage and Family Therapist, meets every Monday evening at 6:30PM in the Cabrini Education Center, 615 Hawthorn Drive. There is no fee and pre-registration is not necessary. Come any Monday evening.

**Bringing Home the Word**

These reflections on the Sunday scripture readings are available at all the entrances to church each week.

**Parish Library**

Be sure to take advantage of the myriad of wonderful books in our Parish Library. We are blessed with a library filled with spiritual and inspiring reading for adults and children. It is located in the Narthex, the entrance off of 7th Avenue, and you will find it open during all weekend masses. **Stop in and browse!**

**Advent Little Blue Books**

If you enjoyed the **Little Black Book during** Lent last year, you will certainly enjoy **The Little Blue Book** for Advent and the Christmas season! Be sure to pick up a copy for prayer and reflection. They will be available after masses on the weekend of November 15/16 or you may pick one up at the parish office. This is a wonderful way to journey through these seasons in the comfort of your own home.

**Three-Minute Retreat**

No time to leave home for an extended retreat? How about setting aside three minutes out of your day for a retreat? From the warmth and comfort of your own home you can take time for one of these brief retreat experiences. Check out this website and click on "Three-Minute Retreat" : [www.findinggod.org](http://www.findinggod.org)

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Join a group, or work individually, to create prayer shawls for anyone in need of comfort. Call Ruth Zervas, 334-4572, for information and instructions.

**Question of the Week**

Check the bulletin each week for adult and children's family discussion questions based on the Sunday gospel. There is also a suggestion for living out the gospel message.

**Baptism Preparation Classes**

Held on the third Sunday of September, November, January, March, May and July at St. Mary's Parish from 6:30– 9:00 PM for all parents / Godparents who are planning to have a child baptized in any of the West Bend Parishes.

**Watch for Winter/Spring Schedule in January which also includes:**

**Little Black Book for Lent**

**Lenten Family Event**

**Lenten Discussion Series: *Reconciliation: the Unfolding Mystery of God' Mercy and Love;***

**Return engagement by Dr. Dan Scholz on the Lenten scriptures**

**Women's Morning of Reflection February 27with Carol Sullivan**

**And much more. . .**

**Also,**

***Adult Sacramental Preparation for:***

**Adult Confirmation; Baptism Preparation for Parents; Marriage Preparation; Parental Preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist;**

**Preparation and on-going formation for those with an interest in the variety of ministries offered in the parish—liturgical ministries, pastoral care, catechesis, social justice, and more.**

*Let us know your interests . . . and we will help make the connection*